

News Break Scavenger Hunt

Sunday's News Break challenges you to hunt through the **Sunday, May 24, 2026**, print replica of The Seattle Times to find answers to the following questions.

1. A _____ at a coal mine in China's northern Shanxi province killed at least 82 people, local officials said Saturday, in what was the country's deadliest mining accident in recent years. (MAIN)
2. At the _____, Muslims unite in religious rituals and acts of worship as they fulfill one of the Five Pillars of Islam. A religious obligation for Muslims who are physically and financially able to do it, it can be the spiritual experience of a lifetime for the pilgrims and a chance to seek God's forgiveness and the erasure of past sins. Some Muslims spend many years saving up money and waiting for a permit to embark on the journey. (MAIN)
3. California Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in Orange County on Saturday as the temperature inside a malfunctioning _____ in Garden Grove, Calif., rose to dangerous levels while crews attempted to head off a disastrous explosion and tens of thousands of residents remained under evacuation orders. (MAIN)
4. U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio arrived in India on Saturday ahead of a meeting with his counterparts from India, Australia, and Japan, members of the Indo-Pacific strategic alliance known as the _____. (MAIN)
5. The French Foreign Ministry on Saturday imposed a ban on the Israeli security minister, Itamar Ben-Gvir, entering France over his " _____ " toward activists detained this past week on a flotilla attempting to break an Israeli blockade of the Gaza Strip. (MAIN)
6. For more than a decade, Danish recycling artist _____ has scattered wooden troll sculptures around the world. He has created almost 200 in 19 countries. Now the poet and former hip-hop artist is bringing a collection of fairy tale-inspired creations in from the cold for his first museum exhibit. "The Garbage Man," at the Arken Museum of Contemporary Art on the outskirts of Copenhagen, tells the story of a group of trolls who move into the museum, take it over and redesign it. (MAIN)
7. New research from a University of Washington scientist could give oyster farmers in Willapa Bay a fighting chance at battling burrowing _____, little crustaceans that cause big problems. (NW)
8. Single Gen Z women are outpacing their male counterparts when it comes to buying a _____. They accounted for 35% of all homebuyers in their generation, while single Gen Z men represented 18%. (BUSINESS)

9. _____ is a platform for professionals — a kind of LinkedIn meets Reddit — that allows users to post anonymously after verifying their employer through their work email. (BUSINESS)
10. The secret is called “_____,” and it’s exactly what it sounds like: Making those (often dreaded) tasks of daily life into a game that comes close to resembling actual fun. (AT HOME IN THE NW)