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TOP STORY

Two Storms Hit Hawaii's Big Island

HILO, HAWAII — Hawaii got hit by two storms this month. Hurricane Lala dumped huge rain first. It caused floods and mudslides. Then Tropical Storm Moke swirled by too. Moke brought more heavy rain. This double hit is very rare. Families now need help fixing homes. Workers give out aid every day.

BACKGROUND

Hawaii is a group of islands in the Pacific Ocean.

Why it matters: These storms hurt homes and roads. They show why weather safety matters.

What to watch: More helpers will visit Hawaii to fix roads and homes.

NATION & WORLD

Storms Damage Homes in the Midwest

GARY, INDIANA — Big storms hit the Midwest this month. In Gary, Indiana, a tree fell on a house. Workers came to cut it up. Storms can knock down trees fast. Communities work together to clean up. Neighbors help each other after storms.

BACKGROUND

Indiana is a state in the Midwest.

Why it matters: Storms can damage homes fast, so towns must be ready to help.

What to watch: More storms may come as summer ends.

SCIENCE & TECH

NASA's New Space Telescope Nears Launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. — NASA is getting ready to launch a new space telescope. It is called the Roman Space Telescope. It will study stars and galaxies far away. The launch is planned for August 30. It will fly on a big rocket. Scientists are excited to learn new things about space.

BACKGROUND

Telescopes in space can see farther than ones on Earth.

Why it matters: This telescope will help us learn about how the universe grew.

What to watch: Watch for the launch on August 30!

Astronauts Fix Space Station Antenna

INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION — Two astronauts fixed something on the Space Station. Their names are Anil Menon and Sophie Adenot. They put in a new antenna. Antennas help send signals to Earth. The spacewalk took over six hours. They worked outside the station in space suits. Great job, astronauts!

BACKGROUND

The Space Station orbits high above Earth.

Why it matters: Antennas help astronauts talk to people back on Earth.

SOUTHERN MAINE

Maine Town to Vote on Data Center Rules

NORTH BERWICK, MAINE — North Berwick is a small town in Maine. In November, people there will vote. They will vote on rules for data centers. Data centers are big buildings full of computers. Some people want to ban them completely. Voting lets towns make their own rules. This shows how democracy works in small towns.

BACKGROUND

A data center is a building full of computer servers.

Why it matters: It shows kids how local voting decides community rules.

What to watch: Watch for the vote results this November.

GOOD NEWS

Help Arrives for Hawaii Families After Storms

HONOLULU, HAWAII — Hawaii families got hurt by storms. Now helpers are here. They give out housing help every day. People can call for help. Helpers work from morning to night. Neighbors are helping too. Everyone is working together to rebuild. Helping others feels good.

BACKGROUND

Storms damaged many homes on Hawaii's Big Island.

Why it matters: It shows how communities help each other after hard times.

Read this with a grown-up if you want to. Ask them anything! | Sources: NPR, <https://www.npr.org/2026/08/23/nx-s1-5941769/tropical-storm-moke-hawaii>; CNN, <https://www.cnn.com/2026/08/23/weather/tropical-storm-moke-dumping-heavy-rain-on-hawaii-big-island-climate>; Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, <https://dod.hawaii.gov/hiema/tropical-storm-moke/>; <https://www.npr.org/sections/national/>; ScienceDaily, https://www.sciencedaily.com/news/space_time/; Spaceflight Now, <https://spaceflightnow.com/2026/08/>; WGME, <https://wgme.com/>; Fox23 Maine, <https://fox23maine.com/>; Hawaii Emergency Management Agency