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## TRADE

# Import surge continues at ports

### Peak cargo season started early amid concerns of higher tariffs in August

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The National Retail Federation announced this week that an import cargo surge is expected to continue this month at U.S. ports as retailers stock up ahead of expected August tariff increases. The projections, which also

forecast imports to hit a new all-time record this month, were released Wednesday based on the Global Port Tracker and Hackett Associates.

“This year’s early peak season is expected to continue through July as retailers and other importers prepare for potentially higher tariffs beginning in

August and other trade uncertainties,” Jonathan Gold, NRF’s vice president for supply chain and customs policy, said in a statement.

Continued supply chain impacts are also emanating from the ongoing conflict with Iran, Gold added.

“The busy back-to-school selling season has already started, and the winter holidays won’t be

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The Port of Los Angeles processed 840,165 20-foot containers in May, 17% above the same month of last year, as import volume increased. PHOTO BY CHUCK BENNETT

## TELEVISION

# ‘The Pitt’ has 25 nods to lead Emmys roster



Noah Wyle, star of HBO’s drama “The Pitt,” is nominated for Emmys in acting, directing and producing. PHOTOS BY HBO VIA AP

## ‘Hacks’ sets record for comedies with 24 nominations in HBO coup

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LOS ANGELES — “The Pitt” led all nominees with 25 in a dominant sophomore season, while “Hacks” got a graduation party with a record-setting 24 to lead all comedies in its final season as Emmy nominations were announced Wednesday.

The totals give HBO Max the top spot for both drama and comedy, with “Hacks” breaking the record for most nominations for a comedy series held jointly by “The Studio” last year and “The Bear” in 2024. HBO Max led all outlets with 122 overall nominations and has three shows up for both best drama and best comedy series.

The nominees announced for

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“Hacks” star Jean Smart is nominated for her fifth straight acting Emmy. In total, the show received 24 nominations, which breaks a record for comedy shows.

## MIDDLE EAST WAR

# U.S. hits more targets in Iran

### Ceasefire in tatters as strikes follow attacks on ships in strait

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The U.S. carried out another round of strikes on Iran Wednesday, hours after President Donald Trump said that recent Iranian attacks on ships in Strait of Hormuz signaled the end of the ceasefire.

Military officials said in a social media post that the strikes were intended to “further degrade” Iran’s ability “to threaten freedom of navigation” in the strait.

The action comes just a day after the U.S. military hit a variety of military sites and port facilities following Iran’s targeting of several merchant

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## 2026 ELECTIONS

# El Segundo won’t place charter city question on ballot

### Effort to gain local control over land use lacks council support

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El Segundo will not become a charter city, at least not any time soon.

The City Council this week was poised to decide whether to ask voters to make El Segundo a charter city during the November general election, but ultimately did not vote on the issue.

Officials had been discussing the potential change throughout the year in an effort to grab more control

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