



Wednesday, Mar. 06, 2024

- 1. Nikki Haley is suspending her campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.**  
**Why?** Donald Trump won primaries in more than a dozen states on Super Tuesday. Haley notched a victory in Vermont, but is set to announce the end of her run this morning.  
**What it means:** Trump has no major challengers for the nomination. That sets up a November rematch with President Biden, who won almost every Democratic contest yesterday.  
**What else to know:** Democrat Adam Schiff and Republican Steve Garvey advanced in the Senate race to replace the late Dianne Feinstein in California.
- 2. Sen. Kyrsten Sinema will not run for reelection in Arizona.**  
**Why?** The independent, who left the Democratic Party in 2022, faced an uphill battle to keep her seat. Her decision could help determine which party controls the Senate next year.  
**In other Senate news:** Sen. Bob Menendez (D-N.J.) and his wife were charged with extortion and obstruction of justice yesterday, adding to his foreign bribery case.
- 3. Ukraine's first lady turned down a State of the Union invitation.**  
**The plan:** The White House wanted Olena Zelenska to sit near Yulia Navalnaya, the widow of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny, at Biden's address in Congress tomorrow.  
**Why did she reject it?** Her office blamed schedule conflicts. But Navalny has a complicated legacy in Ukraine for saying that Crimea, annexed in 2014, belonged to Russia.
- 4. Hamas says it will continue ceasefire negotiations.**  
**The latest:** Talks to pause fighting in Gaza before the Muslim holy month of Ramadan are underway in Egypt. A deadly incident at an aid convoy last week added urgency to the talks.  
**What else to know:** Starbucks stores, which are facing boycotts linked to the ongoing war in Gaza, are laying off 2,000 workers in the Middle East and North Africa.
- 5. Bitcoin's value hit a record high.**  
**How high?** The cryptocurrency's price passed \$69,000 yesterday. Its previous peak of about \$64,000 in November 2021 was fueled by a pandemic-era trading boom.  
**Why it's spiking:** In January, federal regulators allowed bitcoin to be traded in exchange-traded funds, or ETFs. That made it more mainstream — and easier to trade.
- 6. A man who got 217 coronavirus shots had no noticeable side effects.**  
**What to know:** The 62-year-old "hypervaccinated" man in Germany did not harm his immune system, a new study found. Instead, he had more immune cells and antibodies.  
**Why'd he do it?** For "private reasons," the man said. He was investigated for fraud but won't face charges. And the researchers said they "do not endorse" his strategy.
- 7. Mr. Darcy's iconic "wet shirt" sold at auction.**  
**What you're looking at:** Colin Firth wearing a white linen shirt, clinging to his body after he emerges from a lake, in the 1995 BBC adaptation of Jane Austen's "Pride & Prejudice."  
**It could have been yours:** The (now dry) costume, which launched Firth to heartthrob status, fetched more than \$25,000 at an auction for charity in London yesterday.



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| 1. | to suspend -<br>to notch a victory -<br>the late - | to give up, to terminate<br>to win<br>someone who has died  |
| 2. | extortion -<br>obstruction -<br>bribery -          | the act of getting something (money), by force or threats<br>behaviour that prevents something from happening<br>Bestechung |
| 3. | State of the Union -                               | annual address/speech by the president  |
| 4. | ceasefire -  | Waffenstillstand  |
| 6. | shot -   | here: vaccination   |
| 7. | heartthrob -                                       | famous man attractive to women  |

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