



Monday, Apr. 08, 2024

1. A total solar eclipse will darken the sky across the U.S. today.

What to know: The moon will completely block the sun in the path of totality. Clouds may interfere, and animals may freak out.

How to view it: Get special eclipse glasses or try one of these DIY tricks, like a pinhole projector. (Just please don't look directly at the sun.) And enjoy the rare celestial phenomenon.

2. Donald Trump said it would be a "great honor" to be jailed for violating a judge's order.

What to know: Trump made the comments on his Truth Social platform Saturday. He has been testing the limits of a gag order in his hush money trial, set to start next week.

In other Trump news: The former president has privately said he could end Russia's war in Ukraine by pressuring Ukraine to give up some territory.

3. Israel withdrew most of its troops from southern Gaza.

Why? To allow them to rest and prepare for the next chapter of the war, Israel said yesterday, which marked six months of the Israel-Gaza war.

The toll: At least 33,175 people have been killed in Gaza, the Gaza Health Ministry says. Israel estimates 1,200 people were killed in Hamas's Oct. 7 attack, with 260 soldiers killed since.

4. Lawmakers unveiled a plan to expand online privacy protections.

What it would do: Force tech companies to minimize and disclose their practices for collecting information and let users correct or delete their own data.

It's a breakthrough: Congress has struggled for years to adopt federal privacy standards, despite broad support. But the path for this bill, revealed yesterday, is uncertain.

5. Only two states, Kansas and Texas, reported a rise in coronavirus cases, the CDC said.

The bigger picture: In 29 states and territories, cases were declining, and they were "stable or uncertain" in 19 areas as of March 30, according to a CDC update.

But covid hasn't gone away: A national forecast predicts up to 3,400 daily covid hospital admissions in late April. Nearly 1.2 million U.S. residents have died of covid-19.

6. South Carolina capped an unbeaten basketball season with a national championship.

What happened? Iowa jumped to a 10-0 lead, but the Gamecocks came back to beat the Hawkeyes, 87-75, in Cleveland yesterday. Kamilla Cardoso was named most outstanding player.

Tonight: No. 1 seeds Connecticut and Purdue square off in Glendale, Ariz., for the men's championship (9:20 p.m. Eastern on TBS). It's a rare top matchup that features two big men in leading roles.

7. A package thief used a garbage bag as a disguise.

What you're looking at: Door camera footage of the moment a person ambled up the front walk of a Sacramento home under a trash bag to grab a parcel and scurry away.

It worked: The crime's victim found it funny and didn't report the incident to police. The package contained two phone chargers costing about \$10.



1. path of totality- area subject to the total eclipse
celestial - heavenly
2. gag order - an order by a court that prevents people from talking or writing about a particular matter, especially about what is happening in a court case
hush money - money that is paid to somebody to prevent them from giving other people information that could be embarrassing or damaging
3. combatant - soldier
5. CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
6. to cap - to crown
seed - one of the best players in a competition. The seeds are given a position in a list to try and make sure that they do not play each other in the early parts of the competition
7. footage - part of a film
to disguise - to give a new appearance to a person or thing, especially in order to hide its true form (verkleiden)
to amble - to walk at a slow speed

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