



Monday, October 06, 2025

1. President Donald Trump is stepping up efforts to send troops to Democratic cities.

Last night: Trump's plan to deploy troops to Portland suffered a legal setback. It followed a weekend of confrontations between protesters and federal agents in the Oregon city.

In Chicago: A woman was shot by federal agents, sparking angry demonstrations.

What else to know: An ICE arrest revealed the hidden past of an Iowa school's superintendent.

2. Israeli and Hamas officials are in Egypt for high-stakes ceasefire talks.

The latest: The sides are negotiating a Trump-backed plan to end the war and release Israeli hostages, which Hamas accepted Friday with conditions. Some Palestinians are hopeful.

In the U.S.: Many American Jews are critical of Israel's actions in Gaza, a Post poll found, with about 4 in 10 saying Israel is guilty of genocide. Others feel a tighter bond with Israel.

3. Senators return to D.C. today with no shutdown deal in sight.

Where things stand: The government shutdown is entering its sixth day. Shutdowns have become familiar to Americans over the years, but this one isn't normal.

What are Democrats doing? Some are embracing all-out confrontation with Trump.

Meanwhile, federal workers are miserable: The shutdown could be the last straw.

4. The Supreme Court starts its new term today.

What to expect: Justices are headed for a showdown with Trump. After months of emergency rulings, they now face giving final verdicts on some of Trump's core policies.

Major cases: Justices will consider the legality of Trump's tariffs and possibly his bid to end birthright citizenship. They'll hear challenges to a "conversion therapy" ban for minors.

5. Military veterans are swamping the U.S. government with dubious disability claims.

A Post investigation: While most veterans' claims are legitimate, our reporters found millions for minor or treatable afflictions — including hair loss, jock itch and toenail fungus.

Another Post exclusive: Officials are considering a plan to limit disability benefits for older people by eliminating age as a factor in deciding whether someone is capable of working.

6. Costco is now selling Ozempic and Wegovy at discounted prices.

Why? As sales of copycat drugs soar, Danish pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk wants to head off competition. Costco members can get the drugs for \$499 a month out-of-pocket.

Thinking of taking a weight-loss drug? They can help you shed pounds and manage health issues, but there are side effects.

7. "Saturday Night Live" ridiculed Trump and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth.

The highlights: The show's 51st season opened with a skit about Hegseth's military meeting. And host Bad Bunny mocked MAGA backlash to his upcoming Super Bowl halftime show.

Zooming out: "Resistance" comedy struggled to find its mojo in Trump's second term. But, after Stephen Colbert's cancellation and the Jimmy Kimmel uproar, that is changing.



Vocabulary 06/10/25:

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| 1. | to double down - | to continue to do something in an even more determined way than before (eine Schippe drauflegen) |
| | Karin J. Immergut - | district judge |
| | war-torn - | severely damaged by war |
| | JB Pritzker - | Governor of Illinois |
| 2. | high-stakes - | involving serious risks if there is no success |
| 3. | to furlough - | not doing your job because your employer is unable to pay you |
| 4. | justice - | (here) a judge in a law court |
| | verdict - | an opinion or decision made after judging the facts that are given, especially at the end of a trial |
| 5. | to slump - | to bring down |
| | VA (programmes) - | U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs |
| | toenail fungus - | Fußpilz |
| | jock itch - | a skin infection (Leistenflechte) |
| 6. | Costco - | American wholesale corp. |
| | Ozempic - | diabetes remedy/medication |
| | Wegovy - | injection for weight reduction |
| | copycat - | (often illegally) copied product |
| | GLP1 - | class of medication to counter diabetes |
| 7. | Saturday Night Live - | (SNL) TV comedy show |
| | Colin Jost | |
| | to allege - | to say that someone has done something illegal without giving proof |
| | to lampoon - | to criticize famous person in a humorous way |
| | Pete Hegseth - | U.S. Secretary of Defense |
| | James Austin Johnson | |
| | backlash - | a strong feeling among a group in reaction to a change or event |

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