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TOP STORY

America Remembers 9/11, 25 Years Later

NEW YORK — SEPT. 12, 2026 — Today is a special day. It has been 25 years since September 11, 2001. On that day, sad things happened in our country. Many people were hurt or died.

Every year, we remember that day. We thank helpers like firefighters and police. We think about being kind and brave.

BACKGROUND

On September 11, 2001, a terrible attack hurt many people in America. Firefighters, police, and helpers rushed in to save lives.

Why it matters: *This day helps us remember to care for others and stay strong together.*

GOVERNMENT

Congress Keeps Government Open

WASHINGTON — SEPT. 12, 2026 — Congress is the group that helps run our country. This week, they made a deal. They agreed to keep government offices open.

This means workers can keep doing their jobs. The deal will last until December. Everyone worked together to avoid a shutdown.

BACKGROUND

Sometimes Congress cannot agree on spending money, and parts of government close. This is called a shutdown.

Why it matters: *It means workers get paid and services keep running for families.*

MONEY & WORK

More People Find Jobs in August

WASHINGTON — SEPT. 12, 2026 — Last month, many people found new jobs. About 162,000 people got hired. Some worked at restaurants. Some worked at schools.

The number of people without jobs stayed the same. That number is called the unemployment rate. It means our country's job market is doing okay.

BACKGROUND

Every month, the government counts how many people have jobs.

Why it matters: *More jobs can help families pay for things they need.*

SCIENCE & TECH

Claim Your Own Piece of Space

GREENBELT, MD. — SEPT. 12, 2026 — NASA has a new space telescope called Roman. It is flying far into space. Roman will take amazing pictures of stars.

You can pick one tiny dot in a picture. That dot is called a pixel. It feels like having your own piece of space.

BACKGROUND

The Roman Space Telescope is looking for hidden parts of the universe, like dark matter.

Why it matters: *Kids and families can join in a real NASA project.*

SPORTS

Yankees Slug Past Mets, 6-4

NEW YORK — SEPT. 12, 2026 — The Yankees beat the Mets on Friday. The score was 6 to 4. Cody Bellinger hit a big home run.

The Yankees have won many games lately. Their record is now 85 wins and 62 losses. Fans cheered for their team.

OUR TEAMS

New York Yankees Yankees 6, Mets 4 (Friday, Sept. 11, 2026)

Cody Bellinger hit a three-run homer and Ben Rice also went deep as the Yankees improved to 85-62. Gerrit Cole starts Saturday against Mets rookie Zac Thornton.

SOUTHERN MAINE

Maine's Leaves Are Starting to Change

AUGUSTA, MAINE — SEPT. 12, 2026 — Fall is coming to Maine. Experts gave the first leaf report of the season. They watch how leaves change color.

Soon, leaves will turn red, orange, and yellow. Families can go see the pretty colors. It is a fun time to visit Maine.

Read this with a grown-up if you want to. Ask them anything! | Sources: PBS News Hour, 'September 11, 2026 - PBS News Hour full episode,' <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/september-11-2026-pbs-news-hour-full-episode/>; 9/11 Memorial Visitor Guide, <https://www.vibenyc.com/post/september-11-2026-9-11-memorial-visitor-guide>, NPR, 'Congress averts a government shutdown ahead of the midterms,' <https://www.npr.org/2026/09/01/nx-s1-5951536/house-government-funding-vote-midterms>; CNN, 'Congress votes to avert government shutdown ahead of midterm elections,' <https://www.cnn.com/2026/09/01/politics/congress-government-shutdown-midterms>, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 'Employment Situation Summary,' <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/emp/sit.nr0.htm>, NASA Science, <https://science.nasa.gov/>, CBS Sports, 'New York Mets vs. New York Yankees Box Score,' https://www.cbssports.com/mlb/gametracker/boxscore/MLB_20260911_NYM@NYY/, WABI-TV, 'Maine releases first fall foliage report of 2026,' <https://www.wabi.tv/2026/09/09/maine-releases-first-fall-foliage-report-2026/>