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TOP STORY

Gas Costs More Because of War

WASHINGTON — Gas prices went up this year. A war is happening far away. Ships must pass through a narrow sea path. Fighting made that path harder to use. So oil became more expensive to buy.

President Trump met with gas station owners. He wants prices to go down soon. Many families feel this at the pump.

BACKGROUND

A war overseas has made it harder for ships to carry oil. Less oil moving means higher prices for everyone.

Why it matters: Higher gas prices mean families spend more money to drive their cars.

What to watch: Watch to see if gas prices go down or stay high.

NATION & WORLD

China's Leader Visits Egypt

CAIRO — China's leader Xi Jinping visited Egypt this week. It was his first trip in ten years. The visit shows China wants more power. The United States has been busy with a war. That war has made America seem less strong.

Countries around the world are watching closely. They want to see who leads next.

BACKGROUND

Xi Jinping leads China, one of the biggest countries in the world.

Why it matters: When big countries make new friends, it can change how the world works.

What to watch: See if China and Egypt make new deals together.

GOVERNMENT

Maine Gets Ready to Vote

AUGUSTA, MAINE — Maine has two big elections this year. One is for a new governor. The current governor cannot run again. That is because of a rule called term limits.

The other election is for a U.S. Senator. Senator Susan Collins is running again. People will vote this November.

BACKGROUND

Term limits are rules that stop a leader from staying in office too long.

- Why it matters:** *Voting lets people choose who makes decisions for their state.*
- What to watch:** *Watch for new candidates to join the governor's race.*

SPORTS

Yankees Win Big Extra-Inning Game

ANAHEIM, CALIF. — The Yankees played a long game Wednesday. The score was tied for many innings. Then the Yankees scored five runs at once. They beat the Angels six to three.

Pitcher Cam Schlichter threw eight great innings. David Bednar finished the game to win it.

BACKGROUND

Extra innings happen when a baseball game is tied after nine innings.

- Why it matters:** *It was an exciting comeback win for the Yankees.*
- What to watch:** *The Yankees play the Padres next.*

Giants Get Ready for New Season

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Football season starts again very soon. The Giants will battle the Dallas Cowboys. Their big matchup happens on September 13. The game will be played on Sunday night. Excited fans are ready for kickoff.

Players trained hard all summer long. Coaches hope the team starts strong. Everyone wants an exciting opening win.

BACKGROUND

NFL teams play practice games before the real season starts.

- Why it matters:** *Opening day is a big moment for players and fans.*
- What to watch:** *Watch the Giants play their first real game on September 13.*

OUR TEAMS

New York Yankees

Won 6-3 in 10 innings at Los Angeles Angels

Cam Schlichter allowed one run over eight innings; New York scored five runs with two outs in the 10th, and David Bednar earned the win with a scoreless ninth.