



Monday, March 16, 2026

1. President Donald Trump is eager to declare victory against Iran.

Where things stand: The U.S. and Israel have crippled Iranian forces in over two weeks of war. But Trump's ability to end the conflict faces a hurdle — Iran still has cards to play.

This morning: An Iranian drone attack hit Dubai International Airport, a major global hub. Iran has been targeting airports and other key infrastructure as it wages economic war.

2. Trump lashed out at media coverage of the war last night.

In a Truth Social post: Trump called media organizations "Corrupt and Highly Unpatriotic," and echoed a threat from the FCC chief to revoke some broadcast licenses.

As the war continues: Pope Leo XIV, the first U.S.-born pope, wants to avoid a confrontation with Trump. Vatican officials say he is relying on his allies to criticize the war.

One more thing: Young voters helped elect Trump, but some now have regrets.

3. "One Battle After Another" was the major winner at the Academy Awards.

Last night: Paul Thomas Anderson's thriller won best picture. Vampire epic "Sinners" also had a big night and host Conan O'Brien was his Conan self.

On the red carpet: Jessie Buckley, who took home best actress for "Hamnet," was among the best-dressed celebs.

4. The Mid-Atlantic could be hit by storms and tornadoes today.

Where? The zone at highest risk for severe weather includes D.C., Richmond, Raleigh and much of the Interstate 95 corridor. The storms are forecast to arrive in two rounds.

Follow along: Our weather reporters will provide live updates and also shared tips on how to prepare. For example, it's a good idea to charge your devices now.

5. Young men shouldn't wait to think about heart health.

Why? The risk of heart disease increases much earlier in men than most people think, new research suggests — as early as their mid-30s.

Look in your medicine cabinet: A doctor recommends tossing five medications, including an antihistamine and certain cold remedies, based on recent research.

6. March Madness is finally here.

In the men's bracket: Duke, Arizona, Michigan and Florida earned No. 1 seeds in the NCAA tournament. The First Four starts tomorrow, and the first round starts Thursday.

In the women's bracket: UConn, UCLA, Texas and South Carolina are the No. 1 seeds. The women's First Four games tip off Wednesday and the first round gets underway Friday.

7. See how vulnerable your job is to AI compared with others.

An uncertain future: CEOs keep predicting that AI will put millions of people out of work. A new study has predicted how different occupations will fare — look up yours here.

Key takeaway: Women make up about 86% of the most vulnerable workers, researchers said, suggesting the negative effects of automation won't be felt equally across society.



Vocabulary 16/03/26

1. to wage - to fight a war in order to achieve something (to wage war)
2. to lash out - to suddenly attack someone or something
- FCC - Federal Communications Commission (authority in control of the media)
- Brendan Carr - FCC's CEO
- to revoke - to say officially that an agreement is no longer in effect
3. Ryan Kuebler, Paul Thomas Anderson, Jessie Buckley, Michael B. Jordan
6. March Madness - Annual college basketball tournament
- bracket - scheduled plan of a tournament
- to fill out a bracket - to bet on the result of a tournament
- seed - expected level of performance. A "number 1 seed" is the team expected to turn out as the winner of the entire tournament

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