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TOP STORY

Jobs Report Shows Fewer New Jobs

WASHINGTON — Every month, the government counts new jobs. A new report came out this week. About 53,000 jobs were added in August. That is fewer jobs than before.

This report helps us understand the economy. It shows if people are finding work. Many families watch this news each month.

BACKGROUND

Each month, the government checks how many people found new jobs across the country.

Why it matters: *More new jobs can mean families have an easier time earning money.*

MONEY & WORK

More People Look for Work

WASHINGTON — Some workers cannot find jobs right now. This is called the unemployment rate. Unemployment means people want work but have none.

The rate has been going up a little. It is close to its highest point in four years. Leaders want more people to find work soon.

BACKGROUND

Each month, the government studies how many people have jobs and how many are still looking.

Why it matters: *When more people work, families can pay bills more easily.*

SCIENCE & TECH

NASA Gets Ready for New Space Launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. — NASA plans to launch a new crew to space soon. The mission is called Crew-13. Astronauts will fly to the Space Station. It is a science lab that circles Earth.

SpaceX will launch the rocket for NASA. Workers will even use special Cybertrucks near the launch pad. Space fans are excited for the launch this month.

BACKGROUND

The Space Station is a science lab that circles Earth. Astronauts live and work there for months.

Why it matters: *New crews keep important science experiments going in space.*

SPORTS

Yankees Play On as Season Nears End

NEW YORK — The Yankees played the Detroit Tigers this week. Baseball season is almost over for the year. Teams are fighting for spots in the playoffs.

Playoffs are extra games for the best teams. Every game now matters a lot more. The Yankees hope to finish the season strong.

BACKGROUND

Baseball's season is close to ending for the year.

Why it matters: *Winning games now helps teams reach the playoffs.*

SOUTHERN MAINE

Rainy Start to September in Maine

PORTLAND, MAINE — This week started cloudy and rainy in Maine. Rain moved in on Wednesday across the state. The wet weather followed a dry end of August.

Some towns saw puddles and gray skies for days. Sunnier weather may return by the weekend. Many families are ready for some sunshine.

BACKGROUND

Maine often gets more rain as summer turns to fall.

Why it matters: *Rain affects farms, rivers, and outdoor plans for many families.*

Maine Buildings Sold This Month

PORTLAND, MAINE — Business news showed many buildings sold in Maine. The sales happened in shops, offices, and other buildings. This is called real estate news.

Real estate means buying and selling buildings and land. It shows towns are still growing and busy. New owners may open stores or offices soon.

BACKGROUND

Real estate news tells us about buildings and land being bought and sold.

Why it matters: *It shows whether towns are growing and businesses are investing.*