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TOP STORY

NASA's New Space Telescope Blasts Off

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. — NASA launched a new space telescope. It is named Roman. A big rocket lifted it into space. The rocket blasted off from Florida.

Roman separated from the rocket soon after. Now it will fly far from Earth. Scientists will use it to study stars and planets. They hope it helps explain how the universe grew.

Why it matters: *This telescope may help us learn new things about space.*

GOVERNMENT

Congress Faces Money Deadline

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers are back in Washington now. Their summer break just ended. They must fund the government soon. The deadline is the end of September.

If they miss it, offices could close. This is called a government shutdown. Leaders are working to avoid that.

Why it matters: *This affects how the government pays for its work.*

SCIENCE & TECH

Space Station Launch Delayed

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. — NASA delayed a launch to the space station. The trip is called Crew-13. Engineers found a leak in the spacecraft. The spacecraft is made by SpaceX.

It is called Dragon. Teams want to fix the problem first. A new launch date will come later. Astronauts are still getting ready to fly.

Why it matters: *This helps keep astronauts safe before they fly.*

SPORTS

Yankees Rout Red Sox

NEW YORK — The Yankees played the Red Sox on Sunday. The game happened in the Bronx. New York's hitters scored many runs early. The final score was sixteen to one. It was the last game of their weekend series. Fans in the stands cheered loudly the whole game. The Yankees now feel confident heading into September.

Why it matters: *It was a fun win for Yankees fans.*

Giants Win Final Preseason Game

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Giants played their final practice game. They played against the crosstown Jets. The Giants won by a good margin. The final score was twenty-three to six. Now coaches must pick the real team. Some players will make the roster. Other players will not make it. The regular season starts very soon.

Why it matters: *This game helped coaches pick the team.*

OUR TEAMS

New York Yankees Yankees 16, Red Sox 1

Sunday's American League East series finale in the Bronx.

SOUTHERN MAINE

Maine Gears Up to Vote

AUGUSTA, MAINE — Maine will vote for a new governor. This vote happens in November. People will also pick a U.S. senator. Many candidates are campaigning now.

They travel around the state. Voters will decide who wins. Election day will be exciting for Maine.

Why it matters: *This vote decides who leads Maine.*

Read this with a grown-up if you want to. Ask them anything! | Sources: Space.com (<https://www.space.com/news/live/nancy-grace-roman-telescope-live-updates-nasa-readies-roman-for-launch-august-30-2026> and <https://www.space.com/space-exploration/launches-spacecraft/spacex-roman-space-telescope-falcon-heavy-launch-what-time>); Bloomberg (<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2026-08-30/spacex-set-to-launch-nasa-s-dark-energy-hunting-space-telescope>); ScienceDaily (<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2026/08/260823094140.htm>), The White House Government Shutdown Clock (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/government-shutdown-clock/>); MOAA (<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2026-news-articles/advocacy/august-recess-ends-whats-next-for-congress-before-the-election/>); Wikipedia, '2026 United States federal government shutdowns' (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2026_United_States_federal_government_shutdowns), Bloomberg, 'NASA, SpaceX Delay ISS Crew-13 Launch to Investigate Dragon Spacecraft Leak' (<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2026-08-30/nasa-spacex-postpone-iss-mission-launch-after-spacecraft-leak>), ESPN (https://www.espn.com/mlb/game/_/gameId/401816732/red-sox-yankees); MLB.com Gameday (<https://www.mlb.com/gameday/red-sox-vs-yankees/2026/08/30/823502/final>); MLB.com (<https://www.mlb.com/stories/game/823502>), Giants.com (<https://www.giants.com/news/instant-analysis-giants-close-preseason-with-23-6-win-over-jets>); NewYorkJets.com (<https://www.newyorkjets.com/news/jets-giants-game-recap-08-28-2026>); Big Blue Interactive (<https://bigblueinteractive.com/2026/08/28/new-york-giants-23-new-york-jets-6/>), Wikipedia, '2026 Maine elections' (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2026_Maine_elections); Wikipedia, '2026 United States Senate election in Maine' (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2026_United_States_Senate_election_in_Maine); Wikipedia, '2026 Maine gubernatorial election' (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2026_Maine_gubernatorial_election); Wikipedia, '2026 Maine House of Representatives election' (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2026_Maine_House_of_Representatives_election)