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NFL



Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford throws downfield to receiver Puka Nacua during the first half of a game against the Houston Texans at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood on Sunday. **PHOTOS BY WILL LESTER — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

## Rams open with win over Texans

Staff reports

The Rams rode a stellar defensive effort and Matthew Stafford threw a touchdown pass in Sunday's season-opening 14-9 victory over the Houston Texans at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood. The Rams will take on the 0-1 Tennessee Titans on Sunday in Nashville. For more coverage of the Rams' season opener, see **B1**



Rams running back Kyren Williams stiff-arms Houston's C.J. Gardner-Johnson during the first half of the game at SoFi Stadium on Sunday.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY

## Family sues over killing in custody

Sheriff's Department accused of negligence after stabbing

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The family of a man fatally stabbed by an inmate convicted of violent crimes who was mistakenly placed with low-risk detainees in a Banning jail is suing the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, alleging wrongful death and negligence. Steve De Leon Gonzalez, 36, of Moreno Valley was at the Sheriff's Inmate Training and Education Bureau, also known as SITE-B, at the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility when he was fatally stabbed by inmate Scott Lowder on Sept. 5, 2024, according to the lawsuit, filed on Aug. 29 in U.S.



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WAR IN EUROPE

## Russia strikes Ukraine with largest attack

Key government building damaged in Kyiv, 4 killed

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KYIV, Ukraine — Russia hit Ukraine's capital with drone and missiles Sunday in the largest aerial attack since the war began, killing four people across the country and damaging a key government building. Russia attacked with 810 drones and decoys, Ukraine's air force said, adding it shot down 747 drones and four missiles. Associated Press reporters saw a plume of smoke rising from the roof of Kyiv's government headquarters. It was not immediately clear if the smoke was the result of a direct hit or debris, which would mark an escalation in Russia's air

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DODGER STADIUM

## Effort to fast-track gondola project aborted after protest

Senate bill amendment removed after council, communities object

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The latest victory for opponents of a skyway gondola project that would carry fans to and from Dodger Stadium came last week in Sacramento, when an amendment to a transit bill that would expedite the project's regulatory approval process suddenly was removed by the bill's author. By striking Section 3 from Senate Bill 71, carried by state Sen. Scott Weiner, D-San Francisco, the legislation no longer contains the controversial amendment speeding up resolution of court challenges and forcing quicker mediation for future attacks against the transit project backed by former Dodgers owner Frank McCourt, who owns 50% of the parking at Dodger Stadium. The removal of the amendment by Weiner, posted on the California Legislative Information website



More than 100 residents turn out Aug. 18 at Los Angeles State Historic Park near Chinatown to protest a proposed project that would take fans from Chinatown to Dodger Stadium by way of a 1.2-mile system of gondolas. **DAVID CRANE — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Tuesday, was characterized by members of the Los Angeles City Council — along with an alliance of opponents from Chinatown, Elysian Park and other affected communities and the Central L.A. Chapter of the Sierra Club — as the power of the people winning over the influence of a billionaire and his

lobbyists. It also assumes a return of the project's normal path toward construction and operating permits, one that will require approvals by the L.A. City Council, the city's Department of

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ORANGE COUNTY

## Redistricting special election a top priority of state Republicans at their fall convention

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Republicans across the state came together over the weekend for the California Republican Party's annual convention with one issue top of mind for many: to defeat Proposition 50, the Democratic-led redistricting measure that will appear on the Nov. 4 special election ballot. With only about a month left before ballots land in voters' mailboxes, it's a sprint for both supporters and opponents of Proposition 50 to get their messages out about why California should or should not redraw its congressional maps midcycle. Republicans, who oppose Proposition 50, called it the Democrats' way of "rigging" elections and said much is at stake. If Republicans give up congressional seats in California, it will be difficult for the party to keep

control of the House, Shawn Steel, a Republican National Committee member, said during a panel discussion at the CAGOP convention at the Hyatt Regency Orange County in Garden Grove on Saturday. "That big loss is going to mean Democratic domination, not only through (President Donald) Trump's second half of the administration ... but it's going to set up Republicans in a bad way," Steel said. Democrats, meanwhile, have touted the redistricting effort as a way to counter similar gerrymandering in Texas, where, at the president's request, the state's Republican leadership is seeking to shore up more GOP congressional seats. But Will O'Neill, chair of the Republican Party of Orange County, told those gathered at the

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