

SATURDAY 08 AUGUST 2026**SAT 00:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd09q1)**

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 00:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct8kcs)

Someone's always watching

The UK's Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has found that birdwatching is the second-fastest growing hobby amongst Gen Z with 750,000 of them regularly venturing into the outdoors to spot some of our feathered friends. Inspired by this new appreciation for an old pastime, the Unexpected Elements team are on the lookout for some birdwatching science.

First, we watch birds, but did you know they watch us back? We hear how crows don't just hold grudges; they also pass on those grudges to their peers. Then, from birds watching us to birds watching for us. We learn all about the patterns of vulture crime scene detectives.

Inspired by the citizen science nature of bird watching we talk to Professor Brooke Simmons about Galaxy Zoo, a website where people can volunteer to sort through images of galaxies and perhaps stumble on some mysterious green blobs.

We also bring you the newest evidence of ice age-old bird appreciation, explore BALLS or the ambitious pan-African experiment to send spherical radio antennae to the moon, and ask does music distract or help you concentrate? The answer might depend on your social skills.

All that plus more unexpected elements.

Presenter: Marnie Chesterton

Producers: Ella Hubber, Lucy Davies and Robbie Wojciechowski

SAT 01:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd0fg5)

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SAT 01:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmqjdvbvhf)

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

SAT 01:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlks2zpsqk)

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SAT 01:32 The Global Story (w3ct8m93)

Is it OK to talk about Ariana Grande's body?

Ariana Grande's appearance in a new music video has sparked speculation, commentary and intense debate over the question of when — if ever — the public should weigh in on a woman's body.

The pop star and Wicked actor is not the first woman in the public eye to come under intense scrutiny, so how has the way we talk about celebrities' bodies changed over time?

We ask Monica Hesse, screens critic for The Washington Post, and Sarah Dittum, journalist and author of Toxic: Women, Fame, and the Tabloid 2000s, whether it's ever OK to talk about a woman's appearance.

(Photo: Ariana Grande at the 83rd Annual Golden Globes in January 2026. Credit: Christopher Polk/Getty Images)

Producer: Mhairi MacKenzie and Sam Chantarasak

Executive producer: Martine Powers

Sound engineer: Travis Evans

Senior news editor: China Collins

SAT 02:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd0k69)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 02:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmqjdvbz7k)

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SAT 02:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlks2zpsgp)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 02:32 Stumped (w3ct99f1)

Smriti Mandhana on India's winning culture

Smriti Mandhana joins Stumped to discuss India's strong dressing room culture and the supportive environment that has

helped shape the team's success. The elegant left-hander also reflects on winning the 2025 Cricket World Cup and on playing in the historic Test match at Lord's and in The Hundred. Alison Mitchell, Jim Maxwell and Charu Sharma reflect on her remarkable impact and discuss what India must do to consistently challenge the world's best sides.

The team also debates whether Joe Root is the right person to captain England after Ben Stokes revealed concerns about the toll the role could take on him, while insisting he wishes Root nothing but success.

Plus, Charu has some advice for Babar Azam following Pakistan's 1-1 series draw with West Indies. He wants the Pakistan skipper to relax and enjoy his leadership ahead of facing England later this month.

Photo: Smriti Mandhana of Manchester Super Giants Women bats during The Hundred match between Manchester Super Giants Women and Welsh Fire Women at Emirates Old Trafford on August 05, 2026 in Manchester, England. (Photo by Joe Prior/Getty Images)

SAT 03:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd0nyf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 03:06 Outlook (w3ct8hvp)

Outlook Mixtape: Eureka! part 2

Another batch of dreamers and tinkers whose inventions travelled far beyond their expectations.

In 1967 Meg Crane had the idea for a home pregnancy test — one that women could do themselves. It would mean no more long waits for laboratory results and no need for doctors. But her bosses at the pharmaceutical firm where she worked took a different view. Although her idea was dismissed, she continued to work on her prototype for the world's first home pregnancy test. She told Jo Fidgeon in 2023 how the fight to finally get her design onto shelves, started on the day that she gatecrashed a meeting of male product designers.

Kenechukwu Ogbuagu's world revolves around board games. He invents them, designs them and makes them with his own hands for his company Nibcard Games in Nigeria. He even hosts the African Boardgame Convention. In 2022 Kenechukwu shared his story with Mobeen Azhar — how his passion began and about placing his own heritage and culture at the heart of many of his games.

Two superstars of dance, Bob Fosse and Gwen Verdon revolutionised the modern musical with highly stylised dance routines that are instantly recognisable; sultry and sharp movements, splayed fingers on gloved hands, shoulder rolls and props like tilted bowler hats. In 2020 Nicole Fosse spoke to Emily Webb. She reflects on her parents' legacy and how, as a child she would sometimes get involved in their creative process.

Takayuki Ohira is a Japanese inventor who has always had a fascination with the night sky. His astonishing creation is in the Guinness World Records. It's called the Megastar Planetarium and was recorded as being able to project the highest number of stars in the world. He shared his remarkable story of ingenuity and ambition with Jo Fidgeon back in 2016.

Presenter: India Rakusen

Producer: Hannah Dean

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(Photo: A transparent 60-minute cassette tape with a white label bearing the words: The Outlook Mixtape. Credit: Getty Images)

SAT 03:50 Witness History (w3ct98dz)

The origins of the all-inclusive holiday

Holidaymakers arrived at the first Club Med resort on the Spanish island of Majorca in the summer of 1950.

Founded by the Belgian water polo player Gérard Blitz, Club Méditerranée offered a new kind of post-war holiday built around the idea that leisure should be simple, sociable and accessible.

The facilities were basic at first. Guests slept in huts and shared communal meals. But the company's all-inclusive approach proved enormously popular and helped change the way millions of people holiday around the world.

In 2020, Lucy Burns spoke to Pierre-Xavier Bécrot whose parents worked at that first resort and remained part of the Club Med story for many years.

Eye-witness accounts brought to life by archive. Witness

History is for those fascinated by and curious about 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 how the Excel spreadsheet was developed, the creation of cartoon rabbit Miffy and how the sound barrier was broken.

We look at the lives of some of the most famous leaders, artists, scientists and personalities in history, including: the moment Reagan and Gorbachev met in Geneva, Haitian singer Emerante de Pradines' life and Omar Sharif's legendary movie entrance in Lawrence of Arabia.

You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, like the invention of a stent which has saved lives around the world; the birth of the G7; and the meeting of Maldives' ministers underwater. We cover everything from World War Two and Cold War stories to Black History Month and our journeys into space.

(Photo: Holidaymakers relaxing at Guadeloupe's Club Med in Canada. Credit: Boris Spremo/Toronto Star via Getty Images)

SAT 04:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd0spk)

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SAT 04:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct8kcs)

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SAT 05:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd0xfp)

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SAT 05:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmqjdvcbgy)

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SAT 05:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlks2zq8q2)

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SAT 05:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct9086)

Surviving my daughter's killing

When 19-year-old Ann from Florida, USA was shot by her boyfriend in 2010, her family were thrust into a nightmare, one that meant taking the agonising decision to withdraw her life support.

In this intensely moving account of violence and loss, Ann's mother, Kate, tells Namulanta that instead of pursuing the traditional court process, she chose something almost unheard of at the time - restorative justice. Sitting face to face with the man who killed her daughter she entered a process that allowed her to shape his sentence and speak openly about the impact of Ann's death.

In her highly emotional letter to Ann for Dear Daughter, Kate reveals an extraordinary decision—one that will stay with you long after her story ends.

To find out more about Dear Daughter, to take part, or read our privacy notice, please go to www.bbcworldservice.com/deardaughter. Or you can contact the team via WhatsApp on +44 800 030 4404.

SAT 05:50 More or Less (w3ct9992)

How much of all the money in the world does Elon Musk have?

Earlier this year, South African-born tech tycoon Elon Musk briefly became the world's first dollar trillionaire.

This prompted loyal listener Stephen to email the More or Less team, to ask us to investigate something his daughter had been pondering: For all Musk's vast wealth, what does it equate to as a proportion of all the wealth in the world?

How much of all the money does Elon Musk have?

We set about trying to figure this out, with the help of Robin Wigglesworth, author of A Fabulous Debt and journalist at the Financial Times.

If you've seen a number in the news that you think we should take a look at, or have an interesting statistical question like Stephen, get in touch: moreorless@bbc.co.uk

Presenter: Lizzy McNeill

Producer: Josh McMinn

Series producer: Tom Colls

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In our conversations we bring together fans of the multi-award-winning singer and Oscar nominated actor to discuss the scrutiny facing women in the public eye. “I received one comment that really messed with my brain,” Rachel, a fan and singer tells us. “And that was just one comment, I can’t imagine how Ariana must have felt seeing all these comments from people claiming to be concerned.” We also hear from women who have received abuse after posting on social media, including Ella, a high jump athlete from Finland. “I never imagined when I started doing sports as a little girl there would be a moment when I would receive messages that I should kill myself because I didn’t perform well or that I am the greatest embarrassment Finland has ever had.” Presenter: Andrew Peach BBC producer: Iqra Farooq Boffin Media producer: Richard Hollingham Editors: Arja Haikonen and Harriet Oliver A Boffin Media production in partnership with the BBC World Service Outside Source team. (Photo: Ariana Grande at the Oscars. Credit: Reuters/Aude Guerrucci) SAT 09:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlkx2zqrpl) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. SAT 09:32 Americast (w3ct8lzg) Why the Democrats may never be the same again Could Abdul El-Sayed’s left-wing victory in Michigan cause the Democrat party to split? Democrats are contemplating whether its left-wing candidates are capable of beating Trump-backed Republicans in the midterms and beyond. El-Sayed was not backed by many senior figures in the Democratic party, and has already been labelled a communist and the most radical candidate ever by Republicans. What does it also mean for Democrats who want to unify ahead of the midterms but are wary of alienating its base - including working-class and Jewish voters? Particularly as the Democrats remain unpopular in national US polls, despite the need for change after the 2024 presidential election. Plus, Justin and Sarah are joined by Mike Murphy, the prominent Republican strategist who shares his thoughts with us on how the party should respond to the rise of progressive candidates in this year’s election cycle, and the future of the Republican party after Trump. HOSTS: • Justin Webb, Radio 4 presenter	• Sarah Smith, North America Editor GUEST: • Mike Murphy, Republican political strategist and co-host of the Hacks on Tap podcast GET IN TOUCH: • Join our online community: https://discord.gg/qSrxqNcmRB • Send us a message or voice note via WhatsApp to +44 330 123 9480 • Email Americast@bbc.co.uk • Or use #Americast This episode was made by George Dabby with Bob Howard and Beth Ashmead. The technical producer was Mike Regaard. The series producer is Purvee Pattni. The senior news editor is Sam Bonham. 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Newscast: https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/series/p05299nl Top Comment: https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/m001mssm Radical: https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/p0gg4k6r The Global Story: https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/brand/w13xtvsd SAT 10:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd1j5b) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SAT 10:06 Not by the Playbook (w3ct996t) Behind the scenes Brady Kramer always dreamed of scoring the winning goal in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup. And he got closer than most when he was drafted to the NHL by the Montreal Canadiens. But the challenges he faced off the ice caused his life to go in a very different direction. Challenges he’s happy to share, in the hope he can help others. Brady excelled on the ice from a young age and earned himself a place at Providence College and a top tier, Division I hockey career. However, adapting to life away from his family was difficult, and he soon fell into bad habits. Despite Brady’s unhealthy relationship with alcohol, his ability on the ice got him to Draft day in the NHL, but after a brief, unhappy spell in the Minor Leagues, Brady hung up his skates and faced his biggest challenge to date, life after hockey. He now spends his days helping those who also suffer with addiction, whilst continuing to navigate through his own difficulties. No one has represented England at rugby union more than Ben Youngs, and yet of his achievement he said “People are patting you on the back and telling you how great you are. And you’re thinking: ‘But I don’t feel that.’” Playing professional sport was sometimes something of a contradiction for him. He also said he “felt guilty playing for England after family tragedy”, both his brother and sister lost their partners to illness. Now retired Ben has had some time to look back on his long career and evaluate when playing helped him off the pitch and when it was a struggle. Evaluating this balance is something he’s carried on in his post playing career as a businessman and podcaster. When former Dutch boxing champion Barry Groenteman used to visit his grandmother at her retirement home, he would often see an older man shadow-boxing. “He showed me his ring with the Star of David on it. And my grandmother would whisper: ‘That’s Ben Bril.’” This is the story of a Jewish boxer from Amsterdam who had his life transformed by invasion, violence and anti-Semitism. A champion forced into hiding, then captured and sent to the Nazi concentration camps - after being betrayed by a former Olympic teammate. In 2015 and Nepalese runner Mira Rai who took the international “sky running” scene by storm, winning gold medals in ultra-endurance running events ranging from 50-150 kilometres. And behind Mira’s achievements was a personal story that shocked the ultra-running world. She been telling Not by the Playbook’s Hunter Charlton about being a teenage combatant in the Nepalese civil war. PHOTO: Ben Youngs of England acknowledges the fans whilst wearing his bronze medal following the team’s victory during	the Rugby World Cup 2023 Bronze Final match between Argentina and England (CREDIT: Hannah Peters/Getty Images) SAT 11:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd1mxg) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SAT 11:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmjdvdl1yq) The world’s Newsroom brings you global events as they happen SAT 11:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlkx2zr05v) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. SAT 11:32 Health Check (w3ct8k2r) Why are some people microdosing weight loss drugs? Some people are injecting a fraction of the standard dose of weight loss drugs and hoping to still receive the benefits, but many are doing so without any medical oversight and there could be risks. Makers of the drugs say they don’t condone people modifying how they use their products. Health journalist Katie Silver speaks to Claudia Hammond about why some people are choosing to microdose these weight loss drugs. With wildfires spreading across Western Europe, North Africa and Canada, Claudia is joined by BBC Health Reporter Laura Foster to discuss recent studies into the impacts wildfires can have on our health. Claudia and Laura also talk about new research into fertility and pregnancy loss as well as asking, are we consuming too much protein? And it is increasingly clear that multiple sclerosis (MS) is linked to Epstein-Barr virus infections, but can we use that knowledge to stop the progression of MS? Claudia speaks with Michael Levy, associate professor at Harvard Medical School and neuroimmunologist at the Massachusetts General Hospital, to understand if viral treatments could halt this disease and why this common virus can cause such severe immune responses in a few individuals. Presenter: Claudia Hammond Producers: Jonathan Blackwell & Georgia Christie (Photo:- Hand on belly on gray background - stock photo- Credit: seb_ra via Getty Images) SAT 12:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd1rnl) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SAT 12:06 The Documentary (w3ct9bth) The engineers: Flying at the edge Aviation is being reimagined for a changing planet: Vertical take-off passenger cars for city centres. Hydrogen powered planes for zero carbon travel. Hyper-sonic flights to take the London to Sydney journey to under two hours. Leading aircraft engineers Kelly Latimer, US Aerospace engineer, flight test pilot, and former Flight Test Director of Virgin Galactic; Rob Miller, Net-zero aviation pioneer and director of the Whittle Lab at Cambridge University and Daniel Moczydlower, president of the Brazilian future aircraft innovators, Embraer-X, join BBC presenter Caroline Steel on stage in London, to discuss their trailblazing work and answer questions from a live audience at the Royal Geographical Society, London. (Photo: A HY4 liquid hydrogen powered electric aircraft in flight at Maribor airport in Slovenia, 7 Sept, 2023. Credit: Peter Santini/Getty Images) SAT 13:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd1wdq) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SAT 13:06 Newshour (w1730bn4gpg2pms) Interviews, news and analysis of the day’s global events. SAT 14:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd204v) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SAT 14:06 Sportsworld (w1730c8yqvvtl9h) Live sport from around the world with news, interviews and analysis. SAT 18:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd2h4c) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.
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SAT 18:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmqjdvdx5m)

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SAT 18:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlkx2zrvdr)

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SAT 18:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct9086)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 today]

SAT 18:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct8rxh)

The first time women played basketball at the Olympics

In 1976, women's basketball made its Olympic debut.

Men's basketball had been part of the Olympic programme since 1936, yet it took another 40 years before women were given the opportunity to compete.

The first women's Olympic basketball game was played between the United States and Japan. Juliene Brazinski Simpson, co-captain of the US team, speaks to Stefania Gozzer about that historic moment.

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: The US women's basketball team playing against Bulgaria in Montreal in 1976. Credit: ABC Photo Archives/Disney General Entertainment Content via Getty Images)

SAT 19:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd2lwh)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 19:06 The Inquiry (w3ct98q0)

Is Indigenous education at risk?

New Zealand's government is making big changes to its education system. The aim is to reverse declining student achievement and give more opportunities to disadvantaged children. The subjects of reading, writing, maths and science form the core of the new curriculum. But there are concerns particularly among the Indigenous community that the Maori language, culture and identity have not been considered as an integral part of the reforms. And that in the longer term, a lack of access to Indigenous teaching might have repercussions beyond the classroom, in wider society.

This is not just an issue for New Zealand. Decisions on heritage-based learning are of concern for Indigenous populations across the world. In Canada's public school system, whilst courses in Indigenous knowledge are not mandatory, there are concerted efforts to include Indigenous perspectives in the curriculum. In the province of Ontario, children from kindergarten age up to the age of 15 to 16, learn about their Indigenous communities. However, it is not the same story everywhere, so is Indigenous education at risk?

To help answer this question are our panel of leading educators: Dr Mere Skerrett, associate professor, school of education, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand; Dame Elizabeth Rata, professor of education and social practice, University of Auckland, New Zealand; Dr Lindsay Morcom, professor and Canada Research Chair in language revitalisation and decolonising education, faculty of education, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada and Dr Liana MacDonald, associate professor of peace studies and co-director of The National Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Otago, New Zealand.

(Photo: Six children sitting on the floor of a classroom with their backs facing the camera listening to their teacher, Auckland, New Zealand. Credit: Fiona Goodall/Getty Images)

Presenter: Charmaine Cozier

Producer: Evie Yabsley and Jill Collins

Researcher: Amelia Cox

Technical producer: Nathaniel Danter

Production co-ordinator: Phoebe Lomas

Production management assistant: Liam Morrey

Editor: Tom Bigwood

SAT 19:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlkx2zrz4w)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SAT 19:32 Happy News (w3ct8nws)

The Happy Pod: The baby saved by surgery in the womb

We hear about the pioneering operation that fixed a baby's life-threatening condition while he was still in the womb. Theo and his mum Maisie underwent the surgery in Texas when she was 26 weeks pregnant. It was only the third operation of its kind in the world but doctors hope the technique could go on to help many more families.

Also, we join those jumping into a lake in Germany to help tackle the high number of children who can't swim. The ongoing heatwave in Europe has highlighted the importance of water safety skills for young people.

We meet a young blind man who's found self-confidence and friendship by taking up boxing. Adam Solan's now fighting for the sport to be added to the Paralympics.

Plus, the museum that has turned a bad review into a marketing campaign, the city showing how tourism can have a positive impact on the local environment and the play celebrating the little-known story of Zambia's part in the space race.

(Photo: Baby Theo shortly after his birth. Credit: Maisie Savage)

Presenter: Helena Burke

Music: Iona Hampson

SAT 20:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd2qmm)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 20:06 The Arts Hour (w3ct8h89)

Samantha Morton on her role in The Odyssey

British actor Samantha Morton on playing Circe in Christopher Nolan's blockbuster film, The Odyssey

Nikki Bedi meets US comedy star Jay Jurden to talk about his stand-up show 'Jay Jurden Takes London' and Karen Krizanovich joins Nikki to reflect on other cultural highlights of the week:

American screen star Helen Hunt on tackling Chekhov's play, The Cherry Orchard

The French director Alain Gomis on deconstructing cinema

The legendary and double Oscar winning cinematographer Roger Deakins on working with the Coen brothers

Nigerian British comedian and actor Ayoade Bamgboye on the UK version of Saturday Night Live

And we hear from Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo

Photo Credit: Christopher Polk

SAT 21:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd2vcr)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SAT 21:06 Newshour (w1730bn4gpg3nlt)

Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

SAT 22:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd2z3w)

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SAT 22:06 Not by the Playbook (w3ct996t)

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SAT 23:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd32w0)

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SAT 23:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmqjdvflx8)

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SAT 23:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlkx2zsg4d)

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SAT 23:32 This Is Africa (w3ct8tdt)

Davido

Davido sits down with DJ Edu to celebrate his 15-year career, and a new album, Oriadé, which he says is all about going back to his roots.

Davido has been a huge player in taking Afrobeats to the next level, and in particular gaining visibility in the US and globally. He has sold out London's O2 and New York's Madison Square Garden, he is five-times Grammy nominated, and his 2019 hit Fall had the longest run for a Nigerian song in Billboard chart history.

However, in this interview, Davido reminds us that he has always made a point of touring Africa, and believes African artists are now too obsessed with success in the US and the wider world, forgetting that there are a billion-plus music lovers in Africa.

He expresses his concern about the anti-immigrant violence in South Africa, as well as his enthusiasm for South Africa's 3-step Afro house subgenre.

Davido also talks about the toll touring takes on him, his huge wedding in Miami, spending time with his wife and two-year-old twins, and working in his new state-of-the-art home studio.

Presented by DJ Edu

Produced by Catherine Fellows

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SUN 00:06 BBC Conversations (w3ct8m3z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

SUN 00:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlkx2zskwj)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 00:32 The Documentary (w3ct9bnt)

The teenagers who wired Romania

In the late 90s, in daring feats of DIY networking on rooftops across Romania's capital, Bucharest, teenagers are stringing computer cables between tower blocks to share an internet connection. This guerilla infrastructure starts out scrappy, but it sprawls into an impressive, improvised network that catches the attention of telecoms giants. Told by those who built it: Master cabler Roxana Ardelean, DIY network designer Eric Băleanu, and rooftop cable runner Laurențiu Simion.

This is the extraordinary story of how a homemade system became the backbone of a city, a reflection of what the internet was meant to be and what it became.

Presenter: Andrada Fiscutean

Producer: Tom Bonnett

Editors: Ilan Goodman and Martin Smith

Archive: Special Assignment: Romania, BBC Radio 4, 05/01/1990

(Photo: Teenagers lie on the roof of a building looking over the edge and affixing cables. Credit: Dan Nicolae)

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Over the decades, Mexican drug cartels have moved from exporting home-grown marijuana and heroin into trafficking cocaine from Latin America - and then into the manufacture of synthetic drugs like fentanyl. This man-made, potentially lethal opioid has to be made with industrial chemical precursors, and there's been a long dispute between the US and China over the alleged sale of these ingredients from the vast Chinese chemical and pharmaceutical industries. Shawn Yuan has been on the trail of one man, Zhang Zhidong, now awaiting trial in the US on charges of enabling the deal-making between Chinese companies and Mexican cartels. Zhang denies all the charges. The bewitching city of Odesa, on the shores of the Black Sea, is famous for its stew of cultural influences, its gorgeous architecture - and its residents' sense of humour. But this summer, as Ukraine and Russia have attacked each others' commercial shipping and facilities on land and at sea, there's little to laugh about. Paul Adams reports. Almost everywhere you look on the streets of Naples, there's something delicious to eat on offer. But these days, traditional Italian treats are being edged out - or just overloaded - with processed junk food and added calories. That's having a drastic effect on young people's weight, with childhood obesity on the rise. Sofia Bettiza examines how a change in food culture is risking children's future health. Producer: Polly Hope Editor: Richard Fenton-Smith Production co-ordinator: Katie Morrison (Image: Chinese national Zhang Zhidong, aka "Brother Wang", was arrested in Mexico City in 2024. Credit: BBC / Secretary Omar Harfuch of Mexico's Security and Citizen Protection) SUN 04:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlkx2zt1w1) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. SUN 04:32 BBC Inside Science (w3ct977z) The state of our substrate: What is drought doing to our soil? Large parts of Europe are in the grip of drought. According to the UK Meteorological Office, last week was the UK's driest July on record. Katie Field, professor of plant-soil processes at Sheffield University, joins us to discuss the state of our struggling substrate. Next week, a dramatic solar eclipse will be sweeping down the Atlantic. In the past, eclipses have been vital to astronomers exploring the outer reaches of the Sun. Now though, they can make their own on demand. Esther Bastida-Pertega, project engineer at the European Space Agency, discusses the flying formation Proba-3 mission. A highly pathogenic bird flu has arrived in Australia, threatening local wildlife. Every continent in the world is now affected, and the harm that could be done to bird populations and mammals could be devastating. Thijs Kuiken, virologist at Erasmus University Medical Center in Rotterdam, brings us up to date with the situation. And Lizzie Gibney of Nature Magazine joins us to discuss this	week's science news. Presenter: Roland Pease Producer: Clare Salisbury, Tabitha Taylor-Buck, Keiran Manetta-Jones Editor: Martin Smith Production Co-ordinator: Jana Bennett-Holesworth SUN 05:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd3tbs) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SUN 05:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmqjdv7d1) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen SUN 05:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlkx2zt5m5) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. SUN 05:32 Asia Specific (w3ct9byt) Are the glory days of cheap flights in Asia over? If you've ever booked a flight across Asia for less than US\$100, you might have asked the question many travellers are now wondering: was that a temporary golden age, or can cheap travel make a comeback? Asia used to be the home of ultra-cheap flights, but many travellers say those days are fading fast. Rising fuel prices, aircraft shortages and heavy post-pandemic debt are putting pressure on budget airlines across the region. In this episode of Asia Specific, host Mariko Oi speaks to aviation analysts Shukor Yusof and Brendan Sobie about whether the glory days of low-cost travel in Asia are really over. We also hear from travel blogger Jaclynn Seah, who has noticed airfare increases and changing travel costs across Asia. They discuss how rising fuel costs are affecting Asian airlines, whether passengers will keep paying more, which carriers are most exposed, whether cheap fares can return, aircraft delivery delays and whether China's Comac could eventually reshape the market. SUN 05:50 Sporting Witness (w3ct8rxh) [Repeat of broadcast at 18:50 on Saturday] SUN 06:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd3y2x) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SUN 06:06 Weekend (w1730c5nyyg49jd) A review of the week with the latest news. SUN 07:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd41v1) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SUN 07:06 Weekend (w1730c5nyyg4f8j) A review of the week with the latest news. SUN 08:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd4515) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SUN 08:06 Weekend (w1730c5nyyg4k0n) A review of the week with the latest news. SUN 09:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd49b9) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SUN 09:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct99cb) [Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 today] SUN 09:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlkx2ztlnp) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. SUN 09:32 The Food Chain (w3ct8swc) What can food tell us about the past? What can food reveal about the people who came before us? From ancient meals and family recipes to the chemical traces left behind in bones and teeth, food offers remarkable clues about how people lived, travelled and survived. In this episode, Ruth Alexander explores how historians, archaeologists and old cookbooks are helping us piece together the story of our past.	Historian Professor Peter Scholliers explains how something as ordinary as the changing price of food can reveal shifts in society, politics and everyday life. In India, author and historian Tarana Khan takes us inside a remarkable collection of two-hundred-year-old cookbooks from Rampur, uncovering forgotten recipes that reveal changing tastes, cultures and identities. And in Scotland, archaeologist Dr Sam Leggett explains how scientific analysis of ancient bones and teeth can reconstruct diets, migrations and even challenge long-held assumptions about the lives of people in the past. They explore how food can reveal trade routes, social class, cultural exchange, climate change, migration and the choices people made around the dinner table centuries ago. From old recipe books to archaeological discoveries, we discover how food helps us understand not only where we've come from, but how our relationship with food continues to shape the world today. If you'd like to get in touch with the programme, please email: thefoodchain@bbc.co.uk Producer: Beatrice Pickup Sound engineer: Hal Haines Picture: Getty SUN 10:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd4f2f) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. SUN 10:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct8t13) Stop being a terrible tourist We live in an age of global mass tourism. Last year, the UN estimated 1.5 billion people travelled to another country. While many places depend on tourism for income and employment, it can come at a significant environmental and social cost. We take a tour of Dubrovnik in Croatia, which has the highest tourists-to-locals ratio in Europe. The city is using perks and penalties to keep both local people and visitors happy. Also we paddle and cycle around Copenhagen in Denmark. They are rewarding eco-friendly actions to encourage better tourist behaviour. People Fixing The World from the BBC is about brilliant solutions to the world's problems. We release a new edition every Tuesday. 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/reporter: Claire Bates Denmark reporter: Adrienne Murray Editor: Jon Bithrey Sound mix: Andrew Mills (Image: A Visit Copenhagen billboard promoting sustainable tourism, Adrienne Murray/BBC) SUN 10:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlkx2ztsbt) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. SUN 10:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct8sqv) Rapping behind bars in Cameroon New Bell Prison in Douala, Cameroon, operates a bit like a city within a city. The facility has its own "taxis" (inmates who hand deliver messages), its own law enforcement (prisoners who help police the facility) and a market. The jail is overcrowded and under-resourced, and the occupants of New Bell have sometimes adapted the jail's overstretched systems to work for them. An on-site music studio and label, Jail Time Records, has also sprung up and found an international audience. Now, a documentary has been made about the label. Wedaeli Chibelushi, journalist for BBC World Online, Africa, tells the stories of some of the inmates involved. In Egypt, Christians are a substantial minority, making up 10 to 15% of the population, but they're not always represented fairly in employment and public life. This month, the case of 13-year-old Makary Younan, who despite his talent was initially passed over for selection by a major Egyptian football academy, has led to a public debate over anti-Christian discrimination. BBC Arabic's Ahmed Omar has the story. Wang Jibing, a Chinese food delivery rider in his fifties, has found a huge online following with reflective poems capturing his daily life and routines. Now, he's won one of China's top literary prizes. After growing up poor and doing many different jobs, Wang became a food delivery rider 2019. He often scribbles poems on scraps of paper between deliveries, but the prize he's won is named after poet Lu Xun, seen by many as the
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father of Chinese literature. Koh Ewe from the BBC's Hong Kong Bureau explains why so many Chinese people have taken him to their hearts.

This episode of The Documentary comes to you from The Fifth Floor, the show at the heart of global storytelling, with BBC journalists from all around the world.

Presented by Faranak Amidi.

Produced by Laura Thomas, Caroline Ferguson and Hannah Dean.

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

SUN 11:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd4jtk)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmqjdvgyvt)
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SUN 11:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlkx2ztx2y)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 11:32 Dear Daughter (w3ct9086)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:32 on Saturday]

SUN 11:50 More or Less (w3ct9992)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:50 on Saturday]

SUN 12:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd4nkp)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:06 BBC Conversations (w3ct8m3z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:06 on Saturday]

SUN 12:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlkx2zv0v2)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 12:32 Assignment (w3ct8h1h)
Getting Gaza back online

How amid the tents and the rubble Gaza is developing once again as an unlikely tech hub.

Even before the 7 October 2023 attack and the subsequent war between Israel and Hamas, NGOs, with the backing of Google, had sought to develop tech start-ups in the Gaza strip. The digital economy was one of the few areas in which young Gazans in particular could seek to earn money for their families.

During the two years of war they struggled for food and water. Forced to move from place to place, most of them lost their homes, their work, sometimes their laptops and plenty lost family members. Now 80% of Gazans are unemployed and have no income. Many of them live amid the rubble in tents. Stable electricity and internet are difficult to come by. And yet co-working hubs have begun to pop up, giving well educated graduates a chance to work remotely for foreign companies as coders, software engineers and app developers. With Israel controlling what comes in and out of Gaza, they still face significant obstacles, not least finding decent internet, electricity and spare parts for their laptops. And with near-daily bombings continuing, Gaza's wider recovery remains uncertain. Yolande Knell reports on how its tech workers give a glimpse of a brighter, possible future, open to the world beyond Gaza's borders.

(Photo: A man sits on a chair outside and is typing on the keyboard of a laptop on his lap. Behind him is a small tree and shrubs and rubble from destroyed apartments bathed in sunlight. He has short brown hair and wears a maroon long-sleeved shirt and jeans)

Producer: John Murphy
Studio engineer: Gareth Jones
Programme co-ordinator: Gemma Ashman
Editor: Penny Murphy

SUN 13:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd4s9t)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 13:06 Newshour (w1730bn4pgg5ljw)
Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

SUN 14:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd4x1y)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:06 The Climate Question (w3ct999h)
Is this a new era of wildfires?

Huge wildfires have been sweeping across Southern Europe and North America. Is climate change increasing the risk? And what can we do?

Weather experts say the world is starting to see new types of wildfire – including enormous Pyrocumulonimbus fire clouds that spit lightning and black hail.

These infernos can burn for more than a year. They can also spawn fire tornadoes, which move at more than 200 kilometres an hour, destroying everything in their path.

The Climate Question hosts Graihagh Jackson and Jordan Dunbar talk to John Vaillant, the author of "Fire Weather", about how wildfires are increasing in intensity and frequency, and how they are burning in places they have never burned before.

Got a question for The Climate Question? Email us: theclimatequestion@bbc.com

Producers: Simon Watts, Diane Richardson and Melanie Stewart-Smith
Sound Mix: Tom Brignell and Dafydd Evans
Editor: Simon Watts

SUN 14:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlkx2zv8bb)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 14:32 Happy News (w3ct8nws)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:32 on Saturday]

SUN 15:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd50t2)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 15:06 Sportsworld (w1730c8yqvxylyq)
Live sport from around the world with news, interviews and analysis.

SUN 19:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd5hsl)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmqjdvhtxv)
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SUN 19:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlkx2zvw1z)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 19:32 The Global Jigsaw (w3ct9b06)
What is so-called 'Jihadi cool'?

The extremist content quietly spreading on TikTok and Instagram, targeting unsuspecting young people. Through what is disguised as innocuous lifestyle content, supporters of jihadist groups like IS and al-Qaeda reach audiences outside their echo chamber. This is a recruitment drive that signals a move from direct operational instructions to "do-it-yourself jihad", with the aim of potentially inspiring lone wolf attacks. We explore the tactics used to obscure and evade detection, the challenges this poses for platforms, and how it has become a relentless game of whack-a-mole. BBC Monitoring's Mariam Soussi and Mina al-Lami talk about their recent research.

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Producer: Kriszta Satori, Elchin Suleymanov
Presenter: Krassi Ivanova Twigg
Music: Pete Cunningham

SUN 20:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd5mjg)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 20:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct8kcs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 00:06 on Saturday]

SUN 21:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd5r8v)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 21:06 Newshour (w1730bn4pgg6kxh)
Interviews, news and analysis of the day's global events.

SUN 22:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd5w0z)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:06 The Climate Question (w3ct999h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:06 today]

SUN 22:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlkx2zw79c)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

SUN 22:32 Assignment (w3ct8h1h)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 today]

SUN 23:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd5zs3)
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SUN 23:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmqjdvjdtc)
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SUN 23:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlkx2zwc1h)
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SUN 23:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct8sqv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:32 today]

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MON 00:00 BBC News (w1730nkrgcd63j7)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 00:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct99cb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlkx2zwwgm)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 00:32 BBC Inside Science (w3ct977z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 04:32 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 BBC News (w1730nkrctmpb2jj)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 01:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmqwp4nhks)
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MON 01:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nlkx2zwwgm)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 01:32 Discovery (w3ct6svw)
Unstoppable: Inge Lehmann

From growing up in a progressive Denmark to studying mathematics at a gender-segregated Cambridge University, Inge Lehmann had to power through the shock of cultural change to pursue her love of mathematics. Whilst managing several seismological stations, Inge notices the peculiar readings in the data she was collecting. Was the Earth's composition actually different to what the experts had thought?

Dr Julia Ravey and Dr Ella Hubber tell the story of Danish seismologist Inge Lehmann who used earthquakes to uncover the truth about the composition of the Earth's inner core. With contributions from Dr Lif Lund Jacobsen and Dr Trine Dahl-Jensen.

(Photo: A black and white photo of Inge Lehmann, She is looking into the camera with a neutral expression and she is wearing a dark woolen cardigan. Credit: Neuhaus, Even (6.2.1863-20.4.1946) /Royal Danish Library)

Producer/presenter: Ella Hubber and Julia Ravey
Assistant producer: Sophie Ormiston, Anna Charalambou and Josie Hardy
Sound designer: Ella Roberts
Production co-ordinator: Ishmael Soriano
Editor: Holly Squire

MON 02:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpmb68n)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 02:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmw4nm9x)

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MON 02:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nll8c90kk1)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 02:32 CrowdScience (w3ct8k78)

Why is TB still killing people?

Tuberculosis kills more than a million people every year. It's the world's leading cause of death from a single infectious agent. This is despite the fact that we've had a cure for TB since the 1940s and a vaccine that's over 100 years old. So why is TB still causing so many people to die?

That's what CrowdScience listener John in Tanzania wants to know, and presenter Marnie Chesterton is on the case. Over in Paris, she's joined by Dr Claas Kirchhelle, historian of science, medicine and technology at French National Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM) to look into the history and efficacy of the vaccine, known as BCG.

As Dr Maximiliano Gutierrez, Associate Research Director at the Francis Crick Institute adds, the BCG is both effective and ineffective, protecting children well against severe TB, but offering inconsistent and often poor protection in adults. He also explains that antibiotics are a trickier treatment than we might expect. Over in Kenya's Kibera slums, Janet tells us her about her experience of the drugs first hand.

Dr Dany Beste, Senior Lecturer In Microbial Metabolism, University of Surrey, has been described as a dietician of mycobacterium tuberculosis. She explains the limitations of our knowledge of this bacterium, and why it is proving such a tricky customer.

And since a better vaccine is the main hope for reducing the TB burden, Professor Angelique Luabeya Kany Kany, Chief Research Officer at University of Cape Town, shares her hopes for the first new alternative vaccine in 100 years: m72. Large phase 3 clinical trials are currently underway, and, if successful, could prevent millions of cases, and deaths a year.

Presenter: Marnie Chesterton

Producer: Marnie Chesterton

Editor: Ben Motley

(Photo: Doctor with vial of the doses vaccine for BCG Bacillus Calmette Guerin against tuberculosis disease. Medicine and health care concept - stock photo - Credit: angelp via Getty Images)

MON 03:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpmbb0s)

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MON 03:06 People Fixing The World (w3ct8t13)

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MON 03:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nll8c90p95)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 03:32 The Fifth Floor (w3ct8sqv)

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MON 04:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpmbfrx)

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MON 04:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmw4nvt5)

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MON 04:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nll8c90t19)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 04:32 The Conversation (w3ct99nt)

Women helping earthquake survivors

When devastation strikes around the world there are groups of experienced, dedicated teams that will fly in to support local people in saving lives. Others support people in the long, slow task of dealing with the aftermath and impact on health, homes and livelihoods. Datsihane Navanayagam talks to women from Venezuela and the UK about their roles in disaster response.

Claudia González grew up in La Guaira, Venezuela which has recently been hit by two earthquakes. She works for World Vision Venezuela and was at a United Nations meeting when the disaster struck. On returning to Caracas she learned many of her school friends and their families had died in collapsed buildings. Since then she's been working round the clock to support her team working with UN agencies to coordinate the emergency response.

Lori Demontigny is a registered nurse with Doctors Without Borders (MSF) providing care in crisis zones. Lori was working in Myanmar when it was hit by its worst earthquake for over a hundred years in March 2025. It's thought over five thousand people were killed. She's now project coordinator for MSF in Bangladesh.

Produced by Jane Thurlow

MON 05:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpmbk11)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 05:06 Newsday (w1730c1h6fcxmps)

Live news, business and sport from around the world.

MON 06:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpmbp85)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 06:06 Newsday (w1730c1h6fcxrfx)

Live news, business and sport from around the world.

MON 07:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpmbt09)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 07:06 Newsday (w1730c1h6fcxw61)

Live news, business and sport from around the world.

MON 08:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpmbxrf)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 08:06 The Interview (w3ct8kl1)

Sonam Wangchuk, Indian activist: Hunger strike for education reform

"This movement was by young people who had hardly anything to lose. We had no fear and that's what spread across the country and today people are raising their voices. This time it stopped at the education ministry, but if this continues, I think the younger generation may not stop at just education."

Rajini Vaidyanathan speaks to Indian activist Sonam Wangchuk, whose 26-day hunger strike made him a central figure in youth-led protests over leaked exam papers.

The anger about leaks broadened into frustration over limited opportunities for young people, and the demonstrations became one of the biggest public displays of dissent against Narendra Modi's BJP government.

Sonam ended his fast after receiving assurances on education reform. Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan later resigned, one of the key demands from the protestors.

He explains his belief that non-violent protest can influence those in power, the physical risk you take if you stage a hunger strike, and why the movement may not stop at education.

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Presenter: Rajini Vaidyanathan

Producer: Osman Iqbal

Editors: Farhana Haider and Damon Rose

(Image: Sonam Wangchuk. Credit: Getty)

MON 08:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nll8c9190t)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct8gg5)

Denmark is scrapping royal warrants. Will businesses miss them?

Denmark is preparing to scrap its royal warrant system, ending a centuries-old royal seal of approval used by businesses to market everything from beer to cars. Similar warrants are used by monarchies around the world and awarded to everyone from brewers and carmakers to pest controllers. What do the Danish companies affected think, and could other royal households follow Denmark's lead?

Presenter/producer: Daniel Rosney

You can email the team: businessdaily@bbc.co.uk

(Picture: Packets of sweets with a Danish Royal Warrant in a Copenhagen shop. Credit: Daniel Rosney)

MON 08:50 Witness History (w3ct8r3p)

Finding the den of the Tsavo man-eaters

In 1997, scientists travelled to Tsavo, Kenya, in search of a cave believed to have been the den of the man-eating lions that terrorised railway workers in 1898.

The two lions stalked Indian and African men building the Uganda Railway, dragging victims from their tents at night. It was nine months before the officer in charge of the railway project, British Lieutenant-Colonel John Henry Patterson, could kill them.

Nearly a century later, a team including scientists from Chicago's Field Museum, where the now taxidermied lions are kept, returned to Tsavo to search for the cave Patterson believed had been the lions' den.

Thomas Gnoske, one of the scientists on the expedition, and Alan Patterson, John Henry Patterson's grandson, speaks to Stefania Gozzer about the hunt for the cave and the enduring legend of the Tsavo lions.

Eye-witness accounts brought to life by archive. Witness History is for those fascinated by and curious about 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 how the Excel spreadsheet was developed, the creation of cartoon rabbit Miffy and how the sound barrier was broken.

We look at the lives of some of the most famous leaders, artists, scientists and personalities in history, including: the moment Reagan and Gorbachev met in Geneva, Haitian singer Emerante de Pradines' life and Omar Sharif's legendary movie entrance in Lawrence of Arabia.

You can learn all about fascinating and surprising stories, like the invention of a stent which has saved lives around the world; the birth of the G7; and the meeting of Maldives' ministers underwater. We cover everything from World War Two and Cold War stories to Black History Month and our journeys into space.

(Photo: Tsavo lions in Chicago. Credit: Field Museum of Natural History)

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MON 09:32 CrowdScience (w3ct8k78)

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MON 10:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpmc57p)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

MON 10:06 The History Hour (w3ct99lj)

Taiwan's White Terror and the making of City of God

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

This week, we hear about the end of decades-long martial law in Taiwan and discuss its impact on the country's literature with Ti-han Chang, the Deputy Director of Centre of Taiwan Studies at SOAS University of London.

Next, the making of City of God, the film that showed the raw reality of children's gangs in Brazil's favelas.

Plus, we remember Ashley Kriel, the young activist who became an anti-apartheid icon on the Cape Flats.

We also hear about the first carbon offset scheme that planted millions of trees in Guatemala.

We go back 50 years to the first time women played basketball in the Olympic Games.

And the birth of Club Med, the resort that pioneered the all-inclusive holiday.

Contributors:

Fred Chin - former Malaysian student imprisoned during Taiwan's White Terror.

Katia Lund - co-director of City of God.

Adiel 'Gorie' November - former anti-apartheid activist.

Roberto Antonio Alvarado - planted the saplings that became some of the world's first carbon offsets.

Pierre-Xavier Bécrot - son of Club Med employees.

Juliene Brazinski Simpson - former US basketball player.

(Photo: Green Island former prison, Taiwan. Credit: James Wendlinger/South China Morning Post via Getty Images)

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MON 11:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmw4pq12)

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MON 11:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nl8c91n86)

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MON 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct8mcd)

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MON 12:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpcdqy)

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MON 15:50 World Business Express (w3ct8d3n)

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MON 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct8rk7)

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MON 20:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpmcpbz)

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MON 20:06 From Our Own Correspondent (w3ct99cb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 04:06 on Sunday]

MON 20:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nl8c92qzc)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

MON 20:32 Discovery (w3ct8jsr)

Women Not Included: Drugs and Clinical Trials

After working exclusively with male mice while looking for a treatment for type 1 diabetes, Dr Ella Hubber begins to uncover a much bigger issue: modern medicine is not built equally for everyone. Along with journalist Chhavi Sachdev, she explores how decades of clinical research have overlooked women with serious consequences.

Through expert interviews, they examine how women were historically excluded from clinical trials, why biological differences matter in how drugs work, and how this has led to higher rates of side effects. The story reveals how gaps in research continue to shape women's healthcare today. As awareness grows, they also ask what change can look like.

More representative trials, pharmaceutical companies held accountable, and medicine finally built for everyone.

Presenter/Producer: Ella Hubber

Researcher: Elliott Prince

Editor: Ilan Goodman

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MON 23:32 World Business Report (w3ct8fnb)

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The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 00:06 The History Hour (w3ct99lj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:06 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpmdzfm)

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TUE 01:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmw4rdgw)

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TUE 01:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nl8c93bq0)

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TUE 01:32 The Global Story (w3ct8mcd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:32 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpmf35r)

The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmw4rj70)

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TUE 02:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nl8c93gg4)

The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

TUE 02:32 Assignment (w3ct8h1j)

Victoria Falls: Wilderness on the edge

The Victoria falls on the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe is one of the natural wonders of the world. It's also one of Africa's great tourist attractions. As both countries seek to grow the tourism economy, there's been a push to develop land around the Falls. But as Isa Jacobson reports from Zambia, it's led to fears for the preservation of the World Heritage Site, and

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warnings that the loss of land will exacerbate a deadly conflict between local people and wildlife. Presenter: Isa Jacobson Producer: Alex Last Sound Mix: Neil Churchill Production Coordinator: Gemma Ashman Series Editor: Penny Murphy (Image: Elephant in national park in Zambia. Credit: Alex Last/BBC) TUE 03:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtrmpf6xw) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. TUE 03:06 Outlook (w3ct8hxn) [Repeat of broadcast at 12:06 on Monday] TUE 03:50 Witness History (w3ct8r3p) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Monday] TUE 04:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtrmpfbp0) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. TUE 04:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmw4rrq8) The world's Newsroom brings you global events as they happen TUE 04:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nl8c93pyd) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. TUE 04:32 In the Studio (w3ct8l5n) Africa's first film city In Lagos, a vast patch of scrubland is being imagined as the future home of Kebulania: an ambitious African film city on the edge of Nigeria's biggest metropolis, and one of the centres of Nollywood, the country's multi-billion dollar film industry. Nigerian journalist Samuel Okocha follows the project in its earliest, most uncertain days – when the vision is big, but the buildings are yet to rise. At the proposed site, he joins community members, contractors and staff from Del-York Creative Arts, a Nigerian conglomerate film and media training company, as traditional leaders offer prayers and blessings. Local residents weigh up hopes for jobs, training, renewed movie making activity and authentic African storytelling. Samuel tours the landscape and visits the local royal palace, the traditional seat of authority for the host community. He also sits in on the latest planning meeting, as the team discuss the delicate issue of communication and keep the community and stakeholders on side in this huge and ambitious project. The CEO of Del-York, Linus Idahosa, outlines his personal motivations, mission and long-term plans, including how the project is already investing in training a new generation of creative Nigerians. Finally, Samuel sees the film makers already being put through their paces ahead of the building of Africa's first ever film city. Presenter: Samuel Okocha Producer: Ashley Byrne A Made in Manchester Production for the BBC World Service Image: Concept illustration of Studio City Kebulania (Credit: Storyland Studios) TUE 05:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtrmpfgf4) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. TUE 05:06 Newsday (w1730c1h6fd0jlw) Live news, business and sport from around the world. TUE 06:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtrmpfl58) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. 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We take a look at what is needed to build a crossing of this size, whether crossings really address the root of the problem, and what the existing scientific literature says about how effective wildlife crossings can be. TUE 08:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nl8c945xx) The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service. TUE 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct8gr6) Too many offices, not enough homes: can conversions work? John Laurenson reports from La Défense in Paris on how Europe's biggest business district is turning vacant office space into housing. As hybrid working leaves more offices underused, cities are rethinking the future of these buildings. We compare developments in Paris with efforts in London and Washington DC and ask whether converting offices into homes could help tackle housing shortages and revive struggling business districts. Presenter/producer: John Laurenson You can email the team: businessdaily@bbc.co.uk (Picture: People walking in La Défense business district in Paris. Credit: John Laurenson) TUE 08:50 Witness History (w3ct9867) Treetops: The day a princess became a queen In 1952, Princess Elizabeth became queen while staying at the Treetops Hotel in Kenya. But she wouldn't make the discovery until hours later. The 25-year-old Princess Elizabeth and her husband were on five-month royal tour of the Commonwealth, and their first stop was Kenya. The overnight trip to Treetops, a lodge in the Aberdare National Park, was supposed to be a relaxing break. But the princess didn't yet know that, back in Britain, her father King George VI, had died in his sleep. BBC correspondent Frank Gillard was following the trip and sent back a report after the news broke on February 6th. Jane Wilkinson has been through the BBC archives to find out what happened. Eye-witness accounts brought to life by archive. 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Tech Life discovers and explains the ways technology is changing our lives, wherever we are in the world.

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WED 04:32 The Documentary (w3ct9bde)
How did we get here: Israel and the Palestinians

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The last of the Mau Mau fighters

In 1963, as Kenya celebrated independence from British rule, one of the last Mau Mau fighters came out of hiding and laid down her arms.

Muthoni Kirima was the first and only woman to be appointed field marshal in the Kenya Land and Freedom Army - better known as the Mau Mau.

She had been living in the Kenyan forest for 11 years, fighting with other armed rebels to reclaim land taken by European settlers.

Thousands died or were imprisoned as Britain tried to crush the uprising. But the rebellion was later seen as paving the way to independence.

Jane Wilkinson has found out more through Muthoni Kirima's interview with the Mau Mau Chronicles oral history project.

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Even with his experience, this is a surprising story - one that covers an unlikely set of collaborators who have been keeping the door open for Sino-US political dialogue for over a hundred years... By diving between the pages of field notes of early expeditions, adventurous feats to find mythical plant species in ancient Chinese woodlands, and the modern equivalent of trips between like-minded plant scientists, this programme examines how botany has been able to function as one of the longest-lasting soft powers between the two world powers. Finn hears from policy analysts, supply chain diplomats and leading Chinese and US botanists working tirelessly to keep their boots on the ground trips operating. From the secretive walled-gardens of China's communist elite, to the ginkgo picnic spaces of Bostonian college lawns, and ancient forest canopies of the Sichuan basin, a portrait emerges - one of a borderless community of plant specialists practising a special kind of soft power... By tracing this relationship from its early roots, it becomes possible to examine today's geopolitical stage with a sense of perspective often missing from the headlines. How has the quiet work of botanists helped weather political storms in the past? What surprising reasons have kept this collaboration both fruitful and essential? And what can a tree, captured in milky celluloid on the banks of a Chinese forest over a hundred years ago, tell us about the relationship between the United States and China today? Presenter: Finn Aberdein Producer: Jacob Dabb
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THU 03:50 Witness History (w3ct988h)
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THU 04:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpm4h6)
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THU 04:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmw4ykjg)
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THU 04:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nll8c99hrl)
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THU 04:32 The Food Chain (w3ct8swd)
The Food Chain

The Food Chain examines the business, science and cultural significance of food, and what it takes to put food on your plate.

THU 05:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpm87b)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 05:06 Newsday (w1730c1h6fd6bf2)
Live news, business and sport from around the world.

THU 06:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpmczg)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 06:06 Newsday (w1730c1h6fd6g56)
Live news, business and sport from around the world.

THU 07:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpmhql)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

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THU 08:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpmmgq)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 08:06 The Inquiry (w3ct98q1)
Is daylight saving time working?

The House of Representatives has voted to make daylight saving time permanent in the United States. If the measure is approved by the Senate and becomes law, most Americans would no longer spring forward in March or fall back in November.

For more than a century, changing the clocks has been used to make better use of daylight, but the practice has long divided opinion. Supporters argue it boosts productivity and removes the disruption of changing the clocks twice a year. Critics warn that permanent daylight saving time could affect health and road safety as people face darker winter mornings.

Around the world, governments have taken different approaches. Some have scrapped seasonal clock changes altogether, while others continue to observe them. We examine why daylight saving time was introduced and whether the case for changing the clocks still stacks up today. Is daylight saving time working?

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THU 08:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nll8c99zr3)
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THU 08:32 Business Daily (w3ct8glp)
Business Daily

The daily drama of money and work from the BBC.

THU 08:50 Witness History (w3ct98br)
Kenya's power-sharing deal

In 2008, Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki and his rival Raila Odinga signed an unprecedented power-sharing deal to end a wave of violence that had left more than 1,200 people dead.

Kibaki would remain president, while Odinga would become prime minister, a role created as part of the settlement. They hoped the accord would end the bloodshed that had engulfed Kenya after the disputed election two months earlier.

Maina Kiai was Chair of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights at the time. He spoke to Stefania Gozzer about the uncertainty of those weeks and the push for a political settlement.

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(Photo: Kenya's opposition leader Raila Odinga shakes hands with Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki as former U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan and former Tanzanian President Benjamin Mkapa stand beside them. Credit: Uriel Sinai/Getty Images)

THU 09:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpmr6v)
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THU 09:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmw4z583)
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THU 09:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nll8c9b3h7)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 09:32 The Documentary (w3ct9btf)
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THU 10:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpmvzy)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 10:06 The Explanation (w3ct98ms)
The Media Show

Where the world is explained. Making sense of the big stories - looking behind the spin. Exploring the important questions about long-running stories and the latest global news. An honest, unvarnished, explanation of the world.

THU 10:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nll8c9b77c)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

THU 10:32 Happy News (w3ct8nws)
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THU 11:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpmqz3)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 11:06 The Newsroom (w1730bqmw4zdr)
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THU 11:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nll8c9bzbh)
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THU 11:32 The Global Story (w3ct8mfn)
The Global Story

THU 12:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpmn3g7)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

THU 12:06 Outlook (w3ct8j4f)
Outlook

True stories of ordinary people and the extraordinary events that have shaped their lives.

THU 12:50 Witness History (w3ct98br)
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THU 13:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtpmn76c)
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The project was financed in part by the box office receipts for the hit comedy Untouchable at the request of the aristocratic tetraplegic accident victim whose story inspired the film. We talk to Laurent about his journey and to some Simon of Cyrene house-dwellers about what's good about these places... why it works bringing together people of very different social classes, ethnic and religious backgrounds and, above all, very different physical and mental capacities. [Photo description: Opening of Simon of Cyrène shared houses in Toulouse, 2025. Photo Credit: Association Simon de Cyrène] Producer/Presenter: John Laurenson Series Producer: Rajeev Gupta Editor: Chloe Walker Production Coordinator: Mica Nepomuceno FRI 05:00 BBC News (w1730nkrtmpq54f) The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service. FRI 05:06 Newsday (w1730c1h6fd97b5) Live news, business and sport from around the world. 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(Photo:Owen and Mzee in January 2005. Credit: Peter Greste/AFP via Getty Images)

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FRI 09:32 BBC Inside Science (w3ct9780)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:32 on Thursday]

FRI 10:00 BBC News (w1730nkrmpqrw2)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 10:06 Unexpected Elements (w3ct8kct)
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The news you know, the science you don't. Unexpected Elements looks beyond everyday narratives to discover a goldmine of scientific stories and connections from around the globe. From Afonauts, to why we argue, to a deep dive on animal lifespans: see the world in a new way with Unexpected Elements.

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FRI 12:00 BBC News (w1730nkrmp0cb)
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FRI 12:06 Outlook (w3ct8hpw)
Outlook Mixtape: Great escapes

In the 1970s Günter Wetzel and his friend Peter Strelzyk became increasingly frustrated by the restrictions on their freedom imposed by the Communist government in East Germany. So they developed a daring plan to fly with their families to the West. Risking imprisonment if they were discovered, they built a series of hot air balloons in secret. But how exactly do you test a huge hot air balloon without being noticed? Gunter Wetzel spoke to Outlook's Matthew Bannister in 2015.

Next, the Budapest-born David Merlini whose job it is to design the most outlandish constraints and scenarios from which to escape. David was inspired by Harry Houdini, perhaps the most well-known escapologist of all time. Houdini too was born in Hungary - as Erik Weisz - but made his name elsewhere in Europe and in the United States in the early 20th century by escaping from very dangerous and sometimes death-defying situations. Now David wants to push the art of the escape even further. Outlook's Saskia Collette met David in 2017.

The American author Christi Daugherty had a tough childhood. Her father was controlling and abusive and her home, set in a remote part of Montana, didn't give her much chance to socialise with friends. So, as she told Outlook's Emily Webb in 2020, Christi would lose herself in books. It helped her imagine a world of comfort and joy - so unlike her immediate reality - and inspired her to become a writer.

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FRI 19:32 Sport Today (w3ct8rgz)
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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 (w1730nkrmpzbc)
The latest five minute news bulletin from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:06 BBC Conversations (w3ct8m40)
BBC Conversations

How major news stories are affecting the lives of people around the world

FRI 20:30 BBC News Summary (w1730nll8c9gblr)
The latest two minute news summary from BBC World Service.

FRI 20:32 CrowdScience (w3ct8k79)
Why can't I concentrate?

Why do we think the way we do? That's a question that sums up a lot of questions in the CrowdScience inbox, so this week we're tackling a whole load of them with the help of neuroscience and psychology.

A number of listeners want us to concentrate on concentration. Why is it tiring? Why does turning the radio down help? And why does one listener's tongue hang out when they're thinking really hard?

There are also questions about cravings, how our brains change gear and why we can still see lights even when it's completely dark.

Presenter Alex Lathbridge is joined by a panel of experts in how we think, and why we think what we think, for a programme that's guaranteed to make you think.

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