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TOP STORY

Congress Agrees On Funding Plan

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congress had a big job this week. They needed to keep the government open. Lawmakers passed a short funding bill. This stops a shutdown for now.

The deal came before fall elections. Federal workers can keep doing their jobs. Leaders still want a longer plan soon.

BACKGROUND

A shutdown happens when Congress does not pass money bills. Then some government workers stop getting paid. This new bill keeps that from happening right now.

Why it matters: *This keeps government services running for families. It also helps workers who count on steady paychecks.*

What to watch: *Watch for more funding talks before the deadline passes.*

MONEY & WORK

Workers Get Paid After Shutdown

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Earlier this year, part of the government closed. It was called a shutdown. Some workers did not get paid for days.

The shutdown ended after less than four days.

Workers then got their back pay. Now leaders want to avoid another shutdown.

BACKGROUND

A shutdown means the government cannot spend money on some jobs. Workers still go without pay until it ends.

Why it matters: *Families depend on paychecks to pay bills. A shutdown can make that hard.*

What to watch: *Watch to see if lawmakers avoid another shutdown this fall.*

SCIENCE & TECH

NASA Says Moon Mission On Track

WASHINGTON, D.C. — NASA is getting ready for Artemis II. This mission will send astronauts around the Moon. It will not land yet.

NASA checked its plans this summer. They say the mission is on track. Kids everywhere are excited to watch. The trip will test new spaceships.

BACKGROUND

Artemis II is part of NASA's plan to return to the Moon. It comes after an earlier test flight without astronauts.

Why it matters: *This mission is a big step toward Moon landings. It could lead to new discoveries in space.*

What to watch: *Watch for more news about the launch date.*

SPORTS

Yankees Fall To Twins

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. — The Yankees traveled to Minneapolis for a tricky matchup. The Twins edged them out by just one run. The final score ended five to four.

New York remains in a tight race for a playoff spot. Every remaining game carries extra importance this season. Fans are hopeful the team will rebound quickly.

BACKGROUND

The Yankees and Twins are Major League Baseball teams. This game happened late in the regular season.

Why it matters:

Every game counts as the season nears its end. Wins and losses affect playoff chances.

What to watch:

Watch to see if the Yankees make the playoffs.

OUR TEAMS

New York Yankees

Lost 4–5 to the Minnesota Twins

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026 — regular season game in Minneapolis

SOUTHERN MAINE

Fall Fair Season Begins In Maine

CUMBERLAND, MAINE — Fall is fair season in Maine. Towns like Cumberland hold big fairs. There are rides, animals, and yummy food.

Families come from all over to enjoy the fun. The fairs celebrate farming and harvest time. Many people look forward to it every year.

BACKGROUND

Maine has held fall fairs for many years. They often include animal shows and contests.

Why it matters:

Fairs help bring neighbors together each fall. They also support local farmers.

What to watch:

Watch local listings for fair dates near you.

GOOD NEWS

NASA Reveals Crew For Moon Landing

WASHINGTON, D.C. — NASA shared exciting news this year. They named the astronauts for Artemis III. This mission plans to land on the Moon.

It could be the first Moon landing in years. The astronauts have trained hard for this trip. Many kids dream of following in their footsteps.

BACKGROUND

Artemis III aims to land astronauts near the Moon's south pole. NASA has been planning this mission for years.

Why it matters:

This shows space exploration is moving forward. It inspires many young scientists and explorers.

What to watch:

Watch for updates on when the mission will launch.