



Tuesday, May 27, 2025

1. President Donald Trump celebrated his political victories on Memorial Day.

Yesterday: Trump delivered an unusually partisan speech at Arlington National Cemetery. In a post, he wished people a “happy” Memorial Day — including “the scum.”

In related news: A rift within Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth’s inner circle is causing chaos. And morale is plummeting at the Department of Veterans Affairs ahead of staff cuts.

One more thing: This massive Trump staffing cut went nearly unnoticed.

2. Republican senators are split over Trump’s huge tax and immigration bill.

Why? There are seven key disagreements. The bill, which passed the House last week, would cut taxes and increase border security funding.

What else to know: The FBI said it will be bolstering investigations into several high-profile cases, including an unsolved pipe bomb case tied to the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot.

3. A car plowed into a crowd celebrating a soccer championship in Liverpool.

Yesterday: At least 47 people, including four children, were injured. Thousands of Liverpool fans had gathered for a parade to celebrate the team’s Premier League victory.

The investigation: Police detained a 53-year-old British man from the Liverpool area, who they believe to be the driver. The incident is not being treated as a terrorist act.

4. Israeli strikes hit a school used as a shelter in Gaza.

What happened? At least 25 people were killed at the school yesterday, Gaza officials and rescue workers said, with many more suffering severe burns.

In related news: A controversial new group with ties to the Israeli and U.S. governments said it began distributing aid in Gaza yesterday. Critics have questioned its morality.

5. Extreme heat was linked to rising cancer rates in women.

What to know: As temperatures rose in 17 Middle Eastern and North African countries over two decades, so did cancer mortality among women, a new study found.

Why? Heightened ultraviolet radiation and air pollutants could explain the correlation.

Worried about cancer? About 40% of all cases are considered preventable. An oncologist shared 11 scientifically backed ways to reduce your risk.

6. Hot temperatures are expected for much of the U.S. this summer.

The forecast: Odds for a warmer-than-average season are highest in the West, but the East Coast is also set to heat up.

What else to know: Hurricane season could bring as many as 19 storms this year.

One more thing: Fewer weather balloons are being launched in many parts of the U.S. because of staff cuts and helium shortages.

7. Archaeologists cracked the mystery of an ancient Byzantine bucket.

What’s that? The 1,500-year-old Bromeswell bucket. It was unearthed from an Anglo-Saxon royal burial site in England in 1986, and has puzzled researchers ever since.

Until now: A new analysis revealed the bucket contained cremated human and animal remains — suggesting it was used to bury a very, very important person.



Vocabulary 27/05/25:

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| 1. | partisan - | biased, not neutral |
| | vendetta - | revenge |
| | the scum - | derogatory term used by Trump for political opponents |
| 2. | bill - | draft of a planned new law |
| 3. | to plow - | to dig land with a plough, a large farming tool with blades |
| 4. | courtyard - | an area of flat ground outside that is partly or completely surrounded by the walls of a building |
| 5. | mortality - | the number of deaths within a particular society |
| | depletion - | a reduction in something |
| 6. | contiguous - | next to or touching another, usually similar, thing |
| | to soar - | to rise very quickly to a high level |
| 7. | to cremate - | to dispose of a dead person's body by burning |

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