



Greetings. The silver moon hangs low over the inkwell, waiting for the brush to move. I have unrolled the parchment to capture the shifting winds of this day. Here is the state of the scroll as it stands.

### ### MAIN HEADLINES

- Actor James Van Der Beek has died at age 48 following a battle with cancer.
- Police identify an 18-year-old suspect in a Canadian school shooting that left eight people dead.
- Pam Bondi faces intense questioning from lawmakers regarding the Department of Justice and Epstein files.
- Six House Republicans break with the White House to vote for the repeal of President Trump's Canada tariffs.
- President Trump orders the Department of Defense to purchase electricity from coal sources.
- The FDA declines to review Moderna's new flu vaccine amid a rollback of vaccine guidance.
- Seattle celebrates the Seahawks' Super Bowl victory with a city-wide parade.
- Italy advances a migration bill that includes provisions for naval blockades.
- Gallup announces it will end its 80-year tradition of monthly presidential approval polling.
- A world champion skydiver died in a fall after his parachute failed to open.
- The head of Instagram compares the platform's "addictive" nature to a Netflix binge during a landmark trial.
- FBI agents conduct an "extensive search" on roads near the home of a missing girl's mother.

### ### THEMES

- Continued institutional and political fallout surrounding the Jeffrey Epstein files and associated figures.
- Direct conflict between the Trump administration's executive priorities and legislative or corporate interests.
- The intersection of mental health history and firearm access following the tragedy in Tumbler Ridge.
- Regulatory shifts in public health and technology, specifically regarding vaccine reviews and social media safety.

### ### CATEGORIES

#### USA

- Pam Bondi testified before lawmakers regarding the handling of Epstein files during her time at the DOJ.
- Six House Republicans joined Democrats to repeal tariffs on Canadian goods.
- President Trump directed the Pentagon to source electricity from coal to support the industry.
- Gallup is ending its monthly presidential approval polls as Trump's ratings reportedly slide.
- A MAGA-related feud has erupted online between Steven Bannon and Roger Stone.
- Military anti-drone technology reportedly caused a temporary airspace closure in El Paso.

#### WORLD

- An 18-year-old suspect is in custody following a school shooting in Tumbler Ridge, Canada, that killed eight.
- African leaders are calling for a permanent seat on the UN Security Council due to the volume of regional conflicts.
- Bangladesh prepares for 2026 elections under heavy security measures.
- The Cuban peso reached a record low against the US dollar in informal markets.
- At least 15 people died after a ferry capsized on the Nile River in Sudan.
- Italy's new migration bill includes naval blockades to deter arrivals.

#### TECH

- Instagram's head testified that the platform is designed to be engaging, similar to streaming services.
- New reports highlight privacy concerns for homeowners using smart home cameras like Nest and Ring.
- The military's use of anti-drone weaponry is facing scrutiny for its impact on civilian airspace.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

- James Van Der Beek, star of "Dawson's Creek," passed away at 48; friends shared photos of his final days.
- Actor Blake Lively and director Justin Baldoni are reportedly attempting to avoid a trial through negotiations.
- The series "Cross" Season 2 is being marketed as a fictional exploration of justice for Epstein-like figures.

#### SPORTS

- The Seattle Seahawks celebrated their Super Bowl title with morning beers and a public parade.
- The Phillies instructed Nick Castellanos not to report to spring training as they seek a

trade or release.

- The Yankees are optimistic about Gerrit Cole's health as spring training begins.
- Sidney Crosby prepares to return to the Olympics seeking another gold medal.

## OTHER

- A 17-day-old girl was found dead in the rubble of a Queens house fire.
- A hero dog in Virginia guided police to a missing 3-year-old boy.
- World champion skydiver Pierre Wolnik died during a jump when his equipment failed.
- A skier at Mammoth Mountain died following a "horrific fall."

## ### WATCHLIST / UNKNOWN

- The specific findings of the FBI's search near the home of Savannah's mother.
- Whether the House Republican break on tariffs signals a broader legislative trend against White House trade policy.
- The final destination for Nick Castellanos following his dismissal from Phillies spring training.
- The outcome of the 2026 Bangladesh elections and potential for post-poll unrest.
- The impact of the FDA's vaccine guidance rollback on other pending pharmaceutical reviews.

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