

Shutdown pain soon to reach the public

Absences of paychecks,
government services are
set to slam economy

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The ongoing government shut-down 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 the 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
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Democrats bet anew on Obamacare as a wedge

Some Republicans worry
efforts to roll back the
program will backfire

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Republicans have tried more than 70 times over the past 15 years to weaken or kill Obamacare. But their campaign keeps backfiring.

The sweeping tax-and-spending bill President Donald Trump signed this summer got his party closer to that goal than ever before. Though never marketed as a repeal, it unraveled much of the law and is expected to eventually push millions of people who gained insurance since the Affordable Care Act's passage off the rolls.

Even that legislative achievement is proving politically fraught.

As the partial government shutdown stretches into another week, the White House and a growing number of congressional Republicans are worried that Democrats' demand to boost Obamacare as part of any bill to reopen the government is

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A woman looks at notes written for hostages in the Tel Aviv plaza known as Hostages Square on Sunday. Hamas and other factions were expected to transfer the 20 hostages who were still alive early Monday to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Homeless in college, a parking lot provided refuge

A safe spot to sleep
on campus became a
lifeline for one student

BY REIS THEBAULT

LONG BEACH, CALIF. — To most at Long Beach City College, there's nothing special about Parking Lot N — just another drab slab of asphalt near the center of campus.

But to Edgar Rosales Jr., the lot has been a lifeline. Each evening, around 8 p.m., it transforms into a refuge for students with nowhere else to go. For roughly a year, Rosales has joined handfuls of his classmates here, parking his gold '07

Lexus sedan in one of 15 spaces allotted to the school's homeless undergrads.

Night after night, Rosales, 39, has blacked out his windows and tipped back his passenger seat, trying to catch a few hours of sleep with his heels pressed against the floorboard, knees aching and battery-powered fan whirring in the stifling Southern California heat.

As the United States contends with an escalating homelessness epidemic, more people than ever are living in their cars — including college students like Rosales — many juggling jobs, family and their studies. Local governments and nonprofits have increasingly embraced "safe parking programs," secure lots that allow people to sleep in their vehicles overnight, but

they remain rare on campuses.

"The number one word in my head is: survive, survive, survive," said Rosales, a former long-haul truck driver.

Long Beach City College, a community college, is led by a president who was once homeless himself. It has no dorms, but is one of the only schools in the country to offer its un-housed students a safe parking option. In California, capital of the housing crisis, it's badly needed. One in 5 community college students in the state has been homeless in the past year, a recent study found.

Parking lots are nobody's idea of a permanent housing solution. But, proponents say, they can be an effective stopgap, and they're a lot better than the alternative: students left to fend

for themselves, searching for spots to sleep on potentially dangerous city streets. That's where Rosales was before he found LBCC's safe parking program: driving through Long Beach's roughest neighborhoods, a different dark corner every night. Without the school lot, he said, he would have dropped out.

"It's been my home," Rosales said. "It's consistently given me somewhere to be every night. They never kicked me out."

Still, this is not how he pictured college.

His school days begin when the sun shines through the cracks in his car windows. Jolted awake, Rosales unsticks himself from his torn leather seat and stashes his pillows in the

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On one city block, influencers, protesters clash

A phalanx of conservative social media stars works to support Trump's claim that Portland is burning

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PORTLAND, ORE. — During the four hours Nick Sortor sat in jail on the morning of Oct. 3, the conservative influencer wondered if anyone even knew he'd been arrested. He could make local calls, but he didn't know anyone's number in Portland.

Outside, though, his online allies were blaring the news: A right-wing journalist — and not the leftists who assaulted him at an ICE protest — had been arrested by Portland police. Within hours of his release, Sortor had a message from Donald Trump, via a White House aide: "Nick, I saw you on television," the message read. "Great job. We're behind you 100%. Let us know if there's anything we can do. ... President DJT"

Over the next few days, conservative media spotlighted Sortor's arrest to amplify Trump's claims that leftists were engaging in destructive mayhem in Portland. By Wednesday, Sortor himself was at the White House, addressing a roundtable where Department of

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Right-wing streamers at an ICE detention facility, in Portland, Oregon, on Oct. 5. Influencers have tried to amplify President Donald Trump's claims that left-wing protesters are engaging in mayhem.

Israel awaits hostage release

FAMILIES GATHER
IN TEL AVIV

Palestinian prisoners
also expected to be freed

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TEL AVIV — Crowds of Israelis — dancing, singing and holding vigil — gathered Sunday in central Tel Aviv as they awaited the expected release of the remaining hostages held by Hamas and allied militants in Gaza, a key step toward ending the war and rebuilding the shattered Palestinian enclave.

Officials said the release would begin early Monday, ahead of a planned visit by President Donald Trump, whose administration helped broker a ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas last week. "This is an emotional evening, an evening of tears, an evening of joy because tomorrow, children will return to their border," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday in a video statement.

Hamas and other factions will first transfer the 20 hostages who are still alive to the International Committee of the Red Cross, possibly releasing them from multiple points inside the Gaza Strip, officials said. The ICRC will then hand the hostages over to Israeli authorities, while "later in the day, we are expecting to receive the bodies of those who have been murdered in captivity," an Israeli

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In Mideast, security ties grew during war

Files reveal Arab, Israeli
military officials attended
U.S.-facilitated meetings

BY DAVID KENNER

Even as key Arab states condemned the war in the Gaza Strip, they quietly expanded security cooperation with the Israeli military, leaked U.S. documents reveal. Those military ties were thrown into crisis after Israel's September airstrike in Qatar, but could now play a key role in overseeing the nascent ceasefire in Gaza.

Over the past three years, facilitated by the United States, senior military officials from Israel and six Arab countries came together for planning meetings in Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan and Qatar.

Israel and Hamas agreed on Wednesday to the first phase of a peace framework that would result in the release of all the hostages held by Hamas and a partial Israeli withdrawal from Gaza. U.S. officials announced on Thursday that 200 U.S. troops would be sent to Israel to provide support to the ceasefire

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