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POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

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BY POLLY TICKS

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Supporters describe the proposal as a dividend tied to tariff revenue and government savings. That is a stated position or allegation, not a completed finding. The administration's political case does not by itself supply legal authority to disburse Treasury funds.

At national scale, even a narrowly limited payment could cost hundreds of billions of dollars. That makes the coalition difficult: some lawmakers may like direct relief but reject new borrowing, while others may dispute using tariff collections that already flow into general Treasury accounts.

The open record remains specific: whether legislation will be introduced, who would qualify, how the payment would be financed and whether it can pass both chambers. Those unanswered questions are not empty space to be filled with assumption; they are the boundaries of what responsible reporting can presently say.

The next checkpoint is A bill number, committee action, a scored cost and enacted appropriations language would turn the idea into an executable program. Until then, readers should distinguish the current procedural, statistical or competitive status from a prediction presented as fact.

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SOURCES: Associated Press; U.S. Constitution, Congress.gov

DEFENSE & SECURITY

Yemen Fighting Again Tests Saudi Border Security

Renewed attacks and counterstrikes are raising the risk that a contained conflict widens along a strategically important frontier.

BY VICTOR TALON



YEMEN FIGHTING AGAIN TESTS SAUDI BORDER SECURITY - New fighting involving Houthi forces and Saudi Arabia has included cross-border attacks and military responses. Renewed attacks and counterstrikes are raising the risk that a contained conflict widens along a strategically important frontier.

Victor reads sequence before motive. Launch points, flight paths, intercept reports and damage imagery can establish more than rhetoric, but early wartime accounts routinely mix confirmed events with claims designed to shape public perception. The safest judgment is that the border environment has become less predictable. Victor Talon keeps the confirmed record separate from advocacy, allegation and prediction.

Each side describes its actions as defensive or retaliatory. That is a stated position or allegation, not a completed finding. Public battlefield claims remain incomplete and cannot independently establish casualty counts, targets or proportionality.

The immediate concern reaches beyond the units exchanging fire. Saudi air defenses, civilian communities, energy infrastructure and Red Sea logistics all sit inside a wider risk network. A short exchange can still alter insurance, shipping and force-protection decisions even if neither government seeks a larger war.

The open record remains specific: whether the exchange will remain limited, how regional partners respond and whether commercial routes face added risk. Those unanswered questions are not empty space to be filled with assumption; they are the boundaries of what responsible reporting can presently say.

The next checkpoint is Official military statements, independently verified imagery and diplomatic contacts will establish whether the escalation persists. Until then, readers should distinguish the current procedural, statistical or competitive status from a prediction presented as fact.

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SOURCES: Associated Press; U.S. Central Command

INVESTIGATIONS & ACCOUNTABILITY

SEC Alleges \$16 Million Ponzi Scheme Behind Investment Pitch

The regulator says a founder and two New Jersey companies used investor money to sustain promised returns; the allegations await adjudication.

BY GIDEON MARSH



SEC ALLEGES \$16 MILLION PONZI SCHEME BEHIND INVESTMENT PITCH - The SEC filed a civil action alleging a \$16 million Ponzi scheme involving a founder and two New Jersey-based companies. The regulator says a founder and two New Jersey companies used investor money to sustain promised returns; the allegations await adjudication.

Gideon follows the cash path rather than the promotional language. A Ponzi allegation turns on where investor funds went, what account statements represented, and whether purported profits came from business activity or new deposits. Bank records and contemporaneous communications will matter more than after-the-fact explanations. Gideon Marsh keeps the confirmed record separate from advocacy, allegation and prediction.

The complaint says money from later investors was used to make payments presented as investment returns. That is a stated position or allegation, not a completed finding. The defendants are entitled to contest the allegations, and filing a complaint is not a finding of liability.

For investors, the case is a reminder to verify custody, audited financials, withdrawal terms and registration claims. High or unusually stable returns are not proof of fraud, but they are reasons to demand independent documentation before sending money to a closely controlled enterprise.

The open record remains specific: the defendants' response, the recoverable assets, the investor-loss total and whether parallel criminal action follows. Those unanswered questions are not empty space to be filled with assumption; they are the boundaries of what responsible reporting can presently say.

The next checkpoint is Answers, court orders, asset-accounting records and any settlement or trial will develop the evidentiary record. Until then, readers should

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SOURCES: U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; SEC Investor.gov

INVESTIGATIONS & ACCOUNTABILITY

DOJ Challenges Four Jurisdictions Over Immigrant Benefit Rules

Federal complaints against Hawaii, the District of Columbia, Arkansas and Utah put statutory authority, equal treatment and program eligibility into court.

BY LIBERTY BELLE



DOJ CHALLENGES FOUR JURISDICTIONS OVER IMMIGRANT BENEFIT RULES - The Justice Department announced complaints involving Hawaii, the District of Columbia, Arkansas and Utah over programs it says give preferential treatment to undocumented immigrants. Federal complaints against Hawaii, the District of Columbia, Arkansas and Utah put statutory authority, equal treatment and program eligibility into court.

Liberty opens each complaint separately because four defendants do not automatically present one legal question. Program design, funding source, statutory language and the classification being challenged may differ. A press release can summarize the government's theory, but the pleadings and exhibits define what a judge can actually decide. Liberty Belle keeps the confirmed record separate from advocacy, allegation and prediction.

DOJ argues the challenged rules conflict with federal restrictions and equal-treatment principles. That is a stated position or allegation, not a completed finding. The jurisdictions can contest the department's legal theory, factual descriptions and requested remedies.

The cases may affect access to education, licensing, services or financial benefits, depending on the individual program. They also test federal-state boundaries: Congress sets many immigration conditions, yet states and local governments administer broad areas of public policy under their own laws.

The open record remains specific: how each defendant answers, whether cases are consolidated and which provisions courts may enjoin. Those unanswered questions are not empty space to be filled with assumption; they are the boundaries of what responsible reporting can presently say.

The next checkpoint is Filed complaints, answers, preliminary-injunction briefs and judicial orders will control the disputes. Until then, readers should distinguish the current procedural, statistical or competitive status from a prediction presented as fact.

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SOURCES: U.S. Department of Justice; Congress.gov

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

Second Federal Judge Freezes Mail-Ballot Executive Order

Another court has blocked parts of the administration's election directive, reinforcing the constitutional dispute over presidential and state authority.

BY CONSTITUTIONOWL



SECOND FEDERAL JUDGE FREEZES MAIL-BALLOT EXECUTIVE ORDER - A second federal judge temporarily blocked provisions of the president's mail-ballot executive order while litigation proceeds. Another court has blocked parts of the administration's election directive, reinforcing the constitutional dispute over presidential and state authority.

ConstitutionOwl distinguishes an injunction from a final judgment. A temporary block preserves the status quo after a court evaluates factors such as likely success, irreparable harm and the public interest. It does not finish the merits, yet it has immediate operational importance for election officials. ConstitutionOwl keeps the confirmed record separate from advocacy, allegation and prediction.

The administration says the directive protects election integrity and promotes consistent deadlines. That is a stated position or allegation, not a completed finding. Plaintiffs argue the Constitution and federal statutes leave the challenged rulemaking to Congress and the states rather than the president.

Election administration is unusually sensitive to late change. Ballot design, voter instructions, vendor programming and training proceed on fixed calendars. Even a policy ultimately upheld can create avoidable error if imposed after those systems are underway, which is why courts often examine timing alongside constitutional authority.

The open record remains specific: how appellate courts reconcile the cases, which provisions survive and whether Congress acts before the midterms. Those unanswered questions are not empty space to be filled with assumption; they are the boundaries of what responsible reporting can presently say.

The next checkpoint is Written opinions, appellate briefing and any emergency Supreme Court application will define the governing rule. Until then, readers should distinguish the current procedural, statistical or competitive status from a prediction presented as fact.

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POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

FTC Targets Humboldt Merchant-Services Practices

A new federal action challenges payment-processing sales and account practices, putting contracts, disclosures and customer records at the center.

BY RUBY REDTAPE

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FTC TARGETS HUMBOLDT MERCHANT-SERVICES PRACTICES - The FTC announced an enforcement action involving Humboldt merchant-services operations and alleged deceptive business practices. A new federal action challenges payment-processing sales and account practices, putting contracts, disclosures and customer records at the center.

Ruby reads the merchant contract from enrollment through termination. Payment processing can combine headline rates with monthly fees, equipment obligations, reserves and cancellation provisions. The central evidence will be what sellers promised, what written terms disclosed, what accounts were charged and how disputes were handled. Ruby Redtape keeps the confirmed record separate from advocacy, allegation and prediction.

The complaint says merchants were misled about pricing, cancellation or account terms. That is a stated position or allegation, not a completed finding. The defendants may contest the allegations, and the action does not itself establish final liability.

Small businesses depend on predictable access to card revenue. Unexpected holds or fees can affect payroll and inventory even when the amount looks modest on a statement. The case also shows why owners should preserve sales calls, compare the application with the final agreement and document cancellation requests.

The open record remains specific: the defendants' response, the scope of consumer redress and whether a court imposes conduct restrictions. Those unanswered questions are not empty space to be filled with assumption; they are the boundaries of what responsible reporting can presently say.

The next checkpoint is The complaint, responsive pleadings and any stipulated order will define obligations and relief. Until then, readers should distinguish the current procedural, statistical or competitive status from a prediction presented as fact.

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SOURCES: Federal Trade Commission; Federal Trade Commission

TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

AI Risk Debate Shifts From Warnings to Concrete Safeguards

Researchers and policymakers are arguing over low-probability catastrophic harms while near-term testing, access controls and incident reporting remain measurable.

BY UNCLE SIBURSAM



AI RISK DEBATE SHIFTS FROM WARNINGS TO CONCRETE SAFEGUARDS - AI researchers and officials are publicly debating catastrophic-risk warnings and the strength of safeguards for advanced systems. Researchers and policymakers are arguing over low-probability catastrophic harms while near-term testing, access controls and incident reporting remain measurable.

Uncle Sibursam separates probability from consequence. A risk can deserve preparation even when its likelihood is uncertain, but the response should identify a threat model, measurable threshold and accountable operator. Vague warnings are not substitutes for reproducible testing. Uncle Sibursam keeps the confirmed record separate from advocacy, allegation and prediction.

Some experts say increasingly capable models could create severe security or societal risks without stronger controls. That is a stated position or allegation, not a

completed finding. Others argue that speculative scenarios can distract from documented harms or justify rules unsupported by present evidence.

Several safeguards can be evaluated now: security around model weights, monitoring for abuse, staged release, independent red-team access and prompt disclosure of serious incidents. Those controls also help with nearer-term problems, making them useful even if the most extreme scenarios never occur.

The open record remains specific: which capabilities emerge, how reliable current evaluations are and whether voluntary commitments become enforceable. Those unanswered questions are not empty space to be filled with assumption; they are the boundaries of what responsible reporting can presently say.

The next checkpoint is Published evaluations, incident reports, access-control audits and adopted standards will provide evidence beyond forecasts. Until then, readers should distinguish the current procedural, statistical or competitive status from a prediction presented as fact.

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SOURCES: Associated Press; NIST

ELECTIONS & VOTING

Poll Finds Campaign and Government Trust Weak Before Midterms

An AP-NORC survey shows broad skepticism toward campaign messages and official information, raising the premium on transparent sourcing.

BY TABITHA TALLY



POLL FINDS CAMPAIGN AND GOVERNMENT TRUST WEAK BEFORE MIDTERMS - An AP-NORC survey found that relatively few Americans say they often trust information from political campaigns or the federal government. An AP-NORC survey shows broad skepticism toward campaign messages and official information, raising the premium on transparent sourcing.

Tabitha reads sample, wording and response categories before interpreting the result. Distrust can be rational, habitual or partisan, and it does not independently validate or disprove any claim. The survey instead describes the environment in which election information must compete. Tabitha Tally keeps the confirmed record separate from advocacy, allegation and prediction.

Partisans frequently accuse opposing campaigns and officials of misleading the public. That is a stated position or allegation, not a completed finding. A trust survey measures confidence, not whether each underlying statement is true or false.

Campaigns and agencies face the same practical lesson: link primary records, explain methods, date updates and correct mistakes visibly. Those steps will not eliminate disagreement, but they give voters a checkable path that a slogan or unattributed graphic cannot provide.

The open record remains specific: how trust changes as voting begins, whether corrections reach skeptical audiences and which sources voters actually use. Those unanswered questions are not empty space to be filled with assumption; they are the boundaries of what responsible reporting can presently say.

The next checkpoint is Future polling, correction records and voter-information traffic can show whether confidence stabilizes. Until then, readers should distinguish the current procedural, statistical or competitive status from a prediction presented as fact.

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SOURCES: Associated Press; AP-NORC Center

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Producer Prices Rise 0.4% as Goods Costs Accelerate

August wholesale inflation was driven by a 1.1% goods increase, while services rose 0.1% and the 12-month final-demand index reached 5.4%.

BY SILAS SPIRE



PRODUCER PRICES RISE 0.4% AS GOODS COSTS ACCELERATE - BLS reported the Producer Price Index for final demand rose 0.4% in August, with goods up 1.1%, services up 0.1% and the 12-month index up 5.4%. August wholesale inflation was driven by a 1.1% goods increase, while services rose 0.1% and the 12-month final-demand index reached 5.4%.

Silas opens the report by component. The goods jump was much faster than services, but selected service categories also moved: courier and postal services rose 1.5%, legal services 1.7%, freight trucking 2.0% and airline passenger services 4.2%. Those details matter to firms with distribution-heavy costs. Silas Spire keeps the confirmed record separate from advocacy, allegation and prediction.

Businesses may pass some higher input and distribution costs to customers. That is a stated position or allegation, not a completed finding. Producer prices do not flow mechanically or immediately into consumer prices because margins, contracts and productivity intervene.

A producer-price index tracks selling prices received by domestic producers, not a household shopping basket. Manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers can respond by changing margins, sourcing, inventories or final prices. The result is a pressure signal, not a one-for-one forecast of the next CPI.

The open record remains specific: how much of the increase persists, which firms absorb it and whether later revisions change the pattern. Those unanswered questions are not empty space to be filled with assumption; they are the boundaries of what responsible reporting can presently say.

The next checkpoint is Import-price, retail-sales and September inflation reports will test the direction and pass-through. Until then, readers should distinguish the current procedural, statistical or competitive status from a prediction presented as fact.

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SOURCES: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

SPORTS

Texas Erases 20-Point Fourth-Quarter Deficit to Stun Ohio State

The Longhorns won 24-23 after Arch Manning completed four of five passes on the final drive and Hollywood Smothers scored with 25 seconds left.

BY PARKER FIELDS



TEXAS ERASES 20-POINT FOURTH-QUARTER DEFICIT TO STUN OHIO STATE - Texas rallied from a 23-3 fourth-quarter deficit to beat Ohio State 24-23, with a one-yard Hollywood Smothers touchdown leaving 25 seconds. The Longhorns won 24-23 after Arch Manning completed four of five passes on the final drive and Hollywood Smothers scored with 25 seconds left.

Parker identifies the hinge plays. Arch Manning completed four of five passes for 73 yards on the final possession, moving Texas from its own territory to the goal line. Smothers finished the drive, then Ohio State's last chance ended with a missed 45-yard field goal. Parker Fields keeps the confirmed record separate from advocacy, allegation and prediction.

Coaches and players credited composure and execution for the turnaround. That is a stated position or allegation, not a completed finding. One dramatic quarter does not erase the protection and efficiency problems that created the deficit.

NCAA's recap described the result as the first loss by an AP No. 1 team after leading by 20 points in the fourth quarter, with such teams previously 197-0. Texas gains a defining résumé win, while Ohio State must fix late-game execution without treating a one-point loss as a season-ending verdict.

The open record remains specific: how injuries and the emotional swing affect both teams' next games and the next rankings. Those unanswered questions are not empty space to be filled with assumption; they are the boundaries of what responsible reporting can presently say.

The next checkpoint is Official injury updates, film review and the next AP poll will show the immediate aftermath. Until then, readers should distinguish the current procedural, statistical or competitive status from a prediction presented as fact.

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SOURCES: NCAA; Texas Longhorns

ELECTIONS & VOTING

Georgia Ballot-Secrecy Concern Puts Procedure Under Review

A reported vulnerability is focusing attention on how ballots, voter records and scanner workflows remain separated inside election offices.

BY BALLOT BEAST



GEORGIA BALLOT-SECURITY CONCERN PUTS PROCEDURE UNDER REVIEW - Georgia officials are reviewing a reported ballot-secrecy concern involving election procedures and records. A reported vulnerability is focusing attention on how ballots, voter records and scanner workflows remain separated inside election offices.

Ballot Beast distinguishes secrecy from tabulation integrity. A privacy weakness can be serious even when vote totals remain accurate; conversely, a theoretical linkage is not proof that anyone used it. The review should document data fields, access permissions, retention and the exact sequence that could reconstruct identity. Ballot Beast keeps the confirmed record separate from advocacy, allegation and prediction.

Critics say the workflow could allow someone with sufficient access to connect an individual voter with ballot choices. That is a stated position or allegation, not a completed finding. Officials say safeguards and access controls limit the practical risk, and public reporting has not established that votes were altered.

The remedy should be procedural and testable: separate records, restrict privileges, log access, use privacy sleeves and audit post-election handling. Clear public

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explanation matters because vague assurances can deepen distrust, while exaggerated claims can misstate a correctable control problem as proof of changed votes.

The open record remains specific: the affected systems, the number of records exposed, whether exploitation occurred and what remediation is required. Those unanswered questions are not empty space to be filled with assumption; they are the boundaries of what responsible reporting can presently say.

The next checkpoint is Technical findings, written procedures and any state election-board action will determine the scope. Until then, readers should distinguish the current procedural, statistical or competitive status from a prediction presented as fact.

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SOURCES: Associated Press; Georgia Secretary of State

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Crypto Bill Revives Ethics Questions Over Officials' Holdings

Market-structure negotiations are colliding with disclosure and conflict-of-interest concerns as digital assets gain federal policy attention.

BY WARREN BULLION



CRYPTO BILL REVIVES ETHICS QUESTIONS OVER OFFICIALS' HOLDINGS - Lawmakers are negotiating cryptocurrency market-structure legislation while ethics questions focus on elected officials' and families' financial interests. Market-structure negotiations are colliding with disclosure and conflict-of-interest concerns as digital assets gain federal policy attention.

Warren separates market design from personal finance. A market-structure bill can answer legitimate questions about SEC and CFTC jurisdiction, exchange registration, custody and stablecoins. Those merits do not cancel the need to examine who holds assets that may gain or lose value from the rules. Warren Bullion keeps the confirmed record separate from advocacy, allegation and prediction.

Critics argue that policy decisions could benefit disclosed or affiliated digital-asset ventures. That is a stated position or allegation, not a completed finding. Financial exposure does not by itself prove that a specific official action was corrupt or unlawful.

Trust depends on transparent disclosure, enforceable recusal rules and clear treatment of family or affiliated ventures. Investors also need statutory details: token classification, customer-asset segregation and enforcement authority can matter far more than a political label attached to the bill.

The open record remains specific: the bill's final regulator boundaries, the ethics language, recusals and whether negotiations produce a floor vote. Those unanswered questions are not empty space to be filled with assumption; they are the boundaries of what responsible reporting can presently say.

The next checkpoint is Published text, amendments, financial disclosures and committee votes will reveal whether safeguards change. Until then, readers should distinguish the current procedural, statistical or competitive status from a prediction presented as fact.

This assignment belongs to Warren Bullion on the Business & Economy desk because the institution, evidence and practical consequence match that correspondent's established role. The linked records identify who acted, when the action occurred and what remains unresolved.

Google Trends, public X surfaces, Fox News/Fox Digital, JustTheNews.com, Redacted.inc and OffThePress.com were scanned for leads only. No trend signal or social post was used as proof; the published account rests on the dated primary or independently reported sources listed below.

Readers should consult the linked record before making a legal, financial, voting, travel, safety or wagering decision. FrontPage Crew will correct or update the story if a court filing, official dataset, verified result or other authoritative record materially changes the facts.

A useful verification rule applies across desks: distinguish a proposal from an enacted rule, a complaint from a judgment, a survey from a factual audit, and a forecast from a final result. Those labels are part of the evidence, not optional qualifiers.

SOURCES: Associated Press; U.S. Senate Select Committee on Ethics

INVESTIGATIONS & ACCOUNTABILITY

Fact Check: A President Cannot Unilaterally Send \$5,000 Payments

The Constitution gives Congress control of appropriations, so a national dividend proposal requires enacted funding and administrative rules.

BY BRUTUS PROOF



FACT CHECK: A PRESIDENT CANNOT UNILATERALLY SEND \$5,000 PAYMENTS - No law currently appropriates money for the proposed \$5,000 nationwide payments described by President Trump. The Constitution gives Congress control of appropriations, so a national dividend proposal requires enacted funding and administrative rules.

Brutus checks the exact claim rather than the popularity of the idea. The Constitution states that money may be drawn from the Treasury only through appropriations made by law. Revenue entering the Treasury - whether from tariffs, taxes or savings - does not automatically become a presidential spending account. Brutus Proof keeps the confirmed record separate from advocacy, allegation and prediction.

The president has suggested executive authority or existing revenues could make the payments possible without a new congressional vote. That is a stated position or allegation, not a completed finding. The Appropriations Clause bars Treasury spending without an appropriation made by law, subject to narrow existing statutory authorities that do not establish this program.

Congress could authorize a program and delegate administration to an agency, as it has with previous relief payments. Until then, a number, proposed date or application rumor is not evidence of an approved benefit. Readers should distrust forms requesting fees or personal data for a program that does not legally exist.

The open record remains specific: whether Congress considers a bill, the eligible population, the cost and the claimed funding source. Those unanswered questions are not empty space to be filled with assumption; they are the boundaries of what responsible reporting can presently say.

The next checkpoint is Enacted statutory text and Treasury implementation guidance would be required before people could lawfully receive payments. Until then, readers



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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 RESULTS - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 SCHEDULE

MLB - FINAL SCORES

CLE 5 BAL 2	MIN 3 DET 4	HOU 6 PHI 4
NYM 2 MIA 3	LAA 1 BOS 7	COL 3 NYY 8
TB 4 ATL 5	PIT 2 CWS 6	AZ 3 KC 4
CHC 3 MIL 5	TEX 2 SEA 4	WSH 1 SD 3
TOR 5 ATH 6	STL 4 SF 5	CIN 2 LAD 3

TODAY'S MLB SCHEDULE

Guardians at Orioles 6:35 ET	Twins at Tigers 6:40 ET	Astros at Phillies 6:40 ET
Mets at Marlins 6:40 ET	Angels at Red Sox 6:45 ET	Rockies at Yankees 7:05 ET
Rays at Braves 7:15 ET	Pirates at White Sox 7:40 ET	Diamondbacks at Royals 7:40 ET
Cubs at Brewers 7:40 ET	Rangers at Mariners 9:40 ET	Nationals at Padres 9:40 ET
Blue Jays at Athletics 9:40 ET	Cardinals at Giants 9:45 ET	Reds at Dodgers 10:10 ET

AMERICAN LEAGUE

AL EAST	W	L	GB	AL CENTRAL	W	L	GB	AL WEST	W	L	GB
Tampa Bay	85	59	-	Chicago White Sox	76	68	-	Houston	74	71	-
NY Yankees	82	62	3	Cleveland	74	72	3	Texas	72	73	2
Boston	81	65	5	Minnesota	68	77	8.5	Seattle	68	77	6
Baltimore	70	76	16	Detroit	67	78	9.5	Athletics	59	87	15.5
Toronto	72	74	14	Kansas City	65	81	12	LA Angels	54	91	20

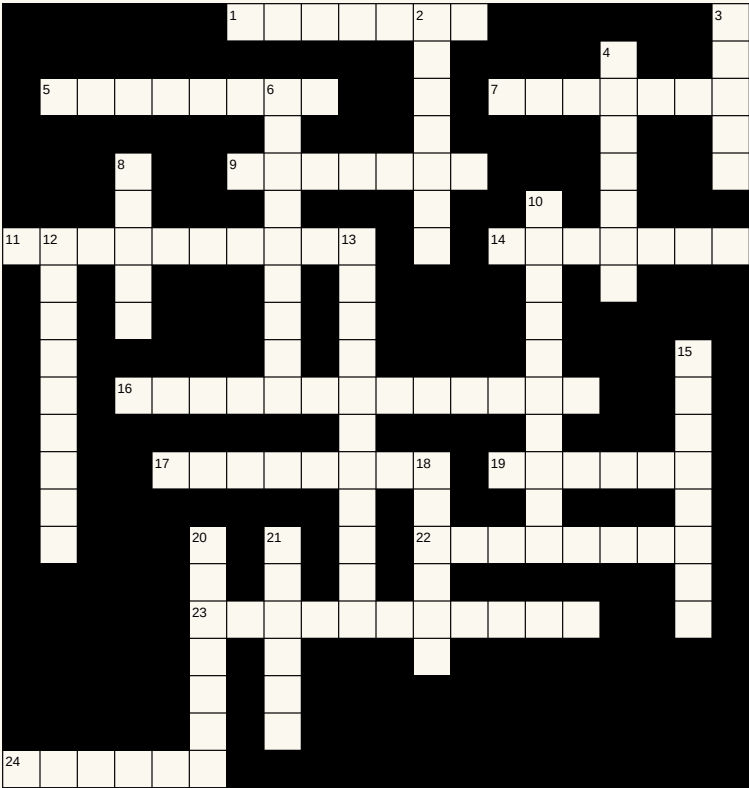
NATIONAL LEAGUE

NL EAST	W	L	GB	NL CENTRAL	W	L	GB	NL WEST	W	L	GB
Atlanta	86	59	-	Milwaukee	90	56	-	LA Dodgers	88	57	-
Philadelphia	81	64	5	Chicago Cubs	81	65	9	San Diego	77	68	11
Miami	73	73	13.5	St. Louis	73	73	17	Arizona	77	69	11.5
Washington	67	80	20	Pittsburgh	71	74	18.5	San Francisco	61	85	27.5
NY Mets	66	79	20	Cincinnati	69	76	20.5	Colorado	55	89	32.5

NFL: Aaron Donald's Rams return appears in today's Parker Fields report.

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