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A closed sign stands in front of the National Archives on the first day of a government shutdown, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2025, in Washington.

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Vote to end government shutdown fails in Senate

Democrats hold firm on health care demands

By Lisa Mascaro,
Mary Clare Jalonick
and Stephen Groves

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A vote to swiftly end the government shutdown failed Wednesday, as Democrats in the Senate held firm to the party's demands to fund health care subsidies that President Donald Trump and Republicans refuse to provide. The tally showed cracks in the Democrats' resolve on day

one of the shutdown but offered no breakthrough. Blame was being cast on all sides. The White House and Congress failed to strike an agreement to keep programs and services open, throwing the country into a new cycle of uncertainty. Vice President JD Vance warned of firings of federal workers ahead. "Let's be honest, if this thing drags on for another few days or, God forbid, another few weeks, we are going to have to

lay people off," Vance said during a visit to the White House briefing room. Roughly 750,000 federal workers were expected to be furloughed, with some potentially fired by Trump's Republican administration. Many offices will be shuttered, perhaps permanently, as the president vows to "do things that are irreversible" to punish Democrats. Trump's deportation agenda is expected to run full speed

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Texas halts commercial drivers licenses for many immigrants



Michael Gonzalez/For The Texas Tribune

Commercial trucks wait to be inspected by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers near the Veterans International Bridge in Brownsville on May 5, 2023.

By Colleen DeGuzman
THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

Texas will no longer issue or renew commercial driver's licenses to DACA recipients, refugees or people with asylum, the Texas Department of Public Safety announced Monday. Commercial driver's licenses, or CDLs, are for driving vehicles for business purposes, such as trucks carrying products or buses transporting people. It also includes other vehicles like cement and garbage trucks and party vans. The state classifies CDLs given to legal noncitizens as non-domicile. According to information obtained by Overdrive, a news orga

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The impact of the federal shutdown in Webb County

By Maria Ruiz
STAFF WRITER

As the federal government shutdown takes effect, services in Webb County are seeing mixed impacts — with some programs paused, others at risk of disruption and many continuing without interruption. The shutdown followed Congress' failure to reach a resolution to fund the 2026 fiscal year by the Sept. 30 deadline.

The last shutdown began in December 2018 and lasted 35 days — the longest in U.S. history. While the shutdown has deepened partisan divides over funding, millions of Americans, including those in Webb County, may see grant-funded social, health and utility assistance programs paused until a resolution is reached. Laredo Mayor Dr. Victor Trevino acknowledged the

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Courtesy/US Border Patrol Laredo Sector

U.S. Border Patrol Chief Mike Banks, left, reviews documents with Laredo Sector officials during a meeting in Laredo, Texas. The photo was released Friday, Sept. 5, 2025, by the agency on social media. U.S. Border Patrol is among the agencies required to continue operations amid the shutdown.

Leaders praise Davila's appointment as new chapter for local courts

By David Gomez Jr.
STAFF WRITER

Local officials celebrated the next chapter for Eduardo "Wayo" Davila Jr. Tuesday, the newest municipal court judge for the city of Laredo.

Judges, councilmembers and current and former leaders attended the swearing-in ceremony, three months after he was selected as a new municipal court judge. Davila said it marks an im

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Municipal Court Judge Eduardo "Wayo" Davila Jr., is all smiles as he poses for a photo with friends at his swear-in ceremony on Sept. 30, 2025, at the Laredo Municipal Court.

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