

WASHINGTON

House votes to end shutdown

President Trump set to sign the bill after weeks of political gridlock

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WASHINGTON — The House passed a bill Wednesday to end the nation’s longest government shutdown, sending the measure to President Donald Trump for his signature after a historic 43-day funding

lapse that saw federal workers go without multiple paychecks, travelers stranded at airports and people lining up at food banks to get a meal for their families. House lawmakers made their long-awaited return to the nation’s capital this week after nearly eight weeks away. Republicans used their slight majority to get the bill over the finish line with a mostly party-line vote of

222-209. The Senate has already passed the measure. Democrats wanted to extend an enhanced tax credit expiring at the end of the year that lowers the cost of health coverage obtained through Affordable Care Act marketplaces. They refused to go along with a short-term spending bill that did not include that priority. But Republicans said that was a separate policy fight to be held at another time.

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House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., and fellow Democrats speak on the health care funding fight at the Capitol in Washington on Wednesday. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ELECTIONS

Newsom ascendant in national 2028 talk



Gov. Gavin Newsom speaks onstage with his wife, Jennifer Siebel Newsom, at an election night news conference at a state Democratic Party office Nov. 4 in Sacramento. GODOFREDO A. VÁSQUEZ — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Analyst says governor ‘light years ahead’ of other Democratic contenders

By Jeanne Kuang CALMATTERS

Gov. Gavin Newsom has a message for Democrats around the country: Follow my lead. Declaring victory for California’s Proposition 50, his Democratic redistricting ballot measure, he named five other states led by Democrats and urged their governors to tilt their own congressional maps in favor of the party and help it secure the U.S. House in next year’s midterms. “We need to see other states, their remarkable leaders that have been doing remarkable things, meet this moment head-on as well,” he said. “We can de facto end Donald Trump’s presidency as we know it, the minute Speaker Jeffries gets sworn in as speaker of the House



Newsom hosts a Get Out the Vote rally Nov. 1 at the Los Angeles Convention Center to celebrate volunteers’ work on behalf of Proposition 50. PHOTO BY AXEL KOESTER

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POLITICS

Epstein note says Trump ‘knew about the girls’

White House called email release a Democratic smear

By Michael R. Sisak and Eric Tucker THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Jeffrey Epstein wrote in a 2019 email to a journalist that Donald Trump “knew about the girls,” according to documents made public Wednesday, but what he knew — and whether it pertained to the sex offender’s crimes — is unclear. The White House quickly accused Democrats of selectively leaking the emails to smear the president. Democrats on the House Oversight Committee released three emails referencing Trump, including one Epstein wrote in 2011 in which he told confidant Ghislaine Maxwell that Trump had “spent hours” at Epstein’s house with a sex trafficking victim. The disclosures seemed designed to raise new



Epstein

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Group launches effort for more sheriff oversight

Families of those who died in jail seek signatures for ballot measure

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A coalition of social justice groups has launched an initiative campaign to place a measure on the 2026 ballot to create a sheriff’s civilian oversight committee and office of inspector general. During a news conference Tuesday, members of the nonprofits and grassroots groups Riverside All of Us or None, Starting Over Strong and the Riverside Sheriff Accountability Coalition announced they have filed a notice of intent with the registrar

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