

News Break Scavenger Hunt

Sunday's News Break challenges you to hunt through the **Sunday, October 17, 2021** print replica of The Seattle Times to find answers to the following questions.

1. An obstacle to large-scale bitcoin mining is finding what? (MAIN)
2. _____, church officials said, had fallen to earth as a secular custom between relatives or neighbors — many deficient in faith or living in sin, and was now a mere method of strengthening family ties. (MAIN)
3. Lower Post Alley is home to the infamous Gum Wall and a constant draw for visitors to Pike Place Market in Seattle. When the wall was cleaned in 2015, more than a _____ of gum was removed (MAIN)
4. Locked behind five doors, hidden in a dark container and wrapped in cellophane sits a 95- year-old artifact. What is it? What makes it special? (NW)
5. On Facebook, you decide who to friend, which pages to follow, which groups to join. But once you've done that, it's Facebook that decides which of their posts you see each time you open your feed — and which you don't. The software that makes those decisions for each user, based on a secret ranking formula devised by Facebook that includes more than _____ factors, is commonly referred to as "the news feed algorithm," or sometimes just "the algorithm." On a social network with nearly 3 billion users, that algorithm arguably has more influence over what people read, watch and share online than any government or media mogul. (BUSINESS)
6. What are the 3 biggest obstacles to refinancing? (BUSINESS)
7. For many college students, the pandemic's arrival last year did more than disrupt their studies, threaten their health and shut down campus life. It also closed off the usual paths that lead from the classroom into the workplace. What 2 main things were impacted the most? (BUSINESS)
8. Many Americans may have been alarmed by inflation news on Wednesday. As The Associated Press reported, "Another surge in consumer prices in September sent inflation to _____% from a year ago, matching the highest such rate since 2008 as tangled global supply lines continue to create havoc." (OPINION)
9. What does "apple" mean in hockey lingo? (THE MIX)
10. Seattle offers gray sidewalks, gray streets, gray skies ... and plenty of homes that are painted gray, inside and out. "Gray is the color of _____," says Anne Viggiano, the Seattle-based founder of Color & Design Collective, which provides color consultations to homeowners. Specifically, she says, basic gray represents a fear of choosing the wrong colors, then having to live with those mistakes. (AT HOME IN THE NW)