

SATURDAY 04 JANUARY 2025**SAT 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c6b55)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 00:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q2z)

(Re)New Year

Happy New Year! This week, the Unexpected Elements team is reflecting on 2024 and looking forward to 2025 for renewed chances to spot the northern lights while they're at their peak visibility in this current solar cycle, and we recap on cellular regeneration advancements and regulations in embryonic stem cell models.

We chat to Professor Rene Oudmajer from the Royal Observatory of Belgium who explains that stars also renew themselves... and this process is key to our lovely planet (and ourselves) existing!

We also learn all about the potential of bogs and wetlands in the fight against climate change from Professor Christian Dunn of Bangor University.

With another amazing year behind us, we reminisce about our favourite stories and listener correspondences in 2024.

And finally, we're wowed by the regenerative 'superpowers' of the magnificent axolotl who has the cellular capabilities to re-grow limbs!

That, plus many more Unexpected Elements.

Presenters: Marnie Chesterton and Caroline Steel
Producers: Harrison Lewis, Imaan Moin and William Hornbrook
Sound Engineer: Duncan Hannant

SAT 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c6fx9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfw9tpjq25)

Global business news, with live guests and contributions from Asia and the USA.

SAT 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c6knf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbbq099zsr)

The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen

SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjyywxxt)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct5wht)

India under pressure heading into Border-Gavaskar trophy decider

Alison Mitchell, Jim Maxwell and Charu Sharma discuss the record breaking Test Match between Australia and India in Melbourne. The teams now play each other in Sydney with the series 2-1 in favour of the Australian side who will win the trophy for the first since 2015 if they avoid defeat.

We debate the apparent unrest in the India dressing room and the potential retirements of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma. Jim Maxwell says that the Border-Gavaskar Trophy is now bigger than the Ashes.

Plus, we discuss whether South Africa deserve to be in the World Test Championship final after comments were made questioning their perceived easy route to the final.

And we are joined by Ed Stoddart who is the CEO of Stuart Canvas productions. They manufacture hover covers, which are used around the world. Ed tells us about the significance of the technology and the impact of climate change.

Photo: Yashvasi Jaiswal of India looks dejected after being run out by Alex Carey of Australia during day two of the Men's Fourth Test Match in the series between Australia and India at Melbourne Cricket Ground on December 27, 2024 in Melbourne, Australia. (Photo by Quinn Rooney/Getty Images)

SAT 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c6pdk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 03:06 Outlook (w3ct699x)

Outlook Mixtape: A keyboard of dreams and a wild baby hare

Kenyan Teddy Otieno was obsessed with classical piano music but didn't have access to a keyboard. So he watched YouTube videos and learned with a cardboard replica until a chance encounter helped him realise his dreams.

Chloe Dalton's hectic life in London was burning her out when she stumbled across an abandoned baby hare in the countryside. She helped the animal grow and in turn it helped her find a slower, quieter and more restorative way of being.

The sacred statue of Cameroon's Queen Ngongso was looted by colonials 100 years ago and taken to Germany. Artist Sylvie Njobati promised her grandfather she would bring it back and went on a mission to retrieve it.

Inspired by Muppets creator Jim Henson and his own mother's puppet shows, American Basil Twist took his creations on stage in New York beginning a career marvelling crowds with puppetry. This interview was first broadcast in February 2024.

Presenter: India Rakusen

If you have a story for our Memory Box about an object with great personal significance, please get in touch! Email outlook@bbc.com or WhatsApp +44 330 678 2707

(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yfp)

Creating Alexa

The smart speaker Alexa is used by hundreds of millions of people around the world every day, but did you know its voice was created by two people in Poland back in 2000?

Lukasz Osowski and Michal Kaszczuk were final year students at Gdansk Technical University when they decided to create a device which could understand you and talk back in a voice which sounded like a human.

They went through a few versions and started getting attention from big companies before eventually making a deal with Amazon.

Lukasz and Michal speak to Megan Jones.

Eye-witness accounts brought to life by archive. Witness History is for those fascinated by the past. We take you to the events that have shaped our world through the eyes of the people who were there. For nine minutes every day, we take you back in time and all over the world, to examine wars, coups, scientific discoveries, cultural moments and much more. Recent episodes explore everything from football in Brazil, the history of the 'Indian Titanic' and the invention of air fryers, to Public Enemy's Fight The Power, subway art and the political crisis in Georgia.

We look at the lives of some of the most famous leaders, artists, scientists and personalities in history, including: visionary architect Antoni Gaudi and the design of the Sagrada Familia; Michael Jordan and his bespoke Nike trainers; Princess Diana at the Taj Mahal; and Görel Hanser, manager of legendary Swedish pop band Abba on the influence they've had on the music industry. You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, such as the time an Iraqi journalist hurled his shoes at the President of the United States in protest of America's occupation of Iraq; the creation of the Hollywood commercial that changed advertising forever; and the ascent of the first Aboriginal MP.

(Photo: Amazon Echo Plus smart speaker. Credit: Oily Curtis/Future via Getty Images)

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SAT 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjyyx956)

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SAT 05:32 Amazing Sport Stories (w3ct7hmk)

Fixing the Crazy Gang

Caroline Brouwer was one of very few women working in

English men's football in the 1980s - and she found her home in one of its most infamous dressing rooms.

The Wimbledon team of the late 1980s featured some of the game's most intimidating players: Vinnie Jones, Dennis Wise, John Fashanu. The press labelled them the 'Crazy Gang', notorious for their riotous behaviour and direct, physical tactics. Their fans loved them; the football establishment turned up their noses. But as they rose through the leagues, they became impossible to ignore.

As one of Wimbledon's physiotherapists, Caroline helped the players deal with the rigours of a punishing training regime, but also lent a sympathetic ear away from the dressing room. Then in 1988, she was on the touchline as the team faced their greatest challenge: an FA Cup final against Liverpool, the newly crowned champions of England. What happened next would make history.

Audio scenes have been re-created.

SAT 05:50 More or Less (w3ct5tr9)

Numbers of the year: Part two

We asked and you responded. This edition of 'numbers of the year' are from you, our loyal listeners. We scoured the inboxes to find three fascinating numbers that say something about the world we live in now and put them to our experts.

Tune if you want to hear about rising global temperatures, what Taylor Swift has in common with 65 years olds and facts about fax (machines).

Contributors:

Amanda Maycock, University of Leeds
Jennifer Dowd, University of Oxford

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Sound engineer: Rod Farquhar

SAT 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c7lmy)

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SAT 06:06 Weekend (w172zxcxy6z69js)

Trump dismisses hush money case sentence

Also in the programme: The latest on the political stand-off in South Korea where the suspended president, Yoon Suk Yeol, is still refusing to hand himself over to anti-corruption investigators, for having tried to impose martial law. And the story of a killer whale which has been spotted for the second time pushing the body of her dead newborn calf off the coast of the US state of Washington and British Columbia, in Canada. Joining presenter Paul Henley to discuss these and other stories are Paul Melly, journalist and consulting fellow for the Africa Programme at the Chatham House think-tank in London, and Isabel Hilton, journalist and founder of China Dialogue. (Picture: Former US President Donald Trump (L), with attorney Todd Blanche (R), speaks to reporters at the ends of today's proceedings in his hush money trial at Manhattan criminal court in New York, USA, 03 May 2024. Trump faces 34 felony counts of falsifying business records as part of an alleged scheme to silence claims of extramarital sexual encounters during his 2016 presidential campaign. Former US president Trump's hush money criminal trial continues in New York City, USA - 02 May 2024. Photo by Curtis Means/POOL/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock (14459639k)

SAT 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c75d2)

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SAT 07:06 Weekend (w172zxcxy6z6f8x)

EU delegation visits Syria

A high-level European Union delegation has travelled to Syria to lay out its expectations of the country's new leaders. The foreign ministers of Germany and France - Annalena Baerbock and Jean-Noel Barrot - were among officials who met Ahmed al-Sharaa in Damascus.

Also in the programme: the six-day state funeral for former US president, Jimmy Carter, begins today with activities planned in several US cities; and users of the social media platform TikTok fret over a looming ban in the country if its parent company is not sold by 19 January.

Joining presenter Paul Henley to discuss these and other stories are Paul Melly, a journalist and consulting fellow for the Africa Programme at the Chatham House think-tank in London, and Isabel Hilton, a journalist and founder of China Dialogue.

(Picture: French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock and Syria's newly appointed Foreign Minister Asaad Hassan al-Shibani pose for a picture, in Damascus, Syria January 3, 2025. Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham/Handout via REUTERS)

SAT 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c7946)

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SAT 08:06 Weekend (w172zxcy6z6k11)

Better future for Syria "not guaranteed"

Tobias Lindner, the German Federal Foreign Office Minister of State and Special Coordinator for Syria, has told Weekend that he expects Syria's new leaders to implement an inclusive transition process.

Also in the programme: the US Surgeon-General, Vivek Murthy, has proposed that alcoholic drinks should carry warnings about the risks of cancer; and a State of Emergency has been declared in Trinidad and Tobago over escalating gang violence.

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(Picture: People gather to celebrate the opposition takeover of Damascus, following the Friday prayers, at Umayyad Square in Damascus, Syria, 13 December 2024. Hay'at Tahrir Al-Sham (HTS) leader Abu Mohammad Al-Jolani called on people across the country to celebrate 'the victory of the revolution' on 13 December, following the capture of Damascus and the overthrow of Bashar al-Assad on 08 December 2024. Photo by MOHAMMED AL RIFA/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SAT 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c7dwb)

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SAT 09:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rcr)

How going viral changed my life

Despite its many grim news headlines, 2024 had its share of fun moments on social media, bringing whole internet communities together and changing the lives of the people involved. Sometimes these were the result of a post that went viral, others were completely accidental.

"I'm looking for a man in finance ..." is the opening line of one of the most viewed, copied and remixed social media posts of the year. The woman behind it, Megan Boni, aka TikTok's Girl on Couch, invented the rhyme as a jokey description of the perfect man she and her single friends would like to meet. She posted it one evening, and the internet went wild ... "I woke up the next morning to a million views, and it just kept going up and up and up and I was like cool, this is fun. And then I had my friend who works in music and she was like, 'record labels want to speak to you!'"

Internet fame has changed Megan's life, and it's been a similar story for Scottish actor Kirsty Paterson. Kirsty was photographed looking dejected in a sad green Oompa Loompa wig at possibly the world's worst Willie Wonka-inspired event ever. The picture, which she hates, was shared around the world, and the initial publicity led to a slew of vicious replies. "I looked like a six year old drug addict and I should 'just get a facelift or kill myself'. That was one of the hundreds of comments ..." she says. But some months later, she's grateful for the very positive effect it's had on her career, with jobs in LA and London that would never have otherwise come her way.

Megan and Kirsty are joined by Kelley Heyer, the inventor of the Charli XCX 'Apple Dance', and Auri Kananen, Finnish queen of housecleaning videos, to discuss what it's like to 'go viral', and what happens next.

Hosted by Luke Jones.

A Boffin Media production with producer Anne McNaught in partnership with the BBC OS team and producer Iqra Farooq.

(Photo: Auri Kananen in one her cleaning videos. Credit: Auri Kananen)

SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjyxs4q)

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SAT 09:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v1n)

Should under-16s be banned from social media?

We look at Australian plans to limit social media use for teenagers. Plus three young women from India, Nigeria and the

US share their top online stories of the last 12 months: Haleigh Hurst, 21, is from Oklahoma, in the US, Oluwakemi - known as Kemi - Adeyemi, 26, is in Lagos, Nigeria, and Maanvi Sharma is 28 and lives in Delhi in India.

SAT 09:50 Over to You (w3ct5ttw)

Our listeners' panel looks ahead to 2025

For our first show of the new year, four listeners from Brazil, the US, the UK and Italy set the agenda for what they would like from the BBC World Service in the coming year. Do they want different types of programmes, does news fatigue affect them, and how much do they feel the BBC World Service is still needed in 2025?

Presenter: Rajan Datar
Producer: Howard Shannon

A Whistledown production for the BBC World Service

SAT 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c7jmg)

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SAT 10:06 Sportshour (w3ct5qbt)

Checkmate with Victor Wembanyama

NBA star Victor Wembanyama playing one-on-one with fans in a New York park is something you would not expect – even more so when it was not basketball he was playing, but chess. Sportshour's Katie Smith meets Dylan Rittman, one of Wembanyama's chess opponents for an unlikely duel in the park.

With the new world darts champion crowned, what impact is the sport having around the world? South Africa's nine-time World Championship participant Devon Petersen shares his thoughts and how he's using darts to help young people with their maths.

James Cooper ran a marathon every single day in 2024 for charity, so after 366 marathons in 366 days, how does he feel now the challenge is completed?

It's the start of a new year so the time when many people may decide to make new year's resolutions, but trying to keep them is not always easy. Dr Kimberley Dawson, a professor in sport psychology at Wilfrid Laurier University in Canada, shares her tips on achieving goals.

And find out about the sport of Tiro en Braille which started in a university classroom in Mexico.

Image: San Antonio Spurs player Victor Wembanyama playing chess in Washington Square Park in New York. (Credit: Dylan Rittman)

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SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqq09b0vrX)

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SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjy0mz)

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SAT 11:32 Health Check (w3ct5t9r)

A Malawi 'Spay Day'

Claudia Hammond is in Malawi exploring the concept of One Health, where the health of humans, animals and the environment are all linked.

Today we're visiting a makeshift roadside operating theatre for dogs in the village of Kauma, just outside of Lilongwe. During the 'Spay Day', vets from the Lilongwe Society for the Protection and Care of Animals neuter local dogs for free, in an attempt to protect both dogs, and people, from rabies.

We find out how this work feeds into the bigger picture of One Health in Malawi, and Claudia has a go at being a veterinary assistant...

Presenter: Claudia Hammond
Producer: Sophie Ormiston

SAT 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c7s3q)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 12:06 World Book Club (w3ct5r3y)

Anne Holt: 1,222

A special programme from the largest public literature house in Europe, Litteraturhuset in Oslo. Harriett Gilbert is joined by one of Scandinavia's most successful crime writers, Anne Holt. Her novel 1.222 is a tense, twisty story set during a snowstorm in an isolated mountain hotel, a reference to the fact that the hotel is one thousand, two hundred and twenty-two metres above sea level. It features her series detective Hanne Wilhelmsen, no longer in the police force due to being paralysed by a bullet that hit her in the back. Murder, intrigue and a lot of snow pulls her back into what she does best.

Image: Anne Holt (Credit: Lars Eivind Bonen)

SAT 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c7wvv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 13:06 Newshour (w172zb99kx5rbt)

Concerns over Syrian leadership's new school curriculum

German officials have told the BBC that a decision by the new Islamist authorities in Syria to erase evolution from the school curriculum is troubling - a concern that is echoed by many Syrians. We hear from Germany's Special Coordinator for Syria and from Syrian writer Rima Flihan.

Also on the programme: The US Surgeon General has called for risk warnings on alcoholic beverages, similar to the labels on cigarettes, following new research that links the drinks to seven types of cancer; and why a New York judge is insisting on sentencing US president-elect Donald Trump days before his inauguration.

(Photo: Head of Hayat Tahrir al-Sham and Syria's de facto leader, Ahmed al-Sharaa, meets with German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock, French Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot and Syria's newly appointed Foreign Minister Asaad Hassan al-Shibani, in Damascus, Syria January 3, 2025. Credit: Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham/Handout via REUTERS)

SAT 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c80lz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w172zbn7p3hz9qf)

Live Sporting Action

Lee James presents live commentary of Manchester City against West Ham United with guests joining to look ahead to the weekend's action.

There will be a chance to hear from F1 Academy champion Abbi Pulling and we'll preview tennis' first Grand Slam of the year with the Australian Open a week away from getting underway.

Photo: Josko Gvardiol of Manchester City and Emerson of West Ham during the Premier League match between West Ham United FC and Manchester City FC at London Stadium on August 31, 2024 in London, England. (Credit: Offside via Getty Images)

SAT 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c8hllh)

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SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqq09b1pzt)

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SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjy0mzv)

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SAT 18:32 Amazing Sport Stories (w3ct7hmk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]

SAT 18:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wfk)

The ice hockey team sponsored by Colonel Gaddafi

In 1987, Colonel Gaddafi, sponsored a struggling German ice hockey team called ECD Iserlohn.

The Libyan dictator paid a million dollars for the team to wear an image of his infamous "Green Book" on their kits, but the sponsorship deal outraged fans and became a media scandal.

In 2017, David Prest spoke to former Iserlohn player, Early Spry, and the writer, Gabriel Luis Manga. A Whistledown production.

Eye-witness accounts brought to life by archive and testimony. Sporting Witness is for those fascinated by sporting history. We take you to the events that have shaped the sports world through the eyes of the people who were there. For nine minutes, you become a fan in the stands as we take you back in time to

examine memorable victories and agonising defeats from all over the world. You'll hear from people who have achieved sporting immortality, or those who were there as incredible sporting moments unfolded.

Recent episodes explore the forgotten football Women's World Cup, the plasterer who fought a boxing legend, international football's biggest ever beating and the man who swam the Amazon river. We look at the lives of some of the most famous F1 drivers, tennis players and athletes as well as people who've had ground-breaking impact in their chosen sporting field, including: the most decorated Paralympian, the woman who was the number 1 squash player in the world for nine years, and the first figure skater to wear a hijab. You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, such as the tennis player who escaped the Nazis, how a man finally beat a horse in a race, and how the FIFA computer game was created.

(Photo: ECD Iserlohn player in Colonel Gaddafi kit. Credit: Alamy)

SAT 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c8mbm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 19:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjf)

Can RFK Jr 'make America healthy again'?

Robert F Kennedy Jr, nephew of America's 35th President, John F. Kennedy, has been nominated to be the next US health secretary by President-elect Donald Trump. The post oversees everything from medical research to food safety and public welfare programmes.

Kennedy has been the face of "Make America Healthy Again", a movement dedicated to "public health, sustainable practices and a government that truly serves the people".

This week of The Inquiry, we look at how MAHA wants to tackle chronic disease, in particular obesity. Will RFK carry these ideas into public office? How will food corporations and colleagues in the US Congress react? How feasible is it for the US Health Secretary to shift the dial on healthy eating?

Contributors:

Bill Dietz, Director of the Stop Obesity Alliance at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., US
 Matthew Bartlett, a Republican strategist and former Trump State Department official, US
 Professor Jerold Mande, CEO of Nourish Science, US
 Professor Colleen Heflin, Professor of public administration and international affairs at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, US

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 Editor: Tara McDermott

Photo Credit: Bloomberg via GettyImages

SAT 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjyyzm0)

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SAT 19:32 Happy News (w3ct5sqq)

The Happy Pod: The professionals and tradespeople cleaning up Ghana

Meet the Buz Stop Boys, a group of volunteers helping to clean the streets of Ghana. Also, the treehouse escape for people with chronic illnesses, and the Hawaiian crow which went extinct in 2002 returns to the wild.

Presenter: Nick Miles.
 Music: Iona Hampson

SAT 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c8r2r)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qkl)

Thai director Pat Boonitpat

Welcome to the first Arts Hour of 2025! Nikki Bedi is joined by cultural critic Karen Krizanovich.

Oscar winning Australian actor Cate Blanchett talks about the surreal film Rumours, in which she plays a hair-sprayed German Chancellor... alongside a giant brain!

British actor Daniel Craig and Italian director Luca Guadagnino

on their film Queer....definitely a change from James Bond!

Kelsey Mann, the Director of Inside Out 2...the highest grossing animated film ever...talks about its audience appeal.

And the extraordinary Indian actor Tabu, currently starring in the series Dune Prophecy, discusses the changing nature of Sci-Fi films and her decades-long, impressive career.

Also on the show, New Zealand actor and producer Robyn Malcolm chats about feeling liberated on screen in her outstanding TV series After the Party.
 There's music from the South African group, The Joy.

And Nikki talks to the Thai director Pat Boonitpat about his heart-warming box office barnstormer; the Oscar-shortlisted How to Make Millions Before Grandma Dies.

Producer Lucy Collingwood

(Photo: Usha Seamkhum and Pat Boonitpat at a screening of "How To Make Millions Before Grandma Dies", 20 November 2024 in Los Angeles, California. Credit: Dan Steinberg / Shelter PR via Getty Images)

SAT 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c8vtt)

Former US President Jimmy Carter's State Funeral begins

A bell tolls 39 times outside the childhood home of the 39th President of the United States, Jimmy Carter, as commemorations for his life and service to his country begin. We hear from his grandson and Democrat activist, Angelo Fuster who was working in the state capitol of Georgia when Jimmy Carter entered politics in the 1960s.

Also on the programme: A supporter of the new government in Syria defends its decision to remove the teaching of evolution from the school classroom; and how the new teenage darts champion of the world is helping the game attract talent even younger.

(Photo: A military body bearer team carries the casket of former President Jimmy Carter Credit: Brynn Anderson/Pool via REUTERS)

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SAT 22:32 This Is Africa (w3ct5y62)

DJ Maphorisa

This Is Africa kicks off 2025 with a rare opportunity to get up close to one of the most influential creatives on the African continent, DJ Maphorisa. He's one of the pioneers of amapiano, the South African genre that fuses deep house, kwaito, and jazz sounds. The scene began underground in parties in Pretoria, and has now exploded globally.

In 2019, Maphorisa joined forces with the immensely talented Kabza de Small to become The Scorpion Kings. They can take a lot of the credit for getting the whole world dancing to amapiano's distinctive tempo, repetitive piano melodies and catchy basslines.

In this programme, DJ Maphorisa tells DJ Edu how he realised the potential of amapiano thanks to a comment by his friend Wizkid, the Nigerian Afrobeats superstar. He also describes

how he and Kabza de Small work together, and how his collaboration with one of the first female vocalists to feature on amapiano, Sha Sha, was thanks to a chance conversation with a taxi driver.

SAT 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c93b4)

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SAT 23:06 The Documentary (w3ct7f64)

The dogs of Palermo

In Palermo, and across Southern Italy, there are two main types of stray dog. There are the semi-wild packs that live on the edge of human settlements, and then there are the cani di quartiere: dogs of the neighbourhood. These dogs are known by everyone and owned by no-one. They sprawl out for naps in the middle of the pavement, frequent the same butchers for their scraps, play with the neighbourhood kids, and have friends - canine and human - all over the territory. Unlike strays in other parts of Europe, they aren't rounded up and treated as a nuisance. They are protected by law, which guarantees their freedom as long as they are not a danger to people, animals, or property. There is a mutual relationship of reciprocity and respect between the residents and these dogs. Their lives are celebrated and their losses mourned, sometimes even with funerals, public art, and eulogies in the local paper.

Since moving to Palermo from Amsterdam two years ago, British writer and producer Georgia Walker has been fascinated by the lives of these animals, and what they mean to the city. But during that time, she's also seen how their numbers are dwindling due to changing attitudes, sterilisation, and the impact of tourism. In the Anthropocene, and amid ecosystem collapse, the programme asks whether this relationship of reciprocity and care can allow us to imagine different ways of living with other species and our natural world.

Image: Bianchina, one of Palermo's cani di quartiere (Credit: Georgia Walker)

SAT 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjyyzlj)

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SAT 23:32 Assignment (w3ct5mtw)

The human cost of developing Cambodia's Angkor wonder

Tourists are flooding to Cambodia's "8th wonder of the world," the ancient temple complex at Angkor. But the rapid expansion of the site comes at a terrible cost, as tens of thousands of people are ousted. The authorities call some "illegal squatters" and claim others volunteered to leave. But human rights groups say the evictions are forced, illegal and target families who've worked the land for generations. Many say they're now debt-ridden and struggling to survive. Jill McGivering travelled to Angkor to meet those at the heart of the crisis.

Produced by Caroline Finnigan
 Mixed by David Smith
 Production Coordinator Gemma Ashman
 Editor Penny Murphy

(Image: Children in Angkor. Credit: Getty/Aurelie1)

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SUN 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c9728)

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SUN 00:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rcr)

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SUN 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjyyzbn)

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SUN 00:32 Amazing Sport Stories (w3ct7hmk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

SUN 00:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wfk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c9btd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 01:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:06 on Saturday]

SUN 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjjyzq2s)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 01:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69jp)

Fighting crime with kitchen spoons

A few years ago, the town of Anam in Southern Nigeria was known for all the wrong reasons: high levels of crime and knife and gun violence. A group of local women, known as 'umquadas', decided to take matters into their own hands and confronted criminals with... their kitchen spoons. BBC Igbo editor Adline Okere, who is an umquada herself, has the story. Plus, how Subaganam Kannan's passion for filming ants in his own house led him to make a viral video for BBC Tamil, and a train journey through Thailand and Laos with Thuong Le from BBC Vietnamese.

Produced by Alice Gioia and Hannah Dean.

(Photo: Faranak Amidi. Credit: Tricia Yourkevich.)

SUN 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c9gkj)

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SUN 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbgq09b2nyv)

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SUN 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjjyzttx)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 02:32 Health Check (w3ct5t9r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:32 on Saturday]

SUN 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c9l9n)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 03:06 World Book Club (w3ct5r3y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c9q1s)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sjw)

Mexico prepares for Trump 2.0

Pascale Harter introduces correspondents' and writers' stories from Mexico, Lebanon and Tanzania.

2024 was a Presidential election year in both the United States and Mexico - but the outcomes were very different. Now the relations between these near neighbours could get shakier - as President Trump threatens tariffs and mass deportations, while Claudia Sheinbaum still has to battle Mexico's narco cartels and a booming trade in fentanyl. Will Grant takes a look at the threats and opportunities ahead for both nations.

Exactly fifty years ago, Jim Muir drove into Beirut to take up a post at the Daily Star, then Lebanon's main English-language newspaper. He had thought that the "Switzerland of the Middle East" would make for a good base for observing and reporting on the rest of the region. But as he recalls, it wasn't long until events began to move faster - and more dangerously - around him. After witnessing decades of war, truce and then war again, he's still in love with Lebanon.

It's the season for New Year resolutions - and self-improvement is often the focus. But perhaps the journey to reaching your goals is just as important as hitting the milestones. Reha Kansara reveals how climbing Kilimanjaro, in Tanzania, revealed that conquering her own perfectionism ended up being more important than getting to the summit.

Producer: Polly Hope

Editor: Richard Fenton-Smith

Production coordinator: Katie Morrison

Image: Claudia Sheinbaum, Mexico's president, during a news conference at the National Palace in Mexico City, Mexico. Photographer: Stephanie Corpi/Bloomberg via Getty Images

SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjjz02b5)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 04:32 Trending (w3ct5y9p)

Valencia's floods: Engineered weather?

The people of Valencia are still trying to come to terms with the events of 29 October: in a matter of hours, the Spanish city was

hit by flash floods, leaving behind a trail of death and destruction.

But, as news of the floods began circulating on social media, so did rumours about the supposed causes behind the torrential rain. "This is not normal weather", suggested one tweet seen more than a million times, "This is weather warfare manipulated by HAARP."

Claims that the weather is being manipulated through the High-frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP), an atmospheric research programme first developed by the US military, are not new. And yet, as many extreme weather events become more frequent and intense, these lies appear to be finding new audiences.

So, what is the truth about HAARP? Why are people turning to widely debunked conspiracy theories to explain natural disasters fuelled by climate change? And why is that a problem?

Reporter: Marco Silva

Editor: Flora Carmichael

SUN 04:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct5wfk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday]

SUN 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c9tsx)

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SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w172zbgq09b3167)

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SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjjz0629)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 05:32 The Documentary (w3ct7l64)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:06 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37c9yk1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 06:06 Weekend (w172zxcyc6z9b60)

Biden administration to send more arms to Israel

Long: The Biden administration is planning to send arms worth 8 billion dollars to Israel just two weeks before it leaves office. The plans will need approval by congress.

Also in the programme: the Austrian chancellor, Karl Nehammer, has said he'll resign after coalition talks about forming a coalition government between the country's two biggest centrist parties collapsed; and the first congestion charge scheme for vehicles in the US has been introduced in New York City.

Joining presenter Paul Henley to discuss these and other stories are Shiva Rahbaran, a writer and researcher whose work focuses on the relationship between freedom and art, and Alex Andreou, a writer, broadcaster and actor based in London.

(Picture: U.S. President Joe Biden addresses the recent killings in New Orleans on the day he delivers remarks on securing 235 judicial confirmations, at the White House in Washington, U.S., January 2, 2025. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque/File Photo)

SUN 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37cb295)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 07:06 Weekend (w172zxcyc6z9b60)

President Biden planning to send more arms to Israel

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Also in the programme: with events to mark the death of the former US President Jimmy Carter taking place in several US cities, we ask what the failures of his presidency were; plus a look back at how the past year defined the rise of the "woke" concept and what the future holds for it in the US and UK.

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(Picture: An Israeli soldier mans a machine gun atop a military vehicle as they leave the buffer zone on the border between Israel and Syria, near the Druze village of Majdal Shams, in the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights, 20 December 2024. Israel's

military said that its troops are conducting 'defense activities' along the border with Syria in the Golan Heights, northern Golan Heights, and Mount Hermon, to prevent 'any threat' from 'terrorist elements' in the area.

Israel boosts troop presence on Golan Heights amid developments in Syria, Majdal Shams - 20 Dec 2024. Photo by ATEF SAFADI/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

SUN 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37cb619)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 08:06 Weekend (w172zxcyc6z9fy4)

South Koreans rally for and against Yoon arrest

Thousands of rival protesters have defied extremely cold conditions and heavy snow to gather in the South Korean capital, Seoul, to express their support for and against the impeached president, Yoon Suk Yeol.

Also in the programme: the Austrian chancellor, Karl Nehammer, has said he'll resign after coalition talks about forming a coalition government between the country's two biggest centrist parties collapsed; and the first congestion charge scheme for vehicles in the US has been introduced in New York City.

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(Picture: Pro-Yoon protesters attend a rally in support of impeached South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol near his official residence on a snowy day, in Seoul, South Korea, January 5, 2025. REUTERS/Tyrene Sui)

SUN 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37cb9sf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sjw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today]

SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjjz0p1t)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 09:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xn3)

First impressions of a new food culture

Strawberries at the airport when meeting your future husband for the first time, finally tasting world famous fish and chips and wondering why on earth the pasta is green.

These are some of this week's stories of first impressions of food in a new country.

Devina Gupta visits a multilingual cooking class in Manchester, UK, to find out how language, culture and food help people find a home in a new part of the world..

She speaks to a chef who fled Ukraine when the war started and now runs a restaurant in the Netherlands. Nathalia adapted to life there very quickly, but still can't comprehend why the Dutch eat toast for every meal.

Mariyam and Marius share their love story from across continents, and talk about the dishes - and those strawberries - which brought them together when they finally met.

If you would like to get in touch with the show, please email: thefoodchain@bbc.co.uk

Presenter: Devina Gupta

Producer: Hannah Bewley

Translation: Irena Taranyuk

(Image: Devina Gupta has afternoon tea. Credit: BBC)

SUN 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37cbfjk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tx4)

Restoring nature for all

Myra Anubi visits a major project in the north of England that's restoring a damaged landscape. Haweswater in the Lake District is an area of stunning natural beauty but over the years it's been degraded by humans and livestock. This has created flood risks and reduced biodiversity. But now work is underway to restore the site to benefit both people and the environment. Rivers have been 'rewiggled', peat bogs repaired, and new trees planted. Myra also visits an innovative scheme in the area that's using

old Christmas trees to repair damaged river banks.

People Fixing The World from the BBC is about brilliant solutions to the world's problems. We'd love you to let us know what you think and to hear about your own solutions. You can contact us on WhatsApp by messaging +44 8000 321721 or email peoplefixingtheworld@bbc.co.uk. And please leave us a review on your chosen podcast provider.

Presenter: Myra Anubi
Producer: Richard Kenny
Editor: Jon Bithrey
Sound mix: Gareth Jones

(Image: Annabel Rushton and Glen Swainson of the RSPB with Myra Anubi, BBC)

SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjyz0ssy)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69jp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 01:32 today]

SUN 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37cbk8p)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqq09b3rp0)
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SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjyz0xk2)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:32 Trending (w3ct5y9p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct5tr9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

SUN 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37cbp0t)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rerc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

SUN 12:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjyz1196)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:32 Assignment (w3ct5mtw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:32 on Saturday]

SUN 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37chsry)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 13:06 Newshour (w172zb99kx8n7x)
Rival protests in Seoul as impeached president continues to resist arrest

Thousands of rival demonstrators have been protesting in South Korea's capital Seoul where the impeached president President Yoon Suk Yeol is refusing to hand himself in to investigators.

Also on the programme: Venezuela's opposition leader, Edmundo Gonzalez, is touring South America ahead of the inauguration of Nicolas Maduro who he insists lost last year's presidential election; and we ask - after 15 months of war - is there anywhere in Gaza where Palestinians can still get medical treatment?
And we'll hear the sound of a prison choir from Mississippi.

Photo: People take part in a protest against the impeached South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol near his official residence in Seoul, South Korea, January 5, 2025. (Credit: REUTERS/Tyrone Siu)

SUN 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37cbxj2)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wsv)
How is climate change affecting animal migration?

Every year, the great migration sees hundreds of thousands of wildebeest, gazelles, zebras and antelopes migrate from the Serengeti plains in Tanzania to the Maasai Mara in Kenya, in search of water and juicy grass. But rising temperatures and

unpredictable weather are changing this epic animal journey dramatically. It's the same for great white sharks, which are being spotted in areas where they'd never normally live.

Tanzanian safari guide Neema Amos takes us into the Serengeti to explain why the wildebeest migration is so important. And shark expert Trisha Atwood reveals how these changes affect not just the animals, but our fight against climate change itself.

Presenter Sophie Eastaugh is joined by:
Neema Amos, Safari Guide in Tanzania
Trisha Atwood, Associate Professor of Watershed Sciences at Utah State University
Joseph Ogutu, Senior Statistician at University of Hohenheim

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Producers: Sophie Eastaugh and Octavia Woodward
Editors: Graihagh Jackson and Tom Bigwood
Series Producer: Simon Watts
Sound design and mixing: Tom Brignell
Production Coordinator: Brenda Brown

Archive from the Sir David Attenborough programme, 'Wildebeest: The Super Herd', BBC Two, 2008

This programme was first broadcast in March 2024

SUN 14:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjyz18sg)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:32 Happy News (w3ct5sqp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]

SUN 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37cc186)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w172zbn7p3j2bcn)
Live Sporting Action

Sportsworld is back in 2025 with more Premier League commentaries, and they don't come much bigger than Liverpool against Manchester United. We will look ahead to the game with our Fans Panel, and former Cameroon defender Sébastien Bassong joins Delyth Lloyd to look back over all of the weekend's action.

With Spain's La Liga and Germany's Bundesliga still on their winter break, EuroStars will take a deep dive into Italy's Serie A. Plus, there'll be the latest from the fifth and final Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series between Australia and India, and South Africa and Pakistan.

Photo: Mohamed Salah of Liverpool battles with Casemiro of Manchester United during the Premier League match between Manchester United FC and Liverpool FC at Old Trafford on September 1, 2024 in Manchester, England. (Credit: Offside via Getty Images)

SUN 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37ccj7q)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqq09b4qn1)
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SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjyz1w1j3)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tls)
Contemporary Artist Tomás Saraceno

If you think of an artist's studio you might picture a room, bright with light and splattered with paint. You must forget that image when you visit the Argentinian artist Tomás Saraceno. His studio is two big and old industrial units, covered in graffiti, in what was East Berlin. This was where the company AGFA developed and made the chemicals that made colour photography possible. The ground is so polluted Saraceno's lease forbids him from growing any vegetables, and this matters to this environmentally concerned artist. But the industrial past of Studio Saraceno is fitting as Tomás' work is highly technical. Here he has an architecture department, an arachnid research laboratory and an engineering works. He has about 40 people working on different projects.

Tomás talks to Julian May about some of his projects, including Aerocene - sculptural hot air balloons that ascend and fly without the use of any fossil fuels, by capturing the reflected heat of the sun. Tomás's ambition is to create a kind of slow aviation, in which his balloons will travel around the globe on predictable air currents.

Producer: Julian May.

(Image: Argentinian artist Tomás Saraceno, with kind permission)

SUN 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37ccmzr)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5qz2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]

SUN 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37ccrqq)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 21:06 Newshour (w172zb99kx9m6y)
Musk: Farage 'doesn't have what it takes' to be Reform UK leader

Nigel Farage, the leader of the right-wing Reform UK party, has suggested this was due to a disagreement over the tech billionaire's support for jailed far-right figure Tommy Robinson.

Also on the programme: Ukraine has launched a new offensive in Russia's Kursk region; and we hear from a young Alawite woman in the Syrian city of Homs as the community there feel threatened by a HTS security operation.

(Photo: Reform UK party treasurer Nick Candy with Nigel Farage and Elon Musk at Mar-A-Lago, the Florida home of US President Elect Donald Trump in December 2024. Credit: Stuart Mitchell/Reform UK/PA Wire)

SUN 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37ccwh3)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqq09b52wf)
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SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjyz27rh)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct69jp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 01:32 today]

SUN 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfj37cd077)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:06 The Climate Question (w3ct5wsv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 today]

SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbjyz2chm)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 23:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v1n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:32 on Saturday]

SUN 23:50 Over to You (w3ct5ttw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

MONDAY 06 JANUARY 2025

MON 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnhz7j)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 00:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sjw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx786bhx)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 00:32 Trending (w3ct5y9p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 on Sunday]

MON 00:50 More or Less (w3ct5tr9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

MON 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnj2zn)
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MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqckm99cz)

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MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx786g81)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 01:32 Discovery (w3ct5rns)

Inside Health: Can Insomnia be fixed?

Perhaps you couldn't drift off, or maybe you woke in the middle of the night and then couldn't nod off again. In this edition of Inside Health we're talking all about insomnia. It's an issue that may affect many of us at some point in our lives – but for some it goes beyond a short period of not being able to sleep and becomes something more serious. James is joined by a trio of experts ready to answer to them: Dr Allie Hare, president of the British Sleep Society and consultant physician in sleep medicine at the Royal Brompton Hospital, Colin Espie, a professor of sleep medicine at Oxford University and Dr Faith Orchard, a lecturer in psychology at Sussex University. We're going to find out why we get insomnia, when to seek help and how much factors like ageing, menopause, needing the loo or shift work matter. And we'll look at the latest advice and treatments. Can insomnia be fixed?

MON 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghn6qs)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqckm9f43)

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MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx786l05)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 02:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rj8)

Why am I embarrassed when I fall?

When listener Diana fell on a run on her birthday, her first instinct was not to check her bruised hand, but instead to get up as quickly as possible and act as if nothing had happened. She felt embarrassed. Meanwhile, her son Marley loves to watch fail videos that, mostly, show people falling over. So why does falling – something that can cause serious injury – elicit both embarrassment and laughter?

In the name of CrowdScience, presenter Caroline Steel trips, stumbles and falls. She spends a morning with clown Sean Kempton who teaches her slapstick skills, including how to do it safely.

Psychologist Rowland Miller explains why falling can be embarrassing and shares his theory of why humans have developed this emotion in the first place. Then it's time for Caroline to try out Diana's predicament herself. If a BBC presenter falls in a park, will she feel embarrassed?

From embarrassment to laughter, psychologist Janet Gibson lists the ingredients of a funny fall, and humour expert Caleb Warren explains how they can get funnier with distance. Then Caroline tries, semi-successfully, to make members of the public laugh. Will clown Sean do a better job?

Presenter: Caroline Steel

Producer: Florian Bohr

Editor: Cathy Edwards

Production coordinators: Ishmael Soriano

Sound engineers: Bob Nettles, Tim Heffer and Giles Aspen

MON 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnjbgx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 03:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct5tx4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Sunday]

MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx786pr9)

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MON 03:32 Pick of the World (w3ct5v1n)

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MON 03:50 Over to You (w3ct5ttw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:50 on Saturday]

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MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqckm9nmc)

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MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx786thf)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x0n)

Women turning pain into art

Chronic illness - and the pain it often brings - affects millions globally. But while women are more likely to experience chronic pain, they're less likely to receive adequate treatment. Ella Al-Shamahi speaks to two women who have transformed their experiences with pain and chronic illness into powerful creative expression.

Polly Crosby is a British author living with cystic fibrosis. Feeling invisible in the stories she grew up reading, she was inspired to write *The Vulpine*, a young adult novel deeply rooted in her personal experiences: the protagonist's condition closely reflects Polly's own. Polly is dedicated to portraying characters with disabilities and chronic conditions authentically, without invoking pity or hero-worship.

Lavi Picu is a Romanian-Canadian interdisciplinary artist and Lyme disease advocate. She uses painting, drawing, and poetry as therapeutic tools to manage her condition while raising awareness for chronic illness. Lavi's art acts as a visual aid to, in her words, "make the invisible visible".

Produced by Emily Naylor

Image: (L) Polly Crosby credit Archant. (R) Lavi Picu courtesy of Lavi Picu.)

MON 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnjz5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 05:06 Newsday (w172zbfkffwbpnr)

South Korean investigators pass arrest responsibility to the police

In South Korea, criminal investigators have only ten hours left to detain President Yoon Suk Yeol before a warrant for his arrest runs out. Yoon has already been impeached following his short lived imposition of martial law. We'll head live to Seoul.

A state of emergency has been declared across a huge swathe of the United States which has been hit by winter storm Blair. Deep snow and freezing conditions have led to millions of people being told to stay home in seven states. We'll hear from Kansas.

Ukrainian forces in the Russian region of Kursk have launched a renewed offensive. Russia has played down the attack.

The Egyptian opposition figure Abdul Rahman al-Qaradawi has been arrested in Lebanon. His supporters fear he will be extradited to Egypt where he faces terrorism charges.

In Ethiopia thousands of people have been evacuated as increased seismic activity raises fears of a major earthquake.

We hear about moves to increase the safety of female athletes in Kenya.

And in sport we'll hear about the tiny Spanish club that's about to take on the mighty Real Madrid.

(Picture: Pro-Yoon demonstrators attend a rally in support of impeached South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol near his official residence in Seoul, South Korea, January 6, 2025; Credit: Reuters)

MON 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnjpq9)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 06:06 Newsday (w172zbfkffwbtcw)

Blinken visits South Korea amid political unrest

Supporters of impeached South Korean president Yoon Suk Yeol are still on the streets outside the presidential palace as the deadline for his arrest approaches. The US Secretary of State Antony Blinken is in South Korea where he has met with acting president Choi Sang-mok.

Ukraine has launched an offensive in the Kursk region of Russia. Kyiv occupied a portion of the Russian territory five months ago and is hoping that its activities there will take the pressure off its forces in eastern Ukraine.

Conservationists in Spain and Portugal have succeeded in bringing a species of wildcat back from the brink of extinction.

In the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo, the M23 rebels are reported to have captured the town of Masisi.

The president of Venezuela's national assembly Jorge Rodriguez has reiterated calls for the exiled political leader Edmundo Gonzalez to be arrested. Mr Gonzalez has been visiting other Latin American nations to gain support for his claim to be the country's legitimate president.

(Picture: South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Tae-Yul (R) speaks during a joint press conference with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken (L) at the government complex in Seoul, South Korea, 06 January 2025; Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

MON 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnjtfg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 07:06 Newsday (w172zbfkffwby40)

Deadline to arrest impeached South Korean president approaches

In South Korea time is running out for criminal investigators to arrest Yoon Suk Yeol, with the warrant set to expire later today. Supporters of the impeached president have been on the streets outside the presidential palace to block his arrest.

Ukraine has launched an offensive in the Kursk region of Russia as it seeks to expand on the territory it seized when its forces crossed the border five months ago.

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(Picture: People take part in a protest against the impeached South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol near his official residence in Seoul, South Korea, January 6, 2025; Credit: Reuters)

MON 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnjy6k)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t07)

Frank Skinner: What unites his many sides?

Stephen Sackur speaks to stand-up comedian, and broadcaster Frank Skinner, who also happens to be a writer on poetry, religion and much more. Football and sex were, and are, the staples of much of his humour, but he's never been a one-trick pony. What unites his many facets?

MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx7879gy)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5t7l)

What's next for the global economy in 2025?

How will countries handle challenges like rising debt, inflation, and political tensions? And what new opportunities might arise as the world adapts?

The BBC's Economics Editor, Faisal Islam, and our Chief Economics Correspondent, Dharshini David, join Ed Butler to discuss the year ahead.

If you would like to get in touch with the show, please email: businessdaily@bbc.co.uk

Producer: Izzy Greenfield

(Picture: Numbers 2-0-2-5 printed on blocks of wood, each sitting on top of a stack of coins. Credit: Getty Images)

MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yh7)

Marie Kondo

In 2011, Japanese tidying expert Marie Kondo's first book *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up* was published.

Overnight she went from tidying other people's homes to being known around the world for her KonMari method.

It encourages people to only keep items that spark joy and to

sort by category, not location.

Now a best-selling author with hundreds of her consultants decluttering homes around the globe, Marie speaks to Megan Jones.

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Recent episodes explore everything from football in Brazil, the history of the 'Indian Titanic' and the invention of air fryers, to Public Enemy's Fight The Power, subway art and the political crisis in Georgia. We look at the lives of some of the most famous leaders, artists, scientists and personalities in history, including: visionary architect Antoni Gaudi and the design of the Sagrada Familia; Michael Jordan and his bespoke Nike trainers; Princess Diana at the Taj Mahal; and Görel Hanser, manager of legendary Swedish pop band Abba on the influence they've had on the music industry. You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, such as the time an Iraqi journalist hurled his shoes at the President of the United States in protest of America's occupation of Iraq; the creation of the Hollywood commercial that changed advertising forever; and the ascent of the first Aboriginal MP.

(Photo: Marie Kondo. Credit: Axelle/Bauer-Griffin/FilmMagic via Getty Images.)

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MON 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmb8c0)

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MON 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnk5pt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n2w)

The Boxing Day tsunami, and Alexa's creation

Max Pearson presents a collection of the week's Witness History episodes.

We hear two stories from the deadly 2004 Boxing Day tsunami, which killed thousands of people in south-east Asia.

Our expert guest is Ani Naqvi, a former journalist who was on holiday in Sri Lanka when the wave hit.

We also hear from the two Polish students who created the voice of Alexa, the smart speaker.

Plus, the story of Klaus Fuchs, the German-born physicist who passed nuclear secrets to the Soviet Union while working on the first atomic bomb.

Finally, we find out about Robert Ripley, the American cartoonist who made millions from sharing bizarre facts.

Contributors:

Choodamani and Karibeeran Paramesvaran – couple whose three children died in the Boxing Day tsunami.

Dendy Montgomery – photographer who captured the tsunami devastation.

Ani Naqvi – former journalist who was caught up in the tsunami.

Lukasz Osowski and Michal Kaszczuk – creators of Alexa.

Klaus Fuchs-Kittowski – nephew of atomic spy Klaus Fuchs.

John Corcoran – director of exhibits at Ripley's.

(Photo: Tsunami devastation in Indonesia. Credit: Getty Images)

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MON 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dmd)

The global surrogacy boom

Surrogacy is a booming global industry generating billions of dollars every year. But while demand for surrogacy is rising - more and more countries are taking steps to ban it completely. Most recently in Italy – where the far-right government has passed a new law that makes surrogacy a "universal crime", putting it on the same level as child abuse and human trafficking. So, is surrogacy exploitative or empowering women?

On this episode Lucy Hockings speaks with the BBC's gender and identity correspondent Sofia Bettiza about how to balance the desire of gay or infertile couples to become parents with the rights of the women who carry the children.

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MON 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnkf62)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nr7)

My 'miracle baby', born 15 months after I lost my love

In 2020, Australian Ellidy Pullin's life was turned upside down when her partner, Olympic snowboarder Alex 'Chumpy' Pullin, died in a tragic accident. The couple had been trying for a baby, so in the deeply disorientating hours after his sudden death, when a friend suggested the possibility of a posthumous sperm retrieval – a complicated, and sometimes controversial procedure whereby sperm samples are taken within 36 hours of a person's death – Ellidy knew instantly that this was something she wanted to pursue.

Presenter: Shahidha Bari

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(Photo: Ellidy Pullin with her daughter; Credit: Hayley Williamson)

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MON 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmrbj)

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MON 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx787x6l)

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MON 13:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x0n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

MON 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnknpb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 14:06 Newshour (w172zb99xr6h5j9)

Nicholas Sarkozy on trial for corruption

The former French president Nicholas Sarkozy has gone on trial today in Paris. He is accused of illegally taking funding from the late Libyan leader, Muammar Gaddafi. Prosecutors allege the men struck a deal to fund Mr Sarkozy's ultimately successful campaign for the presidency in 2007. In return, they

say he promised to help Colonel Gaddafi shed his pariah status on the world stage. The former French president denies the accusations.

Also in the programme: Hamas has released a list of 34 hostages that it says it is willing to release in the first stage of a potential ceasefire agreement with Israel. We speak to the daughter of one of those on the list; and the efforts to save the endangered Iberian Lynx in Portugal and Spain.

(Picture: Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy arrives on the first day of his trial. Credit: Gonzalo Fuentes/Reuters)

MON 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnksfg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t07)

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MON 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx7884pv)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5zz5)

Shipping companies place record orders for new container vessels

Shipowners have recently placed orders for a record number of new container vessels, driven by a substantial increase in profits.

Nippon Steel of Japan and U.S. Steel have jointly filed a lawsuit challenging President Joe Biden's decision to block a \$15 billion acquisition deal.

And the first congestion charge scheme for vehicles in the US has come into effect in New York City. Sam Fenwick hears about other places that have implemented such plans, including London and Singapore.

MON 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnkx5l)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjgmyr6k7y)

Justin Trudeau resigns as Canadian prime minister

Justin Trudeau says he'll step down as the prime minister of Canada and as the leader of his party. He also announced the temporary suspension of parliament. Mr Trudeau has been under pressure to resign for months, with more than 20 fellow members of his Liberal party publicly urging him to go. We speak to our correspondent.

Russia says its troops have made further gains in eastern Ukraine, capturing the town of Kurakhove after months of fighting. We speak to BBC Ukraine and hear from people in the region.

A huge winter storm has brought heavy snowfall and freezing temperatures to the east coast of the US, as a state of emergency has been declared in seven states. We speak to people who have been affected.

We speak to drag queens around the world about The Vivienne, the drag star who shot to fame on RuPaul's Drag Race. She died over the weekend.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Justin Trudeau speaking in a press conference 6th January 2025. Credit: Patrick Doyle/Reuters)

MON 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnl0xq)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbjgmyr6p02)

Biden bans offshore drilling

US President Joe Biden has announced a ban on new offshore oil and gas drilling along most of America's coastline, weeks before Donald Trump takes office.

Justin Trudeau says he'll step down as the prime minister of Canada and as the leader of his party. We get more details from our correspondent.

Russia says its troops have made further gains in eastern Ukraine, capturing the town of Kurakhove after months of fighting. We speak to our correspondent in the capital Kyiv and hear from people in the Donetsk region.

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Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: An oil and gas drilling platform stands offshore near Dauphin Island, Alabama, October 5, 2013. Credit: Steve Nesius/File Photo/Reuters)

MON 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnl4nv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5nr7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

MON 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yh3)

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MON 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnl8dz)

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MON 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmct9)

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MON 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx788mpc)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w4k)

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BBC sports correspondents tell the story behind today's top sporting news, with interviews and reports from across the world.

MON 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnld53)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct5sjw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx788rfh)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct5rnt)

Inside Health: Life after my mountain accident

In 2016, Niall McCann was left with a bruised spinal cord when he crashed his speed glider into the side of a mountain at 50mph.

He shares his journey to recovery and some unexpected life lessons he has had to navigate, from soiling himself in inconvenient places and not being able to control his flatulence, to having to re-learn how to have sex again.

We also hear from a Mountain Rescue medic on what looked like an "unsurvivable" situation and Niall's surgeon on fixing his "exploded" spine.

MON 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnlhx7)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 21:06 Newshour (w172zb99xr6jcd6)

Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada resigns

Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced his resignation Monday, saying he will leave office as soon as his party chooses a new leader as slumping polls and internal division took their toll. We hear from Catherine McKenna, a former minister in Trudeau's government.

Also in the programme: Austria asks far-right leader to commence coalition talks; and the Capitol Hill cop on duty on January 6th 2021.

(Picture: Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks to reporters, announcing he intends to step down as Liberal Party leader. Credit: Reuters)

MON 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnlmnc)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmctv1p)

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MON 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx788zxr)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct601f)

Concerns Trump tariff threat could trigger Canada recession

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business tells the BBC he fears a recession if the US implements long-term use of tariffs.

Also, President Jo Biden announces a ban on new offshore oil and gas drilling in most US coastal waters.

And how popular is New York's newly-introduced congestion charge?

MON 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnlrdh)

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MON 23:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t07)

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MON 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx7893nw)

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MON 23:32 The Conversation (w3ct5x0n)

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TUE 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnlw4m)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct5n2w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnlzwr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfwp2zy81m)

Concerns Trump tariff threat could trigger Canada recession

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business tells the BBC that business fears a recession as a result of Donald Trump's tariff threats.

We also ask just how popular is New York's newly introduced congestion charge?

And how Netflix is taking another step into live sport

TUE 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnm3mw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmndb16)

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TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx789gx8)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct5mtx)

South Korea: The feminist hunters

Why feminism has become a dirty word in South Korea. In South Korea being a feminist is now something that can only be admitted in private, thanks to a fierce backlash against feminism. Anti-feminists accuse women who advocate for equality as being man-haters, worthy of punishment. Online witch-hunts - spearheaded by young male gamers - target women suspected of harbouring feminist views, bombarding them with abuse and demanding they be fired from their jobs. Jean Mackenzie investigates how these witch-hunts have silenced women. She asks what this means for the future of women's rights in a country where gender discrimination is still deeply entrenched.

Presenter: Jean Mackenzie

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Production co-ordinator: Gemma Ashman

Editor: Penny Murphy

(Image: Calling for gender equality during a march in the South Korean capital Seoul on International Women's Day, 2024. Credit:Woohae Cho/Bloomberg via Getty Images)

TUE 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnm7d0)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nr7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday]

TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yh3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnmc44)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmndkjg)

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TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx789qdj)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct5tlt)

Dan Perri

You might not know the name Dan Perri, but you will probably have seen his work. Perri has designed the title sequences for some of the most famous movies in recent history. And he tells Mark Burman how he created the titles for Star Wars, Raging Bull, Taxi Driver and The Exorcist.

(Image: Dan Perri. Credit: Jordan Anderson / BAFTA via Getty Images)

TUE 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnmgw8)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 05:06 Newsday (w172zbkffwfwl1jv)

Powerful earthquake hits Tibet

Within the past couple of hours, a huge earthquake has struck close to Tibet's border with Nepal. Chinese media say thirty-six people are confirmed dead so far. We'll head to China for the latest.

Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says he'll resign, bowing to political pressure, months before an election is due. We'll speak to a supporter of the country's opposition.

The US government is sending eleven inmates from Guantanamo Bay to Oman, the release of the Yemeni nationals will mean that only fifteen inmates will remain at the detention centre.

And European politicians are responding to social media criticism from the billionaire businessman Elon Musk. We'll assess the role of the world's richest man in various nations' politics.

(Picture: A damaged car lies amidst rubble on the street following an earthquake in Lhatsé County, Shigatsé City, Tibet Autonomous Region, China, January 7, 2025, in this screengrab obtained from a social media video; Reuters)

TUE 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnmlmd)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 06:06 Newsday (w172zbkffwfwlq8z)

Earthquake kills more than 50 in Tibet

An earthquake has struck in Tibet near the border with Nepal, with Chinese authorities reporting that more than 50 people have been killed. Buildings shook in the Nepalese capital Kathmandu and there have been reports of aftershocks. We go live to Kathmandu.

The Canadian prime minister Justin Trudeau has announced his resignation after almost 10 years in office, he faced dwindling popularity ahead of the country's elections in October.

The US has announced that it will send 11 Yemeni detainees held at its Guantanamo Bay prison to Oman. The release will mean only 15 inmates will remain at the detention centre as President Joe Biden pushes to close the facility before he leaves office.

Meta, the parent company of Facebook, has appointed Trump

supporter Dana White to its board. The latest sign of tech companies aligning themselves with the new administration.

We have the latest from Syria following the collapse of the Assad regime.

Also, the latest on miners trapped in South Africa in terrible conditions.

And, is it dangerous to be a feminist in South Korea?

(Photo: Damaged houses are pictured after an earthquake at a village in Shigatse, Tibet Autonomous Region, China, 7 January, 2025. Credit: Reuters)

TUE 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnmqj)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 07:06 Newscast (w172zkbkfwfv13)
Powerful earthquake strikes China's Tibet region

More than fifty people have been killed in an earthquake in Tibet, striking the city of Shigatse. Videos from the area show collapsed buildings and there have been reports of aftershocks.

The United Nations say that their aid operation in Gaza is at breaking points, accusing Israeli forces and criminal gangs of attacking their convoys. They have called on the international community to do more.

After a difficult few weeks and falling ratings Canadian prime minister Justin Trudeau has announced that he will resign as the country's leader. It now falls to his Liberal party to select a replacement before the country holds an election in October..

Following the failure of mainstream parties in Austria to form a coalition government the president has asked the far right Freedom Party to form an Administration.

(Picture: Rubble lies near damaged property, following an earthquake, in Lhatsé County, Shigatse City, Tibet Autonomous Region, China, January 7, 2025, in this screen grab taken from a social media video; Credit: Reuters)

TUE 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnmv3n)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:06 The Documentary (w3ctf1c3)
Built different: Why women athletes suffer ACL injuries more than males

The fear of an Anterior cruciate ligament injury, or ACL, hangs over all athletes. It is a season-ending injury, agonising, and with a long painful recovery. But why is it happening to so many female footballers? Research shows that ACL injuries are up to six times more likely to happen to female athletes than male.

Former England international footballer Lianne Sanderson, who suffered an ACL injury in 2016, explores the science behind this statistic and finds out about the solutions that are being put in place. From the UK charity initiative Power Up to Play, established by medical professionals to offer preventative support at grassroots level, to experts at Oslo Sports Trauma Research Center in Norway and the team at IDA Boots who are making female-specific soccer cleats, Lianne introduces a number of solutions and learns about the science of ACL injuries in female athletes.

TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78b6d1)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zjm)
The cost of Valencia's floods

At the end of October 2024, deadly flash floods and torrential rain hit the Valencia region of Spain. More than 220 people were killed.

As well as claiming lives, the disaster also devastated livelihoods.

Valencia's chamber of commerce estimates that 48,000 companies have been affected.

Ashish Sharma visited the region shortly after the flooding, to speak to businesses and workers affected.

If you would like to get in touch with the show, please email: businessdaily@bbc.co.uk

Produced and presented by Ashish Sharma

(Image: Residents clean up a mud-and-debris-covered street after flooding hit large parts of the country on October 31, 2024 in the Paiporta municipality of Valencia, Spain. Credit: Getty Images)

TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5ynh)
Charlie Hebdo attack

On 7 January 2015, 12 people were shot dead at the offices of a satirical magazine in Paris, the capital of France.

The two gunmen had targeted Charlie Hebdo because it had published cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed.

Rachel Naylor speaks to Riss, a cartoonist who was shot in the shoulder.

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(Photo: A mural of some of the victims of the attack, near the former office of Charlie Hebdo. Credit: Bertrand GUAY / AFP)

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TUE 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmf583)
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TUE 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78bb45)
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TUE 09:32 Assignment (w3ct5mtx)
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TUE 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnm21x)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 10:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qkl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

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TUE 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78bkmf)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6fbz)
Could Donald Trump reignite a peace deal for the Israel-Gaza war?

The conflict in Gaza has continued into 2025 but there is still hope for a ceasefire as talks resume in Doha. Previous attempts at achieving peace have failed, but with the arrival of Donald Trump as the new US President in less than two weeks – could this be the moment that a ceasefire deal finally succeeds?

On this episode Sumi Somaskanda speaks with the BBC's Gaza correspondent Rushdi Abualouf and the BBC's diplomatic correspondent Paul Adams about the hopes for a ceasefire between Israel and Gaza this year, and whether the arrival of Donald Trump will change the course of events in the Middle East.

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TUE 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnmb35)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5p5s)
The former wrestler who wants your brain

Former Harvard athlete Chris Nowinski turned WWE star after a reality TV show catapulted him into the world of pro wrestling. Performing as the obnoxious villain Chris Harvard, he worked alongside superstars like Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson, John Cena, and Hulk Hogan. Chris lived the dream, until one fateful match left him suffering from post-concussion syndrome. With his career seemingly at its end, Chris began researching sports-related head trauma and convincing athletes to donate their brains. His work helped usher in a scientific breakthrough and uncovered an epidemic affecting thousands of athletes.

Archive used from World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE)

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(Photo: Chris Nowinski. Credit: Chris Nowinski)

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TUE 14:06 Newshour (w172zb99xr6f2d)
French far-right politician Jean-Marie Le Pen dies

Jean-Marie Le Pen, a Holocaust denier and an unrepentant extremist on race, gender and immigration who founded the French far-right National Front party in 1972, has died aged 96. Also on the programme, a powerful earthquake close to Mount Everest has killed more than a hundred people in Tibet and affected the city of Shigatse, and can alcohol-free wine still be considered wine?

(Photo: Jean-Marie Le Pen dead at 96, Paris, France - 22 Apr 2014 YOAN VALAT/EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

TUE 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnmpbk)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 15:06 The Documentary (w3ctf1c3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

TUE 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78c1ly)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct6086)
Meta announces cutting fact-checking on Facebook and

Instagram

In a video posted on Meta platforms, Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg has announced ditching third-party fact-checking and replacing it with a 'community notes' system similar to that of Elon Musk's X.

The Pentagon has added Tencent, along with several other Chinese companies, to its blacklist of firms with suspected ties to the Chinese military.

And Sudan's military-led government has lifted a 10-month-long block on crude oil exports from its landlocked neighbour, South Sudan, after the two countries reached new security arrangements.

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TUE 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjgmyr9g51)

French far-right leader Jean Marie Le Pen dies

The founder of the far-right National Front party, who shocked the country when he made it to the second round of the presidential election in 2002, has died aged 96.

A powerful earthquake in China's Tibet region has killed scores of people and injured many more. Rescuers are trying to find survivors in the rubble and are helping provide shelter to families in sub-zero temperatures. Many houses collapsed in mountain villages around the city of Shigatse, which is holy for Tibetan Buddhists.

And Donald Trump Jr has arrived in Greenland, two weeks after his father repeated his desire for the US to take control of the autonomous Danish territory. We'll get reaction from residents.

Presenter: Mark Lowen

(Photo: The leader of the French far right party Front National, Jean Marie Le Pen, poses for photographers during a boat cruise near Nice, France in 2003. Credit: Miguel Villagran EPA/EFE)

TUE 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnntxt)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbjgmyr9kx5)

Meta to end fact-checking programme

The social networking giant will rely on users to add notes to posts on Facebook, Threads and Instagram. Mark Zuckerberg, the company CEO, conceded there would be more "bad stuff" on his sites.

Donald Trump Jr has arrived in Greenland. It comes two weeks after his father expressed his desire for the United States to take possession of the autonomous Danish territory.

And the United Nations has warned of a humanitarian crisis of staggering proportions in five regions of Sudan.

Presenter: Mark Lowen

(Photo: Mark Zuckerberg at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing in January 2024. Credit: Evelyn Hockstein/Reuters.)

TUE 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnp1ky)

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TUE 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnp5b2)

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TUE 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqckmgcqd)

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TUE 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78cjlg)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w92)

2025/01/07 GMT

BBC sports correspondents tell the story behind today's top sporting news, with interviews and reports from across the world.

TUE 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnp926)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:06 Assignment (w3ct5mtx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

TUE 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78cnbl)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 20:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wnc)

A glimpse into the future of tech

Tech Life is at CES in Las Vegas, one of the world's biggest consumer tech shows. We hunt for some of the event's weirdest tech, and speak to the people behind the showcase. Plus, why is the tech world now obsessed with cars?

We love hearing from you. Get in touch by emailing us on techlife@bbc.co.uk or send us a Whatsapp on +443301230320.

Presented and produced by Imran Rahman-Jones, Alasdair Keane and Lily Jamali
Edited by Monica Soriano

(Image: The neon "Welcome to Las Vegas" sign lit up against a blue sky. Credit: Getty Images.)

TUE 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnpdtb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 21:06 Newshour (w172zb99xr6m899)

Meta ends third-party fact checking

The social media giant Meta is ending third-party fact checking of Facebook and its other platforms, relying instead on a community notes system. Meta's CEO, Mark Zuckerberg said recent elections felt like a cultural tipping point towards once again prioritising free speech, arguing that fact checkers were too politically biased. We hear two views of the change.

Also in the programme: Donald Trump refuses to rule out economic - or military - intervention to gain control of the Panama Canal - and Greenland - what do the locals think about that? And we hear from a mountaineer on Mount Everest about what it was like when the earthquake hit.

(IMAGE: Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg makes a keynote speech at the Meta Connect annual event at the company's headquarters in Menlo Park, California, U.S., September 25, 2024 / CREDIT: Reuters/Manuel Orbeozo)

TUE 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnpjkg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqckmgqys)

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TUE 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78cwtv)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct60bg)

President Elect Trump launches scathing attack on renewable energy

President elect Donald Trump has announced some of his plans energy policies. He promises to overturn ban on offshore oil development, as well as launching a scathing attack on renewable energy such as wind power

Meta has decided to end its fact-checking programme on Facebook, Instagram and Threads.

And retailer Shein has been questioned by UK MP's over the transparency of their supply chains and allegations of human rights abuses

TUE 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnppn91)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:06 The Documentary (w3ct7lc3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

TUE 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78d0kz)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 23:32 In the Studio (w3ct5ltt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

WEDNESDAY 08 JANUARY 2025**WED 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnps1q)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 00:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct5qkl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:06 on Saturday]

WED 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnpsvw)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfwp3014yq)

Donald Trump vows to overturn ban on offshore oil drilling

President elect Donald Trump has announced some of his plans energy policies. He promises to overturn ban on offshore oil development, as well as launching a scathing attack on renewable energy such as wind power

Meanwhile Chinese-based clothing company Shein has been questioned by UK MP's over the transparency of their supply chains and allegations of human rights abuses

And in Italy low-alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks made from grapes can now be marketed as "wine".

WED 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnq0jz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqckmhb6y9)

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WED 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78dctc)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 02:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5wsv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnq493)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5p5s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Tuesday]

WED 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5ynh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Tuesday]

WED 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnq817)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqckmhgfk)

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WED 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78dm9m)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 04:32 Dramas (w3ct716b)

Purple Heart Warriors

Purple Heart Warriors: 5. The lost battalion

With half of the men lost, the most dangerous battle of all awaits. The battalion is ordered to rescue Texan soldiers surrounded by German artillery. Can they save the so-called 'Lost Battalion'?

This series is inspired by real events and contains dramatised battle scenes and out-dated racial language.

Cast:

Narrator: Will Sharpe

Ken: Akie Kotabe

Lieutenant/Bus guard/Texan soldier/Reporter: Freddy Elletson

Grandpa Allan/ Mr Yamada: Clyde Kusatsu

Emily: Samantha Dakin

Little Ken: Hudson Roberts.
Mrs Tanaka/Baachan/Shirley/Li: Tamlyn Tomita
Nui Louie/Mr Okimura: Aaron Ikeda
Barry/Captain Kim/Private Sasaki/Radio man: Derek Mio
Shorty: Raiko Gohara
Ohta/Captain Minor: Matt McCooley
Drill Sergeant/General Dahlquist: Martin McDougal
Colonel Pence/Earl Finch/Col Miller: Colin Stinton
Sonny: Kurt Kanazawa
Boxer/Crooner/Pokey: Conrad Lihilihi

Written by Iris Yamashita
Sound design: Richard Gould at Skywalker Sound
Recording and mixing: Leon Chambers
Original music: Josh Sneesby
Consultant: L Stuart Hirai
Dramaturg: James Yeatman
Broadcast assistant: Teresa Milewski
Production co-ordinator: Kate Brook
Associate producers: Tim Bell & Rosa Crompton
Director: Jessica Dromgoole
Producer: Catherine Bailey.
Based on an idea by Simon Pitts

A Catherine Bailey production for the BBC World Service

WED 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnqsc)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 05:06 Newsday (w172zbfkfwjhyf)
Flames ignite homes and cars in Los Angeles

Millions of people in California are under a red flag warning, meaning there is an extreme fire danger. Los Angeles County Fire Chief says the Pacific Palisades is "not out of danger".

In Tibet the search is on for survivors of a large earthquake, the death toll has passed one hundred, but with freezing conditions and access challenges there are fears that it could rise significantly.

US President-elect Donald Trump has refused to rule out using military force to take control of the Panama Canal and Greenland.

(Pic: A firefighter hoses down a burning home from the Palisades wildfire in Pacific Palisades, Los Angeles; Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

WED 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnqjh)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 06:06 Newsday (w172zbfkfwjhm2)
Los Angeles declares a state of emergency from fires

The fire in LA broke out about **10:30** local time on Tuesday and it exploded in size, fanned by 80km/h wind gusts and incredibly dry conditions.

Chinese authorities are trying to get aid to people affected by the earthquake in Tibet. So far more than 100 people have been killed in the disaster, but with freezing conditions and thousands of buildings destroyed it's feared many more could perish.

The US President elect Donald Trump has been outlining his foreign policy agenda ahead of taking office. He says that he wants to take control of the strategic territory of Greenland. But what do the people who live there want.....?

(Pic: A homes burns from the Palisades wildfire in Pacific Palisades, Los Angeles, California, USA, 07 January 2025; Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

WED 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnqm8m)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 07:06 Newsday (w172zbfkfwjyq6)
Los Angeles expanding wildfire forces thousands to leave

Fire chief Kristin Crowley says more than 30,000 people are under evacuation orders, and 13,000 buildings under threat in Los Angeles.

Donald Trump says he wants to take control of the Panama Canal and Greenland. Does he mean it?

Fourteen thousand rescue workers have been deployed to Tibet because of the earthquake. It's now a race against time and freezing conditions. Hundreds have been rescued as the search for quake survivors continues.

(Pic: The wind whips embers as the Palisades Fire burns during a windstorm on the west side of Los Angeles; Credit: Reuters)

WED 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnqr0r)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t58)
Alan Hollinghurst: How has Britain changed since the 1980s?

Stephen Sackur speaks to the British novelist Alan Hollinghurst, author of Our Evenings and the Booker Prize-winning *The Line of Beauty*. Over four decades, how has his writing and his view of Britain changed?

WED 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78f394)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zp4)
How does port automation work?

In October 2024, dockworkers in the US went on strike for three days.

Members of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) walked out at 14 major ports along the east and Gulf coasts, halting container traffic from Maine to Texas.

A tentative agreement was made over wages, and they've just returned to the bargaining table to negotiate "all other outstanding issues".

This includes plans to introduce automation to the ports.

In the first of two programmes looking at the future of ports, we head to the Rotterdam in the Netherlands, where the port has been using automation since the 1990s - and to Cape Town in South Africa which is looking for solutions to its efficiency issues.

Presented and produced by Matthew Kenyon, with additional reporting from Mohammed Allie.

If you would like to get in touch with the show, please email: businessdaily@bbc.co.uk

(Picture: Shipping containers are transported by automated guided vehicles (AGV) beside gantry cranes on the dockside at the Delta Terminal at the Port of Rotterdam in Rotterdam, Netherlands. Credit: Getty Images)

WED 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yqr)
The invention of the hotel key card

In the 1970s, Norwegian Tor Somes invented the hotel key card. He wanted to improve security in hotels after he heard the news that one of his favourite singers, Connie Francis, was attacked in her hotel room.

After making a prototype in his garden shed, Tor then had the challenging task of selling his invention globally.

Tor's son, Anders, tells Gill Kearsley how persistence paid off for Tor, and the hotel key card was adopted worldwide.

Eye-witness accounts brought to life by archive. Witness History is for those fascinated by the past. We take you to the events that have shaped our world through the eyes of the people who were there. For nine minutes every day, we take you back in time and all over the world, to examine wars, coups, scientific discoveries, cultural moments and much more.

Recent episodes explore everything from football in Brazil, the history of the 'Indian Titanic' and the invention of air fryers, to Public Enemy's Fight The Power, subway art and the political crisis in Georgia. We look at the lives of some of the most famous leaders, artists, scientists and personalities in history, including: visionary architect Antoni Gaudi and the design of the Sagrada Familia; Michael Jordan and his bespoke Nike trainers; Princess Diana at the Taj Mahal; and Görel Hanser, manager of legendary Swedish pop band Abba on the influence they've had on the music industry. You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, such as the time an Iraqi journalist hurled his shoes at the President of the United States in protest of America's occupation of Iraq; the creation of the Hollywood commercial that changed advertising forever; and the ascent of the first Aboriginal MP.

(Photo: A later version of a hotel key card. Credit: Getty Images)

WED 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnqrvw)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmj256)

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WED 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78f718)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 09:32 The Climate Question (w3ct5swsv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 on Sunday]

WED 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnqzj0)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 10:06 World Book Club (w3ct5r3y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

WED 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghn384)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmj9ng)
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WED 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78fgjj)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6drx)
Beyond Trudeau: Canada's political future

On Monday, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau ended months of speculation about his future, in a resignation speech outside his Rideau Cottage residence in Ottawa. Amid plummeting opinion polls, internal party pressure had been mounting for him to vacate the Liberal leadership, after Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland dealt him what many saw as a decisive blow when she quit the government in December. So as the battle to replace Mr Trudeau gets underway, what does Canada's political landscape look like, with the Conservative opposition eagerly anticipating a looming election?

On today's episode Sumi Somaskanda is joined by the BBC's Jessica Murphy in Toronto, and The Global Story reporter Peter Goffin. They discuss the Trudeau legacy, and the man poised to become the next long-term Prime Minister, Pierre Poilievre. Plus, the impact of a new Trump administration across the border.

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Senior news editor: China Collins

Photo credit: Reuters

WED 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnr708)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5pdk)
Coming out as India's first gay prince

Manvendra Singh Gohil - a real life prince and next in line to a centuries-old royal dynasty in the Indian state of Gujarat - grew up in the 1970s in a gilded cage. His family's desire to keep his blue blood away from 'commoners' meant that, growing up, he missed out on formative experiences like making friends. After a failed marriage to a princess, Manvendra finally shed his royal cocoon and was determined to break out and explore the world, and his sexuality. With the help of his new friend Ashok, a gay rights activist, the prince began a process of self-acceptance that would be put to the ultimate test. (This episode was first broadcast in May 2022)

Presenter: Mobeen Azhar
Producer: Fiona Woods and Edgar Maddicott

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(Photo: Prince Manvendra Singh Gohil in 2010. Credit: Getty Images)

WED 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5yqr)

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WED 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnrbrd)

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WED 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmjk4q)

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WED 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78fq0s)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 13:32 Dramas (w3ct716b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

WED 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnrghj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 14:06 Newshour (w172zb99xr6p9zh)

Thousands flee LA wildfires

Firefighters are working through the night in Los Angeles to contain wildfires that have forced thousands of people to flee their homes. Also in the programme, European governments continue to react to President-elect Trump's latest threats about Greenland; and, could HMPV spark the next pandemic?

(Photo: A firefighter battles the Palisades Fire as it burns during a windstorm on the west side of Los Angeles, California, U.S. January 7, 2025. REUTERS/Ringo Chiu)

WED 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnr17n)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t58)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

WED 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78fyj1)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct60dq)

Trump warns of new tariffs against EU

President-elect Donald Trump is ramping up economic pressure on Denmark in his bid to acquire Greenland. Are Danish exporters concerned about these threats?

Could the sale of new air-fryers and dishwashers reignite the Chinese economy?

And we hear from the Chris Brownridge, CEO of Rolls-Royce cars.

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WED 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnrpzs)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjgmyrdc24)

LA wildfires: 'No possibility' of containing blazes

The Los Angeles fire department says there's zero chance of containing the largest of the wildfires that've have forced tens of thousands to flee their homes. We speak to a captain and paramedic in the LA fire department and hear from residents affected.

Rescuers in Tibet are racing against time and freezing conditions to provide shelter for survivors and search for those still missing after Tuesday's powerful earthquake. We have the latest from our reporter monitoring the situation.

In India the gruesome killing of local journalist Mukesh Chandrakar has shone a spotlight on the dangers of reporting from some of the country's most volatile regions. Our reporter explains.

More than two years have passed since the nationwide protests in Iran following the death of Mahsa Amini in the custody of the country's morality police. We speak to our colleague from BBC Persian about a new report looking at the unconventional punishments imposed by Iranian judges on women.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: A firefighter battles the Palisades Fire as it burns during a windstorm on the west side of Los Angeles, California, U.S.

January 7, 2025. Credit: Ringo Chiu/Reuters)

WED 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnrtpx)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbjgmyrdgt8)

LA wildfires: At least two deaths and multiple injuries

Two people have died and multiple people injured from the Eaton fire near the city of Pasadena, the chief of the Los Angeles County Fire Department told a news conference on Wednesday. The blaze has now nearly doubled in size since it was last updated, growing to cover 2,227 acres. We speak to our correspondent and hear from residents in California affected by the fires.

Experts say high winds and lack of rain are the main factors driving the Southern California fires, but climate change is altering the background conditions, increasing the likelihood of these conflagrations. Our environment correspondent explains.

A large UK study has found further evidence that people with more calcium in their diet - equivalent to a glass of milk a day - can help reduce their risk of bowel cancer. Our health reporter explains.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: A hose is used from outside the window of a building, as the Eaton Fire burns in Pasadena, California, U.S. January 7, 2025. Credit: Mario Anzuoni/Reuters)

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WED 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78gk7p)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 20:32 Health Check (w3ct5t9s)

Should we be worried about HMPV?

With reports of rising cases of the respiratory illness HMPV in multiple countries and concern over the risk it poses, we look behind the headlines to reality check what is really going on.

Also on the show, we hear from injured Ukrainians who are building drones to help with their mental and physical rehabilitation. Plus, how does elite sport impact women's fertility?

Finally, we look ahead to predict what 2025 might have in store for global health.

Presenter: Claudia Hammond

Producers: Katie Tomsett & Jack Lee

WED 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghns9qf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 21:06 Newshour (w172zb99xr6q56d)

LA fires: Biden instructs military to help

President Biden says he has instructed the US military to provide extra assets to help firefighters battle a series of devastating wildfires currently raging in and around Los Angeles. Newshour hears from Malibu resident Marika Erdely.

Also in the programme: Greenland's strategic significance and new artefacts shed light on Egypt's Queen Hatshepsut

(Picture: People embrace as they evacuate following powerful winds fuelling devastating wildfires in the Los Angeles area, at the Eaton Fire in Altadena, California, U.S. January 8, 2025. Credit: Reuters)

WED 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnsfgk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmkmw)

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WED 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78gsqy)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct60gz)

Deadly Los Angeles wildfires devastate homes and businesses

A fire at Pacific Palisades is the most destructive in LA history, officials say, with more than 1,000 buildings burned. Also, could President-elect Trump be serious about re-taking the Panama Canal? We speak with one of his former trade advisors. And, tensions rise in Venezuela with protests expected ahead of President Maduro's inauguration on Friday.

WED 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnsk6p)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

WED 23:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5t58)

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WED 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78gxh2)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

WED 23:32 Dramas (w3ct716b)

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THU 00:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnsny)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 00:06 World Book Club (w3ct5r3y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Saturday]

THU 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnsspy)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfwp3041vt)

Los Angeles wildfires burn over 1,000 structures

The wildfires in Los Angeles continue to devastate communities, burning more than 1,000 structures and putting pressure on insurers. Could this be the tipping point for California's insurance market?

Also, China's inflation slows adding to concerns after government efforts to boost the economy.

Plus, in Las Vegas, we explore cutting-edge innovations unveiled at the Consumer Electronics Show.

Rahul Tandon joined throughout the programme by two guests on opposite sides of the world - Katia Dmitrieva in Hong Kong and Michael Malone in the US.

THU 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnsxg2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckml3vd)

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THU 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78h8qg)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 02:32 The Documentary (w3ct7lbg)

Canadian immigration: Boom or bust?

Last summer, Canada's population grew to a record 40 million people - a moment the Canadian government described as an "exciting milestone".

The Canadian people did not necessarily agree. Canada has long been proud of its multicultural roots, but for the first time, surveys show a significant number believe there are too many immigrants coming into the country.

Accusations that newcomers are hurting "the real Canada" are spreading on social media, with some arguing that Canadian cities simply cannot support so many new arrivals.

The BBC's Celia Hatton travels to her home country to learn why more Canadians are questioning their country's relationship with immigration, and why others are fighting to keep the country's doors open to newcomers.

THU 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnt166)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5pdk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Wednesday]

THU 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yqr)

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THU 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnt4yb)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmlcbn)

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THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78h76q)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xnx)

What's the point of cookbooks?

When there are so many recipes available for free online, why does anyone still buy cookbooks?

In this programme we look into the business of selling cookbooks, what future the format may have and hear about the treasured tomes you turn to time and time again.

Ruth Alexander visits Books for Cooks, a specialist cookbook shop in London, to chat to Eric Treuille who cooks lunch for his customers from a different cookbook each day.

She speaks to cookbook writers Mogau Seshoene in South Africa, author of 'The Lazy Makoti' books, and Joanne Molinaro in the US, author of 'The Korean Vegan'.

Doris Cooper tells Ruth what a publisher is looking for in a cookbook. She tells Ruth about her big hits and misses as editor-in-chief of Simon Element, a division of Simon and Schuster in New York.

And listeners in Italy, Malta and the US tell us about their favourite cookbooks.

If you would like to contact the programme email thefoodchain@bbc.co.uk.

Presented by Ruth Alexander.

Produced by Beatrice Pickup.

(Image: Ruth Alexander with her grandmother's cookbook, which still holds her handwritten pastry recipe. Credit: BBC)

THU 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnt8pg)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 05:06 Newsday (w172zbkffwmdc1)

Los Angeles: Five people are dead and thousands have fled homes

Firefighters in Los Angeles are experiencing a shortage of water and are resorting to taking water from swimming pools and ponds.

Several world leaders have rebuffed Donald Trump's increasingly expansionist rhetoric after an unwieldy press conference yielded threats of force and promises to rename geographical features.

Thousands of well-wishers have filed past President Carter's casket in the Capitol Rotunda.

(Pic: The sun shines through smoke above ruins of homes from the Palisades wildfire; Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

THU 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghntdf1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 06:06 Newsday (w172zbkffwvmj35)

New fire erupts in Hollywood Hills

The latest blaze, named the Sunset Fire, broke out in the Hollywood Hills, and has triggered mandatory evacuations, including in areas dotted with celebrity homes.

There are now six fires blazing in Los Angeles and the damages are huge with economic losses are estimated to top 50 billion dollars

The vacancy post has been open for a while - Lebanon is hoping to elect a new president after a 2 year vacuum, who is in the running and can this move the country forward to stability?

(Pic: A helicopter flies, as smoke rises from the Sunset Fire in the hills overlooking the Hollywood neighbourhood; Credit: Reuters)

THU 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghntj5q)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 07:06 Newsday (w172zbkffwmmv9)

Fear and confusion in Hollywood Hills as fires burn

High winds and drought are the main culprits behind the mid-winter wildfires raging in Southern California - and climate change is likely to be playing a major role.

We speak to the former foreign minister of Greenland - what's his view on Donald Trump's suggestion's that the US buy his homeland?

A historic night at Tottenham where an in-stadium VAR announcement is made for the first time in English football

(Pic: Flames and smoke rise from a structure as the Palisades fire burns; Credit: Reuters)

THU 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghntmxv)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjg)

Are we close to a cancer vaccine?

Cancer is a disease that will affect 1 in 5 people in our lifetime, and it's estimated that around 20 million people worldwide will be diagnosed with some form of cancer in 2025.

But how might a vaccine help in the treatment of cancer?

Numerous trials began testing the viability of cancer vaccines in 2024, including one for Melanoma and another for Lung Cancer.

With all the promise that these new cancer vaccine trials bring for cancer patients, we explore the different ways in which vaccines could work within the body, and how the time at which future vaccines are administered may vary according to the cancers they are targeting.

This week on the Inquiry we're asking: Are we close to a cancer vaccine?

Presenter: Tanya Beckett
Producer: Matt Toulson
Researcher: Katie Morgan
Production Coordinator: Tim Fernley
Editor: Tara McDermott
Studio Director: Craig Boardman

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Meredith McKean, director of Melanoma and Skin Cancer Research for Sarah Cannon Research Institute at Tennessee Oncology

Samra Turajlic, Chief Investigator of translational studies into melanoma and kidney cancer at the Francis Crick Institute and

Professor at the Institute of Cancer Research

Eduardo Vilar-Sanchez, professor in the department of Clinical Cancer Prevention at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Patrick Ott, Clinical Director at Melanoma Disease Center at the Dana-Farber Institute

THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78j067)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5zd3)

Peru's new Chinese funded 'megaport'

In our second programme looking at the future of the world's ports, we head to the South American country at the centre of a global tug-of-war between China and the US.

One key infrastructure project, in the small Peruvian fishing town of Chancay, is caught in the middle.

We speak to businesses and locals about what's happening.

Produced by Natalie Jiminez

Presented by Ritika Gupta

(Image: Aerial view of the Chancay "megaport" in the small town of Chancay, 78km north of the Peruvian capital Lima, in October 2024. Credit: Getty Images)

THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5y17)

The mystery of Raoul Wallenberg

Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat, saved thousands of Hungarian Jews from the Nazis during World War Two.

Once Soviet troops reached Budapest, Wallenberg reported to Soviet officials on 17 January 1945. But he was never seen in public again. Rumours of his fate have circled ever since: a Soviet government report said he died of a heart attack in prison, while former officials said he was executed, and prisoners claimed to have seen him decades later. There is still a campaign to uncover what happened to him.

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(Photo: Raoul Wallenberg in 1937. Credit: Keystone/Getty Images)

THU 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghntmzn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmlz29)

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THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78j3yc)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 09:32 The Documentary (w3ct7lbg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

THU 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghntwfc3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct6pmr)

The Media Show: Meta drops fact-checkers and Grand Theft Auto 6 hype builds

Ahead of President Trump's return to The White House, Meta is replacing its US fact-checking program with a new "user-driven" approach called Community Notes. Angie Drobnic Holan, Director of the International Fact-Checking Network, explains the implications of this decision and whether decentralising moderation can effectively address misinformation.

Piers Morgan, broadcaster and former host at Rupert Murdoch's News UK, has announced his decision to leave and focus on his YouTube channel. Julia Angwin, investigative journalist and fellow at Harvard Kennedy School, explains how this reflects the broader rise of independent content creators. Joey Contino, TikTok news influencer, shares how he has built a loyal following through accessible and direct reporting. Alessandra Galloni, Editor-in-Chief of Reuters, considers how traditional media organisations can adapt to these trends.

Grand Theft Auto 6 is shaping up to be a landmark release in gaming history. With its first female protagonist, advanced AI, and immersive gameplay mechanics, the game is expected to push boundaries in both technology and storytelling. Vic Hood, freelance gaming journalist, examines the franchise's enduring appeal and how this instalment could set new benchmarks in the gaming industry.

Presenters: Katie Razzall and Ros Atkins
Producer: Simon Richardson
Assistant producer: Lucy Wai

THU 10:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78j7ph)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 10:32 The Documentary (w3ct7m66)
Israel's Unwra ban

What will it mean for Palestinians if Israel bans Unwra, the UN agency that provides vital aid and essential services to millions of refugees in Gaza and the West Bank? The proposals have drawn widespread condemnation and warnings of a humanitarian catastrophe. Israeli politicians have accused UNRWA staff of taking part in the October 7 attacks alongside Hamas, and have designated it a terror group. We visit refugee camps across the occupied territories to hear about the role UNRWA plays in education, health, and emergency food aid, and people's despair about the prospect of it disappearing. The agency's services and dependents have mushroomed over the last 75 years – we look at its origins and why it has long been controversial in Israel. Plus, an Israeli MP, who tells us UNRWA must go, says that his country will not stand by and see Palestinians suffer, but what, if anything, is capable of replacing the organisation?

(Photo: A young man carries an aid box distributed by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (Unwra), amid the Israel-Hamas conflict, in Deir Al-Balah, central Gaza Strip, 4 November 2024. Credit: Ramadan Abed/Reuters)

THU 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnv057)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmm6kk)
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THU 11:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78jcfm)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dv5)
The fight for the Arctic

US President-elect Donald Trump has repeated his intention to take control of Greenland, the Arctic territory controlled by Denmark. Greenland sits between the US, Europe, and the dominant Arctic power that is Russia. And further heating up tensions in the region is the fact that climate change is chipping away at the ice, creating new shipping routes and making key oil, gas and mineral resources easier to access.

On this episode, Katya Adler is joined by the BBC's defence correspondent Jonathan Beale and journalist and author Tim Marshall to discuss the intensifying competition in the region and if we are heading for a new 'cold war' in the High North.

Producers: Alice Aylett Roberts and Alix Pickles

Sound engineers: Phil Bull and Mike Regard

Assistant editor: Sergi Forcada Freixas

Senior news editor: Sara Wadeson

THU 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnv3xc)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct5nz0)
The strange saga of a rock concert in North Korea

Overcoming strict censorship and archaic technology, Slovenian band Laibach managed to put on one of the first Western rock concerts ever held in North Korea. This unlikely gig all started with a Norwegian director, writer, and producer called Morten Traavik and a disco ball. In 2008, Morten brought one of the mirrored spherical objects into North Korea and made a photo series. From there, he began collaborating officially with North Korean artists which eventually led to his most ambitious project: bringing Laibach inside the secretive country to perform. But the event itself hung in the balance. Any misstep, any verbal slip up, any accidental critique of North Korea, and the whole concert could be cancelled.

Presenter: Asya Fouks
Producer: Saskia Collette

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(Photo: Laibach in North Korea. Credit: Jørund F Pedersen)

THU 12:50 Witness History (w3ct5y17)
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THU 13:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnv7nh)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 13:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmmg1t)
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THU 13:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78jlxw)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 13:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xnz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

THU 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnvcdm)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 14:06 Newshour (w172zb99xr6s6wl)
Five fires rage in Los Angeles, with whole communities destroyed

A crescent of flames looms over Los Angeles as wildfires continue to burn. But firefighters have managed to bring under control the blaze that had been threatening Hollywood.

Also on the programme: Lebanon has a president for the first time in two years. He's Joseph Aoun, the Maronite Christian who leads the army; and we will hear from Ireland's ex-president Mary Robinson in Washington for the funeral of her friend, the former US President Jimmy Carter.

(Photo: A firefighter walks next to a burning home, as powerful winds fueling devastating wildfires in the Los Angeles area force people to evacuate, in Malibu, California. Credit: Reuters)

THU 15:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnv4r)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 15:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78jvf4)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct603p)
Joe Biden declares an emergency in California as wildfires devastate Los Angeles

At least five different wildfires are still raging around Los Angeles, and the flames are visible from space, squeezing the city in a blazing pincer. We will look at the financial costs to fight such fires and insurance costs for people who live in areas like Southern California where fires happen regularly.

A new mega-port on Peru's coastline—part of China's Belt and Road Initiative—will increase the frequency of trips to Asia this month.

And Ethiopia is on the brink of launching a new stock exchange

after a fifty-year gap. This stock exchange is housed on a freshly minted trading floor within a towering high-rise in Addis Ababa's financial hub.

THU 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnvlww)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbjgmyrh7z7)
LA wildfires: Hollywood blaze under control

Major wildfires are still raging around Los Angeles, menacing the city with a crescent of flames. One blaze swept through the Hollywood Hills, threatening landmarks before firefighters brought it under control. Others are burning unabated. Movie stars are among the thousands who've lost their homes. We answer audience questions about what's happening and speak to residents affected.

Migration will be one of the top issues for US president elect Donald Trump when he takes office on the 20th of January. One area of concern will be the Darien Gap — a treacherous strip of jungle connecting South and Central America, renowned as one of the most dangerous migration routes in the world. Our reporter has been following one young woman who made the journey.

The United States is bidding farewell to the former president Jimmy Carter with a state funeral in Washington's National Cathedral.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Firefighters in LA. Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

THU 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnvqn0)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbjgmyrhqc)
LA wildfires: Firefighters still battling multiple blazes

Wildfires are continuing to rage in and around Los Angeles. One of the conflagrations -- the Sunset fire in the Hollywood Hills -- has now been contained. The chief of the Los Angeles Fire Department told reporters that all evacuation orders for the area had been lifted. We speak to a local journalist and hear from residents affected by the fires.

Elon Musk is about to use his platform X to host Alice Weidel, the head of Germany's far-right, anti-immigrant AfD for a lengthy chat. The world's richest man has been showing increasing interest in supporting far-right and anti-establishment groups across Europe. Our correspondent in Germany explains.

Protests are building across Venezuela as opposition supporters rally against President Nicolas Maduro's planned inauguration on Friday. We speak to our reporter with BBC Mundo.

And, our reporter in Sydney explains how Australia's beach cabana drama has sparked a turf war.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Sun rises over the Pacific Palisades neighborhood of west Los Angeles, in the aftermath of devastating wildfires in the Los Angeles area forcing people to evacuate, in California, U.S., January 9, 2025. Credit: Maria Alejandra Cardona/Reuters)

THU 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnvvd4)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 18:06 Outlook (w3ct5nz0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 today]

THU 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5y17)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

THU 19:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnvz48)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmmn5j1)
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THU 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnw2wd)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 20:06 The Documentary (w3ct7lbg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 02:32 today]

THU 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78kg4s)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 20:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vdz)

First US avian flu fatality

H5N1 bird flu is still spreading across farms in the USA and this week claimed its first human life in North America – an elderly patient in Louisiana infected by backyard poultry. But last week, Sonja Olsen, Associate Director for Preparedness and Response in the CDC's flu division, and her colleague Shikha Garg, published new analysis in the New England Journal of Medicine summarizing the human cases and epidemiology so far.

A lab study underscoring a suspected link between the virus responsible for cold sores, and Alzheimers, the most common form of dementia, has been published in Science Signalling this week. The study, by Dana Cairns of Tufts University, looks at whether repetitive brain trauma – another risk factor – adds to the evidence that latent herpes simplex can be involved.

Song Lin, a chemist at Cornell University who has won prizes for pioneering the use of electrical currents to drive chemical reactions rather than heat, has teamed up with Cornell micro engineer Paul McEuen to power up a new kind of chemistry and invent another kind of SPECS – an acronym for Small Photoelectronics for Electrochemical Synthesis. They outlined their first generation device and the promises it brings in Nature this week.

Presenter: Roland Pease

Producer: Alex Mansfield

Production co-ordinator: Jana Bennett-Holesworth

(Photo: Chickens eating feed. Credit: San Francisco Chronicle/Getty Images)

THU 21:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnw6mj)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 21:06 Newshour (w172zb99xr6t23h)

LA mayor says winds and drought created 'perfect storm'

The two biggest wildfires in Los Angeles are continuing to burn uncontained but firefighters have made progress against other blazes. Across Los Angeles County, the number of people told to evacuate has risen to 179,700 and 28,000 acres have been lost to the flames. We hear from Cantor Ruth Berman Harris who rescued sacred Torah scrolls from a Pasadena synagogue destroyed in the fires.

Also on the programme: Army chief selected as Lebanon's president after years of deadlock; President Biden praises Carter's character as the former president's casket heads home to Georgia.

Photo: Hailey Ott and her mother Cindi Ott look at the damage caused to their home by the Eaton Fire, as powerful winds fueling wildfires in the Los Angeles area force people to evacuate, in Altadena, California, U.S. January 9, 2025. Credit: REUTERS/Fred Greaves

THU 22:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnwbcn)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 22:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmnrz)

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THU 22:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78kpn1)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 22:32 World Business Report (w3ct605y)

Fierce wildfires continue burning out of control in California

Coming up on the programme, Experts estimate a \$50 billion cost as wildfires continue to rage across Los Angeles.

We also examine the challenges facing Lebanon's new president as he tackles the country's economic crisis.

Plus, a look at Peru's new megaport, poised to become Latin America's gateway to Asia.

THU 23:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnw3s)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 23:06 The Inquiry (w3ct5xjg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:06 today]

THU 23:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78ktd5)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 23:32 The Food Chain (w3ct5xznz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 today]

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The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:06 The Explanation (w3ct6pmr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78ky49)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 00:32 Happy News (w3ct5sqp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]

FRI 01:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnwpm1)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 01:06 Business Matters (w172zbfwp306yrx)

California wildfires blaze on, defying containment

As the wildfires continue to rage in California, damages are projected at \$50 billion.

Plus, TikTok will appear before the U.S. Supreme Court in a last-ditch effort to overturn a ban over ties to China.

And as UK Finance Minister Rachel Reeves visits China for trade talks, we discuss how the West should navigate its relationship with Beijing.

FRI 02:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnwtc5)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmp0rh)

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FRI 02:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78l5mk)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 02:32 Tech Life (w3ct5wnc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Tuesday]

FRI 03:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnwy39)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 03:06 Outlook (w3ct5nz0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Thursday]

FRI 03:50 Witness History (w3ct5yl7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnxlvf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmp87r)

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FRI 04:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78lf3t)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 04:32 Heart and Soul (w3ct5tg9)

The plight of Hindus in Bangladesh: Part two

After Sheikh Hasina's government collapsed in August 2024, violent attacks on Bangladesh's Hindu minority were reported. Many of these reports, accentuated by far-right influencers and broadcasters in neighbouring India, were later found to be misleading, sparking skepticism on the legitimacy of the violence. In the first episode of this two-part series for BBC's Heart & Soul, reporter Sahar Zand travelled to Bangladesh,

exposing that the attacks are real, with devastating impacts on Hindu lives and communities, amid media silence and official inaction.

In the second episode, Sahar follows two young Hindu activists, Banamali and Sukanto, who are documenting the violence that they say authorities and media are ignoring. She joins them, in real time, as they respond to a new attack on a Hindu-majority village, where a mob set fire to a yet another building.

Witnessing the community's fear and distrust of the police and media.

The documentary then reveals that the attacks aren't just aimed at buildings. Sahar meets victims, including an elderly village doctor recovering from an attempted murder and a grieving mother whose 14-year-old son was killed trying to escape the country.

The activists take Sahar to a nearly destroyed temple complex, its idols looted and desecrated. The site's president implicates the Bangladesh National Party (BNP) and Jamaat-e-Islami for the attacks, revealing political motivations behind the violence. The documentary also touches upon the rise of Islamism in Bangladesh in recent years, highlighting the harmful rhetoric by some Islamic leaders, which many activists and victims say have been fueling the tension.

In a tense interview, Sahar confronts Mahmudul Hasan Gunovi, a far-right Islamist leader accused of fueling the violence with his inflammatory rhetoric. Gunovi, linked to a banned terrorist organization and previously imprisoned for inciting violence. Sahar's probing questions and refusal to accept evasive answers exposes the dangerous influence fueling the violence against the Hindu minority.

The documentary concludes with a volatile encounter when Banamali and Sukanto visit a sensitive site, where a Hindu crematorium has recently been destroyed, and a make-shift mosque built on its ruins. The situation escalates into violence, revealing a terrifying picture of the reality of the tension engulfing Bangladesh.

Producer: Sahar Zand

Executive Producer: Rajeev Gupta

[Photo: Sahar Zand with Jakesh Chongraray in his living room, which was attacked and set alight by a mob of around 100 men during anti-Hindu violence in Burasardubi Upazila, Lalmonirhat, Bangladesh. The attack on August 5, 2024, left 17 houses and 3 temples looted and burned.]

FRI 05:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnx5lk)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 05:06 Newday (w172zbfkfwq984)

Average temperatures in 2024 pass 1.5C global warming limit

The EU monitoring climate body, Copernicus Climate Change Services, say temperatures were 1.6 degrees higher than pre-industrial average. This shows that a warming threshold of 1.5 degrees agreed in Paris was in danger of being permanently breached, as Los Angeles fire chiefs warn death toll is likely to rise.

Nicolás Maduro is about to be sworn in as president of Venezuela, following elections that the US and others say were rigged. We speak with a Maduro supporter.

And the US Supreme Court will decide whether the video sharing app TikTok should be banned.

(Photo: A crowd of people watch the setting sun from a hill in Ealing, west London. Last year was the hottest on record. Credit: PA)

FRI 06:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnx9bp)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 06:06 Newday (w172zbfkfwqf08)

Death toll goes up in Los Angeles fires

As Los Angeles struggles to contain fires, the planet has moved a major step closer to warming more than 1.5C, new data shows, despite world leaders vowing a decade ago they would try to avoid this.

More than 9,000 homes and other structures have been destroyed or damaged by the fires burning through Los Angeles. A man is in custody after one of the blazes was started deliberately.

Protests erupt in Venezuela as President Maduro is being sworn in for another term.

(Photo: The wind whips embers while a firefighter battles the fire in the Angeles National Forest; Credit: Ringo Chiu/Reuters)

FRI 07:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnxf2t)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 07:06 Newsday (w172zkbffwwqjrd)

Copernicus: 2024 the world's hottest on record

The European Copernicus climate service says that 2024 was the first calendar year to pass the symbolic threshold.

California's Department of Corrections confirmed to the BBC that nearly 800 prisoners are embedded with CalFire to slow the spread of the wildfires, as part of a voluntary program.

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The NBA match between the LA Lakers and Charlotte Hornets is postponed amid the wildfires.

(Pic: Firefighters work to create a firebreak in the Angeles National Forest near Mt. Wilson; Credit: Reuters)

FRI 08:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnxjty)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5sw7)

Alice Edwards: Is it possible to eradicate torture?

Sarah Montague speaks to Alice Edwards, the UN special rapporteur on torture. It's been 40 years since the introduction of the UN Convention Against Torture, but she says it's still happening at unacceptable levels. Is it possible to eradicate something that has been around for as long as humans have existed?

FRI 08:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78lx3b)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct5z32)

Business Daily meets: Jimmy Choo

Sam Fenwick meets the renowned fashion designer and shoemaker, Jimmy Choo.

From learning the craft under his father's guidance in Malaysia, we hear about his journey building a fashion empire in London, starting from the basement of a run-down hospital.

Today, Jimmy Choo, who now designs for fashion house The Atelier, wants to share his knowledge with a new generation.

If you would like to get in touch with the show, please email: businessdaily@bbc.co.uk

Presenter: Sam Fenwick
Producer: Amber Mehmood

(Picture: Jimmy Choo at an event run by his fashion college, the London Fashion Academy. Credit: BBC)

FRI 08:50 Witness History (w3ct5yfq)

The Bosphorus boat spotter tracking Russian military trucks

Yörük Işık is a ship spotter who logs all the boats that pass through the narrow Bosphorus Strait near his home in Istanbul, Turkey.

In October 2015, he noticed something unusual - Russian military trucks on a civilian ship bound for Syria.

The photos he took were the first evidence that Russia was supplying armed forces to support President Bashar al-Assad. It followed months of denial from Moscow that they were planning to engage militarily on the ground in Syria's civil war.

Emily Wither speaks to Yörük about how his hobby became a news source.

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(Photo: Ship with Russian military trucks on. Credit: Yörük Işık)

FRI 09:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnxnl2)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 09:06 The Newsroom (w172zbqqckmpvzd)

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FRI 09:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78m0vg)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 09:32 Science In Action (w3ct5vdz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Thursday]

FRI 10:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnxsb6)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct5q30)

Scientist spotlight

Team Unexpected have been digging into their mind palaces to pull on the scientific research that has stuck with them most over the past year.

We hear from Professor John Parnell, geologist at the University of Aberdeen, about the role of plankton in forming ancient mountains.

How ocean bubbles play a role in climate regulation with bubble physicist Dr Helen Czerski from University College London. Would you know how to measure the size of a bubble?

We also participate in some memory sports with Jonas von Essen who is a two-time world memory champion. He helps us construct a mind palace in order to memorise really long strings of digits.

Plus we look into the backstory of the human buttocks with science journalist and reporter Heather Radke. She answers the question 'why do we humans have such large behinds?'

And we hear from Professor Andre Isaacs at the College of the Holy Cross who has filled his chemistry lab with music and dance in order to change perceptions about who can be a scientist.

That, plus many more Unexpected Elements.

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FRI 11:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnxx2b)

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FRI 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct6dxf)

Why is Elon Musk meddling in European politics?

The world's richest man, Elon Musk, has revolutionised every industry he has ever worked in – from online payments and electric vehicles to space travel and satellite communications. Now he's positioning himself as a major force in global politics. He is already going to play a key role in the United States as an advisor to President Donald Trump, but he has also turned his attention to Germany and the UK.

Lucy Hockings speaks with Mike Wendling and Jessica Parker about whether Musk's motivations for getting involved in European politics are professional or personal.

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FRI 12:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghny0tg)

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FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct699y)

Outlook Mixtape: Wrestling with fate; and an Indian prince

Former Harvard athlete Chris Nowinski found stardom in the world of pro wrestling. Performing as the obnoxious villain Chris Harvard, he worked alongside superstars like The Rock and Hulk Hogan. Chris lived the dream, until one fateful match left him suffering from post-concussion syndrome. With his career seemingly at an end, Chris began researching sports-related head trauma and convincing athletes to donate their brains. His work helped shed new light on the dangers of impact sports.

Overcoming strict censorship, Slovenian band Laibach managed to put on one of the first Western rock concerts ever held in North Korea. This unlikely gig was the brainchild of Norwegian director, writer, and producer called Morten Traavik. But throughout the buildup, the event hung in the balance. Any misstep, any verbal slip up, any accidental critique of North Korea, and the whole concert could be cancelled.

Manvendra Singh Gohil, a real-life prince and next in line to a royal dynasty in the Indian state of Gujarat, grew up in a gilded cage. His family's desire to keep his blue blood away from 'commoners' meant that he missed out on formative experiences like making friends. After a failed marriage to a princess, Manvendra was determined to break out and explore the world, and his sexuality. With the help of his new friend Ashok, a gay rights activist, the prince began a process of self-acceptance that would be put to the ultimate test. (This episode was first broadcast in May 2022)

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(Photo: Cassette tape. Credit: Getty Images)

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FRI 14:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghny89q)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 14:06 Newshour (w172zb99xr6w3sp)

2024 first year to pass 1.5C global warming limit

European Union scientists confirm last year was the hottest on record. We hear from the European Copernicus climate service and from the Los Angeles firefighter battling flames and exhaustion.

Also on the programme: Venezuela's authoritarian leader Nicolas Maduro is about to be sworn in for a third term in office; and one of the world's greatest violins is about to be auctioned.

(Photo: A man uses a bag on his head to protect himself from the sun during the heatwave in Dhaka, Bangladesh, 22 April 2024. Credit: EPA-EFE/REX/Shutterstock)

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The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 15:06 HARDtalk (w3ct5sw7)

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FRI 15:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78mr7)

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FRI 15:32 World Business Report (w3ct5ztn)

Court hears appeal to overturn TikTok ban in the US

The popular social media platform TikTok is appearing before the US Supreme Court on Friday in a last-ditch effort to overturn an imminent US ban.

Meanwhile, the US President-elect Donald Trump faces sentencing in the New York hush-money case involving Stormy Daniels.

And in Venezuela, President Nicolás Maduro is set to be sworn in today for the third term to lead his country, despite a six-month dispute over a July election and international calls for him to stand aside.

FRI 16:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnyhsz)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 16:06 BBC OS (w172zbgmyrl4wb)

Venezuela: Maduro's disputed inauguration

Nicolás Maduro has said his third term as Venezuela's president will be a period of "peace, prosperity, equality and democracy". He made the remarks as he was sworn in, six months after the election that many think he lost. We get reaction from Venezuelans and speak to our reporter.

Firefighters say they're making progress in tackling the five blazes still burning in Los Angeles, but warn that more high winds could make their work difficult in the days ahead. We speak to residents in the city.

The US president-elect Donald Trump said this week he is prepared to use tariffs or military force to seize control of Greenland. He also suggested that Canada should become the 51st state of the United States. We get reaction from Greenlanders and Canadians.

We have the latest on Donald Trump's appearance by video link to be sentenced for fraud.

Presenter: Mark Lowen.

(Photo: Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro is sworn in by President of the National Assembly Jorge Rodriguez for a third six-year term, in Caracas, Venezuela January 10, 2025. Credit: Jhonn Zerpa/Miraflores Palace/Handout via REUTERS)

FRI 17:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnymk3)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 17:06 BBC OS (w172zbgmyrl8mg)

LA wildfires: Five fires still burning

The wind forecasts and drought conditions mean a red flag warning - indicating critical fire conditions - is in place across Southern California. We speak to those who are helping people affected.

The US has announced an increased \$25m reward for information leading to the arrest of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro on the day he was sworn in for a third six-year term in office. We hear from Venezuelans and speak to our correspondent.

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(Photos: A firefighter is seen in the Angeles National Forest near Mt. Wilson as the wildfires burn in the Los Angeles area, during the Eaton Fire in Altadena, California, U.S. January 9, 2025. Credit: Ringo Chiu/Reuters)

FRI 18:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnyr97)

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FRI 18:06 Outlook (w3ct699y)

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FRI 18:50 Witness History (w3ct5yfq)

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FRI 19:06 The Newsroom (w172zbgqckmr2fp)

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FRI 19:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78n79r)

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FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct5w29)

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BBC sports correspondents tell the story behind today's top sporting news, with interviews and reports from across the world.

FRI 20:00 BBC News (w172zgfjghnyzsh)

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FRI 20:06 BBC OS Conversations (w3ct5rcs)

Dealing with trauma after vehicle-ranming attacks

Over the past decade, cars and trucks have been used as lethal weapons in an increasing number of attacks.

Fourteen people died and at least 35 were injured when a driver of a pickup truck targeted crowds in New Orleans on New Year's Day. Less than a month earlier, a nine-year-old child and five adults were killed in a similar incident in the eastern German city of Magdeburg where a car was driven through a crowded Christmas market.

In our conversations, we hear from Kathy and Donna. Kathy was dancing in a Christmas parade in the town of Waukesha in the US state of Wisconsin in 2021 when a car rammed into the performers, killing six people and injuring dozens more.

Donna was watching the parade: "I remember it like it was yesterday," she tells host Mark Lowen. "These are things you see on TV, when you see them right in front of your eyes, you don't understand, you have no comprehension of what just happened."

Donna and Kathy are joined by Astrid in Germany, whose father was killed in a 2016 attack on a Christmas market in Berlin.

And in the aftermath of the New Year's Day attack in New Orleans, we bring together a local pastor, Page, and his wife, Ashley – a professional counsellor, who have been providing support to those affected.

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(Photo: A mourner weeps at a vigil, after people were killed by a US Army veteran who drove a truck into a crowd celebrating New Year's Day, in New Orleans, Louisiana, 4 January, 2025. Credit: Eduardo Munoz/Reuters)

FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w172zggbx78nc1w)

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FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct5rj9)

Is beer better without alcohol?

In the past stout beer has been touted for its supposed health benefits. Is there any truth to those claims - and what happens if you take the alcohol out?

CrowdScience listener Aengus pondered these questions down at the pub, after noticing most of his friends were drinking non-alcoholic beers. He wondered how the non-alcoholic stuff is made – what's taken out and what's added in – and whether the final product is better for you than the alcoholic version.

It's a question that takes us to Belgium, home to the experimental brewery of a global drinks company which takes the growing market for alcohol-free beer very seriously. David De Schutter, head of research and development, shows host

Marnie Chesterton how to take alcohol out of beer without spoiling the flavour.

We also find our way to a yeast lab in Leuven, Belgium where Kevin Verstrepen and his team have found another way to make alcohol-free beer with the help of industrious microbes: yeast varieties that brew beer without producing any alcohol in the first place. And how do they compare to the alcoholic versions? We discuss the importance of aromas in our perception of beer's taste.

So should listener Aengus stick to non-alcoholic stout? We speak to scientist Tim Stockwell about the health drawbacks of alcohol, even in moderation. And gut microbiome researcher Cláudia Marques fills us in on her delicious pilot study, which looked at the effects of both non-alcoholic and alcoholic beers on our digestive tract.

Along the way, Marnie taste-tests what's on the market, and asks the experts why this particular grocery shelf has become so much bigger and more flavourful in recent years.

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(Image: Close-up of waitress holding craft beer at bar, Brazil
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FRI 21:06 Newshour (w172zb99xr6wz0l)

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