



Monday, September 28, 2026

1. President Donald Trump's plans to bring down prices keep failing to pan out.

From beef to diesel: Trump has pitched a parade of ideas to tackle inflation ahead of the midterms. But his proposals are running into resistance and he's struggling to deliver.

Why it matters: Rising prices are the top concern among voters. Soaring diesel costs in particular are clobbering Trump's MAGA faithful and exposing some Republican rifts.

2. The White House expanded a taxpayer-paid ad campaign boosting Trump.

In the latest ad: Trump is seen staring into the camera as he vows to drive his political enemies from power. Some Democrats say that the ad series might violate federal law.

This weekend: A network camera crew started filming Trump's public events again after his attempt to ban three news outlets. However, future coverage remains complicated.

3. Senate Republicans are facing a race against time to pass legislation.

Why? This is their final week in D.C. before Election Day. Republican leaders are aiming to boost the party's standing among voters as it faces the prospect of losing Senate control.

How could Democrats take the Senate? The most feasible path is to retain all current seats and flip four Republican ones.

4. A powerful nor'easter will continue to drench parts of the northeast today.

The latest: The storm weakened yesterday, but more heavy rain is forecast in New England. Over the weekend, the system soaked the Eastern Seaboard and killed at least one person.

Another threat is arriving this week: The remnants of Hurricane Polo will bring dangerous weather to southwest and central states.

5. Satellite images show how data centers are changing the American landscape.

Nationwide: Forest, farmland and desert are being cleared to make way for the infrastructure that powers AI. There are nearly 100 hyperscale data centers across the country.

6. Should you take peptides? A sports medicine doctor shared his thoughts.

The promised benefits of peptides seem endless: Influencers have made big claims about the potential of peptide injections for better sleep, building muscle, losing fat and more.

If you're thinking about starting: The physician Jordan D. Metzl says that while some peptides have proven benefits, most are understudied and unregulated.

7. Dogs use a surprising method to understand human language, a new study suggests.

W-A-L-K and D-I-N-N-E-R: Many dog owners have words they are forced to spell out instead of saying aloud to prevent their eavesdropping pooch from getting too excited.

How do they know? They appear to have learned our tricks. Just like human infants, dogs seem to listen for consonants to figure out when a word ends and another begins.



Vocabulary 28/09/26

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| 1. | to pan out - | to develop in a successful way |
| | to placate - | to stop someone from feeling angry |
| 2. | footage - | video clip |
| 3. | legislation - | a law or set of laws suggested by a government and made official by a parliament |
| | bill - | a formal statement of a planned new law |
| 4. | nor'easter - | wind from the northeast direction |
| | to drench - | to make something very wet |
| | to soak - | to drench |
| 6. | peptide - | a chemical compound that is made of a small chain of two or more amino acids |
| | to tout - | to advertise |
| 7. | vowel and consonant patterns | |

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