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Mass layoffs loom as shutdown takes hold



A sign tells visitors that part of the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum in Yorba Linda is closed Wednesday because of the federal government shutdown. JEFF GRITCHEN — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

White House threatens to skip furloughs, slash workforce instead

By Lisa Mascaro, Mary Clare **Jalonick and Stephen Groves** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

"Let's be honest, if this thing drags on," warned Vice President JD Vance during a visit to the White House briefing room, "we are going to have to lay people off."

Roughly 750,000 federal workers were expected to be furloughed, and some fired, by Trump's Republican

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Marion New. left, assists a Navy officer at the Pendleton Pantry. The government shutdown leaves military families unsure about their Oct. 15 paychecks. MINDY SCHAUER STAFF **PHOTOGRAPHER**

Military paychecks, food program, national parks and more may be affected by closures

By Claire Wang, Erika I. Ritchie and Steve Scauzillo STAFF WRITERS

Strained food banks, delayed paychecks for cash-strapped military families and grounded military planes from the big weekend air show.

These are just a few of the challenges Orange County agencies and community leaders are bracing for after the United States government shut down for the first time in nearly seven years when

lawmakers failed late Tuesday to pass a spending bill.

With furloughs and program closures imminent, here's what you need to

CAMP PENDLETON

With 150,000 active-duty military families living in Southern California, the groups with various missions to

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POLITICS

Southern California lawmakers blame each other for government shutdown

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It didn't take long after the government shutdown on the other side of the aisle licans have sent the House

to release scathing ads tying opponents to the inability to reach a funding deal.

"Republicans have control of Congress and the White started for lawmakers to cast House. But rather than negothe blame on their colleagues tiate with Democrats, Repub-

 or for campaign operations of Representatives home, said late Tuesday. canceled planned White House meetings until the eleventh hour, told Democrats to 'go (expletive) yourself,' and posted a racist AI video of Democratic leaders trying to avoid a shutdown," U.S. Sen. Alex Padilla, D-California,

And Rep. Darrell Issa, a Republican who represents California's 48th Congressional District in San Diego and Riverside counties, simply posted on X: "Everyone

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OBITUARY

Goodall, wildlife advocate, dies at 91

Primatologist, conservationist is renowned for her groundbreaking chimpanzee field research in '60s

By Hallie Golden THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jane Goodall, the conservationist renowned for her groundbreaking chimpanzee field research and globe-spanning environmental advocacy, has died.

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 science, and she was a tireless advocate for the protection and restoration of our natural world," it said.

While living among chimpanzees in Africa

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Inside: Pasadena group waiting to hear Jane Goodall speak Wednesday was shaken by her death. A7



Jane Goodall kisses Pola, a 14-month-old chimpanzee from the Budapest Zoo in Hungary on Dec. 20, 2004. BELA SZANDELSZKY - AP

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Solid ideas, some untruths compete at Irvine's nuclear waste meeting

Doomsday scenario: Terrorists commandeer a 747 and crash it into San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station's dry

waste storage pad. Are we all going to

Well, yes, someday. But probably not from

Before we address the outright nonsense

we heard, let us extend kudos to the good city of Irvine for its "high-stakes Study Session addressing public health and safety" on Tuesday. During this meet-

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