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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
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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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AQUATICS

School swim center gets renamed for revered coach

Long Beach City College holds ceremony in honor of Nitzkowski

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Long Beach City College has dedicated its new aquatics center in honor of Monte Nitzkowski, a decorated athlete, revered coach and an influential figure in the history of U.S. swimming and water polo.

The newly named facility recognizes Nitzkowski’s extraordinary contributions to LBCC, the sport of swimming and water polo and generations of student athletes, officials said.

College leadership and the Nitzkowski family celebrated the dedication of the now-named Monte Nitzkowski Aquatics Center, located on LBCC’s Liberal Arts Campus, on Wednesday.

“I wanted to reiterate how important it was that this was a grassroots movement,” Superintendent-President Mike Muñoz said during the ceremony, “and it came from his former students, his family and people in the community that really loved Monte and that wanted to secure and cement his

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CALIFORNIA

DMV unveils new driver’s license with security upgrades

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California drivers began receiving newly designed licenses Wednesday, the Department of Motor Vehicles announced.

The new driver’s licenses have an updated design and advanced security features, the department said in a statement.

An image of California’s redwood trees, poppies and coastline are accompanied by a digital security signature embedded in one of the two barcodes on the back, making California one of the first states to use this feature. New licenses no longer have the magnetic strip, which contains all of the information that is on front of the now-older licenses.

The updates are on the state-issued identification cards as well.

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