

The Client Connection

The Markets

If it's not one thing, it may be another.

Economic data released last week will factor into this week's Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) decision on whether to push interest rates higher in the United States. Some of the August data supports the idea economic growth was soft. For example, August retail sales fell more than expected, down 0.3 percent from July. Other data was as expected: U.S. producer prices were flat, which was in line with expectations.



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Is Your State Crafty?

Oktoberfest is upon us and that means beer. In the United States, celebrations are likely to include craft-brewed drafts, which are a far cry from traditional American lager, according to the Brewer's Association.



"Any American university student can inform you that much of the beer in the United States is utter swill. Those who graduate from the red Solo cup - the brand so synonymous with beer pong and college life - can afford to purchase better. And so they do. Craft beer, the stuff made by small and independent breweries, has exploded beyond just hipsters. Sales reached \$22.3 billion in 2015, and volumes have climbed 13 percent over the past year, even as overall beer sales in America dipped somewhat."

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San Diego Restaurant Week

San Diego Restaurant Week will CELEBRATE LOCAL by showcasing the fresh and delicious ingredients that our region is known for, from Sunday, September 25th through Sunday, October 2nd, 2016. San Diego's year-round growing season makes for a plethora of inspiring local ingredients for chefs to create unique and delicious dishes. With over 180 restaurants to choose from and eight days to experience this culinary adventure, it is the perfect time of year to explore new dining opportunities and revisit old favorites.



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