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## Parents press for safer schools

Speakers ask board to redeploy police to campuses after Franklin student's death

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More than a dozen parents and other residents Wednesday called on Los Angeles Unified School District board members to reinstate campus police at secondary schools following the death of a 17-year-old senior after

he fell from his school's fourth floor.

Xavier Nungaray-Martinez died Sept. 30 after falling at Benjamin Franklin High School in Highland Park. The L.A. County Medical Examiner has ruled Xavier's death a suicide.

Reina Orellana, a relative who represented Xavier's family at

the school board meeting, said her son dealt with bullying in LAUSD schools to the point where she had to pay him to get psychological help.

Now, she said her daughter, who was at Franklin the day Xavier died, is also traumatized. She questioned why school officials didn't intervene earlier, as family members have said Xavier dealt with bullying since his

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Memorials are displayed for Xavier Nungaray-Martinez, who died after falling from a fourth-story building at Benjamin Franklin High School in Highland Park. **KEITH BIRMINGHAM STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

MLB PLAYOFFS

## Dodgers triumph to close out series



Enrique Hernandez of the Dodgers looks on before Wednesday's playoff victory over the Atlanta Braves in Game 4 of the National League Division Series at Truist Park in Atlanta. Dodgers won 4-1. **PHOTOS BY KEVIN C. COX — GETTY IMAGES**



The Dodgers, holding a 2-1 series lead, put Tyler Glasnow on the mound against the Braves for the first inning of Game 4 of the National League Division Series on Wednesday in Atlanta. Glasnow would handle the pitching duties until the bottom of fifth inning. See full story at **SGVTRIBUNE.COM**.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

## Insurer's response to blazes probed

FAIR Plan being investigated over claims filed by survivors of 2025 Palisades, Eaton fires

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2025 fire survivors launch campaign to address contaminants in standing homes. **A3**

Los Angeles County has begun an investigation into the handling of claims from fire survivors of the Eaton and Palisades fires by the California FAIR Plan Association, often called "the insurer of last resort," the Office of County Counsel announced on Wednesday.  
In a letter, the county's lawyers wrote they are examining whether the private insurance group denied

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CARSON

## Musician critical of response after death at jazz fest

Sheila E. says city must 'do better' after body not removed for hours

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An Altadena resident died in Carson during this weekend's Jazz Festival, and local officials have faced criticism over their handling of the situation — though others defended the South Bay town.  
Shari Sanders, whose age has not been disclosed, died Saturday. Sanders has three sons, six grandchildren, two brothers and a sister, according to a GoFundMe page created by her daughter-in-

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