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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

## Supes press safety staff on fires

After a sometimes testy session, board unanimously votes to strengthen emergency management office

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Several Los Angeles County supervisors grilled county staff leaders and the authors of a report outlining deficiencies in emergency alerts and evacuation procedures from the January Palisades and Eaton fires Tuesday.

Supervisors sought answers about problems with confusing or late evacuation

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alerts during the fires.

The sometimes testy session culminated in the board's approval of the first steps toward restructuring the county's Office of Emergency Management, centralizing

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Elementary school that was ravaged by Palisades fire reopens using temporary buildings on its campus

**Staff reports**

Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho on Tuesday morning was surrounded by happy students, teachers, politicians and members of the LAUSD board as he announced that Marquez Charter Elementary School — destroyed in the Palisades fire in January — has reopened in temporary buildings on the campus until permanent buildings are completed.

"This is the pure definition of happiness," Carvalho said at a news conference. "We promised the Palisades community that we would rebuild and rebuild better, and nine months later here we are, welcoming kids back to their school."

"A lot of people have heard of the phoenix rising from the ashes," he said. "The Seagulls of Marquez have risen from the

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WILD CARD SERIES

## Dodgers cruise, survive late scare



Tommy Edman of the Dodgers celebrates with Teoscar Hernández after hitting a solo home run against Cincinnati in the third inning of Game 1 of their NL Wild Card Series game at Dodger Stadium on Tuesday. The Dodgers led 10-2 heading into the eighth and held on for a 10-5 win. **PHOTOS BY KEITH BIRMINGHAM — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER**

Ohtani, Teoscar Hernández homer twice as bullpen stumbles



The Dodgers' Shohei Ohtani hits a solo home run off Reds starting pitcher Hunter Greene in the first inning of Tuesday's NL Wild Card Series game. It was Ohtani's 13th leadoff homer this year, giving the Dodgers a 1-0 lead as they opened the defense of their 2024 World Series championship. Ohtani also hit a two-run homer in the sixth to extend the Dodgers' lead to 8-0.

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CONGRESS

## Government shutdown set to take effect today

Senate fails to pass funding bill, putting nation on path to closure for first time in almost 7 years

By Mary Clare Jalonick, Lisa Mascaro and Stephen Groves  
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WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats have voted down a Republican bill to keep funding the government, putting it on a near certain path to a shutdown after midnight today for the first time in nearly seven years.

The Senate rejected the legislation as Democrats are making good on their threat to close the government if President Donald Trump and Republicans won't accede to their health care demands. The 55-45 vote on a bill to extend federal funding for seven weeks fell short of the 60 needed to end a filibuster and pass the legislation.

Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said Republicans are trying to "bully" Democrats by refusing to negotiate on an extension of expanded Affordable Care Act tax credits that expire

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LOS ANGELES

## Local gang rehab, reentry program debuts podcast

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Stories matter. Stories change people. Stories heal. A new podcast hosted by Tom Vozzo, the first chief executive officer and now senior adviser of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, debuts today. It's an offshoot of Vozzo's book, "The Homeboy Way: A Radical Approach to Business and Life," and part of the ministry and enterprise of the largest gang rehabilitation and reentry program in the world.

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**INSIDE:** Former Vice President Kamala Harris speaks during a book tour about Democrats' goals and urges voters to "stay engaged." **PAGE A3**

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