

WASHINGTON

Mass layoffs loom amid shutdown

White House threatens to slash workforce in matter of days, skipping the usual furloughs

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WASHINGTON — The federal government was thrown into a shutdown Wednesday with no easy endgame in sight, as Democrats held firm to their demands to salvage health care subsidies that President Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress have dismissed as something to possibly discuss later.

The White House threatened mass layoffs of federal workers, rather than simply the normal furloughs, in a matter of days, seizing the chance to slash government. Blame was being cast on all sides. No new talks were scheduled after the president failed this week to secure a deal with congressional leaders.

“Let’s be honest, if this thing drags on,” warned Vice President JD Vance during

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Most Los Angeles County communities do not expect big impacts from government closure

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Most Los Angeles County communities did not expect the federal government shutdown to have major impacts on their residents.

Law enforcement, firefighters and other first responders will be on the job, mail will be delivered and schools will be open as usual. But it may take people a bit longer to travel, some specific government processing

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may slow or halt completely, and the overall impact may be felt more deeply the longer the shutdown endures.

Long Beach officials, for example, issued a statement Wednesday telling residents that day-to-day services will not be

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OBITUARY

Famed primatologist Jane Goodall dies



Jane Goodall plays with Bahati, a 3-year-old female chimpanzee, at Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary in Kenya’s Ol Pejeta Conservancy on Dec. 6, 1997. Her death at 91 was announced Wednesday. JEAN-MARC BOUJU — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News shocks students, educators gathered to hear her speak in Pasadena

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A Pasadena gathering to celebrate efforts to help Los Angeles County areas recover from January’s devastating wildfires was jolted Wednesday as stunned students and educators learned of the death of Jane Goodall at an event at EF Academy, where the legendary naturalist was scheduled to speak.

“The Jane Goodall Institute has learned this morning, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2025, that Dr. Jane Goodall,

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Goodall waves while serving as the grand marshal in the 124th Rose Parade in 2013. WALT MANCINI — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Conservationist renowned for her field research on chimpanzees was 91

By Hallie Golden
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Jane Goodall, the conservationist renowned for her groundbreaking chimpanzee field research and globe-spanning environmental advocacy, has died. She was 91.

The Jane Goodall Institute announced the primatologist’s death Wednesday in an Instagram post. According to the Washington, D.C.-based institute, Goodall died of natural causes while in California on a U.S. speaking tour.

Her discoveries “revolutionized

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LOS ANGELES

Ground breaks on \$2.6 billion convention center project

City officials say expansion will boost downtown’s economy and help prepare for 2028 Olympics

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Construction officially kicked off Wednesday on the expansion and modernization of the Los Angeles Convention Center, a \$2.6 billion investment city leaders said will boost downtown’s economy, attract global events and help prepare for the 2028 Olympics.

At a groundbreaking ceremony attended by L.A. Mayor Karen Bass, City Council members, state lawmakers and project developers, officials celebrated the start of the project, which is expected to add 190,000 square feet of new exhibit space connecting the existing South and West halls and a 98,000-square-foot rooftop ballroom.

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TORRANCE

Council renews its international travel policy with an eye toward Olympics

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The Torrance City Council recently reaffirmed its international travel policy so members could continue researching the best way to advertise the city as a destination for the 2028 Summer Olympics and to keep hosting friendship games, such as the one that recently welcomed Dodger Shohei Ohtani’s father.

Those decisions, which the council approved 4-3 last week, came as the city has been ramping up its international outreach and cultivating relationships with numerous countries to entice them to choose the South Bay’s largest city as a host venue for the Olympics.

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