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TOP STORY

Lawmakers Avoid Government Shutdown

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congress makes rules about spending money. Last week, they faced a deadline. They needed a new bill. Without it, the government could shut down.

The House and Senate said yes. They passed a short-term bill. This stops a shutdown for now. It happened before the fall elections.

BACKGROUND

Congress must agree on spending money for the government.

Why it matters: *It helps workers get paid and keeps offices open.*

What to watch: *Watch for the next spending deadline this fall.*

NATION & WORLD

Storms Close Schools in the Philippines

MANILA, PHILIPPINES — In the Philippines, many schools closed on Monday. Bad weather made it unsafe to go to school. Local leaders decided to cancel classes.

This keeps kids and teachers safe. Schools often close during storms there. Students will go back when it is safe.

BACKGROUND

The Philippines is a country that gets many storms.

Why it matters: *Closing schools keeps children safe from bad weather.*

SPORTS

Yankees Drop Finale to Padres

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. — The Yankees played the Padres in San Diego. On Sunday, the Padres won the game. The final score was four to three. The Padres won the three-game series.

Pitcher Gerrit Cole had trouble on the mound. He gave up two home runs in a row. Padres star Manny Machado hit a homer. The Yankees still played well last week.

BACKGROUND

The Yankees and Padres played several games this week.

Why it matters: *Fans watch games to cheer for their team.*

OUR TEAMS

New York Yankees

Lost 4-3 to the San Diego Padres

Sept. 6 game in San Diego; Gerrit Cole allowed back-to-back home runs as the Padres took the three-game series, two games to one.

SCIENCE & TECH

NASA Shares September Sky Tips

WASHINGTON, D.C. — NASA shared tips for watching the night sky. September has bright planets to see. Scientists also shared pictures from a recent solar eclipse.

An eclipse is when the moon covers the sun. It made the sky go dark for a bit. Look up this month for a great show.

BACKGROUND

NASA studies space and shares tips for looking at the sky.

Why it matters: *Learning about space helps kids understand our solar system.*

SOUTHERN MAINE

Maine Schools Get New Update

AUGUSTA, MAINE — Maine's schools are starting a new year. The state's education office sent out an update. It has tips for teachers and families.

The update helps everyone get ready. School buses and classrooms are busy again. Fall is a big time for learning.

BACKGROUND

Maine schools get updates from the state each week.

Why it matters: *These updates help teachers and families get ready.*

GOOD NEWS

Fall Festivals Begin in Maine

PORTLAND, MAINE — Fall festivals are starting all over Maine. Towns will host fairs and harvest events. Families can enjoy pumpkins, apples, and music.

Some festivals have farm animals to pet. It is a fun time to visit Maine towns. Grab a jacket and explore this season.

BACKGROUND

Fall is a popular time for festivals in Maine.

Why it matters: *Festivals bring neighbors and families together.*

Read this with a grown-up if you want to. Ask them anything! | Sources: CNN (<https://www.cnn.com/2026/09/01/politics/congress-government-shutdown-midterms>); NBC News (<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/congress/senate-leaders-reach-deal-avert-shutdown-2026-elections-rcna590564>); NPR via Houston Public Media (<https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/npr/2026/09/01/nx-s1-5951536/congress-averts-a-government-shutdown-ahead-of-the-midterms/>), GMA News Online (<https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/serbisypubliko/walangpasok/1001383/walang-pasok-class-suspensions-for-monday-september-7-2026/story/>), ESPN (https://www.espn.com/mlb/game/_/gameId/401816840/yankees-padres); MLB.com Gameday (<https://www.mlb.com/gameday/yankees-vs-padres/2026/09/06/823253>); Pinstripe Alley (<https://www.pinstripealley.com/yankees-scores-standings/206312/yankees-game-recap-score-padres-gerrit-cole-consecutive-homers-tatis-cronenworth-machado-miller-spencer-jones-rosario>), NASA Science, 'What's Up: September 2026 Skywatching Tips' (<https://science.nasa.gov/solar-system/skywatching/whats-up-september-2026-skywatching-tips-from-nasa/>); NASA APOD, 'Chasing the Moon's Shadow' (<https://science.nasa.gov/image-article/apod-2026-september-5-chasing-the-moons-shadow/>), Maine DOE News, 'Maine DOE Update – September 4, 2026' (<https://mainedoenews.net/2026/09/04/maine-doe-update-september-4-2026/>), Visit Maine, Festivals & Events (<https://visitmaine.com/festivals-events/>)