



Monday, March 31, 2025

1. President Donald Trump said he's "not joking" about seeking a third term.

What to know: He said "methods" exist for him to run again — an unconstitutional act barred under the 22nd Amendment. Meanwhile, Trump is also seeking a takeover of elections.

In other Trump news: He said he "couldn't care less" if car prices rise because of his tariffs. And a top official's remarks suggest Trump is preparing dramatic new tariff measures.

One more thing: It might be time to stock up on your favorite alcoholic drinks.

2. Elon Musk handed out \$1 million checks to two Wisconsin voters yesterday.

What to know: The billionaire is trying to help conservatives take control of the swing state's top court. The election is tomorrow — it's the most expensive court race in U.S. history.

In related news: Musk's U.S. DOGE Service is paving the way to privatize many government services. In Alaska, Republican senators are wrestling with how to handle DOGE cuts.

3. The death toll from the Myanmar earthquake rose to more than 1,600 people.

What happened? A 7.7-magnitude earthquake hit the country Friday. Up to 20 million people live in areas seriously affected by the quake.

The latest: At least 3,408 people were injured, the country's ruling military junta said. Many people are still missing, and the death toll is expected to grow much higher.

4. Tens of thousands of Palestinians have been displaced in the West Bank.

What's happening? A months-long Israeli military operation has demolished hundreds of Palestinian homes. Aid groups are struggling to respond to the humanitarian crisis.

In the U.S.: An extremist Zionist group called Betar US said it flagged a list of pro-Palestinian activists to the Trump administration for arrest and deportation.

5. The health risks from air pollution could be worse than previously thought.

How? People in communities near heavy industry breathe in a mix of dozens of pollutants. A new study of their combined impact revealed previously overlooked health impacts.

Zooming out: The study comes as Trump is moving to dismantle dozens of environmental rules set during the Biden administration — and fire federal environmental workers.

6. Richard Chamberlain, the actor known as the "king of the miniseries," has died.

How we'll remember him: As a sandy-haired heartthrob who starred on the 1960s medical drama "Dr. Kildare," and other hit series including "Shogun" and "The Thorn Birds."

What we know: The 90-year-old died Saturday in Hawaii. The cause was complications from a stroke, his publicist said.

7. The men's NCAA tournament Final Four is set with four No. 1 seeds.

Who's in? Auburn, Houston, Florida and Duke — the first since 2008 with all four top seeds. Two games on Saturday will decide the championship matchup.

In the women's tournament: We could get four No. 1 seeds here, too. Defending champion South Carolina and UCLA are in. Texas and USC play tonight.



Vocabulary 31/03/25:

1. barred - excluded
2. judicial - relating to a judge or judges
3. to contend - to say that something is true or is a fact
3. to trickle - to flow slowly and without force
4. to displace - to force someone to leave their home
4. to hamstring - to limit the amount of something that can be done
4. to flag - to put a mark on something
6. heartthrob - a famous man who is attractive to many women

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