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THE NEWS, MADE SIMPLE

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TOP STORY

Yankees Win Big, Make the Playoffs

MINNEAPOLIS — The Yankees won a big baseball game.

They beat the Minnesota Twins, 8 to 3.

Aaron Judge hit a strong home run.

The team trailed early in the game.

Then the Yankees rallied to win it.

This victory sends them to the playoffs.

Fans across New York are celebrating today.

BACKGROUND

The Yankees have made the playoffs many times before.

Why it matters: *Making the playoffs means the team can keep playing for a championship.*

What to watch: *Fans will watch to see how far the Yankees go this fall.*

GOVERNMENT

Lawmakers Work on the Country's Budget

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Lawmakers are working in Washington, D.C.

They are talking about the country's budget.

A budget decides how money is spent.

The House and Senate held meetings this week.

They want to finish the budget on time.

This budget affects schools, roads, and more.

BACKGROUND

Every year, lawmakers make a plan for spending money.

Why it matters: *This budget can affect schools and roads that families use.*

What to watch: *We will see if lawmakers finish the budget soon.*

MONEY & WORK

Budget Talks Could Touch Family Wallets

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The government is planning how to spend money.

This plan can change jobs in our country.

It can also change prices we pay.

People are watching this budget closely.

Families may feel changes later this year.

Everyone hopes leaders finish the plan soon.

Why it matters: Money decisions in Washington can affect jobs and prices at home.

SCIENCE & TECH

New England Leaders Still Like Wind Power

NEW ENGLAND — Leaders in New England still like wind power.

Windmills turn wind into electricity.

This power does not pollute the air.

New England wants more wind farms.

Clean energy helps keep our planet healthy.

State leaders say they will keep building wind projects.

Why it matters: Clean energy like wind power helps keep our air and planet healthy.

SOUTHERN MAINE

Maine Towns Hold Meetings This Week

ELLSWORTH, MAINE — Some Maine towns are busy this week.

Ellsworth is fixing some roads now.

Drivers should watch for traffic changes.

Hancock County leaders held a special meeting.

Fayette held a town meeting too.

People came to share their ideas.

Towns work hard to serve their people.

Why it matters: These meetings help decide things like roads and town rules.

GOOD NEWS

Scientists Share Exciting New Ideas

Scientists shared exciting new ideas.

They found ten cool breakthroughs.

These ideas could help doctors and the earth.

New tools might make life easier.

Kids may grow up seeing these changes.

Science keeps making the future brighter.

Many people feel hopeful about the future.

Why it matters: New science ideas can make life better for everyone.

Read this with a grown-up if you want to. Ask them anything! | Sources: Yahoo Sports, 'Yankees clinch playoff berth, beat Twins, ' <https://sports.yahoo.com/articles/yankees-clinch-playoff-berth-beat-025843344.html>; MLB.com, 'Yankees clinch spot in 2026 postseason, ' <https://www.mlb.com/news/yankees-clinch-spot-in-2026-postseason>, U.S. Senate Daily Press, <https://www.dailypress.senate.gov/tuesday-september-15-2026/>; House Calendars, GovInfo, <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/CCAL-119hcal-2026-09-15>, Wikipedia, '2026 United States federal budget, ' https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2026_United_States_federal_budget, Governors' Wind Energy Coalition, 'New England Affirms Faith in Wind Energy's Future, ' <https://governorswindenergycoalition.org/new-england-affirms-faith-in-wind-energys-future/>, City of Ellsworth, Maine, 'Public Works Ahead, ' <https://www.ellsworthmaine.gov/public-works-ahead-traffic-impacts-september-15-16-2026/>; Hancock County, meeting agenda, <https://hancockcountymaine.gov/september-15-2026-commissioners-special-meeting-agenda/>; Town of Fayette, <https://fayettemaine.org/news/special-town-meeting-warrant-for-september-15-2026>, Society of Chemical Industry, 'Ten scientific breakthroughs getting ready to change the world, ' <https://www.soci.org/news/2026/6/ten-scientific-advances-getting-ready-to-change-the-world>