



Monday, April 27, 2026

**1. The correspondents' dinner suspect called himself a "friendly federal assassin."**

**On Saturday night:** An armed man sprinted past security at a D.C. hotel where President Donald Trump was gathered with officials and reporters.

**The investigation:** The alleged gunman identified himself in a note sent to his family just before the attack. The suspect sharply criticized the Trump administration in the statement.

**2. Britain's King Charles III is scheduled to begin a rare state visit to the U.S. today.**

**Awkward timing:** Trump is furious at the U.K. government for its reluctance to support the Iran war. British officials are anxious about what Trump might say to the king.

**The plan:** The tour is expected to last four days. Today, King Charles and Queen Camilla are set to visit the White House, where Trump is keen to show off his latest renovation.

**3. Trump scrapped a U.S. delegation's trip to Pakistan for negotiations with Iran.**

**On Friday:** The White House said a team, including Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner, would travel for peace talks. But, over the weekend, Trump abruptly called off the trip.

**Why?** Trump expressed frustration with a lack of progress in negotiations.

**Inside the Pentagon:** One man is turning the military into a venture capital firm.

**4. Trump officials are hiring "deportation judges" with less training and experience.**

**Hiring spree:** More than 140 new judges have been appointed as officials attempt to clear a huge case backlog and fulfill Trump's goal of deporting 1 million immigrants each year.

**Among the hires:** One was a defense attorney for Jan. 6 rioters. Another is a judge who denied a gay Serbian man humanitarian protection because he didn't look "overtly gay."

**5. A town of 7,000 is fighting plans to build six sprawling data center campuses.**

**If it goes ahead:** The project in Archbald, Pennsylvania, would cover about 14% of the town's land, roughly the size of 51 Walmart Supercenters. Residents are pushing back.

**In related news:** Utility companies shut off Americans' power 13.4 million times in 2024, a federal report found.

**6. Utah and Idaho are betting on drones to solve their water problems.**

**In the West:** Drought is hitting farmers and cities hard. The start-up Rainmaker says its cloud-seeding drones can produce millions of gallons of water in precipitation.

**How it works:** Releasing silver iodide into clouds causes liquid to turn into ice and then fall as snow. But there are doubts about how much the method can help.

**7. The technique of "habit-stacking" can help you reach your goals.**

**What is it?** Linking a new habit you're trying to form to an existing habit. For example, meditating or drinking water just after you get out of the shower each morning.

**Why it works:** It builds in reminders to perform a new task, leads to consistency and focuses on achievable changes.



## Vocabulary 27/04/26

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| 1. | perimeter -<br>Cole Thomas Allen                | the outer edge of an area of land or the border around it  |
| 2. | assassin -<br>awkward -<br>Christian Turner -   | someone who kills a famous or important person<br>difficult to use, do or deal with<br>UK Ambassador to the U.S.   |
| 3. | to scrap -<br>Steve Wittkoff<br>Jared Kushner - | to discontinue a system or plan<br>special envoy of the U.S. Government<br>Trump's son-in-law  |
| 4. | spree -<br>Jan. 6 rioter -<br>overtly -         | a short period of doing a particular activity much more than is usual<br>a person involved in the illegal assault on the U.S. Capitol in 2021<br>in a way that is done or shown publicly |
| 5. | sprawling -<br>Archbald, PA                     | (of a town) covered with buildings across a large area   |
| 6. | Rainmaker -<br>precipitation -                  | name of the company<br>water that falls from the clouds (Niederschlag)   |
| 7  | to stack -                                      | to arrange things in an ordered pile   |

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