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GET CAUGHT UP

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1. Potential challengers to Vice President JD Vance smell blood in the water.
Ahead of the 2028 presidential primary: Ambitious Republicans feel emboldened by the midterm results. As Vance deliberates on running, rivals are wasting little time to prepare.
One notable example: Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis carried out a media blitz after last week's heavy GOP losses as he readies a potential run, according to people familiar with his plans.

2. President Donald Trump sat for a "60 Minutes" interview that aired last night.
He was reflective and defensive: He said immigration hurt and helped him in the midterms and he blamed "bad messaging" for voters' affordability concerns.
This weekend: Trump replaced chief of staff Susie Wiles with longtime aide Stephen Miller. One of Wiles's ex-colleagues said yesterday that she and others treated Trump "like a baby."
Just a joke? UFC's Dana White will not actually be the next press secretary, Trump says.

3. An effort to impeach Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth could get underway this week.
The latest: Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of New York, the top House Democrat, said yesterday he was a "hard yes" on impeaching Hegseth. Lawmakers are returning to D.C. today.
After losing Congress: Republicans have little time left before the transfer of power to Democrats on Jan. 3. Some are pushing to pass as much legislation as possible.

4. AI computer chip giant Nvidia said it will investigate its CEO Jensen Huang.
Why? Jensen Huang admitted to having an intimate relationship with a suspected Chinese spy. The company's board announced the investigation yesterday.
Huang wrote a letter to Nvidia: He said he had been unfaithful to his wife and apologized to employees for the affair.

5. Former president Joe Biden gave an update on his health.
Last year: Biden said he had been diagnosed with an aggressive form of prostate cancer that spread to his bones. He subsequently underwent radiation and hormone therapy.
Yesterday: Biden, 83, said his illness will prevent him from doing as many promotional appearances as he had hoped for his upcoming presidential memoir. It comes out Nov. 17.

6. Your stroke risk is 72% higher during three hours of the day, research shows.
The danger zone: People are much more likely to have a stroke between 6 and 9 a.m., an analysis found. That's probably because blood pressure is elevated in the morning.
Some warning signs are easy to miss: Abrupt symptoms such as slurred speech, a drooping face or weakness on one side of the body are well-known. Others are more subtle.

7. This storied ocean liner's long voyage is finally coming to an end.
Between 1952 and 1969: The SS United States carried more than a million passengers across the Atlantic, including celebrities like Marilyn Monroe, Salvador Dalí and Walt Disney.
In more recent decades: It has struggled to find a new purpose. This week, the ship is set to be sunk off Florida's southwest coast and become the world's largest artificial reef.



Vocabulary 09/11/26

1.	to smell blood -	to recognize an opportunity to take advantage of someone who is in a difficult situation
	to size up -	to examine someone or something carefully
	primary -	an election in which a contender for a political position is chosen
	to embolden -	to make someone brave
	Ron de Santis (R) -	Governor of Florida
	Brian Kemp (R) -	Governor of Georgia
	Ted Cruz (R) -	Senator representing Texas
	Jeff Rowe -	CEO, Axiom Strategies (largest Republican consultant company)
2.	Susie Wiles -	former White House Chief of Staff
	Stephen Miller -	newly appointed White House Chief of Staff
3.	Thomas Massey (R) -	Congressman (Representative), Kentucky
	Hakeem Jeffries (D) -	designated Speaker, House of Representatives
	Sean Parnell -	Pentagon spokesperson
4.	Jensen Huang -	CEO, Nvidia
6.	to slur -	to pronounce the sound of a word in a way that is wrong or not clear
	BE FAST* -	??? (find out!)
	drooping -	bending or hanging down heavily
7.	storied -	legendary
	SS -	abbreviation for *Steam Ship*

* Balance, Eyes, Face, Arms, Speech, Time

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