



DODGERS MANAGER Dave Roberts hoists the Commissioner's Trophy as the bus navigates the crowd.

Before holidays, airport delays worsen

Shutdown and air traffic controller shortage have already created travel havoc.

By Hannah Fry

The government shutdown is beginning to cause more sustained delays at airports across the country due to a shortage in air traffic controllers that could get worse as the busy holiday travel season approaches. Airport interruptions have been largely sporadic. But this weekend was the worst for air traffic control staffing since the shutdown began last month. The Federal Aviation Administration reported Friday that a “surge in callouts” among air traffic controllers had left at least half of the 30 busiest airports across the country understaffed, leading to widespread delays. Two of Southern California’s busiest airports — Los Angeles International Airport and San Diego International Airport — experienced average flight delays of at least an hour on Sunday.

And it might be just the beginning as the government shutdown, soon expected to be the longest on record, heads into its second month at the same time as travelers prepare to fly to spend time with loved ones around Thanksgiving. “I think it’s only going to get worse,” Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said in an interview on CBS’ “Face the Nation.”

Nearly 13,000 air traffic controllers have been working without pay for weeks, resulting in high levels of fatigue and stress among staff tasked with keeping the skies safe while wrestling with personal financial pressures. The most recent delays across the country began on Thursday when the FAA warned in an advisory that there would be “no certified traffic controllers available” at Orlando International Airport. By the evening, the airport reported average delays of nearly three hours, with some flights delayed for much longer or canceled. On Friday, the FAA reported that the staffing shortage had caused delays for flights bound for a host of airports including those in San Francisco, Boston, Dallas, Houston, Phoenix and Washington, D.C. From Friday through Sunday, more than 16,000 flights within, [See Airport, A7]

‘BACK-TO-BACK, BABY!’ DODGERS PUT REIGN ON PARADE

Thousands fill downtown Los Angeles to celebrate dramatic run to another title

By Christopher Buchanan, Jack Flemming, Daniel Miller and Grace Toohey

Downtown Los Angeles was transformed into a sea of Dodger blue and white Monday, as thousands of fans from across Southern California filled the streets to get a glimpse of the back-to-back World Series champs. Crowds at Metro stations and around downtown broke out into spontaneous “Go Dodgers” cheers and chants while fans awaited the team’s celebratory parade before a rally at Dodger Stadium, capping off the team’s World Series run with a dramatic Game 7 finisher. Fans lined staircases, scaled streetlights, packed freeway overpasses and crammed into balconies along the parade route, in hopes of a better view of the dynasty-making Dodgers, who secured baseball’s most coveted title with a star-studded lineup that hailed from around the globe — similar to the city of immigrants it represents. Some said they arrived before sunrise to secure prime parade-route seats. Parents

joked about cases of the “Dodger flu” allowing their school-age children to join in the historic day. Angelenos from all walks of life danced and cheered as stereos and car speakers blasted Kendrick Lamar, Ice Cube, Nate Dogg and, of course, Randy Newman’s “I Love L.A.” “Back-to-back, baby!” a teenager shouted over the chorus of vuvuzelas and music. The citywide celebration mostly featured good-natured revelry, but the Los Angeles Police Department reported at least one severe injury as officers attempted to clear downtown streets after the parade. It wasn’t immediately clear what happened, but the LAPD issued a dispersal order around 1 p.m., about an hour after the parade ended. The agency reported that some rowdy fans refused to leave the area, including a DJ who set up and played music for an estimated 700 people. Several others also set off fireworks. [See Dodgers, A6]

More coverage: Dodgers vow to keep this ride going with a three-peat. B10

Can giving homeless people \$750 a month help them secure housing?

By Andrew Khouri

Does giving someone who is homeless \$750 a month help them get back on their feet enough to secure stable housing? Researchers at USC attempted to answer that question and came up with a less than firm conclusion: Maybe. According to the year-long study published last month, of the unhoused people who received the cash

stipend, 48% exited homelessness, compared with 43% in a control group of homeless individuals who did not receive money. Although those who received \$750 a month were more likely to become permanently housed, the difference wasn’t large enough to be statistically significant and to say definitively that the cash was the reason for improved outcomes, said Benjamin Henwood, director of USC’s Center for Homelessness, Housing and

Health Equity Research. At the same time, the study found participants used the money to bring more stability to their lives and overwhelmingly spent the cash on essentials such as food, transportation and clothing — not drugs and alcohol. “These findings highlight the strengths and limitations of cash transfers,” the authors wrote in a report. Henwood put it like this: [See Study, A6]



META’S NEW STORE
The West Hollywood location offers customers the option to try out the company’s smart glasses and virtual reality headsets. **BUSINESS, A9**

Trump rejects shutdown talks
As the federal crisis nears record length, the president says he “won’t be extorted” by Democrats. **NATION, A4**
Shade is tough to find at schools
Public K-12 campuses in California lack trees and other greenery, a multiyear study finds. **CALIFORNIA, B1**
Weather
Partly sunny. L.A. Basin: 71/58. **B6**
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ANALYSIS

For Newsom, Prop. 50 could prove pivotal

The governor, while weighing presidential run, takes yet another big political gamble.

By Melody Gutierrez

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Gavin Newsom stepped to the microphone at the state Democratic headquarters in mid-August with the conviction of a man certain he was on the right side of history, bluntly saying California has a moral obligation to thwart President Trump’s attempt to tilt the balance of Congress. Over the next 2½ months, Newsom became the public face of Proposition 50, a measure designed to help Democrats win control of the U.S. House of Representatives by temporarily redrawing California’s congressional districts. Newsom took that leap

despite tepid support for a gerrymandering measure in early polls. With Tuesday’s election, the fate of Proposition 50 arrives at a pivotal moment for Newsom, who last week acknowledged publicly that he’s weighing a 2028 presidential run. The outcome will test not only his political instincts but also his ability to deliver on a measure that has national attention fixed squarely on him. From the outset, Newsom paired his conviction with caution. “I’m mindful of the hard work ahead,” Newsom said in August, shortly after lawmakers placed Proposition 50 on the ballot. It was familiar territory for a governor who has built a career on high-stakes political bets. As San Francisco mayor, his decision to issue same-sex marriage licenses in 2004 made him a progressive icon. It also drew ac- [See Newsom, A14]

Food aid will be partially funded

The change follows rulings requiring the Trump administration to keep SNAP going.

By Geoff Mulvihill and Kimberlee Kruesi

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — President Trump’s administration said Monday that it will partially fund SNAP for November, after two judges issued rulings requiring the government to keep the nation’s largest food aid program running. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which oversees the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, had planned to freeze payments starting Nov. 1 because it said it could no longer keep funding it during the federal government shutdown. The program serves about 1 in 8 Americans and is a major piece of the nation’s social

safety net. It costs more than \$8 billion per month nationally. The government says an emergency fund it will use has \$4.65 billion — enough to cover about half the normal benefits. Exhausting the fund potentially sets the stage for a similar situation in December if the shutdown isn’t resolved by then. It’s not clear exactly how much beneficiaries will receive, nor how quickly they will see value show up on the debit cards they use to buy groceries. November payments have already been delayed for millions of people. “The Trump Administration has the means to fund this program in full, and their decision not to will leave millions of Americans hungry and waiting even longer for relief as government takes the additional steps needed to partially fund this program,” Massachusetts Atty. Gen. Andrea [See SNAP, A7]



NEW FACILITIES at a DWP plant in Van Nuys will be able to purify enough water for 500,000 people.

Sewage-to-faucet recycling to expand

By Ian James

In a plan that will reverberate more than 300 miles north at Mono Lake, Los Angeles city leaders have decided to nearly double the wastewater that will be transformed into drinking water at the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant in Van Nuys. Instead of treating 25 million gallons per day as originally planned, the L.A. Board of Water and Power Commissioners voted to purify 45 million gallons, enough water for 500,000 people. Board President Richard

Katz said this will enable the city to stop taking water from Sierra streams that feed Mono Lake — a major shift that will address longstanding demands by environmentalists, who criticize L.A. for failing to allow the lake to rise to a healthy level. “This is a solution with lots of winners,” Katz said. Once the recycled water starts flowing, he said, “we won’t need Mono Lake water to meet the supplies in L.A.” He and other board members said the plan will help L.A. weather droughts, become more locally self-sufficient and take less water from distant sources. [See Water, A14]