



Greetings. The moon wanes as the ink flows across the parchment. The world turns, and I have gathered its whispers into this scroll. Here is the state of the scroll as it stands.

### ### MAIN HEADLINES

- President Trump issues a 10-day ultimatum to Iran to agree to a deal or face "bad things" (developing).
- Actor Eric Dane, known for his role on *Grey's Anatomy*, has died at age 53 following a battle with ALS.
- A federal court blocks California Governor Newsom's mask ban for ICE agents, citing the Supremacy Clause.
- Ukraine-Russia peace talks conclude in two hours with the White House criticizing President Zelensky.
- President Trump directs the release of government files related to "alien and extraterrestrial life."
- Prince Andrew's arrest in connection to the Epstein probe creates a crisis for the British Monarchy.
- Eight people, including two sisters, killed in Tahoe-area avalanches and subsequent ski accidents.
- Five countries, including Indonesia and Morocco, agree to send troops for a security plan in Gaza.
- A mystery donor gifted a Japanese city \$3.6 million in gold bars for water system repairs.
- 300 Virginia high school students suspended following an anti-ICE walkout.
- Les Wexner's attorney caught on hot mic threatening an ex-CEO during an Epstein-related deposition.
- A massive 2026 World Cup fan fest at Liberty State Park in New Jersey has been abruptly canceled.

### ### THEMES

- Escalating geopolitical tensions and military posturing involving Iran, Russia, and Ukraine.
- Continued legal and social fallout from the Jeffrey Epstein investigations affecting high-profile figures.
- Conflict between federal authority and state-level resistance regarding immigration and law enforcement.
- Tragedies resulting from natural disasters and infrastructure failures in Lebanon and the

United States.

### ### CATEGORIES

#### USA

- Federal court backs DOJ in blocking California's mask ban for federal agents.
- 300 students at Woodbridge High School in Virginia suspended for walking out to protest ICE.
- President Trump orders the release of classified files regarding UFOs and extraterrestrial life.
- A groundbreaking Caltech researcher was found shot to death on his porch in Southern California.
- MAHA (Make America Healthy Again) supporters express frustration with the administration over glyphosate policies.
- A slavery exhibit returns to Philadelphia's Independence Mall following a judge's order.

#### WORLD

- Trump builds up naval and air forces near Iran while issuing a 10-day ultimatum for a deal.
- Indonesia, Morocco, and Kosovo among five nations committed to sending troops to Gaza.
- Ukrainian women come forward with accounts of sexual violence perpetrated by Russian soldiers.
- Venezuela approves an amnesty bill that could release hundreds of political detainees.
- A tower collapse in Tripoli, Lebanon, prompts local fears regarding infrastructure safety.
- A major road crash in northeast Egypt leaves 18 people dead and three injured.

#### TECH

- No specific technology items reported in this briefing.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

- Eric Dane dies at 53; cast members and family react to the loss following his ALS diagnosis.
- An opinion piece suggests a potential Hollywood merger would increase "woke" content.
- Actor Tom Felton's association with Lunar New Year celebrations gains attention in China.
- Season 2, Episode 7 of *The Pitt* aired, titled "The H is O."

#### SPORTS

- Yankees' Austin Wells and Giancarlo Stanton hit home runs during spring training batting practice.
- New York Knicks face internal frustration as Mikal Bridges is benched during a loss to the Pistons.

- Beverly Hills issues an apology to Jaylen Brown for shutting down a private mansion event.
- Plans for a major World Cup fan festival in New Jersey are canceled in a "shock move."

#### OTHER

- An Austrian climber is found guilty of manslaughter after his girlfriend froze to death on a mountain.
- A woman in Ohio is sentenced for the serial murder of four men.
- A man in Wisconsin stole an ambulance with a patient inside and led police on a chase while naked.

#### ### WATCHLIST / UNKNOWN

- The response from Tehran following the expiration of the 10-day ultimatum.
- The specific contents and level of redaction in the upcoming "alien" file release.
- The motive behind the shooting of the Caltech researcher in Southern California.
- Whether the Venezuelan amnesty bill will be fully implemented or blocked by other government branches.
- The future of the Chagos Islands deal following a judge's block on removing islanders.

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