

Eye on the World

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Luke 21:34-36—“But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take your stand in the presence of the Son of Man” (Weymouth New Testament).



Iran – US Situation

Ayatollah Khamenei’s son Mojtaba named new supreme leader of Iran, but details are wanting

<https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/iran-news/article-889835>

<https://www.jpost.com/international/article-889866>

30 mine-laying ships destroyed

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2026/03/11/us-destroys-16-iranian-mine-laying-boats-centcom-claims/>

Protest; Iran’s police chief Radan warns protesters that their finger is on the trigger

<https://www.investing.com/news/commodities-news/combatants-in-mideast-war-trade-more-air-strikes-as-iran-clamps-down-on-dissent-4553548>

<https://www.independentsentinel.com/the-chilling-reason-iranians-might-not-have-rose-up/>

US refueling plane fatally crashes

<https://www.breitbart.com/europe/2026/03/13/all-six-aircrew-of-stratotanker-lost-over-iraq-are-deceased-confirms-central-command/>

March 13 is al-Quds day (1979 call against Israel and USA)

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/3/13/explosions-near-tehran-al-quds-day-march-in-solidarity-with-palestinians>

Energy

Ca. – Phillips 66, Valero, Chevron, etc, refineries warn Gov. Newsom of impending failure

<https://www.foxla.com/news/iran-war-gas-prices-california-refinery-closures>

<https://calmatters.org/environment/2026/03/california-iran-oil-profit-spike/>

Tx. – Trump works with India to fund light shale oil refinery in Brownsville (1st in 50 yrs)

<https://www.kvue.com/article/news/local/texas/first-us-oil-refinery-nearly-50-years-brownsville-planned-trump/269-655499e7-4e4d-44b0-9f32-15c07d05b1f2>

USA – IEA to release 400 (172 US) million barrels of strategic petroleum reserves;

<https://www.nbcnews.com/business/energy/iea-release-400-million-barrels-oil-iran-war-rcna262931>

<https://www.cnn.com/2026/03/11/iea-oil-reserves-crude-prices-iran-g7-energy.html>

USA - temporarily restrict sanctions on Russian tankers stranded at sea

<https://www.cnn.com/2026/03/13/bessent-us-allows-purchase-russian-oil-stranded-sea-energy-markets.html>

Security

Medical device company Stryker dealt cyberattack, as 1000's have cell phones and laptops disabled; Iran claims retaliation

<https://therecord.media/stryker-cyberattack-iran-hackers>

US Politics

TSA, DHS, and FEMA hamstrung by funding halt - Fetterman votes to keep them funded

<https://foxsanantonio.com/news/nation-world/tsa-agents-miss-paychecks-airport-delays-worsen-as-partial-shutdown-nears-one-month-department-homeland-security-funding-bill-john-thune>

<https://thehill.com/policy/transportation/5782173-tsa-paycheck-missed-shutdown/>

LA County uncovered as a hotbed of fraud, in a medicare scam that steals identities and files false claims

<https://www.cbsnews.com/projects/2026/hospice-fraud/>

IEDs thrown near NYC mayoral mansion in dual protest

<https://www.police1.com/terrorism/fbi-nyc-isis-inspired-terrorists-that-threw-ieds-wanted-to-carry-out-attack-bigger-than-boston-marathon-bombings>

Senate Majority Leader Thune promises to bring SAVE America Act to senate floor next week

<https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/5780426-fetterman-save-act-opposition/>

Shootings at Old Dominion, Va. and Temple Israel Jewish synagogue, Detroit, Mi

<https://www.theblaze.com/news/old-dominion-students-subdue-threat>

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/michigan-synagogue-attack-security-rcna262996>

Senate runoff for Ken Paxton and incumbent John Cornyn on May 26

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2026/03/13/rep-eli-crane-backs-ken-paxton-in-texas-senate-race-over-john-cornyn/>

Neighbors

Shooting at Toronto consulate and 3 synagogues in most populous Canada city

<https://www.reuters.com/world/americas/toronto-police-say-shots-fired-us-consulate-no-injuries-reported-2026-03-10/>

Across the pond

UK proposes disallowing juries for sentences under 3 years

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/jury-trial-reform-courts-david-lammy-open-letter-b2934885.html>

Winston Churchill to be removed from currency (along with Jane Austin and Turing)

<https://www.breitbart.com/europe/2026/03/11/civilisational-erasure-images-of-great-britons-to-be-removed-from-nations-money/>

<https://www.gbnews.com/money/bank-of-england-winston-churchill-wildlife-banknotes>

Science

A less-intrusive, senior-care companion (with NY prices, imho)

<https://www.wired.com/review/elliq-ai-companion-robot/>

Germany and Italy work on liquid hydrogen fuel for aircraft

<https://interestingengineering.com/science/cryogenic-hydrogen-fuel-aircraft-turbine>

People who make countertops claim quartz processing damages health

<https://kffhealthnews.org/news/article/quartz-countertops-silicosis-workers-lung-disease-crystalline-silica/>

Odd bits

Tornadoes tear through Michigan (super cell), Illinois and Indiana

<https://www.wzzm13.com/article/news/local/nws-deadly-march-6th-union-city-tornado-strongest-michigan-since-1977/69-96da0fb5-7f8c-4627-84a7-a977650bfdbe>

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/2-killed-and-homes-damaged-after-tornadoes-tear-through-illinois-and-indiana-with-more-storms-moving-in>

Moms for Liberty @ WH celebrate working mothers

<https://www.foxnews.com/video/6390782585112>

Sen. Josh Hawley to introduce bill to stop using an abortion pill the FDA won't check after data from 2023 claims that >10% of women were severely or critically harmed by mifepristone in a trial of 900,000 women while the drug was used on 63% of >1,000,000 abortions that year alone

<https://www.presidentialprayerteam.org/2026/03/13/senator-introduces-legislation-to-ban-chemical-abortion-pills/>

<https://www.texasallianceforlife.org/news/news-release-tal-supports-federal-ban-on-mifepristone/>

Faith

In the tragic death of a beloved teacher in a prank, widow asks to dismiss charges and 18 yr old student Jayden Wallace pledges Christ-like response

<https://nypost.com/2026/03/11/us-news/georgia-high-school-student-jayden-wallave-vows-to-honor-slain-teacher-jason-hughes-killed-in-prank-gone-wrong/>

Secretary of War Pete Hegseth resumes prayer at Pentagon and quotes from Ps 144, while Mayor Mamdani holds Iftar (Ramadan fast-breaking ceremony) in NY city hall

<https://www.war.gov/News/Transcripts/Transcript/Article/4429953/secretary-of-war-pete-hegseth-and-chairman-of-the-joint-chiefs-of-staff-gen-dan/>

<https://wabcradio.com/2026/03/12/mamdani-hosts-muslim-event-inside-nyc-city-hall/>

Karen Whitsett (Michigan state rep.) steps back from office b/c Jesus

<https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/local/2026/03/03/michigan-state-rep-karen-whitsett-not-seeking-reelection-plans-to-focus-on-religion/>

Seeking out the mysteries of life

Petsmart: Shop smart; Shop S-Mart

<https://x.com/i/status/2029816906237235241>

(sourced from NTB: <https://notthebee.com/article/watch-these-rockers-are-confused-about-petsmarts-name-and-now-so-am-i>)