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MLB PLAYOFFS

Dodgers’ triumph
closes out series



The Dodgers celebrate defeating the Atlanta Braves 4-1 in Game 4 of the National League Division Series at Truist Park on Wednesday in Atlanta. L.A. advances to the National League Championship Series. KEVIN C. COX — GETTY IMAGES

Victory over Braves advances quest for third straight World Series title

By Charles Odum
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ATLANTA — Andy Pages drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single in the seventh inning to give Los Angeles the lead, and the Dodgers beat the Atlanta Braves 4-1 on Wednesday night to clinch their NL Division Series.

The Dodgers won back-to-back games in Atlanta to take the best-of-five matchup 3-1 and advance to the National League Championship Series as they seek to become the first NL team to win three straight World Series.

Pages lined a 3-2 pitch from Robert Suarez up the middle to drive in Teoscar Hernández, who singled off starter Tyler Mahle, and pinch-runner Tommy Edman for a 3-1 lead. Read the full story in **Sports**.



The Dodgers celebrate on the field after winning Game 4 of their NLDS against the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday, keeping their World Series three-peat hopes alive. MIKE STEWART — AP

WASHINGTON

Working
foreign
students
targeted

Colleges would pay \$70K for enrollees to work in U.S. under Trump administration plan

By Annie Ma and Heather Hollingsworth
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WASHINGTON — The Department of Homeland Security on Wednesday proposed a \$70,000 fee for international students seeking to work in the United States, the latest effort from the Trump administration to crack down on foreign enrollment.

A proposed rule would require colleges and universities to pay the fee for every student who participates in the optional practice training program, known as OPT, which allows students to work in jobs related to their major during or after their time in school. Students are generally eligible for one year of work post-graduation, though certain science, technology, engineering and math majors are eligible for an additional two years.

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SANTA ANA

Council orders
inquiry after
video of arrest

Footage online showed detained man being punched by officers

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The Santa Ana City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to hire an independent investigator who will report directly to the council to examine a use of force incident on Oct. 1 involving two Santa Ana Police Department officers.

The decision came amid public outcry and anticipated litigation over the encounter, which was

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MIDDLE EAST

Israel mourns 1,200 killed in 2023

Somber 3rd anniversary of Oct. 7 Hamas attack also finds Gaza in ruins from war that ensued

By Melanie Lidman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

REIM, Israel — On a field where music festival revelers were gunned down by Hamas-led militants three years ago, Israelis on Wednesday embraced and wept for those lost in an attack that plunged the Middle East into war.

Israelis mourned at the site of the Nova Music Festival, as well as at bomb shelters, intersections and in communities targeted on Oct. 7, 2023. Tens of thousands gathered in Tel Aviv for the main ceremony organized by bereaved families, separate from the official government ceremonies.

On that day — the deadliest in the country’s history — militants killed 1,200 people and took 251 hostage. Israel’s retaliatory offensive killed tens of thousands of Palestinians, destroyed much of Gaza and drove most of its 2 million residents from their homes.

This is the first anniversary



Raz Zarfati, the sister of Ron Zarfati, who was killed in the Oct. 7, 2023 Hamas attack, attends a memorial marking the third anniversary of the attack at the Nova Music Festival site Wednesday in southern Israel. OHAD ZWIGENBERG — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

since all the hostages, living and dead, were returned. Signs calling for their return are mostly gone, but reminders of those who were killed are ubiquitous in a country still reckoning with the trauma of that day.

For Palestinians, the anniversary brings another day of fear and misery. Most Gaza residents live in

squalid tent camps, with large parts of cities bombed to rubble. More than half the territory remains in the hands of the Israeli military. Despite a ceasefire deal reached nearly a year ago, Israeli strikes continue almost daily.

Israeli troops occupy a large

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2026 ELECTION

How can California
better battle fraud?

Controller candidates discuss ideas on how to manage cash flow affecting the world’s 4th-largest economy

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When it comes to how the state’s chief fiscal officer should manage the world’s fourth-largest economy, Malia Cohen and Herb Morgan, in some form or fashion, agree the next California controller should focus on accountability, oversight and transparency.

Exactly how that looks, however, differs a bit between the two candidates.

Take hospice fraud, for example.

It’s been a particular flash point for the Trump administration as it seeks to crack down on fraud in federally funded health programs. More than 1,000 hospices have been



Malia Cohen, left, and Herb Morgan are running for California controller in the Nov. 3 general election. COURTESY OF CANDIDATES’ CAMPAIGNS

removed from Medicare since early 2025, with Los Angeles County accounting for an estimated \$3.5 billion in fraudulent hospice claims, by federal officials’ estimate, according to the Associated Press.

State officials, including Gov. Gavin Newsom, have also acknowledged that fraud in the hospice industry is particularly rampant in California. The state’s Department of Health has revoked hundreds of hospice licenses over the past two years and identified even more for

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