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'Literally lifeless': Wife of man hit by stolen truck speaks out

The wife of a motorcyclist who suffered catastrophic injuries after being struck by a stolen pick-up truck has spoken about the devastating impact the crash has had on their family

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Agreement reached in Oberstown dispute

Fórsa said an agreement has been reached to resolve a dispute over staffing levels at the Oberstown Children Detention Campus.

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US seeks to limit internships for international students

The Trump administration has issued a memo for universities that seeks to restrict issuance of certain internship work authorisations for international students.

Norway's King Harald dies aged 89

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Over 90,000 affected by Nepal-Tibet floods - Red Cross

Follow all the latest development as rescue efforts continue in Nepal following devastating flash floods that struck two days ago.

Who is Norway's new king and what happens next?

Crown Prince Haakon became Norway's king after the death of his father Harald.

Dutch court jails man for life in Rwandan genocide case

A Dutch court has handed a life sentence to a man for inciting and participating in the massacre of 3,000 Tutsis during the 1994 Rwanda genocide.

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Ex-Bosnian Serb military leader Ratko Mladic dies

Ratko Mladic, who was serving a life sentence for genocide in the 1992-95 war in Bosnia, has died in the U`N detention centre in The Hague, a UN official has said.

EU waiting on Meta's proposals to limit addictive designs

The EU Commission is waiting on Meta to present changes to limit the addictive designs of its social networks, a Commission spokesperson has said.

Man arrested after two killed in French car ramming

A 26-year-old man has been arrested after two people were killed and 10 others injured when a car was driven into a group of people in northwestern France.

Ireland has highest EU rate of paid film and TV streaming

Almost two thirds of Irish internet users paid for film, TV or sports streaming services last year, which is almost twice the average in the EU.

Over 4,000 complaints made to European Consumer Centre

The European Consumer Centre Ireland handled 4,182 complaints last year, and recovered €421,000 for Irish and other consumers from businesses across European Union.

Politics

United Ireland referendum 'off the table' - Burnham

British Prime Minister Andy Burnham has said a referendum on a united Ireland "is off the table".

Public pressure forced fuel excise duty shift - Sinn Féin

Sinn Féin's Pearse Doherty has said the Government's move to delay the phasing out of cuts to excise duty on petrol and diesel was the result of public pressure.

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Higher Education Minister supports calls for CAO reform

Minister for Further and Higher Education James Lawless has said that he agrees with calls for the CAO points system to be reformed.

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Gas demand increases by 5% in July from June

New figures from Gas Networks Ireland show that overall gas demand in Ireland increased by 5% in July on the previous month.

Health

Call for independent CUH staff review amid safety fears

A group of consultants at Cork University Hospital (CUH) has called on Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill, to appoint an independent assessor to examine staffing issues at the hospital.

Mater to compensate employee for racial discrimination

One of the country's largest hospitals has been ordered to pay €10,000 compensation for racially discriminating against a Nigerian-born employee when suspending him primarily based on the colour of his skin.

HSE-run nursing home inspection found infection outbreak

An inspection by HIQA of a HSE-run nursing home in Munster discovered the early start of an outbreak of infection which resulted in transmission from two residents to 11 residents and five staff.

Ireland's first psychosocial research hub to be opened

Childhood cancer survivors have said that social and emotional care services are crucial for people facing a difficult diagnosis, as well as their families.

Poison helpline reports 4% rise in calls in 2025

The National Poisons Information Centre reported 11,455 enquiries last year, a 4% rise in calls from medical and healthcare staff and the public, its latest figures show.

Man detoxing from vaping HHC thought he was 'dying'

A 22-year-old man who was hospitalised recently after years of smoking vapes containing HHC has said he thought he was dying when he started to experience withdrawal symptoms.

Variations in cancer treatment 'concerning' - Cullinane

New data released by the HSE shows wide variations in performance in delivering cancer treatment for patients.

Technology

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Google changes spam policy in EU to avert antitrust fine

Alphabet's Google today said it had changed its spam policy in Europe to address EU concerns that could have resulted in an antitrust fine.

Nvidia forecasts quarterly revenue above estimates

Nvidia has forecast a 70% jump in revenue next fiscal year, underscoring unabated demand for AI computing, while warning that shortages of memory components would continue to curb how quickly it can expand.

Integrity360 agrees deal for identity specialist CyberIAM

Cybersecurity firm Integrity360 has agreed a deal to buy identity specialist CyberIAM, which operates from the UK and South Africa.

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US judge dismisses case by X challenging hate speech law

A US judge dismissed a lawsuit by X seeking to void a New York state law requiring social media companies to disclose how they monitor hate speech, extremism and disinformation.

Nvidia set to buy Hugging Face for \$12.9 billion - report

Nvidia has agreed to buy Hugging Face, a repository of open-source AI models, for \$12.9 billion, The Information has reported, citing a person with knowledge of the deal.

Sport

Confident Hyde and Cremen 'can win' World final - Coakley

Former Olympic finalist Eugene Coakley is confident that Zoe Hyde and Mags Cremen can contend for glory in Friday's women's double sculls final at the World Rowing Championships.

European exit further compounds flat atmosphere at Rovers

Time will tell whether this summer has merely been a bad European campaign for Shamrock Rovers or the first sign that Irish football's dominant force is beginning to come back towards the pack.

Erasmus reverses two of his changes for All Blacks Test

South Africa have made two late changes to their team ahead of Saturday's second Test against New Zealand in Cape Town, with Rassie Erasmus drafting Sacha Feinberg-Mngomezulu and Cheslin Kolbe back into his team.

LOI preview: Chasing pack look to put pressure on Rovers

With league leaders Shamrock Rovers not in action until Sunday due to their exploits in Europe, the chasing pack have the opportunity to cut the gap at the top.

Bannigan steps down as Monaghan boss as 'goalposts move'

Gabriel Bannigan has stepped down as Monaghan manager after two seasons in charge of the Oriel County, RTÉ Sport understands.

'No offers' - Moyes tight-lipped on O'Brien's future

David Moyes remained tight-lipped on the uncertainty around Jake O'Brien's Everton future but said that "no offers" had come in for players that have been linked with an exit.

KPMG Women's Irish Open R2 leaderboard: Alexander taking control

Women's Irish Open R2 leaderboard - Casandra Alexander taking control

Entertainment

Weather not a worry for Electric Picnic-goers

Eighty thousand festival-goers are descending on Stradbally for Electric Picnic this weekend.

U2 release Pogues cover for Shane MacGowan tribute album

U2 have released their cover of Yeah, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah by The Pogues ahead of the release of upcoming tribute album 20th Century Paddy - The Songs Of Shane MacGowan.

From JADE to Geese: Ten acts to see at Electric Picnic

Music fans are primed for the annual pilgrimage to Stradbally in Co Laois for Electric Picnic this weekend.

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Peter Cullen, Winnie the Pooh and Transformers star, dies

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Electric Picnic 2026: Everything you need to know

From the weather forecast and stage times to travel, camping and what you can bring, here's everything you need to know about Electric Picnic 2026.

Jake Reiner opens up about death of his parents

Jake Reiner has said it is "infuriating" to accept the reality of his parents' deaths.

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Air traffic controllers allegedly left work early before fatal Air Canada crash at LaGuardia

The union representing American air traffic controllers has acknowledged allegations that two members left work early shortly before an Air Canada regional jet crashed at LaGuardia Airport in March, killing two pilots.

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30 Canadians and permanent residents among missing after Nepal, Tibet floods: Global Affairs

Russia hammers Ukrainian ports, warehouses and industrial sites with missiles and drones

Russia hammered Ukrainian ports, industrial sites and retailers' distribution facilities with missiles and drones in an hours-long attack on Kyiv and other cities that was partly repelled, Ukrainian officials said on Thursday.

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Ratko Mladic, war criminal and former Bosnian Serb military leader, dead

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Bruce Banman joins exodus from B.C. Conservative caucus

The Abbotsford South MLA says he has heard that leader Kerry-Lynne Findlay is unelectable, and it is a reason for his departure.

3rd grizzly in family of 4 killed in B.C.'s West Kootenay

A third grizzly in a family of four well-known bears in the West Kootenay has been killed.

Quebec party leaders make their pitches as election campaign kicks off

Name of Lake Ontario not changing despite 'Trump's antics,' political leaders in Canada say

Political leaders are speaking out against an executive order by U.S. President Donald Trump to change the name of Lake Ontario to Lake America, saying the move is offensive and doesn't hold water in Canada.

Oil prices swing Alberta's \$9.4B deficit to \$2B surplus, but finance minister urges caution

The same factor that's sent fuel prices soaring has created a massive turnaround for provincial government's budget.

Winnipeg Jets goalie Connor Hellebuyck goes public with trade request

Winnipeg Jets goaltender Connor Hellebuyck, who has won three Vezina trophies as the NHL's top netminder and an Olympic gold medal, has publicly requested a trade.

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Kelowna sets sights on Canadian Premier League soccer team by 2028

The city of Kelowna is exploring a \$25-million investment in its premier sports stadium in a bid to bring a pro soccer club to the community.

Health

Parents and teachers in Congo urge delay of school resumption as Ebola outbreak rages on

With health officials warning that the Ebola outbreak may be three times higher than official figures — and young children facing the highest fatality rates — families fear a return to class could increase the risk of exposure to the disease.

Ontario mental health providers stretched thin ahead of return to school

Whether it's struggles in the classroom or trouble navigating social relationships, the pressures of school can be most keenly felt in September. And while experts say that has always been a time when worries increase, they note the trend has been growing in recent years.

Food and shelter have driven Canada's affordability crisis. Health care isn't far behind

Food and shelter grab headlines, but out-of-pocket health-care expenses have climbed at a nearly identical rate since 2022, Statistics Canada data shows. Economists and policy experts break down the structural drivers behind Canada's rising private medical costs.

Dolly Parton carried a torch of kindness, empathy and charity — why that's a tough act to follow

U.S. regulators approve targeted pancreatic cancer drug shown to improve survival rates

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Revolution Medicines' targeted drug for adults with metastatic pancreatic cancer who have received prior treatment or cannot receive combination chemotherapy.

1 in 4 NFL players — or more — developed brain disease CTE, new study suggests

At least one in four National Football League (NFL) players had evidence of chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE, at the time of their death, finds a new study from one of the American research teams at the forefront of studying this devastating brain disease.

Advocate worries crisis is being forgotten as B.C. toxic drug deaths tick up in June

The B.C. Coroners Service said it recorded 138 suspected toxic drug deaths across the province in June — representing an increase from the previous month, but a decrease from the same month last year.

Psychological stress in Ontario youth is down since the pandemic, suggests survey

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health says psychological distress among Ontario youth appears to have decreased since the pandemic, but is still much higher than a decade ago.

Yellowknife woman spent thousands to travel south and learn she has a fatal disease

Mary Rose Blackduck was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a rare nervous system disease that leads to damaged muscles. The typical life expectancy after diagnosis is two to five years.

Business

'Measured confidence': RBC, TD Bank, CIBC share optimistic outlook for Canada's economy

Three of Canada's big banks shared cautiously sunny outlooks for the economy on Thursday, sharply contrasting expressions of anxiety and frustration from scores of smaller businesses grappling with the fresh reality of a full-blown trade war with the United States.

Consumers say 'resolve is strengthened' to buy Canadian, bringing patriotic shopping movement back to life

As trade war tensions between Canada and the U.S. ratchet up again, some shoppers are digging in their heels when it comes to buying Canadian. And that's driving more traffic to tools that help connect shoppers with Canadian-made products and home-grown businesses.

Canadian seafood industry 'relieved' with removal of their products from retaliatory tariff list

Finance Canada has removed fish and seafood products from a list of counter-tariffed items, just a day after the government initially hit back at the U.S. with retaliatory measures. For those in the industry, it's a massive relief from measures many say could have had devastating consequences.

Enbridge signs deal with KKR and Apollo to fund Westcoast pipeline expansion

Enbridge Inc. has signed a deal with KKR and Apollo to form a joint venture to help fund the expansion of its Westcoast natural gas pipeline system.

Chapman's Ice Cream pledges no price increase as Ontario company shifts away from U.S. suppliers

Ontario company Chapman's Ice Cream says it's moving to replace more than 70 per cent of its ingredients from the U.S. by mid-2027, promising no price increases until March 2028.

Trump's trade war: Fact-checking Canada's natural gas leverage over the U.S.

Prime Minister Mark Carney cited Canadian natural gas exports to support his claim that "Canada fuels American growth." A top commodities analyst says using natural gas as leverage in the ongoing trade war would have major consequences in both countries.

Meta agrees to make changes, pay up to \$18B US over social media harms to children

Meta Platforms agreed to make major changes to Facebook and Instagram and pay up to \$18 billion US as part of a settlement to resolve claims brought by states across the U.S.

Retaliatory tariffs could raise costs for Canadian businesses already weathering the trade war

Canada is set to impose retaliatory tariffs on \$27.6 billion worth of U.S. goods starting Sept. 8. For some Canadian businesses, these counter-tariffs stand to drive up the costs of the things they make, which could be another difficult blow for companies at a time when many are already impacted by the ongoing trade war...

Loblaw backtracks on dropping country-of-origin produce labels after customer backlash

Loblaw has reversed course on its decision earlier this month to drop country-of-origin labeling on produce signs in its stores in most provinces, following customer backlash.

Technology

One 'absolutely prolific' male bird is keeping his species alive in the U.K.

Conservationists have long been working to keep a rare species of bird from disappearing entirely from the United Kingdom. But any recent success they've had in protecting the Montagu's harrier's British population can largely be attributed to the mating prowess of one male "at the top of his game."

'Visual symbol of climate change': Mount Robson's Berg Glacier no longer reaches lake

One of the most picturesque sights in British Columbia is changing — as Mount Robson's Berg Glacier has retreated so far back that it no longer touches the water of Berg Lake.

Partial lunar eclipse to grace Canadian skies this week

On the night of Aug. 27-28, a partial lunar eclipse will be visible across the country. Here's when to see it.

Marineland beluga moved to U.S. dies, dolphins and 2 more whales leave Niagara Falls park for Spain

Peekachu, a beluga recently moved out of Marineland in Niagara Falls, Ont., has died at the Shedd Aquarium, the Chicago facility said Wednesday, the same day two other belugas and four dolphins were in the process of being relocated to Spain.

Cumberland council moves forward with data centre moratorium

The Municipality of Cumberland is not accepting any applications for data centres that support artificial intelligence while regulations are drafted. On Tuesday, a bylaw that could start a six-month moratorium on development permit applications for data centres unanimously passed first reading by council.

Acadia University gets \$1.2M to develop new tick repellents

The lab will study what type of ticks are in the province, what pathogens they carry and how they respond to repellents.

People are trading mummified human remains online. Some scientists say that may be bad for their health

In new research, scientists shine a light on a global, online trade in preserved human remains and raise the alarm about its potential health hazards.

'Super' El Niño didn't cause this year's fires and heat waves, but it's about to take us on a 'wild ride'

Whether you call it a "super" El Niño or a "Godzilla" El Niño, the naturally occurring Pacific Ocean warming phenomenon that disrupts global weather patterns is back and packing a punch, at a time when many parts of the planet are already overheated.

Welcome to the jungle: New Guinea snake named after Guns N' Roses guitarist Slash

Scientists with the Field Museum in Chicago have named a newly identified, non-venomous groundsnake from New Guinea *Lielaphis slashi*, or Slash's groundsnake, in honour of Guns N' Roses guitarist Slash.

Politics

Will auto tariffs be a permanent roadblock for a Canada-U.S. trade deal?

U.S. President Donald Trump's trade ambassador's recent comments about Canada's auto industry suggest the level at which it's integrated throughout North America could remain a major sticking point if talks do resume.

LeBlanc welcomes U.S. decision 'withdrawing positions' on language, culture

Canada-U.S. Trade Minister Dominic LeBlanc says the federal government "welcomes" the United States "withdrawing" its positions on the French language and culture after U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer told CBC News Canada's streaming laws are not a "red line" for the American side.

Conservatives want the Liberals to release the rejected U.S. trade deal. Should they?

Conservatives are calling on the Liberals to release the text of the U.S. tariff agreement that the federal government ultimately rejected last week. While one expert argues there is some merit to showing that level of transparency, others suggest it would ultimately hurt Canada's negotiation position.

Canada recruited 64 professors with new research fund. Three-quarters are from U.S. schools

Industry Minister Mélanie Joly announced on Thursday that the federal government is providing \$541 million in research funding to a tranche of new professors recruited into Canadian institutions from abroad.

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Police investigating suspected arson after cars at Liberal MP's home torched

Police are investigating a suspected arson at the home of a Scarborough MP after multiple cars were torched early Thursday, CBC News has learned.

Trump's top trade negotiator disputes Canadian assertion that U.S. made last-minute demands

The Trump administration's top trade negotiator on Wednesday disputed Ottawa's assertion that last-minute demands from the U.S. derailed a trade deal between the two countries, saying Canadian negotiators' concerns about the deal's "implementation" led Ottawa to pull the plug.

Read the full transcript of U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer's interview with CBC News

U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer spoke with CBC News chief political correspondent Rosemary Barton on Wednesday in his first one-on-one interview with a Canadian news outlet since trade talks broke down.

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Arts

Jacob Elordi's The Dog Stars is an apocalyptic adaptation

The Dog Stars is about the same thing as every other post-apocalypse film you've seen, but this time without the guts or energy to make it believably harrowing.

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Infinity Mirror Rooms artist, Yayoi Kusama, dead at 97. Her polka-dotted life in pictures

Artist Yayoi Kusama, who has died at 97, was one of Japan's most revered contemporary artists. Her work was exhibited around the world, often prompting long queues as people flocked to see her colourful, immersive installation art.

Peter Cullen, Canadian voice of Eeyore, Optimus Prime, dead at 85

Peter Cullen, the Canadian voice actor behind Eeyore in Winnie the Pooh and Optimus Prime in the Transformers franchise, died Wednesday at his home in Los Angeles. He was 85.

Dolly Parton carried a torch of kindness, empathy and charity — why that's a tough act to follow

Dolly Parton is being remembered as a compassionate entertainer who donated much of her wealth and lent her name to causes she cared about deeply. Scholars and historians say the country superstar's unique ability to speak about issues she viewed as important without dividing people is a difficult thing to replicate, e...

Canadian romance author Carley Fortune announces 6th novel

The Ontario author takes readers back to Barry's Bay in her next book, out in May.

'People are people': How Dolly Parton became an unlikely 2SLGBTQ+ icon, ally and advocate

The omnipresent country music legend was as celebrated for her advocacy as much as her music. She spent decades championing women's rights, civil rights and gay rights, while openly denouncing several recent anti-trans and anti-drag bills, telling the Hollywood Reporter in 2023 that "I just want everybody to be treated...

Blake Lively to get just over \$400,000 US in legal costs from Justin Baldoni

Blake Lively will get just over \$400,000 of the \$8 million US she sought in legal costs from actor and director Justin Baldoni after they settled their fight over the production of their 2024 film It Ends With Us, a federal judge ruled Wednesday.

Tim Curry, star of The Rocky Horror Picture Show, dead at 80

Tim Curry, the quirky British actor known for playing eccentric roles like the flamboyant, fishnet-wearing mad scientist Dr. Frank-N-Furter in The Rocky Horror Picture Show, has died at age 80.

Nova Scotia

Unlocking a 400-year-old mystery in a Nova Scotia marsh

On a river in southwest Nova Scotia, an investigation by a historical sleuth is uncovering long-lost traces of North America's past.

Nova Scotians wait over 500 'painful' days for surgery consultations

When the consultation and surgery wait times are combined, the total waits for hip and knee replacements in Nova Scotia are longer than they were a decade ago. In 2015, Nova Scotians could expect a total median wait of 265 days for a hip replacement — in 2025, it was 292 days.

Minster calls it unreasonable to hold shelters responsible for behaviour of those who use them

Last week, New Glasgow Town Council asked the province to close the town's only shelter following years of community concern.

Charges laid following investigation into alleged illegal landfill outside Halifax

Nova Scotia's Department of Environment has laid charges following an investigation of an alleged illegal landfill on a 10-hectare property on the outskirts of Halifax, a probe that included drone surveillance and the seizure of equipment.

Teardown of former Northern Pulp mill could begin next month

The wrecking ball is readying for the former Northern Pulp mill, a once major player in Nova Scotia's forestry sector that also came to be recognized as one of the province's most prominent examples of environmental racism.

No charges to be laid in death of N.S. boy killed by 3 dogs, say RCMP

RCMP say there were 'insufficient grounds' to lay charges in the January death of 13-year-old Drew Nickerson.

Woman, 20, charged with attempted murder after Annapolis County shooting

The RCMP said a 24-year-old man was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries after an early morning shooting at a home in Princesdale, N.S., on Wednesday.

Canadian seafood industry 'relieved' with removal of their products from retaliatory tariff list

Finance Canada has removed fish and seafood products from a list of counter-tariffed items, just a day after the government initially hit back at the U.S. with retaliatory measures. For those in the industry, it's a massive relief from measures many say could have had devastating consequences.

After lengthy wait, victims of priest abuse in N.S. to finally receive payouts

Dozens of victims of abuse by Roman Catholic priests in central and western Nova Scotia are finally set to be paid compensation, nearly four years after the settlement of a class-action lawsuit involving the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth.

Top Stories

Nepal army rescues survivors from hydropower tunnel

Officials say more than 100 people were thought to have been trapped in the tunnel in Rasuwa.

Disorder at balloon release for man who died in A66 car crash 'put lives at risk', MP says

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Stunning photos capture August's Sturgeon Moon

A lunar eclipse coincided with August's full Moon to make the celestial display even more spectacular

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'High risk' of lake breaching and causing second flood, warns China

Authorities say a lake formed after a recent landslide near the Nepal-Tibet border may breach in the coming days.

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Andrew and Tristan Tate's legal team argued in a Miami court that the two were not a flight risk.

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Optimus Prime and Eeyore voice actor Peter Cullen dies

Cullen voiced the heroic Optimus Prime in the Transformers TV series and then the Hollywood films.

Jury deliberating in trial of Lindsay Clancy, US woman accused of killing her children

Prosecutors argued Clancy made a calculated decision to murder the children, while the defence argued that she was suffering from postpartum psychosis.

UK

'Please help us find her': Families fly to Nepal in search for 33 missing British nationals

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Grieving police officers 'working through pain' to investigate Teesside crash and fire

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18 deaths from battery fires show hidden danger of UK's e-bike boom

Fatalities included people who inhaled toxic fumes from fires or became trapped inside burning homes.

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Business

Military veterans told they owe thousands of pounds over clerical error

Hundreds of former UK service personnel have had their pensions cut after being overpaid.

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'Not far enough' - US parents and teens on Meta's new limits for young users

As part of an \$18bn settlement in a child-safety lawsuit, Meta announced new restrictions on its apps. We asked families what they thought.

Overcooked? Why robotic pizza makers are failing

A string of failures has sapped confidence that robots will take over production at pizza restaurants.

I was spending £700 a month: How I beat my late-night shopping addiction

Younger generations are thought to be more susceptible to impulse spending. The BBC looks at ways to get it under control.

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Rape and sex offence specialists on all police forces by 2027, PM says

The plans for forces in England and Wales had been scheduled to be rolled out by summer 2029, but have been brought forward.

Number of asylum seekers in hotels halves in a year

Figures released today by the Home Office show that there was also a fall across legal migration arrivals, asylum claims and small boat arrivals.

Burnham says united Ireland poll is 'off the table' during first NI visit

Andy Burnham said "we need to fix the things right in front of us in the here and now".

Burnham calls summit of Welsh, Scottish and Northern Irish first ministers

The announcement came as the prime minister makes first official visit to Wales since taking office.

Health

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Hypermobility - the little-known 'bendy disease' that causes pain and fatigue

The disorder may affect hundreds of thousands in the UK, but many face delays in getting a diagnosis.

Salmonella outbreak: What we know so far

Hundreds have fallen ill with salmonella infections in an outbreak linked to imported eggs.

UK salmonella cases nearing 500 as egg investigations continue

Close to 500 people have become ill with salmonella linked to imported eggs, say UK authorities who are investigating more clusters.

Treatment involving patient's family cuts mental health hospital admissions, study finds

The approach focuses on the patient priorities, seeing the same clinicians, and involving people close to them.

World's first patient to undergo live AI-assisted brain surgery has tumour removed

Without brain surgery guided by live AI assistance, Rhys Hibbert could have lost his sight to a tumour.

NHS failing child sexual abuse victims in adulthood, say psychiatrists

There have been decades of mistreatment and mismanagement of those who seek help later in life, say experts in a new, damning report.

Nicotine vapes best chance to quit smoking, major review finds

They work better than patches, gum or pills, the most up-to-date evidence suggests.

Science & Environment

Bank holiday weekend to see more thunderstorms and rain

The weather will remain unsettled across the next few days with showers, longer spells of rain and thunderstorms all likely at times across the weekend.

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'The flood took everything': Nepal survivors describe horror of loved ones being swept away

One woman says her father, mother, sister and sister's children were carried away before her eyes.

'Our parents were crossing the border an hour before the flood hit'

Authorities say more than 1,300 people are missing, including dozens of Americans and Canadians, as families await word on loved ones thought to be caught in the Nepal flash floods.

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France relaxes strict cheese-making rules after prolonged drought

Makers of some of France's most famous cheeses get waivers on where herds graze due to the lack of grass.

What caused the flooding in Nepal?

Experts point to 'glacial collapse' as the trigger for deadly floods that have swept through parts of Nepal and Tibet.

Michael Sheen hopes 'extraordinary' reaction to toxic waste documentary spurs action

Dozens of people contacted BBC Wales following coverage of Sheen's investigation into chemical giant Monsanto.

Technology

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Time is running out for cyber security, warn top tech firms

The letter warns cyber-attacks which use AI will become more sophisticated in a matter of months.

Reform of all social media should come with Meta changes, UN says

California's attorney general is now looking at TikTok and YouTube to enact teen safety features.

What the Meta settlement means for the UK, and other questions after the deal

Other social media firms are yet to respond, while the debate from campaigners is far from over.

Unexpected chat between OpenAI agents led to Hugging Face hack

OpenAI's cyber agents banded together to perform a hack during a security test.

Nvidia revenue doubles on continued AI demand

Chipmaker's \$96bn quarter beat forecasts as demand for AI hardware continues to accelerate.

Meta to pay up to \$18bn to settle claims its platforms harm children

The deal has been reached during a California federal court trial over claims brought by US states.

Xbox boss 'thinking about affordability' of next-gen console

In an exclusive interview with the BBC, Asha Sharma also discusses giving gamers digital versions of games they own.

Entertainment & Arts

Jacob Elordi on why The Dog Stars had him asking 'What am I missing' in life?

Sir Ridley Scott's post-apocalyptic epic explores the feeling of hope in a pandemic-riddled world.

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Reading and Leeds Festival unveils major overhaul, but will it draw in a new crowd?

BBC Newsbeat has spoken with festival-goers to see whether they feel the changes will attract a wider demographic.

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Edinburgh launches new media event after final TV Festival

Edinburgh TV Festival moves to Manchester next year, so what will a new event look like?

'Dragon' offers street artist advice - and a job

Nathan Murdoch is offered a job painting one of the Dragon's offices in London.

BBC director-general says he was not aware of 'severity' of cuts needed

Matt Brittin succeeded Tim Davie as boss of the BBC in May.

Kanji A Day

Friday, August 28, 2026

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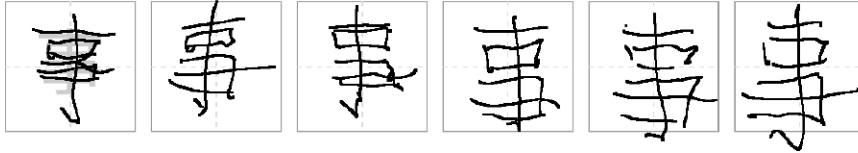
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Kun: こと、つかう、つかえる

事う (つかう) — Matter

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Oneself

On: じ、し

Kun: みずから、おの.ずから、おの.ずと

自ら (みずから) — Oneself

Practice



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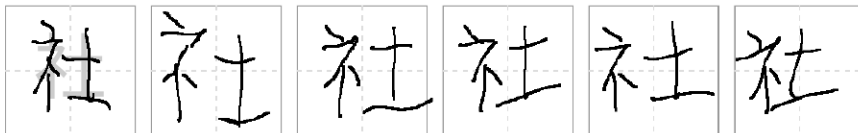
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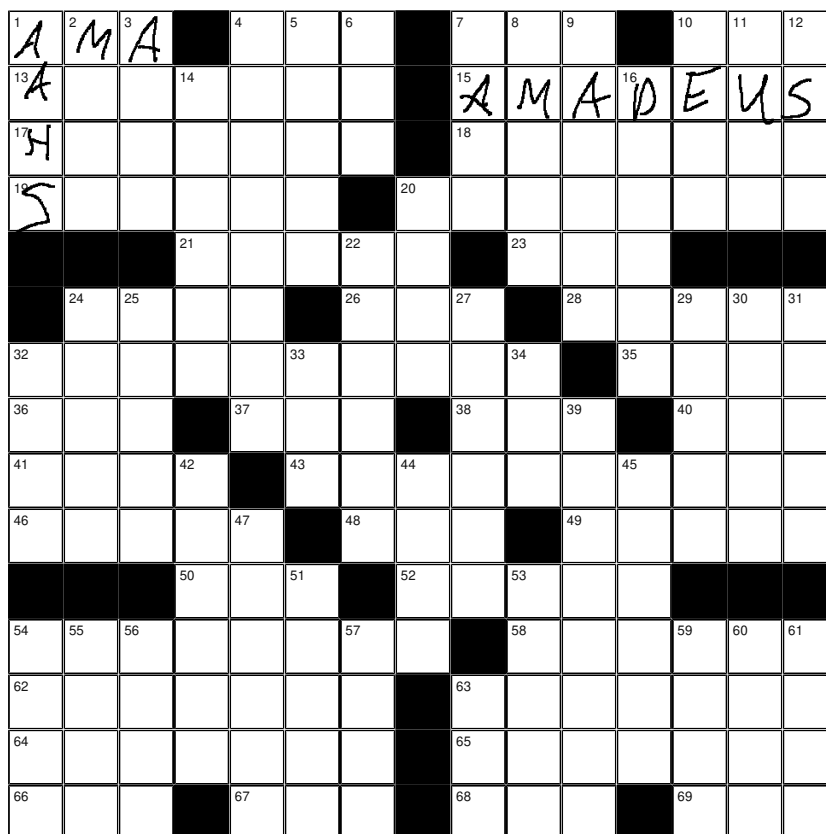
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社 (やしろ) — Company

Practice



De-Crease — by Jared Cappel



1. Interactive interview sesh on Reddit
4. Go for a run in the winter?
7. "Sick!"
10. Marvel movie franchise, briefly
13. Made bubbly
15. Wolfgang ____ Mozart
17. *They get what's coming to them!
18. Montreal daily
19. Less fresh
20. *Tippy
21. "Great minds think ____"
23. Ex-QB Manning
24. Backgammon or Boggle
26. Good listener?
28. Celebrity gossip show
32. *Laid low?
35. Buffalo's lake
36. Burglarize
37. Sucker
38. "Hamilton" star Phillipa
40. Craft beer letters
41. Apple desktop
43. *Learn of
46. Determined to do
48. Greek T
49. Clean between the teeth
50. See 67-Across
52. "Creed" actress Thompson

1. Oohs and ____
2. With 11-Down, rom-com trope of an adorable first encounter
3. Diva's solo
4. NFL team in black and gold
5. Gymnast Strug
6. Driver's licenses, passports, etc.
7. Pasta sauce brand
8. Wow
9. Wow
10. Dole (out)
11. See 2-Down
12. Pre-owned
14. On fire
16. Give the meaning of
20. Word after "gummy" or "teddy"
22. "That's yours now"
24. Bearded garden statue
25. Giant opportunity?
27. Pet adopted from a shelter
29. "Wicked" star Cynthia
30. Premoistened cloths
31. Blackens on the grill
32. Apt name for a florist?
33. It's hot, but not for long
34. Scooby-____
39. Where some oil rigs are located
42. Shirt part that might be popped
44. Appear fully

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| 54. *Older "Frozen" sister | 45. Jerry's ex on "Seinfeld" |
| 58. "Gotcha" | 47. Snapple rival |
| 62. Sailing event | 51. Consumed |
| 63. Resolve ... or a chemical hint for resolving the starred clues' answers | 53. "My bad" |
| 64. Congressman whose name is an anagram of "general" | 54. Herr's wife |
| 65. Old debts | 55. Fish that are snakelike |
| 66. Naval letters | 56. Foods dyed on Easter |
| 67. With 50-Across, "Brokeback Mountain" director | 57. Large canine? |
| 68. 12/31 | 59. Fly high |
| 69. ____ G. Biv | 60. Spanish currency |
| | 61. Artisan's website |
| | 63. Actor McKellen |

Universal Crossword — Answers

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