



Tuesday, June 02, 2025

**1. Eight people were injured in an attack on a Jewish gathering in Colorado.**

**What happened?** Mohamed Sabry Soliman, 45, allegedly threw an incendiary device and yelled “Free Palestine,” police said. Witnesses said the attacker used a makeshift flamethrower.

**What we know:** The event is held weekly in Boulder to call for the release of hostages in Gaza. The FBI is investigating the attack as an act of terrorism. Two victims were airlifted for treatment.

**In Gaza:** More than 30 people were killed by gunfire yesterday near a U.S.-backed food distribution site.

**2. Ukraine launched a far-reaching drone attack in Russia.**

**Yesterday:** 41 Russian aircraft were destroyed in an attack against five Russian air bases, a Ukrainian official said. The drones were smuggled into Russia.

**What else to know:** The attack followed the collapse of two bridges in western Russia. Ukrainian and Russian officials are meeting in Istanbul today for U.S.-backed peace talks.

**3. Sen. Joni Ernst doubled down after sparking outrage with remarks to voters.**

**What happened?** The Iowa Republican dismissed concerns in a Friday town hall that people could die if Republicans cut Medicaid. She told voters: “Well, we are all going to die.”

**Speaking of Medicaid:** A Republican plan would sharply increase the number of people without health insurance. And Trump’s budget bill is a test for the Senate majority leader.

**Fact check:** The House speaker attacked the Congressional Budget Office — but he’s missing this key context.

**4. The U.S. DOGE Service is making government less efficient.**

**How?** By slowing down federal agencies with new requirements implemented by Elon Musk’s cost-cutting team.

**In related news:** Musk, who officially exited his government role Friday, is leaving behind unfinished business. And the billionaire had a surprising explanation for his black eye.

**Meanwhile:** Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz warned the Democratic Party is at risk of becoming “roadkill.” And as Kamala Harris weighs a run for governor, her party is moving on.

**5. Coastal communities are flooding more than we realize.**

**Why?** Tide gauges don’t measure how rainfall, groundwater and drainage contribute to flooding, a new study found. Other sensors detected far more flooding along U.S. coasts.

**Other climate news:** Trump terminated billions in grants for the one climate solution Republicans love. And he’s forcing a dirty coal plant to stay open.

**6. Your chatbot friend may be messing with your mind.**

**How?** Tactics used to make artificial intelligence tools more engaging can drive chatbots to say dangerous things to vulnerable users, a recent study found.

**Be warned:** Human-mimicking AI chatbots offer a more intimate experience — and a more influential one. More and more people are using AI for companionship.

**7. A solar storm brought auroras to the U.S.**

**This weekend:** A “severe” solar storm arrived on Earth with a dazzling display of northern and southern lights. Auroras were visible as far south as New Mexico yesterday.

**Missed the show?** There’s a small chance the lights will be visible today.



Vocabulary 02/06/25:

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|----|--------------------|---|
| 1. | makeshift -        | temporary and of low quality, but used because of a sudden need |
|    | incendiary -       | designed to cause fires   |
| 2. | drone -            | = UAV - Unmanned Aerial Vehicle                                 |
|    | audacious -        | showing a willingness to take risks or offend people            |
| 3. | Senator Joni Ernst |   |
|    | to double down -   | eine Schippe drauflegen   |
|    | to spark -         | to cause the spark of something                                 |
|    | outrage -          | a feeling of anger and shock                                    |
|    | to dismiss -       | to decide that something is not worth considering               |
| 4. | to vow -           | to promise  |
|    | to plague -        | to cause worry  |
| 5. | tide gauge -       | device measuring the rise and fall of the sea                   |
| 6. | to mess with -     | to use or treat in a careless or harmful way                    |
|    | amphetamine -      | type of drug used as a stimulant                                |
| 7. | aurora -           | coloured light in the sky                                       |

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