

News Break Scavenger Hunt

Sunday's News Break challenges you to hunt through the **Sunday, April 5, 2026**, print replica of The Seattle Times to find answers to the following questions.

1. Gambling on big sporting events like March Madness is simply a source of entertainment for many who partake. But the rapid growth of sports betting in recent years, both in casinos and online, has put more people at risk of developing what? _____ (MAIN)
2. A federal judge has halted efforts by the Trump administration to collect data that proves higher education institutions aren't considering _____ in admissions. (MAIN)
3. China is stepping up its diplomacy on the Iran war, putting forward a five-point proposal with Pakistan, rallying support from Gulf countries and opposing a United Nations proposal to use any force necessary to open the _____. (MAIN)
4. Amazon agreed Tuesday to pay \$20.5 million to settle allegations that its data centers in Morrow County, Ore., contributed to _____ that has contaminated groundwater in the agricultural community. (NW)
5. About 52,000 small firms employing roughly half a million workers held DBE certification last year. DBEs won a total of \$8 billion in contracts in 2024, according to Joann Payne, a lobbyist representing women-owned businesses in the program. Now, it faces an existential threat, following changes made by the Trump administration and a yearslong conservative activism campaign asserting that the framework, which is open to anyone who can prove they are somehow disadvantaged, discriminates against _____. (BUSINESS)
6. The comments reflect polls revealing that a majority of Americans aren't sold on the benefits of AI and fear the technology will wipe out _____. (BUSINESS)
7. Meegan is among the wage earners engaging in "_____" a flexible scheduling approach that involves tackling job duties in short, productive bursts instead of a single nine-to-five stretch. The paid labor fits around and between non-work responsibilities and priorities. Performance is judged primarily by output, with less emphasis on the number of hours logged behind a screen. (BUSINESS)
8. As artificial intelligence becomes more capable, some jobs may remain in demand while others decline. Web designers and secretaries are more at risk than _____, according to one recent study. But there's another dimension to the picture. Some workers will find it easier to adapt, the researchers argue, based on factors like their savings, age and transferrable skills. (BUSINESS)
9. If you've ever ordered food through DoorDash, Uber Eats or Instacart, you may have realized the person who delivers it isn't a salaried employee.

They're _____ — independent contractors who pick up delivery tasks through an app, get paid per delivery and have no guaranteed hours, benefits or minimum wage protections. (OPINION)

10. First up are _____, a class of herbs that assist the body in “adapting” to stress. While there’s not a lot of research on adaptogens, it’s theorized that they may help regulate the hypothalamic-pituitary adrenal axis — the neuroendocrine system that manages the body’s stress response, in part by releasing the “stress hormone” cortisol. While many herbs fall under the adaptogen umbrella, the best studied is _____ . (THE MIX)