

Hogs in Hot Springs

Coach John Calipari, Razorbacks head south for scrimmage. — Sports, 1C



'Howitzers of Grid'

Arkansas Travelers Army football team was 1940s media sensation. — Style, 1D

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In the news

■ **Jukka Tuhkuri**, a Finnish researcher and co-discoverer of the Antarctic wreck of Ernest Shackleton's ship *Endurance*, has concluded it was doomed by a poorly reinforced hull and not the ice floes the famed explorer wrote of in 1915.

■ **Raffaele Iannella**, an Italian prosecutor, found no mechanical problems, only human error, in July's motorized paragliding crash that killed "Fearless Felix" Baumgartner who, when 13 years younger, jumped from an altitude of 24 miles to become the first human to break the sound barrier with his body.

■ **Paul Biya** knows "the unfulfilled expectations that make you doubt the future," the 92-year-old Cameroonian president told a stadium crowd as the world's oldest head of state asked for an eighth seven-year term.

■ **Leslie Trundy** has noticed her Bath, Maine, students "seem really different in a good way" after the high school counselor started taking rule-breakers assigned to detention on 3-mile hikes instead of sending them sit at their desks after school.

■ **Muhammad Dandar**, a Syrian police officer, said the nation is trying to eliminate the dangerous tradition of celebratory gunfire at weddings with \$100 fines and the seizing of the weapon or lockup of a male relative until it's handed over though, at least, "We don't take the groom."

■ **Sergio Maya**, voted best performer in the first-ever "Mexico Sings" competition that aims to shift the nation's pop music away from violent drug-trafficking lyrics, told watchers, "with love we can sing for hope and for the Mexico we all want to build."

■ **John Fawcett** said "it was wild" how many people showed up at his Brentwood, Calif., gas station to welcome back the fiberglass dinosaur returned by a thief after 10 days with a note taped to its neck reading, "I'm sorry for stealing Claire! Please do not press charges! Thanks."

■ **António Guterres** said "gains are fragile and — very worryingly — going in reverse" as the U.N. chief marked the 25th anniversary of a resolution demanding equal roles for women in all efforts to promote peace.

■ **Emmanuel Macron**, president of France, posted, "The Republic is always stronger than hatred," in response to graffiti on the tomb of former French Justice Minister Robert Badinter denigrating Badinter's successful efforts to abolish the nation's death penalty and decriminalize homosexuality.

Funding lapse set to grow in impact

Economic ripple effects foreseen

JACOB BOGAGE AND HANNAH NATANSON THE WASHINGTON POST
The ongoing government shutdown will collide with the U.S. economy this week, as missed paychecks and the absence of billions of dollars of government services reverberate beyond federal workers and sting the broader public.

President Donald Trump and lawmakers in Congress remain deadlocked heading into a third week of shuttered federal agencies. Republicans control both chambers of Congress but lack the votes in the Senate to defeat a filibuster of legislation to fund ongoing operations. Democrats insist that Trump and the GOP must cut a deal to preserve health insurance subsidies as part of an agreement to reopen the government.

The shutdown has already caused nationwide flight delays, closed taxpayer help lines at the Internal Revenue Service, snarled permitting approvals at the Environmental Protection Agency and Transportation Department, and shut off access to national parks.

Workers vital to national security and protecting government property remain on the job unpaid, but others — some 750,000, according to congressional bookkeepers — have been furloughed. The Trump administration laid off some 4,000 workers Friday.

On Sunday, the president ordered the Pentagon to repurpose research and development funding to make payroll for members of the military, who

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Israel: Hostages set for release



Two Palestinian girls pull a cart loaded with belongings as they walk along the heavily damaged Al-Jalaa Street in Gaza City on Sunday after Israel and Hamas agreed to a pause in their war and the release of the remaining hostages. (AP/Abdel Kareem Hana)

Trump plans trip to region to mark deal

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CAIRO — Israel said Sunday it expected all living hostages held in Gaza to be released Monday in its breakthrough ceasefire deal with Hamas, as Palestinians awaited the release of hundreds of prisoners held in Israel and a surge of aid into the famine-stricken territory.

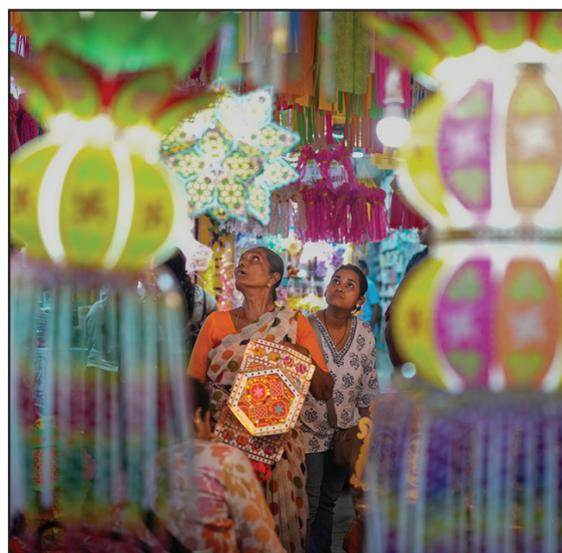
"In a few hours, we will all be reunited," Israel's military chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir, said in a statement.

U.S. President Donald Trump planned to visit Israel and Egypt on Monday to celebrate the ceasefire announced last week in the two-year-long war.

"The war is over," Trump told reporters traveling with him to the region ahead of the expected release of hostages from Gaza. "I think people are tired of it," he said, emphasizing that he believed the cease-

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Diwali preparations



Lanterns are displayed for sale at roadside stalls as people shop ahead of Diwali in Mumbai, India, on Sunday. (AP/Rafiq Maqbool)

Shutdown freezes ARDOT projects' federal funding

AMIR MAHMOUD ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

The Arkansas Department of Transportation is dealing with the effects of the federal government shutdown, with dollars from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law or Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act frozen as a result of the shutdown.

The shutdown began Oct. 1 and has left parts of the federal government without funding. According to Kevin Thornton, chief of administration for the Transportation Department, the shut-

down is having an effect on the department's federal funds for fiscal 2026.

"Because we do not have an appropriations bill or a CR (continuing resolution), we do not have access to our 2026 IJA funds," Thornton said during Wednesday's Arkansas Highway Commission meeting. "Additionally, we will not have access to the 2026 IJA funds until Congress and the president can agree on a CR or a full year's appropriations bill."

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Legislator pushes for state to license pot dispensaries

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State Rep. RJ Hawk wants to know why it is taking so long for the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Commission to award the final two dispensary licenses.

That is why he is calling officials from the Department of Finance and Administration, which oversees medical marijuana regulation, and

the attorney general's office in front of the Arkansas Legislative Council's Medical Marijuana Subcommittee on Monday.

Hawk, R-Bryant, is co-chair of the subcommittee and said he hopes the meeting, scheduled for 11 a.m., will help push regulators into moving forward with approving rules that will allow the state to award the final

dispensary licenses.

"We're not creating the rule, right, but we are going to discuss options on what the commission is going to do to adopt the rule," Hawk said.

For the last two licenses to be awarded, the Medical Marijuana Commission would first need to approve rules to do so.

The commission said in September it planned to

gather for a special meeting to approve the rules but has yet to do so.

Under the commission's old rules, it awarded dispensary licenses through a scoring system, awarding points to applicants based on a long list of criteria.

But the commission had been blocked from awarding the licenses due to an order issued by a Pulaski County

circuit judge presiding over a racial discrimination lawsuit filed by Absolute Essence, one of the applicants that scored just below Green Remedies Group and T and C Management.

However, in October 2024, Absolute Essence withdrew its case and the judge granted its request to dismiss the lawsuit without prejudice, freeing

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Guard's arrival evokes memories of '68 unrest

Memphians decry deployment order

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MEMPHIS — As National Guard troops arrive in Memphis, the memory of thousands of them with bayoneted rifles and tanks in 1968 is still fresh for Joe Calhoun. Back then, he marched in the streets with sanitation workers and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

King had come to support some 1,300 predominantly Black sanitation workers striking to protest inhumane treatment after a malfunctioning garbage truck killed two laborers. King led a demonstration in late March, but it turned violent when police and protesters clashed and an officer fatally

shot a 16-year-old. The National Guard quickly lined the streets in response.

"You felt very uncomfortable just going about your daily routine, especially at night," Calhoun said. "They were stopping cars and randomly picking people out."

Al Lewis, then 14, still recalls a week later when Walter Cronkite said on television that King had been shot and killed in his city. Almost immediately, gunfire broke out in a cacophony Lewis said he had not heard in such volume other than on New

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Members of the 117th Military Police Battalion of the National Guard conduct a community safety patrol at Tom Lee Park in Memphis on Sunday. (AP/George Walker IV)

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