

Monday, November 24, 2025

1. Ukraine and the U.S. reported progress toward ending Russia's war in Ukraine.

The latest: U.S. and Ukrainian officials are working on a new version of a controversial plan to end Russia's invasion. The U.S. has imposed a Thanksgiving deadline for an agreement. **Why is it controversial?** Critics say the plan plays into Moscow's hands. U.S. officials denied widespread claims that a draft of the plan was originally written by the Russian side.

2. A surprising issue is dividing President Donald Trump from his MAGA base.

What is it? Trump's embrace of the AI boom. Some Republicans fear AI could replace jobs and harm children, and the disagreement has created a crack in Trump's coalition.

This weekend: Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Georgia) said she will resign after an explosive split with Trump. It could be a turning point for the president.

3. More Americans are getting their power shut off as electricity prices soar.

What to know: Overall, Americans are paying 11% more for electricity than they were in January, and unpaid bills are piling up. Experts say the situation could get worse this winter.

Millennial misery: An eye-catching new report said the average first-time home buyer is 40. But are millennials frozen out of the housing market? The reality may be more interesting.

4. Students are missing school because of ICE crackdowns.

Last week: One in five students missed class during an immigration operation in Charlotte. Parents have been arrested near campuses in at least 10 states this year, The Post found.

In Minnesota: Trump said he will cancel the temporary protected status of Somali immigrants in the state. The designation shields particular nationalities from deportation.

5. The EPA approved new "forever chemical" pesticides for use on food.

What are "forever chemicals"? Also known as PFAS, they take years to break down in nature and are linked to serious health problems.

What's new? Critics say the approvals of new pesticides — which will be used on food such as romaine lettuce, broccoli and potatoes — could expose more Americans to PFAS.

6. Screening guidelines for the deadliest cancer in the U.S. miss most cases.

A new study shows why: Only people aged 50 to 80 or who have a history of heavy smoking are eligible for regular lung cancer screenings. Cancer experts want that to change.

A strangely hopeful health story: Many people who have had near-death experiences say it changed their lives forever. Some told The Post what they felt and saw.

7. You probably can't tell the difference between real and visual effects.

Test yourself: Many people rail against visual effects, saying they make modern movies and TV look bad. But, when done well, VFX is invisible.

This weekend: "Wicked: For Good" had the second-largest opening of 2025. It ended a tough stretch for domestic moviegoing, despite negative reviews.



Vocabulary 24/11/25:

2. MAGA - Make America Great Again (Trump's slogan)

full-throated - expressed confidently, with strong feeling and without limits embrace - the act of holding someone tightly with both arms to express

love or sympathy

fault line - a line separating two controversial matters

3. to soar - to rise very quickly to a high level

4. ICE - Immigration and Customs Enforcement (authority)

5. EPA - Environmental Protection Agency
PFAS - Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances

7. CGI - Computer-generated image

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