

News Break Scavenger Hunt

Sunday's News Break challenges you to hunt through the **Sunday, May 17, 2026**, print replica of The Seattle Times to find answers to the following questions.

1. Accusations of betrayal and poor management are suddenly widespread as the region struggles to launch its next light rail routes. Stations promised to voters in 2016 — in Ballard, South Seattle and Tukwila — were deemed unaffordable in a proposed project list this month, putting their futures in doubt. The reality of a nearly \$_____ billion funding gap has set in. (MAIN)
2. TODAY IN HISTORY: A unanimous U.S. Supreme Court handed down its *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* decision, which held that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal and therefore unconstitutional. What year did this take place? (MAIN)
3. The Long Island Rail Road, North America's largest commuter rail system, was shut down Saturday after unionized workers went on strike for the first time in three decades. The unions and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the public agency that runs the railroad, have been negotiating for months on a new contract, with talks stalled over the question of _____ and _____. (MAIN)
4. At least 87 deaths have been reported in Congo's new _____ disease outbreak in eastern Ituri province, the Africa CDC said Saturday, warning of an "active community transmission" as health workers raced to intensify screening and contact tracing to contain the disease. (MAIN)
5. Thousands of people rallied Saturday in the cradle of the modern Civil Rights Movement to mobilize a new voting rights era as conservative states dismantle _____ that helped secure Black political representation. U.S. Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey called Montgomery "sacred soil" in the fight for civil rights. "If we in our generation do not now do our duty, we will lose the gains and the rights and the liberties that our ancestors afforded us," Booker said. (MAIN)
6. President Donald Trump this week proposed suspending the 18.4-cents-a-gallon federal tax on _____ in an attempt to bring down pump prices. But that is unlikely to rein in fuel costs by that much, and it's not even clear that Congress would go for it. (BUSINESS)
7. Part of the reason for the shortage is that folks aren't _____. People are holding low-rate mortgages that would be costly to give up, or they bought at the peak just a few years ago and might just break even or potentially lose money in a sale. (BUSINESS)
8. For the first time in a generation, college-educated fathers are spending substantially more time on their _____ and _____ than they did just a few years ago, often cutting working hours to do it. (BUSINESS)

9. It's a scenario playing out across the United States: The nation's biggest retailers are pouring billions of dollars back into their stores, even as more sales move online, in an effort to lure _____ and raise _____ at brick-and-mortar locations.

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10. Roughly two-thirds of Americans feel stressed about _____, and a March survey by the University of Michigan found that Americans' overall confidence about their personal finances over the next year fell by 10%, partly because of the war. With fluctuating oil prices and interest rates, and fears about wars and a recession, staying optimistic about your financial prospects isn't easy. (BUSINESS)