



Monday, October 27, 2025

1. China and the U.S. reached a framework for a trade deal.

What to know: The deal would avert President Donald Trump's threatened additional 100% tariffs on China. Trump is set to meet with Chinese leader Xi Jinping on Thursday.

Today: Trump is continuing his five-day tour of Asia in Japan. This morning, the president made it clear that he really wants to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

2. Smaller law firms are taking on the Trump administration.

Why? The largest law firms in the U.S. have been far less likely to challenge Trump's policies than they were during his first term, a Post analysis found.

Over the weekend: Kamala Harris said she may run for president again.

3. Police arrested suspects in the Louvre museum heist.

A week ago: Thieves broke into the famous Paris museum and stole thousands of treasured jewels and diamonds. Yesterday, the Paris prosecutor announced some arrests.

What we know: One suspect was trying to leave the country from a Paris airport. But it is not clear whether the jewelry has been recovered, or how many arrests were made.

4. Hurricane Melissa will soon make landfall in Jamaica.

What to expect: Melissa will deliver a devastating blow when it makes landfall late today or early tomorrow. It will probably be Jamaica's strongest storm on record.

What's next? The storm could make three landfalls in fewer than three days. It is forecast to strike eastern Cuba late tomorrow.

5. Cancer diagnoses are rising sharply among young people in America's Corn Belt.

The trend: Rates among 15- to 49-year-olds are rising more rapidly in Iowa, Kansas, Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota and Indiana than in the U.S. as a whole, a Post analysis found.

Why? Scientists are perplexed. Some residents fear the land is making people sick.

6. Researchers found the real reason electricity costs are spiking.

The culprit: The biggest factor is the cost of poles, wires and other equipment. Some people have blamed AI data centers, but more electricity demand can actually lower prices.

7. Many animals disguise themselves to gain survival advantages

A costume contest: Tiger moths mimic wasps so well that they fool actual wasps, while some chameleons disguise themselves as leaves to stalk prey.

More Halloween inspiration: Luxury pumpkin porches are the latest trend in holiday decorating. And a polka-dotted pumpkin is now the world's most coveted art installation.



Vocabulary 27/10/25:

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| 2. | to take on - | (here) to accept a challenge |
| | slack - | the fact that something is too loose |
| 3. | heist - | robbery |
| 4. | landfall - | the first land that is reached at the end of a journey |
| | to brace - | to prepare yourself for something unpleasant |
| 5. | Corn Belt - | a region of the Midwestern United States stretching from Missouri and Kentucky in the south to Minnesota in the north, and from Ohio in the east to Kansas, Nebraska, and the Dakotas to the west |
| 6. | to spike - | to rise to a higher level |
| | scapegoat - | a person who is blamed for something that someone else has done |
| | the average joe - | Otto Normalverbraucher |
| 7. | mimicry - | the act of copying the sounds or behaviour of a particular animal |
| | disguise - | something that someone wears to hide their true appearance |
| | spicebush - | a bush with groups of small yellow flowers and red berries that grows in the eastern US |
| | swallowtail - | a type of large colourful butterfly |
| | caterpillar - | a small, long animal with many legs that develops into a butterfly |

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