

The Daily Scoop

THE NEWS, MADE SIMPLE

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TOP STORY

U.S. Puts a Big New Tax on Things From Canada

WASHINGTON — Canada is the country just north of us. Lots of things we buy come from there. On Saturday the U.S. began adding a very big tax to some of them. The tax is called a tariff, and it makes those things cost more here.

Canada says it will add the same tax to our things. Leaders talked for weeks but could not agree.

Why it matters: *Some food, wood, and other things from Canada may cost more at the store.*

SCIENCE & TECH

NASA Will Send a New Space Telescope Up Soon

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. — A telescope is a tool that helps us see far away things. NASA built a big one named Roman. It will ride a rocket into space on August 30.

Roman can look at a very wide piece of sky at one time. It will hunt for planets around other stars.

Why it matters: *You can watch the rocket go up on August 30 from home.*

Scientists Find a Star With a Black Hole Inside

A black hole is a spot in space that pulls things in. Even light gets pulled in.

Scientists found a huge glowing cloud with a black hole hiding inside it. They call it a black hole star. No one had ever seen one before.

Why it matters: *It may help us learn how the first stars were made long ago.*

SPORTS

Yankees Beat the Blue Jays 3 to 1

BRONX, N.Y. — The Yankees played the Toronto Blue Jays on Friday night in New York. The Yankees won 3 to 1.

Spencer Jones hit a home run that scored two runs. Toronto got more hits. But the Yankees got their hits at the right time.

Why it matters: *The two teams play again this weekend, so the Yankees can win the series.*

OUR TEAMS

Yankees Won 3-1 vs. Toronto

Series with Toronto continues this weekend in the Bronx

SOUTHERN MAINE

Sharks Are Swimming Near Two Maine Beaches

KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE — People saw sharks near two beaches on Thursday. One is in Kennebunk. One is in Kennebunkport.

The police asked swimmers to be careful. If you see a shark, walk out of the water calmly. Then tell a grown-up right away.

Why it matters: *If you swim at the beach this weekend, listen to the lifeguards.*

GOOD NEWS

An Otter Comes Back to a City River

BRONX, N.Y. — An otter was seen along the Bronx River in New York City. It is the first one there in about 100 years. A hidden camera took its picture.

Otters only live where the water is clean. People worked for years to clean up that river.

Why it matters: *It shows that cleaning up a dirty river really can work.*

WORD OF THE DAY

tariff

A tax a country puts on things that come in from another country.

Used in a sentence: If there were a tariff on candy from Canada, that candy would cost more at the store.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. Sharks were spotted near two Maine beaches. Would you still want to go swimming? What would you say to a friend who was scared?
2. People spent years cleaning up a dirty river before the otter came back. What is something hard that you would keep working at for a long time?