



Monday, Apr. 15, 2024

**1. Donald Trump's hush money trial in New York begins this morning.**

**The case:** Trump is accused of falsifying business records before the 2016 election to help cover up an alleged affair with Stormy Daniels. If found guilty, he could face prison time.

**What to expect:** Jury selection could last weeks. The trial — which Trump must attend — is likely to run through early June. It won't be televised.

**It's historic:** This is the first criminal trial of a former president, and one of four Trump is facing. But, even if he's convicted, he can still run for president again.

**2. Iran launched more than 300 drones and missiles at Israel.**

**What happened?** Nearly all of them were intercepted by Israel and a U.S.-led alliance during the Saturday night attack, Israel said.

**Why did Iran do it?** In retaliation for a deadly Israeli strike this month on its diplomatic compound in Syria. It was the first time Iran has directly attacked Israel.

**What now?** The U.S. won't take part in any Israeli reprisal against Iran, officials said, hoping to avoid a wider war.

**3. A man killed six people in a stabbing attack at a Sydney mall.**

**On Saturday:** The 40-year-old attacker injured several others, including a 9-month-old baby, before he was fatally shot by a police officer, authorities said.

**The bigger picture:** The incident shocked Australia, which has strict gun laws and where mass killings are rare.

**4. Kansas's governor vetoed a ban on gender-affirming care for minors.**

**What to know:** The bill, passed last month and vetoed Friday, would ban hormone therapy, puberty blockers and gender reassignment surgery for those under 18.

**What's next?** The state's Republican-led legislature will probably try to override the Democratic governor's veto. More than a dozen states have restricted transgender care.

**5. It's Tax Day.**

**Haven't filed yet?** You're not alone — millions of Americans are expected to submit a last-minute return. But there's still time, and these options let you file for free.

**If you need help:** Look up your local taxpayer assistance center here. And, even if you owe taxes and can't pay, you should still file a return or you'll end up owing more.

**6. Scottie Scheffler won the Masters for a second time.**

**How he did it:** Scheffler, the tournament favorite, finished the job yesterday after starting the final round with a one-shot lead. Sweden's Ludvig Aberg finished second.

**What it means:** It was the second career major title for Scheffler, 27, who earned his first green jacket in 2022. It cemented the Texan's place as the world's best golfer.

**7. Archaeologists found a Roman banquet room decorated with beautiful paintings.**

**The discovery:** The frescoes were recently uncovered in the ancient city of Pompeii, which was preserved under a blanket of ash and smoke from a volcanic eruption in A.D. 79.

**What they show:** Ancient mythological characters. The rest of the room was painted black, so the images would have looked like they were moving in the flickering lamplight.



1. hush money - money that is paid to somebody to prevent them from giving other people information that could be embarrassing or damaging
2. retaliation - revenge, vengeance
- diplomatic compound - diplomatisches Anwesen
- reprisal - repressive measure
3. rampage - violent behaviour
4. gender affirming - geschlechtsangleichend
- transgender - someone whose gender does not match the body they were born with
5. tax return - report to the tax authorities about one's income
- haven't filed yet? - Have you not yet submitted (your tax return)?
- IRS - Internal Revenue Service
6. Green Jacket - A trophy for the winner of the Master's tournament
7. fresco - painting on wet plaster (Putz) on a wall or ceiling

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