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1. Israel and Iran traded strikes for the first time since a ceasefire was reached in April.

The latest: Israel said it struck military targets in Iran, hours after Tehran fired a barrage of missiles toward the country. Iran's attack followed Israeli strikes in Lebanon.

Zooming out: The strikes complicate efforts to broker a peace deal to end the U.S.-Israeli war with Iran. Israel's retaliation came in apparent defiance of President Donald Trump.

2. An agent who sent models to Jeffrey Epstein is trying to explain why.

After Epstein was released from jail in 2009: The convicted sex offender cultivated a network of lesser-known associates who offered to bring women into his orbit.

Ramsey Elkholy was one of them: The former modeling agent repeatedly introduced young women to Epstein. In an interview with The Post, he explained his motivations.

3. Trump ended a "Meet the Press" interview after being challenged on false claims.

What happened? Trump became agitated when Kristen Welker questioned his falsehoods about elections and the Jan. 6, 2021, riot.

Tonight: Trump is set to become the first sitting president to attend an NBA Finals game. The event is at Madison Square Garden — Trump is expected to be showered with boos.

This Sunday: Trump will celebrate turning 80 with a spectacle at the White House.

4. Visa headaches and anxiety over ICE are casting a shadow over the World Cup.

Starting this week: Millions of soccer fans are set to crowd into U.S. stadiums, bars and restaurants to cheer on the 48 nations competing in the world's biggest sporting event.

But it has become the latest battleground over immigration: Some fans are struggling to obtain proper paperwork; others fear ICE will carry out arrests at stadiums.

5. The troubling signs of El Niño are already emerging in a South American country.

In Peru: The city of Lima is getting beach weather in winter. A wave of record-breaking undersea warmth associated with El Niño is arriving along the nation's shores.

According to updated forecasts: There's potential for the strongest El Niño pattern on record this year.

6. How late can you drink coffee without wrecking your sleep? Science has an answer.

A brewed awakening: People in a study who drank one or more cups each day lost on average 36 minutes of sleep compared with those who didn't over a two-week period.

But you don't need to quit: Researchers recommend finishing drinking coffee at least nine hours or so before you sleep, though some people have genes that boost tolerance.

7. A record die-off of sea stars was followed by something that stunned biologists.

A decade ago: A mysterious wasting disease wiped out 90% of the West Coast's sea star population, causing them to develop twisted arms and lesions, and even to liquefy.

But now: The creatures are undergoing a "baby boom," and teeny-tiny stars are appearing in tide pools. Scientists hope this new generation could be resistant to the disease.



Vocabulary 08/06/26

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| 1. | barrage - | the action of continuously firing missiles |
| | defiance - | behaviour in which you refuse to obey someone |
| | Axios - | US news agency |
| | to retaliate - | to take revenge |
| 2. | late - | (here) dead |
| | Ramsey Elkholy | |
| 3. | agitated - | worried or angry |
| | Kristen Welker - | NBC anchorwoman |
| | eligible - | satisfying the necessary conditions |
| 4. | Markwayne Mullin - | Homeland Security Secretary |
| 6. | to partake - | to eat or drink |
| 7. | to stun - | to shock or surprise someone very much |
| | to waste - | (here) to kill |
| | lesion - | an injury inside the body |
| | to liquefy - | to change into a liquid form |
| | ochre - | a specific breed of sea star |
| | tide pool - | a small area of sea water contained by the rocks or sand around it when the tide goes out |

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