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## TOP STORY

### U.S. and Canada Clash Over Trade

WASHINGTON, AUG. 25, 2026 — The U.S. and Canada are in a trade fight. Talks between the two countries broke down. The U.S. put new taxes on goods from Canada. These taxes are called tariffs. They cover \$20 billion of Canadian goods. The president says he may add more tariffs. Prices on some items could go up. Families may notice this at stores.

#### BACKGROUND

Tariffs are extra fees on goods brought into a country.

**Why it matters:** *This trade fight could make some things cost more for families.*

**What to watch:** *Watch for more news about tariffs and prices this week.*

## NATION & WORLD

### Wildfire Burns Near Reno

RENO, NEV., AUG. 25, 2026 — A wildfire is burning near Reno, Nevada. Firefighters are working hard to stop it. The fire has forced some people to be careful. Smoke can make the air harder to breathe. People nearby are watching the fire closely. Fire crews hope to control it soon.

#### BACKGROUND

Wildfires can spread quickly, especially in dry weather.

**Why it matters:** *Fires can affect homes, air quality, and safety.*

**What to watch:** *Watch for updates on the fire's size and safety warnings.*

### Congo Faces Tough Week in Ebola Outbreak

KINSHASA, CONGO, AUG. 25, 2026 — Congo is facing a big Ebola outbreak. Ebola is a serious illness. It can spread from person to person. This week set a sad new record. More people died from it than in past weeks. Doctors and health workers are working hard to help. They want to stop the illness from spreading further. Health experts around the world are watching closely.

#### BACKGROUND

Ebola outbreaks have happened before in Congo.

**Why it matters:** *This shows why health workers and doctors are so important.*

**What to watch:** *Watch for news on how doctors help stop it.*

## SCIENCE & TECH

### NASA Says Moon Mission Is On Track

WASHINGTON, AUG. 25, 2026 — NASA is getting ready for a new moon mission. It is called Artemis II. Astronauts will fly near the moon. No crew has done this in fifty years. NASA said early checks look good. The mission is on track for the future. Kids may watch this mission on TV one day.

#### BACKGROUND

Artemis II is part of NASA's plan to return astronauts to the moon.

**Why it matters:** *This could be an exciting moment in space exploration.*

**What to watch:** *Watch for more news about the moon mission.*

## SPORTS

### Giants Blank the Reds, 5-0

SAN FRANCISCO, AUG. 24, 2026 — The Giants beat the Reds on Monday night. The final score was 5 to 0. That means the Reds never scored a single run. The Giants' pitchers pitched a great game together. Fans at the ballpark cheered loudly for the win. The Giants hope this win helps them later this season.

#### BACKGROUND

The Giants play in Major League Baseball.

**Why it matters:** *Winning games helps a team's chances later in the season.*

**What to watch:** *Watch to see if the Giants keep winning.*

#### OUR TEAMS

San Francisco Giants

Giants 5, Reds 0

*Giants pitching staff recorded a shutout at home on Monday night.*

Vice President Visits Brewer Factory

BREWER, MAINE, AUG. 24, 2026 — Vice President JD Vance visited Brewer, Maine. He toured a factory called Compotech. Compotech makes parts used for defense technology. This was his second trip to Maine this year. He also talked about the border and drugs. He said overdoses in Maine have gone down. Local leaders welcomed his visit.

BACKGROUND  
Compotech is a manufacturing company in Brewer, Maine.

- Why it matters: Leaders often visit factories to show support for local jobs.
- What to watch: Watch for more visits from leaders this year.

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