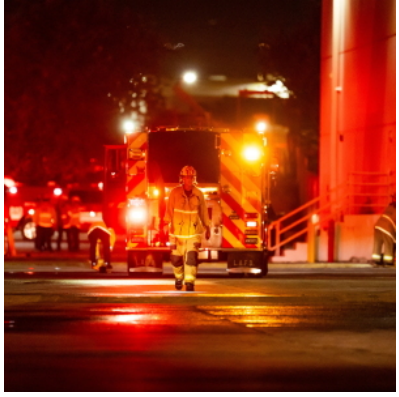
WORLD

State of U.S. democracy reaches new low, report finds

A new global democracy report finds the U.S. at its lowest level of democratic performance in the 50 years it has been measured.

POLITICS

Republican Rep. Massie moves to impeach Defense Secretary Hegseth over Iran war



NATIONAL

NBC news helicopter crashes and kills at least 3 in LA neighborhood

PERFORMING ARTS

Kennedy Center board votes to close it, as judge again keeps Trump's name off

LAW

Judge blocks DHS from acting against a man over a harsh email to an ICE official

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NASA rushed engineers out of their labs. They say it risks future space missions

BUSINESS

Get ready for yet another cost when buying a home: Junk fees

MUSIC

Ed Sheeran's tour in trouble after opening acts drop out in solidarity with rapper Macklemore

LAW

Prosecutors won't seek the death penalty for Nick Reiner

Emre Çaylak for NPR

MIDDLE EAST

Turkish habit of stashing gold 'under the pillow' hurts economy, government says

For years, Turks have stashed their gold at home against a raining day, mistrustful of banks. Now the government says that tradition hurts the economy

MY UNSUNG HERO

A stranger helped a mother and son stuck in a current in Lake Michigan

A mother was caught in a current while saving her son in Lake Michigan. When she couldn't get them closer to shore, a man appeared to help.

A federal plans for a 'Monarch Highway' stalled. States are still planting butterfly rest stops

NEBRASKA PUBLIC MEDIA

A decade ago, a federal task force announced a plan to help monarch butterflies along their great migration. The six-state effort along Interstate 35 didn't take off as expected, but some roadsides are blooming anyway.

New Hampshire chief justice resigns over state payment to ally

NHPR

New Hampshire Supreme Court Chief Justice Gordon McDonald resigned after a New Hampshire Public Radio investigation showed an ally received $50,000 in employment benefits in a brief layoff.

Patrick T. Fallon/AFP via Getty Images

ELECTIONS

The Supreme Court rejects Trump's mail voting restrictions for this year's midterms

The Supreme Court has rejected the Trump administration's request to allow mail-in voting restrictions under a U.S. Postal Service plan for the midterm general election.

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RESEARCH NEWS

Tiny krill are turning up in deep-sea hydrothermal vents. Scientists want to know why

Antarctic krill serve as a crucial food source for penguins, seals, and whales. They recycle nutrients used by algae. Now researchers say they've found krill in a surprising place: hydrothermal vents.

BUSINESS

A Trump-backed crypto bill just suffered a bruising defeat in the Senate. Here's why

The legislation was intended to establish rules of the road for the crypto sector for the first time. But it suffered a stinging defeat in the Senate on Tuesday.

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TECHNOLOGY

Bernie Sanders and Steve Bannon call for curbs on AI

The rare pairing of a progressive leader and a MAGA voice is a sign of how worries over rapidly advancing AI are upending political alliances. But their policy proposals are far apart.

GLOBAL HEALTH

Air pollution spiked after the Trump administration stopped embassy monitoring

In 2025, the Trump administration ended a long-running program to collect air pollution data at U.S. embassies. A new study suggests that led to a 24-33% increase in local pollution levels.

TELEVISION

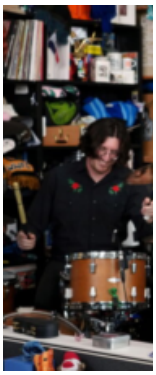
Emmys 2026: Here's the list of winners

The Pitt and Widow's Bay took home the top prizes in television at the Emmy Awards on Monday night. And actor Matthew Rhys became the first person to win in two lead acting categories in one night.

WATCH

Mon Laferte: Tiny Desk Concert

Tori Kelly: Tiny Desk Concert



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Mon Laferte: Tiny Desk Concert

Mon Laferte aims to contradict, expose or challenge norms; she takes the assignment of performing in an office space as no exception.

ECONOMY

Family income rose and poverty fell in 2025 — but safety net cuts could erase gains

An annual report from the Census Bureau shows the average family made more money in 2025 than the year before, while the official poverty rate declined. Health care coverage was little changed from 2024.

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ELECTIONS

How to register to vote in the 2026 elections

For the 2026 elections, NPR has collected deadlines and information on how to register to vote — online, in person or by mail — in every U.S. state and territory.

TECHNOLOGY

Anthropic co-founder says slowing AI is a 'collective action problem'

Anthropic co-founder Jack Clark discusses growing concerns about artificial intelligence, recent warning signs and what he says companies should do to reduce the risks.

Life Kit: Tools to help you get it together

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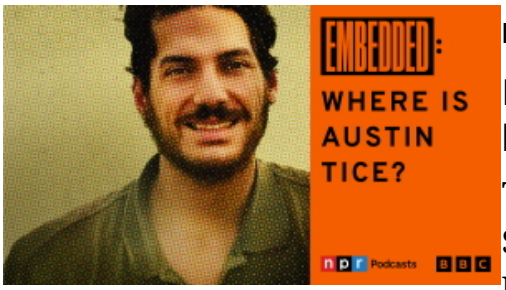

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EMBEDDED

Episode 3: Retracing Austin Tice's steps through Syria leads to a shocking breakthrough

The Austin Tice files begin to give up their secrets. Josh and Sara uncover names, locations and new leads about what happened to Austin Tice. But to understand them, they have to go back to the start - to Austin's own journey through Syria, the rebels he befriended, and the road he took before he vanished. That road leads to a town outside Damascus — and a shocking discovery.

IMMIGRATION

For thousands of Haitians in the U.S., end of protected status brings fear, grief and defiance

Haitians in the U.S. lost their Temporary Protected Status under Trump's immigration crackdown. Now facing deportation to a homeland wracked by gang violence, disease and extreme poverty, Haitians in Miami are meeting the moment with grief, anger, and courage.

NEWS

Geopolitics and grain don't mix, say these Montana farmers

Farmers in states bordering Canada say they are reeling from President Trump's trade wars and resulting retaliatory tariffs. And it's just not neighborly.

MY UNSUNG HERO

New to the U.S., he struggled to find belonging. A fellow student changed that

When Teyu Chou was 11 years old, his family immigrated to the U.S. The transition was isolating and confusing. But a fellow student stepped up and helped him adjust.

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Short Wave podcast: Revealing the science behind everyday mysteries

Chimp convalescence, ant amputation: the wild world of animal doctors

A course correction in managing drying rivers

Long COVID scientists try to unravel blood clot mystery

POLITICS

Mitch McConnell returns to Senate after fall that led to an extended medical absence

McConnell spent weeks in recovery before explaining he was "briefly unconscious" following the fall that sent him to the hospital and a weeks-long recovery process.

EUROPE

NATO jets shoot down a drone in Lithuanian airspace

The incident came less than a day after NATO leaders pledged that strikes close to the alliance's territory would drive the trans-Atlantic organization to increase support for Kyiv.

Mary Cantrell/ Marfa Public Radio

IMMIGRATION

Texas landowners sue federal government over border wall plans

A lawsuit filed Monday takes aim at federal agencies' use of waivers to expedite construction of a wall along the border with Mexico and claims that landowners' constitutional rights are being violated.

ELECTIONS

Federal agents may have broken state laws in voter fraud hunt, whistleblower claims

Federal agents may have broken state laws after the Department of Homeland Security began surging personnel for what it called the Unlawful Voter Initiative, a federal whistleblower alleges.

POLICY & POLITICS

Trump touches a nerve while in Ireland by saying reunification would be 'fantastic'

President Trump held talks in Dublin with Irish President Catherine Connolly and Ireland's Prime Minister Micheál Martin during a weekend visit centered on a major golf tournament.

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ONLY ON NPR

NPR looked for ChatGPT's new crisis feature. It's hard to find

Earlier this year, OpenAI launched a feature on ChatGPT meant to help people at risk of suicide connect with someone they trust for support. But its setup may prove challenging to someone in crisis.

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