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WILDFIRE RECOVERY

FEMA freeze on aid hits SoCal

Pause in disaster relief comes amid partial federal government shutdown

By David Wilson and Ryan Carter
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The Trump administration is freezing Federal Emergency Management Agency aid for ongoing disaster relief amid the federal government's partial shutdown, an action that gener-

ated a new layer of uncertainty and sharp pushback Monday in Los Angeles County's fire-scorched burn zones.

Effective Sunday morning, funding ceased indefinitely under the federal agency's Public Assistance Program for ongoing and "legacy" disasters, according to an announcement Sunday

from the Department of Homeland Security.

The program reimburses 75% or more of eligible state and local disaster costs, including debris removal and public infrastructure restoration, according to the federal government.

Local emergency management officials say the funds have been a vital piece in efforts to rebuild, as it shares costs with

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A man leaves the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center on Woodbury Road in Altadena on Feb. 11, 2025. FEMA aid for ongoing disasters such as the Altadena fire is on hold.
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LOS ANGELES

Rob Reiner's son pleads not guilty



Nick Reiner appears in court Monday in Los Angeles, where he entered a not guilty plea to two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of his parents, Rob Reiner and Michele Singer Reiner. PHOTOS BY CHRIS TORRES — POOL PHOTO VIA AP

Arraignment on murder charges marks first time he's denied killing parents

By Andrew Dalton
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Nick Reiner, the 32-year-old son of Hollywood luminary Rob Reiner and Michele Singer Reiner, pleaded not guilty Monday to two counts of first-degree murder more than two months after their deaths, denying for the first time that he fatally stabbed his parents.

Reiner's attorney, Deputy Public Defender Kimberly Greene, entered the plea on his behalf as he stood behind glass in an enclosed custody area of the packed Los Angeles courtroom.

The third of Rob Reiner's four children, Nick Reiner has been held without bail since his arrest hours after beloved actor-director Reiner and photographer and producer



Reiner looks up at Deputy Public Defender Kimberly Greene during his arraignment on murder charges Monday in a Los Angeles courtroom.

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MEXICO

Violence follows killing of drug lord

25 troops die in attacks after military operation

By Megan Janetsky and Marea Verza
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — Twenty-five members of the Mexican National Guard died in six separate attacks after special forces killed the notorious leader of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel, the country's security secretary said Monday as much of Mexico feared more violence.

Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes, called "El Mencho," was the boss of one of the fastest-growing criminal networks in Mexico, known for trafficking fentanyl, methamphetamine and cocaine to the

Inside: Tijuana returns to calm following cartel attacks, yet residents remain cautious.
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CALIFORNIA

Kaiser strike ends as parties report progress in talks

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The nearly five-week strike by 31,000 registered nurses and other workers at Kaiser Permanente is over, with union members set to return to work today.

In a statement, the union said its members are going back to work while "final negotiations are completed."

The likely end of the protracted walkout comes after last week saw more than 40% of union workers cross picket lines and go back to work.

With town hall and video conferencing meetings scheduled Monday, the union posted a message via

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