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TOP STORY

NASA Set to Launch New Roman Space Telescope

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. — NASA is preparing to launch a new space telescope this weekend. The telescope is named after Nancy Grace Roman, an early NASA scientist. It will study dark energy, a mysterious force in space. Dark energy seems to be pushing the universe apart. The telescope will also search for exoplanets.

Exoplanets are planets that circle stars outside our solar system. It will study infrared light too, which is invisible to human eyes. Scientists hope this telescope will answer big questions about space. Many people are excited to watch the launch this weekend.

BACKGROUND

The telescope took years to build and test before launch.

Why it matters: *It could help scientists understand the universe's biggest mysteries.*

What to watch: *Watch for updates on the launch this weekend.*

Source: NPR — <https://www.npr.org/sections/news/>

NATION & WORLD

Rescuers Search for Missing After Himalayan Floods

KATHMANDU, NEPAL — Heavy floods hit parts of Nepal and Tibet this week. A wall of water and mud swept through several villages. Rescue teams are searching for thousands of people who are still missing. So far, hundreds of people have been found dead.

Aid groups say tens of thousands of people may have been affected. The Red Cross is helping deliver food, water, and shelter. Rescue work continues as more help arrives every day. Many families are still waiting for news of loved ones.

BACKGROUND

Heavy rain and melting snow can cause sudden floods in mountain areas.

Why it matters: *This disaster shows how quickly natural events can change lives.*

What to watch: *Watch for updates on rescue efforts in the coming days.*

Source: The Times of Israel — <https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog-august-29-2026/>

Iran's Fuel Shortage Worsens Six Months Into War

TEHRAN, IRAN — The United States and Israel have been at war with Iran for six months. The conflict has caused fuel prices to rise sharply in Iran. Long lines have formed at gas stations in cities like Tehran and Mashhad. Some stations have run out of fuel completely.

The rising prices are also affecting costs in other countries. In the United States, diesel fuel now costs nearly \$5.60 a gallon. Diesel fuel is used to power trucks and school buses. Experts are watching to see how long the shortages will last.

BACKGROUND

Iran is a major oil-producing country, so conflict there can affect fuel prices worldwide.

Why it matters: *Higher fuel prices can raise costs for families, schools, and businesses.*

What to watch: *Watch to see if fuel prices ease as the conflict continues.*

Source: NCRI — <https://www.ncr-iran.org/en/news/iran-news-in-brief-august-29-2026/>; NPR — <https://www.npr.org/sections/national/>

GOVERNMENT

Tariff Refunds Mostly Go to Businesses, Not Shoppers

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The government is refunding some tariffs. Tariffs are taxes on goods brought in from other countries. Many people might expect refunds to lower shopping prices. Instead, most of the money is going to businesses and importers. These companies paid the tariffs when they imported goods.

Economists say the refunds may help businesses more than shoppers. Some experts wonder if savings will ever reach store shelves. The debate shows how tricky trade rules can be. Shoppers may not see lower prices anytime soon.

BACKGROUND

Tariffs are extra fees added to imported products, often to protect local businesses.

Why it matters: *It helps explain who really benefits from trade policy changes.*

What to watch: *Watch for future reports on whether prices change for shoppers.*

Source: NPR — <https://www.npr.org/sections/news/>

GOVERNMENT (CONT.)

Social Security's Money Problem Gets Little Attention

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Social Security sends monthly checks to older Americans. It also helps some other groups of people. Experts say the program's trust fund is running low on money. Even so, not many people are talking about this problem. Some experts worry that most Americans do not understand it.

Without discussion, it is harder to find good solutions. Congress may need to make changes in coming years. Learning about this now could help families plan ahead. Many grandparents and retirees depend on these payments.

BACKGROUND

Social Security has provided support to retirees and others since the 1930s.

Why it matters: Changes to the program could affect millions of families, including grandparents.

What to watch: Watch for news about possible fixes from lawmakers.

Source: NPR — <https://www.npr.org/sections/national/>

MONEY & WORK

Rising Diesel Prices Squeeze School Budgets

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Diesel fuel prices jumped this year, and school districts feel the pinch. Many schools use diesel to power their buses every day. Prices are now near \$5.60 a gallon. Transportation costs are rising fast for districts. Some districts may need to adjust their budgets.

Rising fuel prices are linked to conflict involving Iran. School leaders say they are watching prices closely. This could affect school services over time. Families may notice changes as the school year continues.

BACKGROUND

School transportation budgets often depend on stable fuel prices.

Why it matters: Higher costs could mean less money for other school programs.

What to watch: Watch how districts respond as the school year continues.

Source: NCRI — <https://www.ncr-iran.org/en/news/iran-news-in-brief-august-29-2026/>; NPR — <https://www.npr.org/sections/national/>

SPORTS

Yankees Edge Red Sox in Pitching Duel

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The New York Yankees beat the Boston Red Sox 1-0 on Friday night. The game finished as a tight pitching battle between rivals. Neither team scored much, but the Yankees found a way to win. The two teams will face each other again on Saturday.

That game starts at 1:05 p.m. at Yankee Stadium. Fans look forward to another close matchup between rivals. The Yankees and Red Sox have one of baseball's biggest rivalries. Pitching performances like this can shift a team's momentum.

BACKGROUND

The Yankees and Red Sox have competed against each other for over a century.

Why it matters: Close wins can boost team confidence heading into important games.

What to watch: Watch Saturday's rematch at Yankee Stadium.

Source: ESPN — https://www.espn.com/mlb/game/_/gameId/401874913/red-sox-yankees; MLB.com — <https://www.mlb.com/gameday/red-sox-vs-yankees/2026/08/28/823504/preview>

Giants Close Out Preseason With Win Over Jets

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Giants closed their preseason with a 23-6 win over the Jets. The game took place at MetLife Stadium on Friday night. Rookie kicker Dominic Zvada made three field goals, including a 53-yard kick. Tyrone Tracy Jr. and Xavier Gipson both scored touchdowns for the Giants.

The defense allowed only one early score before shutting down the Jets. The win gave the Giants a 2-1 preseason record under new coach John Harbaugh. NFL teams must cut their rosters to 53 players by Sunday evening.

BACKGROUND

Preseason games help coaches decide which players make the final roster.

Why it matters: Roster cuts this weekend will shape the Giants' season ahead.

What to watch: Watch for roster announcements before Sunday's deadline.

Source: Yahoo Sports — <https://sports.yahoo.com/articles/york-giants-vs-jets-live-212525825.html>; Giants.com — <https://www.giants.com/news/instant-analysis-giants-close-preseason-with-23-6-win-over-jets>

OUR TEAMS

New York Yankees

Yankees 1, Red Sox 0 (Final, Aug. 28)

The two teams play again Saturday at 1:05 p.m. at Yankee Stadium.

New York Giants

Giants 23, Jets 6 (preseason finale, Aug. 28)

Giants finish the preseason 2-1 in John Harbaugh's first year as head coach.

GOOD NEWS

Mission District Mural House Becomes City Landmark

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. — A colorful mural covers a house in San Francisco. The house has now become an official city landmark. The mural honors musicians from the Mission District's Latin rock scene. City leaders voted to protect the house permanently. Home prices in the neighborhood have risen quickly in recent years.

Supporters say the landmark helps preserve local music history. The area has faced major changes and redevelopment for decades. Residents hope the mural will remind people of the community's roots. The house is now protected from being torn down.

BACKGROUND

The Mission District has long been known for its vibrant Latin music culture.

Why it matters: Landmark status helps protect neighborhood history even as areas change quickly.

Source: NPR — <https://www.npr.org/sections/news/>