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MLB PLAYOFFS

Dodgers make push for pennant in NLCS



Reigning champions faced Brewers in Milwaukee for Game 1 on Sunday

Staff reports

The Dodgers and the Brewers met Sunday in Game 1 of the National League Championship Series. The series is a rematch of last year's NLDS, during which the Dodgers swept the Brewers 4-0 to advance to the World Series. Visit our website for a full report of Game 1: whittierdailynews.com

ABOVE: Dodgers designated hitter Shohei Ohtani takes batting practice ahead of Game 1 of baseball's National League Championship Series between the Milwaukee Brewers and the Dodgers on Sunday in Milwaukee.

RIGHT: Dodgers shortstop Mookie Betts warms up prior to Game 1.

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LOS ANGELES

Medical debt is crushing patients in hospitals

A new screening process aims to help low-income families

KFF Health News

Every Tuesday, Naman Shah sees tuberculosis patients at a small public clinic in Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley. Shah, a physician and epidemiologist at the L.A. County Department of Public Health, pores over images of battered lungs, listens to labored breathing and checks medications. It's part of an initiative dating to the early 20th century to control infections so tuberculosis doesn't spread. "We like doing things upstream," Shah said, "meaning before they happen, not after the damage is done." Today, Shah and his colleagues are applying the same principle to medical debt. A key part of that effort is a new system to allow every hospital in L.A. County to easily screen patients for financial aid. The goal: to stop low-income families from getting a bill that buries them in debt. Shah estimates this system could prevent several

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2026 ELECTIONS

Attorney general candidates talk homelessness

Former Huntington Beach city attorney Gates challenges Bonta

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The race for California attorney general is just the latest showdown between Democratic incumbent Rob Bonta and Republican Michael Gates. In 2023, while Gates was still city attorney for Huntington Beach, Bonta's office sued the Orange County coastal community for refusing to submit a compliant housing element plan to lay out where new housing could be built. Huntington Beach officials turned around and filed a federal lawsuit against the state arguing that as a charter city, it's not required to abide by certain state laws, though a lower court and a federal court ultimately rejected

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Worst of Tropical Storm Rachel seems to have moved out

System downgraded; clear skies by Tuesday

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Southern California girded for surging surf from the remnants of Tropical Storm Rachel on Sunday — feared to become the worst of several days that saw high tides, pounding waves and severe flooding — but for many coastal residents, the rainy morning brought a surprise. "The (forecasts) were a little off,"

Dave Kiff, Laguna Beach's city manager, said. "Friday's swell was larger than indicated, and yesterday's was about the same — and this morning seems less." Laguna Beach Public Works crews worked late into Saturday night, scooping out sand from one side of Main Beach to build 15-foot-high sand berms along the surfline. The towering mounds were meant to buffer raging waves and high tides that on Friday had rushed over the sand, across the boardwalk, and onto Coast Highway, snarling traffic and drawing a gaggle of onlookers. Residents of Newport Beach and other cities around the region hit in

recent days by enormous waves and Rachel's proximity to Southern California were also relieved on Sunday. But the Alamitos Peninsula in Long Beach was still taking a beating after several days of severe destruction, which included extreme flooding, damaged bulkheads, a mangled boardwalk, 13 homes red tagged and several evacuations. The red-tagged homes sustained more damage during high tides on Saturday night and through Sunday morning, Long Beach city officials said. The new destruction was still being



A man wades through the surf as high tides generated by Tropical Storm Rachel approach the parking lot at Zuma Beach in Malibu on Sunday. PHOTO BY ROB CURTIS

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