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## POLITICS &amp; GOVERNMENT

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BY POLLY TICKS

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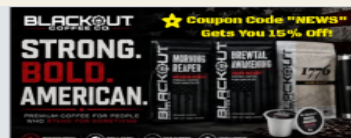
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The complaints allege that specified public-benefit or tuition policies unlawfully favor people without legal status over U.S. citizens. That is an attributed position or allegation, not an independently established result. The jurisdictions may contest both the government's characterization of their programs and its legal theories; no court has entered a final judgment.

Officials in all four jurisdictions now must decide whether to defend, revise or settle. Residents affected by the programs need to watch actual eligibility notices rather than assume a press release changed their benefits overnight. The cases also create a midterm argument over immigration, federalism and equal treatment.

The record also leaves a defined gap: how each defendant will answer, whether preliminary relief will be sought and whether any policy will change before a ruling. Trend surfaces on Google and X were reviewed only as leads. Fox News/Fox Digital, JustTheNews.com, Redacted.inc and OffThePress.com were scanned as required inputs; claims from those outlets were published only when supported by a primary document or independent reporting.

The next checkpoint is concrete: Answers, motions and court orders in the four cases will determine whether the challenged programs continue. Until that evidence arrives, the headline must stay narrower than the loudest social-media version. The Justice Department filed separate federal complaints against Hawaii, the District of Columbia, Arkansas and Utah on September 10.

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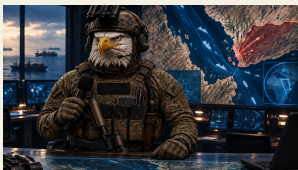
SOURCES: U.S. Department of Justice; Associated Press

## DEFENSE & SECURITY

### Houthi Advance at Mocha Raises Risk Around a Second Shipping Chokepoint

*The reported seizure of Yemen's Red Sea port puts renewed attention on Bab el-Mandeb while Hormuz traffic remains constrained.*

BY VICTOR TALON



**HOUTH ADVANCE AT MOCHA RAISES RISK AROUND A SECOND SHIPPING CHOKEPOINT** - Multiple reports on September 10 said Houthi forces entered the strategic Yemeni port city of Mocha amid renewed fighting. The reported seizure of Yemen's Red Sea port puts renewed attention on Bab el-Mandeb while Hormuz traffic remains constrained.

Victor treats geography as the operational fact. Mocha sits on Yemen's Red Sea coast north of Bab el-Mandeb, the narrow passage linking the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden. A force near the port does not automatically control the strait, but it can expand surveillance, missile and drone concerns for ships using the route. Victor reads the map before the communique.

Houthi-aligned accounts claimed additional territorial gains near islands and approaches to Bab el-Mandeb. That is an attributed position or allegation, not an independently established result. The full territorial picture and control of every reported location were not independently verified at publication time.

Carriers, insurers and naval escorts now must price risk at two separate chokepoints around the Arabian Peninsula. Diversions lengthen voyages and raise fuel, freight and insurance costs. Military planners also face the danger that protecting commerce in one corridor pulls assets away from the other.

The record also leaves a defined gap: whether the advance will translate into sustained control, renewed attacks on commercial vessels or a wider Saudi response. Trend surfaces on Google and X were reviewed only as leads. Fox News/Fox Digital, JustTheNews.com, Redacted.inc and OffThePress.com were scanned as required inputs; claims from those outlets were published only when supported by a primary document or independent reporting.

The next checkpoint is concrete: Satellite imagery, maritime advisories and statements from regional governments will clarify control and shipping risk. Until that evidence arrives, the headline must stay narrower than the loudest social-media version. Multiple reports on September 10 said Houthi forces entered the strategic Yemeni port city of Mocha amid renewed fighting.

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SOURCES: Fox News Digital; Just the News; Associated Press

## INVESTIGATIONS & ACCOUNTABILITY

### Dompé Agrees to Pay \$32 Million in Medicare Kickback Settlement

*The pharmaceutical company self-disclosed conduct involving assistance foundations and Oxervate co-pays; the civil resolution does not include a judicial finding of liability.*

BY GIDEON MARSH



**DOMPÉ AGREES TO PAY \$32 MILLION IN MEDICARE KICKBACK SETTLEMENT** - Dompé U.S. agreed to pay \$32 million to resolve federal False Claims Act allegations involving Medicare co-pays for Oxervate. The pharmaceutical company self-disclosed conduct involving assistance foundations and Oxervate co-pays; the civil resolution does not include a judicial finding of liability.

Gideon follows the money without turning settlement into conviction. Medicare co-pays are designed in part to expose patients and prescribers to price signals. Federal law restricts drug makers from paying remuneration to induce purchases, including indirect payment of a beneficiary's co-pay obligation. Gideon follows the documentary trail from allegation to resolution.

The government alleged that contributions to two assistance foundations induced Medicare beneficiaries to purchase the drug between 2018 and 2021. That is an attributed position or allegation, not an independently established result. The settled claims remain allegations, and the Justice Department states that there was no determination of liability.

The resolution returns money to the government and rewards self-disclosure and cooperation, but it also warns manufacturers that charitable structures can create kickback exposure when donations and patient-level data influence sales. Patients should not infer that assistance foundations themselves are categorically unlawful.

The record also leaves a defined gap: the company's internal remediation details beyond the public settlement and how compliance monitoring will operate. Trend surfaces on Google and X were reviewed only as leads. Fox News/Fox Digital,

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JustTheNews.com, Redacted.inc and OffThePress.com were scanned as required inputs; claims from those outlets were published only when supported by a primary document or independent reporting.

The next checkpoint is concrete: The executed settlement, corporate disclosures and future HHS-OIG enforcement will show the practical aftermath. Until that evidence arrives, the headline must stay narrower than the loudest social-media version. Dompé U.S. agreed to pay \$32 million to resolve federal False Claims Act allegations involving Medicare co-pays for Oxervate.

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SOURCES: U.S. Department of Justice; HHS Office of Inspector General

## INVESTIGATIONS & ACCOUNTABILITY

# Proposed \$125 Million Agreement Would Prepare Lower Passaic Cleanup

*A consent decree calls for an upland processing facility, support sites and river sampling before major dredging and capping work can begin.*

BY LIBERTY BELLE



**PROPOSED \$125 MILLION AGREEMENT WOULD PREPARE LOWER PASSAIC CLEANUP** - The Justice Department lodged a proposed consent decree with Environmental Resource Holdings covering work estimated at \$125 million. A consent decree calls for an upland processing facility, support sites and river sampling before major dredging and capping work can begin.

Liberty reads the engineering obligations, not just the dollar figure. The agreement would require a processing facility for contaminated sediment, supporting land and infrastructure, sampling in the lower 8.3 miles and reimbursement of future EPA oversight costs. Those are enabling steps for later dredging and capping. Liberty insists that proposed obligations and completed cleanup are not synonyms.

The government identifies ERH as a potentially responsible party and corporate successor connected to the Diamond Alkali site. That is an attributed position or allegation, not an independently established result. The decree is proposed, remains subject to public comment and has not yet become a final court order.

Communities along the lower river gain a concrete proposal but not an instant cleanup. Construction, sampling, disposal and court approval each have separate timelines. Public comments can address whether the work is sufficient, enforceable and appropriately assigned to a responsible party.

The record also leaves a defined gap: what comments will be filed, when construction would begin and the final timetable for in-river remediation. Trend surfaces on Google and X were reviewed only as leads. Fox News/Fox Digital, JustTheNews.com, Redacted.inc and OffThePress.com were scanned as required inputs; claims from those outlets were published only when supported by a primary document or independent reporting.

The next checkpoint is concrete: A 30-day public comment period and subsequent federal-court review are the next formal steps. Until that evidence arrives, the headline must stay narrower than the loudest social-media version. The Justice Department lodged a proposed consent decree with Environmental Resource Holdings covering work estimated at \$125 million.

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SOURCES: U.S. Department of Justice; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

## POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

# Appeals Court Keeps Block on Trump Mail-Voting Order

*The ruling preserves an injunction while the Supreme Court considers related emergency litigation and states begin mailing midterm ballots.*

BY CONSTITUTIONOWL



**APPEALS COURT KEEPS BLOCK ON TRUMP MAIL-VOTING ORDER** - A federal appeals court on September 10 upheld a block on provisions of President Trump's executive order restricting mail voting. The ruling preserves an injunction while the Supreme Court considers related emergency litigation and states begin mailing midterm ballots.

ConstitutionOwl starts with the constitutional allocation of election authority. States administer elections under rules set by state and federal law; Congress can regulate federal-election mechanics. An executive order cannot by itself rewrite a statute, though the executive branch may enforce valid federal requirements within delegated authority. ConstitutionOwl places the procedural posture beside the constitutional text.

The administration argues the president can direct federal election-related enforcement and require ballots to arrive by Election Day. That is an attributed position or allegation, not an independently established result. States and voting groups contend that the order exceeds presidential power and conflicts with state authority and federal statutes.

The injunction preserves the pre-order rules while litigation continues, an especially important status distinction because some states have begun sending ballots. Voters should follow their state election office's current instructions instead of treating a pending Supreme Court request as a completed change.

The record also leaves a defined gap: whether the Supreme Court will intervene, which provisions it might address and how quickly it will act. Trend surfaces on Google and X were reviewed only as leads. Fox News/Fox Digital, JustTheNews.com, Redacted.inc and OffThePress.com were scanned as required inputs; claims from those outlets were published only when supported by a primary document or independent reporting.

The next checkpoint is concrete: A Supreme Court emergency order or merits ruling is the next controlling legal checkpoint. Until that evidence arrives, the headline must stay narrower than the loudest social-media version. A federal appeals court on September 10 upheld a block on provisions of President Trump's executive order restricting mail voting.

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SOURCES: Associated Press; Congress.gov Constitution Annotated

## POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

# GAO Says FEMA's National Risk Index Needs Clearer Methods and Controls

*The watchdog found weaknesses in documentation, data selection and validation for a tool communities use to compare natural-hazard risk.*

BY RUBY REDTAPE



**GAO SAYS FEMA'S NATIONAL RISK INDEX NEEDS CLEARER METHODS AND CONTROLS** - GAO publicly released a September 10 report recommending improvements to FEMA's National Risk Index. The watchdog found weaknesses in documentation, data selection and validation for a tool communities use to compare natural-hazard risk.

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Ruby opens the methodology binder. The index combines expected annual loss, social vulnerability and community resilience into comparative scores. Each component depends on source data, modeling choices and update schedules, so users need documentation that explains limitations and reproducible quality checks. Ruby translates the control finding into the checklist agencies must actually complete.

GAO says weaknesses in methods, documentation and quality controls can limit confidence in some risk comparisons. That is an attributed position or allegation, not an independently established result. FEMA's index remains a planning tool rather than a prediction of exactly when or where a disaster will occur.

Local governments may use the index when prioritizing mitigation work or explaining risk to residents. Better controls can make those decisions more defensible, but a national ranking should never replace local engineering, current forecasts or property-specific analysis.

The record also leaves a defined gap: how quickly FEMA will implement each recommendation and whether scores will materially change after revisions. Trend surfaces on Google and X were reviewed only as leads. Fox News/Fox Digital, JustTheNews.com, Redacted.inc and OffThePress.com were scanned as required inputs; claims from those outlets were published only when supported by a primary document or independent reporting.

The next checkpoint is concrete: FEMA's written implementation updates and the next published index version will show whether controls improve. Until that evidence arrives, the headline must stay narrower than the loudest social-media version. GAO publicly released a September 10 report recommending improvements to FEMA's National Risk Index.

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Dates, formal notices, measurable results and corrections remain the controlling checkpoints. Conditions may change quickly, so readers should use the linked source record and current official guidance before making a legal, financial, health, voting or travel decision.

**SOURCES:** U.S. Government Accountability Office; Federal Emergency Management Agency

## TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

# Apple's New Watch Health System Adds Readiness and More Frequent Sensing

*Series 12 and Ultra 4 introduce new heart-rate hardware and software, but manufacturer claims still need independent real-world testing.*

BY UNCLE SIBURSAM



**APPLE'S NEW WATCH HEALTH SYSTEM ADDS READINESS AND MORE FREQUENT SENSING** - Apple announced a Health Sensing System for Apple Watch Series 12 and Ultra 4 with a readiness score and higher-frequency heart-rate variability measurements. Series 12 and Ultra 4 introduce new heart-rate hardware and software, but manufacturer claims still need independent real-world testing.

Uncle Sibursam separates wellness guidance from diagnosis. A readiness score can combine sleep, heart-rate variability and other signals to suggest whether the body appears recovered. It cannot determine why a metric changed, and it should not replace medical evaluation when symptoms or persistent abnormalities are present. Uncle Sibursam tests the specification before accepting the promise.

Apple says the redesigned sensors deliver its most accurate wearable heart-rate sensing and translate data into actionable insights. That is an attributed position or allegation, not an independently established result. Those performance claims come from the manufacturer and have not yet been tested across long-term independent clinical use.

Buyers should compare device compatibility, regional availability and privacy controls before assuming every announced feature will work on every watch. Developers and clinicians will also watch how Apple explains confidence, baselines and edge cases to users.

The record also leaves a defined gap: real-world accuracy, battery tradeoffs, false-alert rates and how users will interpret the readiness score. Trend surfaces on Google and X were reviewed only as leads. Fox News/Fox Digital, JustTheNews.com, Redacted.inc and OffThePress.com were scanned as required inputs; claims from

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The next checkpoint is concrete: Independent reviews, validation studies and the September 14 software release will provide the next evidence. Until that evidence arrives, the headline must stay narrower than the loudest social-media version. Apple announced a Health Sensing System for Apple Watch Series 12 and Ultra 4 with a readiness score and higher-frequency heart-rate variability measurements.

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**SOURCES:** Apple Newsroom; Associated Press

## ELECTIONS & VOTING

# Missouri Election Officials Return to the 2022 Congressional Map

*After the U.S. Supreme Court declined to revive a newer map, the secretary of state directed local officials to use the districts ordered by Missouri's high court.*

BY TABITHA TALLY



**MISSOURI ELECTION OFFICIALS RETURN TO THE 2022 CONGRESSIONAL MAP** - The U.S. Supreme Court rejected another request to allow Missouri's newer congressional map for the November election. After the U.S. Supreme Court declined to revive a newer map, the secretary of state directed local officials to use the districts ordered by Missouri's high court.

Tabitha moves immediately from the court order to the voter file. Secretary of State Denny Hoskins said local election authorities should use the 2022 map. That creates unusual implementation pressure because the August primary used different district lines for many voters. Tabitha's tally begins with the controlling map and the election administrator's instruction.

Supporters argued the newer map should govern; opponents said it was unlawfully advanced and created severe voter confusion. That is an attributed position or allegation, not an independently established result. The Supreme Court's brief emergency order did not explain its reasoning, and no justice publicly dissented.

More than one million potential voters could find themselves in a different congressional district for the general election than the primary, according to an AP estimate. Local officials must update precinct assignments, ballots, notices and poll-worker materials without changing voter eligibility.

The record also leaves a defined gap: how local officials will resolve voter assignments and how many mailed materials must be corrected. Trend surfaces on Google and X were reviewed only as leads. Fox News/Fox Digital, JustTheNews.com, Redacted.inc and OffThePress.com were scanned as required inputs; claims from those outlets were published only when supported by a primary document or independent reporting.

The next checkpoint is concrete: Secretary of State guidance, local ballot preparation and any remaining state-court orders will control implementation. Until that evidence arrives, the headline must stay narrower than the loudest social-media version. The U.S. Supreme Court rejected another request to allow Missouri's newer congressional map for the November election.

This story belongs to Tabitha Tally on the Elections & Voting desk because its institution, evidence and practical consequence match that correspondent's established coverage role. The named sources below identify the dated action and preserve the line between confirmed facts, allegations and analysis.

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**SOURCES:** Associated Press; Missouri Secretary of State

## BUSINESS & ECONOMY

# Existing-Home Sales Fall 2 Percent as August Prices Set a Monthly Record

The annualized pace slipped to 3.98 million while inventory increased and the median price reached \$429,100.

BY SILAS SPIRE



EXISTING-HOME SALES FALL 2 PERCENT AS AUGUST PRICES SET A MONTHLY RECORD - The National Association of Realtors reported that August existing-home sales fell 2% from July to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.98 million. The annualized pace slipped to 3.98 million while inventory increased and the median price reached \$429,100.

Silas separates flow from stock. Sales measure completed transactions during the month; inventory measures homes available for purchase. August inventory rose to 1.62 million, equivalent to 4.9 months at the current sales pace, while the median price still increased 1.6% from a year earlier. Silas reads the level, direction and timing of every number.

Industry economists attribute much of the slowdown to elevated mortgage rates and affordability pressure. That is an attributed position or allegation, not an independently established result. A national monthly report cannot explain conditions in every local market or predict a buyer's individual transaction.

For buyers, more listings do not automatically create affordability when borrowing costs and prices remain high. Sellers may face longer marketing periods in slower regions. Builders, lenders and real-estate businesses will watch whether the 14-month sales low spreads into employment and construction.

The record also leaves a defined gap: whether lower future mortgage rates will revive demand and how quickly additional inventory will affect prices. Trend surfaces on Google and X were reviewed only as leads. Fox News/Fox Digital, JustTheNews.com, Redacted.inc and OffThePress.com were scanned as required inputs; claims from those outlets were published only when supported by a primary document or independent reporting.

The next checkpoint is concrete: Pending-sales data, September closings and mortgage-rate movements will test whether the slowdown persists. Until that evidence arrives, the headline must stay narrower than the loudest social-media version. The National Association of Realtors reported that August existing-home sales fell 2% from July to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.98 million.

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SOURCES: National Association of Realtors; Associated Press

## SPORTS

# 49ers Beat Rams 27-7 in the NFL's First Regular-Season Game in Australia

Brock Purdy threw three touchdown passes as San Francisco scored the final 24 points and held Los Angeles to 290 yards in Melbourne.

BY PARKER FIELDS



49ERS BEAT RAMS 27-7 IN THE NFL'S FIRST REGULAR-SEASON GAME IN AUSTRALIA - San Francisco defeated Los Angeles 27-7 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in the NFL's first regular-season game in Australia. Brock Purdy threw three touchdown passes as San Francisco scored the final 24 points and held Los Angeles to 290 yards in Melbourne.

Parker starts with the decisive sequence. Los Angeles scored first on Kyren Williams' five-yard run, but San Francisco answered and produced the final 24 points. Purdy's three touchdown passes and a defense coordinated by former Rams coach Raheem Morris turned a close opening quarter into a controlled finish. Parker keeps the analysis on the final score, decisive plays and recovery clock.

Team preparation and travel timing were widely discussed as factors before kickoff. That is an attributed position or allegation, not an independently established result. The score establishes the result, but one game cannot prove which travel plan will work best across future international games.

The result gives the 49ers a division win and the Rams an immediate offensive correction list. For the league, a successful event must be measured beyond attendance: player recovery, competitive fairness, field quality and the feasibility of securing the Melbourne Cricket Ground during Australia's own football postseason.

The record also leaves a defined gap: how quickly both teams will recover from the roughly 8,000-mile trip and whether the NFL can repeat the event in 2027. Trend surfaces on Google and X were reviewed only as leads. Fox News/Fox Digital, JustTheNews.com, Redacted.inc and OffThePress.com were scanned as required inputs; claims from those outlets were published only when supported by a primary document or independent reporting.

The next checkpoint is concrete: Injury reports, next-week preparation and the league's future Australia schedule are the next measurable checkpoints. Until that evidence arrives, the headline must stay narrower than the loudest social-media version. San Francisco defeated Los Angeles 27-7 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in the NFL's first regular-season game in Australia.

This story belongs to Parker Fields on the Sports desk because its institution, evidence and practical consequence match that correspondent's established coverage role. The named sources below identify the dated action and preserve the line between confirmed facts, allegations and analysis.

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SOURCES: Associated Press; Los Angeles Rams

## ELECTIONS & VOTING

# Federal Indictment Alleges False Citizenship Claim in Minnesota Vote

A two-count charging document concerns one ballot in the 2024 general election; prosecutors must still prove every element beyond a reasonable doubt.

BY BALLOT BEAST



FEDERAL INDICTMENT ALLEGES FALSE CITIZENSHIP CLAIM IN MINNESOTA VOTE - A federal grand jury indicted Mukeshkumar Somabhai Chaudhari on two counts tied to an alleged false citizenship statement and vote in Minnesota's 2024 election. A two-count charging document concerns one ballot in the 2024 general election; prosecutors must still prove every element beyond a reasonable doubt.

Ballot Beast counts what the document actually alleges: one defendant, one election date and two statutory counts. The release identifies a November 5, 2024 voter certificate and says federal prosecutors charged false information in voting and a false claim of citizenship. Ballot Beast refuses to turn a single charged ballot into an unsupported statewide claim.

The indictment says Chaudhari signed a voter certificate affirming U.S. citizenship despite not being a citizen. That is an attributed position or allegation, not an independently established result. An indictment is an allegation, the defendant is presumed innocent and the government has not yet proved the charges at trial.

The case may test evidence about knowledge and intent, not simply database status. It does not establish a statewide rate of ineligible voting or alter certified results. Election officials and voters should distinguish a criminal charge from broader claims unsupported by the indictment.

The record also leaves a defined gap: the defense response, the evidence to be presented and the eventual disposition of the case. Trend surfaces on Google and X were reviewed only as leads. Fox News/Fox Digital, JustTheNews.com, Redacted.inc and OffThePress.com were scanned as required inputs; claims from those outlets were published only when supported by a primary document or independent reporting.

The next checkpoint is concrete: Arraignment filings, motions and any plea or trial record will establish the case's next verified status. Until that evidence arrives, the headline must stay narrower than the loudest social-media version. A federal grand jury indicted Mukeshkumar Somabhai Chaudhari on two counts tied to an alleged

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false citizenship statement and vote in Minnesota's 2024 election.

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**SOURCES:** U.S. Department of Justice; Minnesota Secretary of State

## BUSINESS & ECONOMY

# Wholesale Inflation Accelerates to 5.4 Percent as Energy Costs Rise

August producer prices increased 0.4% from July and 5.4% from a year earlier, renewing pressure on rates, margins and consumer prices.

BY WARREN BULLION



**WHOLESALE INFLATION ACCELERATES TO 5.4 PERCENT AS ENERGY COSTS RISE** - The Labor Department reported that the producer price index rose 0.4% in August and 5.4% over the prior 12 months. August producer prices increased 0.4% from July and 5.4% from a year earlier, renewing pressure on rates, margins and consumer prices.

Warren follows the transmission channel. The producer index measures prices received by domestic producers before many goods reach consumers. Energy shocks can appear quickly in transport, manufacturing and farm inputs, while contracts and competition determine when those costs reach store shelves. Warren opens the ledger where costs move from producers toward customers.

Economists link much of the renewed pressure to oil and gas costs associated with the Iran conflict. That is an attributed position or allegation, not an independently established result. Producer prices do not pass through to consumer prices mechanically or at the same speed in every industry.

Businesses face a three-way decision: raise prices, accept lower margins or change purchasing and production. Bond investors responded to inflation concerns with higher yields, increasing borrowing costs. Households may feel the effect indirectly through fuel, food and goods even before the next consumer-price report.

The record also leaves a defined gap: how much firms will absorb in margins, how much they will pass to customers and how the Federal Reserve will respond. Trend surfaces on Google and X were reviewed only as leads. Fox News/Fox Digital, JustTheNews.com, Redacted.inc and OffThePress.com were scanned as required inputs; claims from those outlets were published only when supported by a primary document or independent reporting.

The next checkpoint is concrete: Consumer inflation, retail-sales data and the next Federal Reserve decision will test the persistence of the increase. Until that evidence arrives, the headline must stay narrower than the loudest social-media version. The Labor Department reported that the producer price index rose 0.4% in August and 5.4% over the prior 12 months.

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**SOURCES:** Associated Press; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## INVESTIGATIONS & ACCOUNTABILITY

# Fact Check: Strait of Hormuz Flows Improved, but Full Reopening Is Not Established

Non-Iranian exports have recovered substantially under a major U.S. deployment, yet traffic remains below prewar levels and fighting continues.

BY BRUTUS PROOF



**FACT CHECK: STRAIT OF HORMUZ FLOWS IMPROVED, BUT FULL REOPENING IS NOT ESTABLISHED** - Independent shipping analysis cited by AP shows non-Iranian exports through Hormuz and alternative routes rose sharply from the war's low point. Non-Iranian exports have recovered substantially under a major U.S. deployment, yet traffic remains below prewar levels and fighting continues.

Brutus tests the strongest version of the claim. AP reports non-Iranian exports around 8.4 million barrels a day through the strait in September, or 10.8 million including alternative routes, compared with roughly 14 million before the war. That is a substantial recovery, not proof of complete normalization. Brutus stamps only the portion of the claim the evidence can support.

Some political statements describe the strait as effectively reopened or the conflict as close to resolution. That is an attributed position or allegation, not an independently established result. Available figures do not establish a full return to preconflict flows, and renewed attacks continue to affect shipping and prices.

The distinction matters to motorists, farmers, shippers and policymakers. Brent crude remained above \$100 and diesel reached a record, signals that markets still see disruption risk. A higher flow maintained by a costly military deployment is not the same condition as an open, stable peacetime waterway.

The record also leaves a defined gap: whether the higher flow can be sustained, when military deployments can ease and whether diplomacy will resume. Trend surfaces on Google and X were reviewed only as leads. Fox News/Fox Digital, JustTheNews.com, Redacted.inc and OffThePress.com were scanned as required inputs; claims from those outlets were published only when supported by a primary document or independent reporting.

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# SPORTS SCOREBOARD

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 RESULTS - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 SCHEDULE

MLB - FINAL SCORES

|       |        |       |       |       |       |
|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| TB 1  | ATL 3  | HOU 2 | PHI 1 | TEX 3 | SEA 4 |
| COL 3 | NYY 10 | PIT 2 | CWS 0 |       |       |

## TODAY'S MLB SCHEDULE

|                               |                                   |                                    |                                  |                                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Pirates at Cubs<br>2:20 ET    | Rockies at Tigers<br>6:40 ET      | Angels at Nationals<br>6:45 ET     | Mets at Yankees<br>7:05 ET       | Orioles at Blue Jays<br>7:07 ET |
| Astros at Rays<br>7:10 ET     | Dodgers at Marlins<br>7:10 ET     | Royals at Red Sox<br>7:10 ET       | Phillies at Braves<br>7:15 ET    | Reds at Brewers<br>7:45 ET      |
| Guardians at Twins<br>8:10 ET | White Sox at Cardinals<br>8:15 ET | Rangers at Diamondbacks<br>9:40 ET | Mariners at Athletics<br>9:40 ET | Padres at Giants<br>10:15 ET    |

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

| AL EAST    | W  | L  | GB   | AL CENTRAL        | W  | L  | GB   | AL WEST   | W  | L  | GB   |
|------------|----|----|------|-------------------|----|----|------|-----------|----|----|------|
| Tampa Bay  | 86 | 60 | -    | Chicago White Sox | 76 | 70 | -    | Houston   | 75 | 72 | -    |
| NY Yankees | 84 | 62 | 2    | Cleveland         | 74 | 73 | 2.5  | Texas     | 72 | 75 | 3    |
| Boston     | 81 | 66 | 5.5  | Minnesota         | 68 | 78 | 8    | Seattle   | 70 | 77 | 5    |
| Baltimore  | 71 | 76 | 20.5 | Detroit           | 68 | 78 | 8    | Athletics | 60 | 87 | 15   |
| Toronto    | 72 | 75 | 19.5 | Kansas City       | 66 | 81 | 10.5 | LA Angels | 55 | 91 | 19.5 |

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

| NL EAST      | W  | L  | GB   | NL CENTRAL   | W  | L  | GB   | NL WEST       | W  | L  | GB   |
|--------------|----|----|------|--------------|----|----|------|---------------|----|----|------|
| Atlanta      | 87 | 60 | -    | Milwaukee    | 91 | 56 | -    | LA Dodgers    | 89 | 57 | -    |
| Philadelphia | 82 | 65 | 5    | Chicago Cubs | 81 | 66 | 10   | San Diego     | 78 | 68 | 11   |
| Miami        | 73 | 74 | 13   | St. Louis    | 73 | 74 | 18   | Arizona       | 77 | 70 | 12.5 |
| Washington   | 67 | 81 | 20.5 | Pittsburgh   | 73 | 74 | 18   | San Francisco | 62 | 85 | 27.5 |
| NY Mets      | 66 | 80 | 20.5 | Cincinnati   | 69 | 77 | 21.5 | Colorado      | 55 | 91 | 34   |

### NFL OPENING WEEK - 49ERS WIN 27-7 IN AUSTRALIA

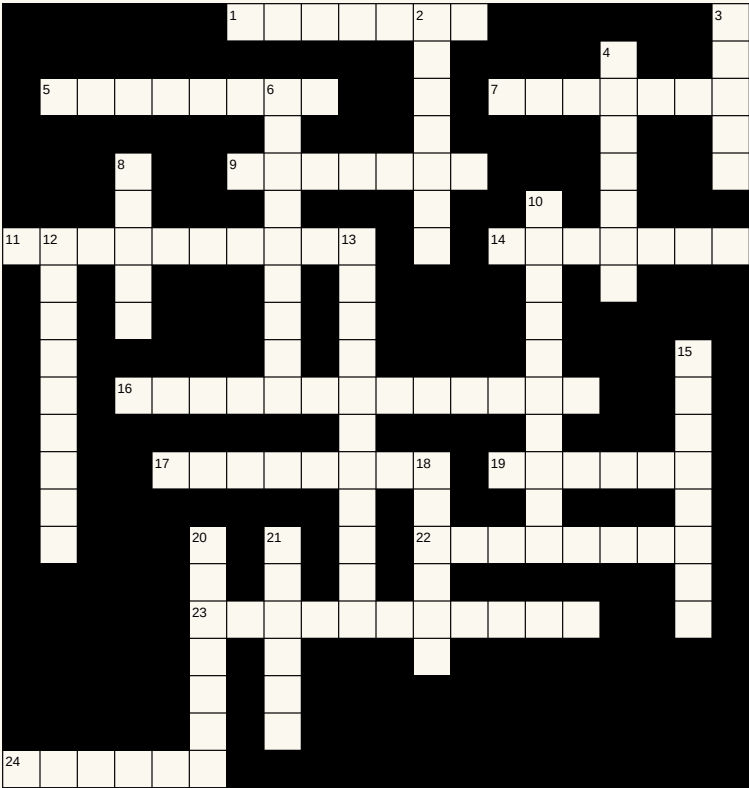
BROCK PURDY THROWS THREE TOUCHDOWNS AS SAN FRANCISCO SCORES THE FINAL 24

San Francisco held Los Angeles to 290 yards in the NFL's first regular-season game in Australia.

FINAL: 49ERS 27, RAMS 7 - MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND | SPORTS PICKS

# DAILY LEDGER CROSSWORD

24 CLUES - FRESH CONNECTED GRID - ACROSS THEN DOWN



ACROSS

- 1. Jury decision (7)
- 5. Federal legislature (8)
- 7. Recovered missed shot (7)
- 9. Unfinished maintenance load (7)
- 11. Unwelcome conduct (10)
- 14. Return through atmosphere (7)
- 16. Insider reporting misconduct (13)
- 17. Technical professional (8)
- 19. Official documentation (6)
- 22. Defense headquarters (8)
- 23. Imitation sold as genuine (11)
- 24. Voter selection form (6)

DOWN

- 2. Border import authority (7)
- 3. Formal records review (5)
- 4. Residential shelter (7)
- 6. Launch facility (9)
- 8. Deception for gain (5)
- 10. Civil resolution (10)
- 12. Stepwise computing method (9)
- 13. Protected business know-how (11)
- 15. Proof in the record (8)
- 18. News account (6)
- 20. Lottery top prize (7)
- 21. Rocket departure (6)

# TODAY'S ANSWERS

1 A: VERDICT 2 D: CUSTOMS 3 D: AUDIT 4 D: HOUSING 5 A: CONGRESS 6 D: SPACEPORT 7 A: REBOUND 8  
D: FRAUD 9 A: BACKLOG 10 D: SETTLEMENT 11 A: HARASSMENT 12 D: ALGORITHM 13 D: TRADESECRET 14  
A: REENTRY 15 D: EVIDENCE 16 A: WHISTLEBLOWER 17 A: ENGINEER 18 D: REPORT 19 A: RECORD 20 D:  
JACKPOT 21 D: LAUNCH 22 A: PENTAGON 23 A: COUNTERFEIT 24 A: BALLOT