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Guyandotte's Swinefest kicks off Wednesday

By CHARLIE HOUSE
THE PARTHENON

Swinefest 2013 kicks off Wednesday in Huntington's Guyandotte neighborhood.

Rick Simmons, the festival's founder, said it started seven years ago with a desire to promote the community.

"People looked down on Guyandotte in the past, and Swinefest has put it on the map," he said. "It brings the community together and gives kids something to do."

The festival has grown quite a bit since its inception. Simmons said 6,000 to 8,000 people are expected to attend, a far cry from the festival's humble beginnings of two pigs and a van in a church parking lot.

Swinefest opens Wednesday with a preview of the carnival open through Saturday and a performance from Band of One.

Thursday's festivities include a street fair, a parade and an old-fashioned street dance featuring local radio celebrity Jack O'Shea. Ride wristbands can also be purchased at a \$2 discount with a donation of canned goods.

Friday includes an appearance by Heroes4Hire, haunted cemetery tours, wrestling, music from Gary Sellards and the Stoned Country band and Band of One, and Midnight Madness on the Midway.

Saturday features the Total Black Out Competition, an auction, a barn dance at the Maddie Carol House, a Zombie Walk and another round of haunted cemetery tours.

Specializing in horror makeup and application, I.R. Zombi Studios will be at the Zombie Walk with Visual Vindication, a Huntington-based production company that tells stories of "the different and the abnormal," according to its Facebook page. It will be shooting stock footage for an upcoming commercial. Custom makeup application, masks and other special effects goods will be available for purchase. Jeremy Ambler, a native of White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., and one of the "walkers" featured in the AMC series "The Walking Dead" is also scheduled to appear.

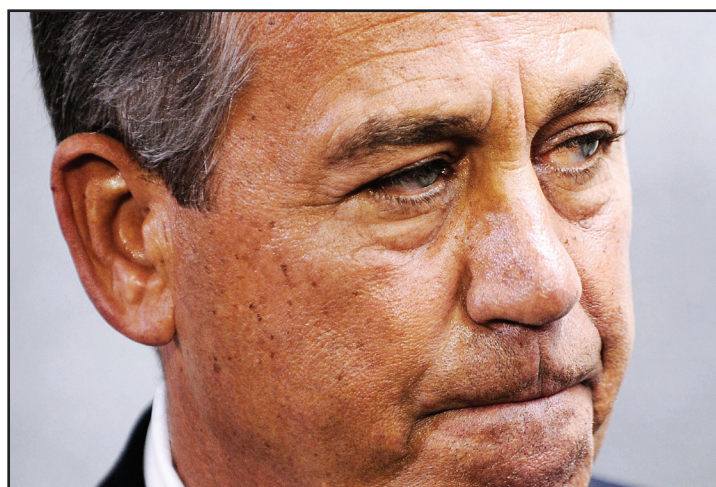
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SHUTDOWN

Congress fails to reach midnight compromise, deadlock initiates first shutdown since '96



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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE JOHN BOEHNER (R-OH)



PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

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SGA plans for semester over Sunday Retreat

By MORGAN WRIGHT
THE PARTHENON

Student Government Association had its Student Government Retreat on Sunday in the Student Resource Center to brainstorm ideas for the upcoming semester and year, teach new Senate members how SGA operates and participate in team building activities. In attendance were executive members, Senators and advisors Vanessa Keadle and Matt James.

The Student Government Retreat is a day where the executive staff and Senate meet together to collaborate and go over basic SGA functions for new members. They discuss what a Senate and funding bill is, how to submit a funding packet, how to read and write a resolution and more.

Chief of Staff Jordan Wooldridge said he believes that this is essential to new members because it teaches them how to take proactive steps during their time in SGA.

"If a member feels that there is something important to them that they would like to see implemented on campus, now they have the tools to write their own resolution and bring it before the Senate," Wooldridge said.

The retreat is also used to help new members understand roles and functions of executive members. Executive staff gave an overview of what each position does to make Senators aware of how the executive branch can help benefit them.

A main goal for SGA this year was to make the new Senators feel more connected to the executive members.

"In the past there seems like there has been an invisible wall between executive members and the Senate," Wooldridge said. "Now it seems like Student Government is more unified. We wanted to build the bridge back from the executive staff to the Senate."

Executive members hope that this semester the relationship between Senators and executive staff will be stronger than in year's past. They plan to continue making stronger relationship connections with members of the Senate to create a smooth and successful year for SGA.

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New York Law School dean emeritus headlines Amicus Curiae lecture

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The Amicus Curiae lecture series begins Oct. 8 with a talk by James F. Simon, the dean emeritus of New York Law School and the author of eight books on American history, law and politics.

Simon will be talking about his most recent book, "FDR and Chief Justice Hughes: The President, The Supreme Court, and the Epic Battle Over the New Deal."

The lecture will be presented at 7 p.m. in the Marshall University Foundation Hall in the Erickson Alumni Center.

Simon's book has been praised by critics and legal experts, including Jeffrey Toobin, who called it "an elegant dual biography of the incomparable FDR and a formidable chief justice." Journalist Bob Woodward, who has written about the Supreme Court, called it "a

spectacular book, brilliantly conceived and executed."

Jean Edward Smith, a former Marshall political science faculty member who has written about President Franklin D. Roosevelt, described Simon's book as a "marvelously written, meticulously researched study."

In addition to his career in higher education, Simon has been a commentator for the

television series "The Supreme Court" on PBS. He also has been a legal affairs correspondent and contributing editor for the Time magazine.

Simon's lecture is free and open to the public. Each lecture in the series begins at 7 p.m.

Simon's appearance is the first of five lectures scheduled this academic year in the Amicus Curiae series.

University hosts Unity Walk Celebration Tuesday

By KATY LEWIS
THE PARTHENON

The second annual We Are... Family! Unity Walk Celebration will take place at Marshall University Oct. 1 at the Memorial Student Center.

The Unity Walk will kick off at 6 p.m. at the Marshall Recreation Center. Students will walk through campus, chanting and celebrating, as members of the Marshall University community.

All individuals are encouraged to come celebrate with Marshall University student organizations, resident teams, athletic teams, fraternities and sororities during the Unity

Walk and following celebration.

Organizations participating during the walk are asked to wear matching attire and create a banner to represent their group. Judges will vote on the most creative banner and select an organization to receive the banner award.

The original Unity Walk Celebration was created in 2012 as a way to give students, faculty and staff an opportunity to come together and celebrate.

Maurice Cooley, director of the Center for African American Students, said that last year there were approximately 1,100 students and about 44 student clubs and organizations

that participated, but this year the goal is to have at least 1,500 students in attendance.

Cooley said there were roughly 65 student clubs, organizations and teams that are planning to participate in the event at a meeting last week. Some of these groups include: Student Affairs, Housing and Residence Life, INTO, Student Government Association, Marshall Maniacs, Marshall University Alumni Association, Multicultural Affairs and the Center for African American Students.

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Minn. law against encouraging suicide violates First Amendment, court rules

By ROCHELLE OLSON
STAR TRIBUNE (MCT)

A Minnesota law that bars advising or encouraging suicide violates the U.S. Constitution's free speech protections, the state Court of Appeals ruled Monday in an unpublished opinion.

The law "chills a significant amount of protected speech that does not bear a necessary relationship" to the state's goal of preventing suicide, a three-judge panel of the court said.

In a footnote, the court said the term "encourages" in the law "plausibly encompasses

urging" suicide, but it is "not necessarily" the same as causing someone to commit suicide through "undue influence or distress." The latter would likely be unprotected speech, the court said.

The 18-page ruling came in a case in which members of a Tallahassee, Fla.-based group, Final Exit Network Inc., sought to dismiss Dakota County indictments for violating the law. Despite the court's determination that the law was overly restrictive, the indictments against the group and two members will stand because

the court determined Final Exit went beyond merely advising suicide to the point of assisting.

The court sent the case back to Dakota County District Court, possibly for trial against two members of the group. But the group could also ask the entire Court of Appeals to hear the case and/or appeal to the state Supreme Court. The higher court is not required to hear the case, but a separate case is pending with the court regarding a Faribault man convicted of assisting two suicides.

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NEWS

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DEADLOCKED GOVERNMENT CRUISES TOWARD SHUTDOWN

Stocks fall as government shuts down



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Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-OH), flanked by Reps. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) and Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), speaks at a press conference after a Republican Conference meeting at the U.S. Capitol, Monday, Sept. 30, in Washington, DC.

By ANITA KUMAR, WILLIAM DOUGLAS and LESLEY CLARK
MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

A divided Congress was deadlocked Monday over the budget and health-care, pointing to a partial shutdown of the government for the first time in nearly two decades.

A shutdown could delay Social Security payments, shutter national parks and museums and furlough hundreds of thousands of employees.

Republicans who control the House of Representatives planned to vote Monday on funding the government for two months while delaying the new federal health care law's mandate that Americans be required to have insurance. Earlier in the day, the Democratic-led Senate flatly rejected an earlier House proposal that would have postponed the entire health care law.

The two chambers spent Monday engaged in a high-stakes political showdown as the government neared the end of the fiscal year at midnight EDT with no law in place to finance parts of it. Some were on automatic, such as entitlements, and some were considered essential and set to remain operating even without a budget, such as the military.

President Barack Obama said in a televised address to the nation Monday that he held out hope Republicans and Democrats on Capitol Hill could find a solution, but he insisted again that he would not negotiate over the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, dubbed Obamacare, or on a coming clash over whether Congress should raise the debt ceiling and avoid a first-of-its kind default on its debts.

"One faction of one party in one house of Congress in one branch of government doesn't get to shut down the entire government to refight an

election," Obama said. "Keeping the people's government open is not a concession to me. It's our basic responsibility."

Obama and congressional leaders had yet to begin serious negotiations Monday, according to aides, but the president said he hoped to speak to them before the day's end.

A defiant House Speaker John Boehner insisted Monday that the House would not budge.

"The House had done its work," said Boehner, R-Ohio. "It's time for the Senate to listen to the American people just like the House has listened to the American people."

The House voted Sunday to keep the government open through Dec. 15, with its plan to delay the health care law, permanently kill a tax on medical devices that would help finance the law after that; and added a "conscience clause" to the health care law allowing employers to deny women contraception coverage. The Senate voted 54-46 along party lines Monday to table, or basically kill, the House bill.

Later Monday, House Republicans announced that they intend to vote on a bill that would delay the health care's individual mandate provision by one year and cancel federal health insurance subsidies for members of Congress, their staffs, the president and his appointees.

"There should be no special treatment for the well-connected under Obamacare," said House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va. "Delaying the individual mandate and withdrawing special exemptions for Congress is the fair thing to do, and I encourage Senate Democrats to keep the government open, rather than close it in order to protect themselves and their friends."

Effects of the shutdown

The federal government will shut down due to Congress' failure to reach a compromise to fund the government beyond Sept. 30. Examples of services affected in a government shutdown:



Parks, museums

- National Park Service says 401 sites would close; the Smithsonian, other museums, monuments would close; 7 million visitors turned away during 1996 shutdown



Armed forces and veterans

- Military would continue to work but get IOUs for paychecks during shutdown
- Health care and other services for veterans could be curtailed



Social Security

- Social Security payments will continue; new and replacement Social Security cards will not be issued; of the 44,074 operations workers, 2,569 would be furloughed



Federal workers and services

- About 800,000 workers out of 2 million could be furloughed without pay
- Applications for U.S. passports and U.S. visa applications could be delayed



Small business, housing

- Small Business Administration would stop approving loans
- New Federal Housing Administration loans for low-income borrowers not processed



Health, environment

- No new patients accepted for clinical research at National Institutes of Health
- Environmental Protection Agency review of environmental impact statements would stop

Source: Congressional Research Service, Office of Management and Budget, AP
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Inspectors to head to Syria to begin disabling poison gas equipment

By SHASHANK BENGALI
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU (MCT)

The fast-paced effort to eliminate Syria's chemical weapons will kick off Tuesday when the first 20 international experts arrive in Damascus to prepare for field inspections.

The advance team will meet Syrian officials to lay the groundwork for an effort that aims to impound, dismantle, remove or destroy all of President Bashar Assad's toxic weapons by mid-2014 under a United Nations Security Council resolution approved Friday.

The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the international body that is conducting the work, said 20 additional inspectors will go to

Syria next week to start disabling the equipment used to assemble chemical munitions. Once complete, the threat of future poison gas attacks by Syrian forces would be removed.

"In the first week they will be setting up operations and getting things primed for the hands-on, formal verification work next week," OPCW spokesman Michael Luhan said by telephone Monday from The Hague, where the organization is based.

"So far, at this point, we have nothing we can complain about in terms of cooperation," Luhan said. "We make no assumptions about the future, but for now it's businesslike and cooperative and efficient."

The inspectors' first priority is to disable the equipment used to mix precursor chemicals into sarin or VX nerve gases and pour the lethal material into bombs, shells and rockets. Inspectors will seek to destroy the mixing and filling apparatus by Nov. 1 by removing parts, pouring concrete into machines, running engines without motor oil until they seize up, and other mostly low-tech methods.

The teams will include chemists, technical specialists and medical personnel trained to respond to an accidental release of poison gas. With Syria still engaged in a civil war, the inspectors will travel in convoys with unarmed U.N. guards and under the

protection of Syrian military forces.

Assad has pledged to cooperate with the plan, which has gathered speed in the two weeks since he acceded to the Chemical Weapons Convention of 1993, the international treaty that bans the production, storage or use of chemical warfare agents. He subsequently disclosed an initial list of his production and storage sites to the OPCW, which monitors implementation of the treaty.

The advance team, which gathered Monday in Beirut, includes experts who will help Syrian officials complete the legal paperwork needed to disclose their chemical sites. OPCW officials said Syria submitted documents

that were not properly formatted under the treaty.

Western officials said Assad's list, which has not been released, was roughly consistent with U.S. intelligence estimates of his operation.

Assad said his government will comply with the Security Council resolution, which demands Syria relinquish its chemical weapons by the middle of next year or face unspecified consequences.

"Of course we have to comply," Assad told Italy's RAI News 24 in a televised interview. "This is our history to comply with every treaty we sign."

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SPORTS

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Men's soccer falls to No. 25 New Mexico 3-1

By **ANDREW HARRISON**
THE PARTHENON

The Thundering Herd men's soccer team fell in its Conference USA opener against No. 25 New Mexico Monday, Sept. 30 at Veteran's Memorial Soccer Complex.

This was the second meeting between the two teams, as both programs faced each other in the 2002 season in Las Vegas. In that contest, New Mexico shutout the Thundering Herd 3-0.

Early in the game, the Herd pressured the back line of the Lobos and began getting shots early and often, but had not been able to connect any true shots on goal. The Lobos re-tailed that effort and struck the twine of the Herd's net twice in the first half.

"We knew they were a quality team and a very experienced team," said Marshall head coach Bob Gray. "They have gone far into the NCAA tournament and we were just hoping to go toe to toe with them."

A penalty in the late stages of the first half allowed for the Herd to chip away at the Lobos lead. Zach Hunter made the penalty goal to give the Herd its first score of the game.



Junior mid-fielder Jahvon Allison breaks away from a New Mexico defender Monday, Aug. 30 at Veteran's Memorial Soccer Complex.

At the start of the second half the back and forth battle continued as both teams continued the fast pace effort. With the fast pace of each team sloppy play began to rear its head.

The Lobos continued to put pressure on the Herd's back line of defense, ultimately

resulting in another Lobos goal, putting the game seemingly out of reach for the Herd.

Marshall had many opportunities throughout game.

"We had our chances and we had three, four and five good chances late in the first half," Gray said.

In the first matchup of conference play for the Herd, the team started the game with physical play as it continued throughout the game.

"We came out this game and we weren't going to get

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Volleyball tries to continue early conference success against Tulane

THE PARTHENON

Marshall University volleyball won its first two conference games of the season this weekend on the road against Florida International University and Florida Atlantic University.

The Herd traveled to Boca Raton, Fla., and took its first victory against FAU 3-2 Friday. The Herd then traveled to Miami, Fla., and took another win over FIU 3-0 Sunday.

"Every road win is a steal,"

head coach Mitch Jacobs said.

Senior outside hitter Laura Der played a major part in both victories, recording 29 kills, 25 digs and 23 points overall.

"Der is back and she gets hot on the left side," Jacobs said.

Freshman Ally Kieover and Elyse Panick also played a major part in both victories. Together they recorded 25 kills against FIU and helped Marshall finish the game in only

three sets.

With Der on the left, Panick on the right and Kieover playing in the slot, the Herd have made itself a larger offensive threat.

"We need to get better at defending the middle," Jacobs said. "If we can defend the middle, we can win."

The Herd is looking for its third conference win Friday at the Cam Henderson Center against Tulane University.

"It will be a great match if we play well," Jacobs said.

The Herd will wear purple jerseys to show its support for "Fight Like Howe," in honor of a former UAB assistant coach who lost his battle with cancer last summer. Fans who wear purple to the game will receive \$1 admission and all proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

The first serve is set for 7 p.m.

Offenses picking up the scoring pace in SEC this season

By **RYAN BLACK**

COLUMBUS (GA.) LEDGER-ENQUIRER (MCT)

Each week of the college football season seems to bring more and more proof that the Southeastern Conference is shedding its "defense-first" mentality.

The only two SEC matchups featuring a pair of top-10 teams thus far - Alabama at Texas A&M and LSU at Georgia - are prominent examples, as each game saw the combatants finish with more than 40 points in regulation.

Game-by-game statistics provide additional confirmation.

Twelve of the conference's 14 teams are averaging at least 28.5 points per game. Further, seven SEC squads - or half of the league, if one prefers that verbiage - are tallying 439-plus yards of total offense each contest.

Auburn defensive coordinator Ellis Johnson had an idea why offenses have held such a distinct advantage this season.

Actually, he felt a trio of factors have played a part in the offensive takeover.

First was the bevy of experienced quarterbacks in the conference. It's a group that includes reigning Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel at Texas A&M, two-time national champion quarterback AJ McCarron at Alabama as well as Aaron Murray and Zach Mettenberger at Georgia and LSU, respectively.

The second reason was one the longtime coach admitted he couldn't prove without taking a harder look at the numbers.

"It seemed to me that the larger number of NFL players that were taken out of the conference last

year were defensive players," he said. "I think the draft really drained off a lot of the great defensive players that would have been returning."

The third and final component, Johnson said, was the ever-increasing popularity of fast-paced offensive philosophies, which he believed took longer to arrive in the SEC than other leagues.

"It's taken this conference a little while, but going to more of a tempo-type offense sometimes affects both sides of the ball," he said. "So you're seeing scores go up and yardage go up and turnovers go up and a lot of things go up. It is what it is. I think you have to be prepared to play against so many different styles of offense in this conference, with the greatest athletes in the country, (that) it's tough to keep people off the board."

That's why Johnson said coming up with a game plan to defend Ole Miss this week isn't keeping him awake at night. Absurd as it would have sounded just a few years ago, the Rebels' up-tempo attack is now closer to the norm in the SEC than an oddity.

"It used to be you saw one or two of them," he said, "but that was hard, too, because most of the time your own offense didn't have much of it in their offense."

Not that it will be a problem this week. Johnson acknowledged that practicing against an offense that shares some similarities with the opponent is a luxury.

"Our offensive system has some power run in it, has a lot of tempo, has some deceptive formations (and) a lot of read options and play-actions off of it," he said. "So it really does help us not to have to just feel like we're jumping in a tub of



JASON GETZ/ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION | MCT

ABOVE: University of Georgia quarterback Aaron Murray (11) attempts a pass in the first half against Louisiana State University at Sanford Stadium in Athens, Georgia, Saturday, Sept. 28. Georgia defeated LSU, 44-41.

cold water when we see one of those type of offenses."

The same couldn't be said a decade ago. The explosion of hurry-up, no-huddle offenses since the turn of the millenium forced "tremendous changes" in Johnson's base defensive formations.

While Johnson said he has been able to settle on things he's comfortable with in the last four or five years, each season a new offensive wrinkle seems to

emerge to induce further alterations.

"Somebody has a little different way of lining up in a formation that puts you in stress in coverage and play-action passes or unbalanced formations," he said. "They come up with something (that) once you get used to it and get it schemed up, they come up with something to get you out of place. It's a never ending process. We're always adjusting, always trying to keep up."

Marshall softball gives back with Lil' Sis program

By **TAYLOR KIRCHWEHM**
THE PARTHENON

For Marshall University softball players, one of the most rewarding aspects of their careers as student-athletes occurs off the playing field through a program called the Lil' Sis Program.

Local girls ranging from first through eighth grade can sign up to be adopted into the Herd softball team for the year by one of the players. Sophomore Shay Braxton said the team gets to meet great girls from the area and communicate with them.

"We are assigned a little sister from a group of girls who sign up for the program and we get to correspond with them through letters, they get to come to games and there's times where they'll be in the locker room with us," Braxton said. "Just the experience is amazing because you get to meet little kids in the community and girls who love softball."

Not only is it a great mentoring program for the girls, but the players also love the program because they gain friendships and more fans from the children and their families.

"I'm pretty sure we like them more than they like us," senior Savannah Webster said. "They come out to our games, they make us posters, they support us and they're our biggest fans. It means a lot for all of us to have such a support system. So they become a part of our family, and it's an awesome situation to have them out for us."

Senior Taylor Winton said the girls who participate in the program are the groundwork for Marshall softball and the community as a whole.

"I think all of them typically will come out and show support for the Herd and that's another reason why we're big with this program because these girls are the future of softball and they're the future of the city, future

of everything," Winton said. "They're that foundation and we keep that foundation strong by having these personal relationships."

Many of the Marshall softball players are far away from home and their families can't make it to every game. So for those players, the program gives them a home away from home when they step out onto the field with a big crowd of supporters.

"It's amazing to have the support system because my parents obviously can't come to every home game so I have a little sister and their family," Webster said. "The moms and dads become my family and it's the same thing for my teammates and their little sisters. We all become one huge family, and we all take each other in and it's nice to have a support system when my family can't be there."

Braxton said that it's good to know she has people who take an interest in her here in Huntington.

"Even though I'm so far away from home, there are so many people rooting me on and there are so many people here who care about me," Braxton said.

Although the program is only supposed to last through May, the connection between softball player and little girl ends up becoming a lasting friendship.

"It lasts the whole season but some people stay connected throughout the whole thing," Webster said. "I have some of them as friends on Facebook and Instagram, so we can keep in touch as far as that goes."

Anyone who has any questions or is interested in the program can contact assistant coaches Kendall Fearo or Chanda Bell.

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OPINION

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EDITORIAL

Less time arguing, more time explaining

The United States has entered its first government shutdown in 17 years and the debate over President Obama's Affordable Care Act is at the heart of it.

For weeks, we've watched the Republican-led House of Representatives and the Democratic-led Senate argue over the health care law. We know the Republicans are staunchly against it and the Democrats support it, but how much do we really know about the Affordable Care Act itself?

A recent poll by the Kaiser Family Foundation/NBC found that 51 percent of Americans are confused about how the health care law affects them.

Really, the confusion should be of no surprise. Both the Republicans and the Democrats have their purported truths, but

in the midst of the back and forth between the House of Representatives and the Senate over the spending bill, it's hard to differentiate between what is fact and what is fiction.

The survey also had the participants submit one question pertaining to their confusion. Many Americans simply asked for a "general, easy summary" explaining how the health care law works.

It's unacceptable that so many Americans are unsure how the health care law is going to impact their lives and instead of answering questions, both sides of Congress are digging in their heels and pointing fingers at who is to blame for the government shutdown.

It was just Thursday that Obama took the time to address a crowd of young

Americans in Washington, D.C. and provide details about what they can expect from the health care law.

Still, Obama has his work cut out for him because the uninsured Americans this law is structured to benefit are the ones hesitant to accept it. There is more that needs to be done.

The fact is, Americans are upset with a government shutdown. This wasn't the outcome they hoped for. Somewhere along the way, the wants of the American people were lost among all of Congress' arguments about the health care law. Now, we're forced to continue the waiting game as the members Congress work toward a resolution, but still leaving the questions of concerned Americans unanswered.

Online Polls

You Can Be Herd

What did you think of the series finale of Breaking Bad?

It was everything I hoped for.
It left a lot to be desired.
I didn't watch it.

What do you think of the new iOS 7 update?

I love it.	51%
I hate it.	16%
I don't have an iPhone.	33%

Voice your opinion. It is your right. Answer our poll at www.marshallparthenon.com or tweet us your answer at @MUParthenon.

COLUMN

The falsehood of takers vs. makers

By ANNE MICHAUD
NEWSDAY(MCT)

An acquaintance of mine often rants about people who do no work and live on government handouts — while she has to work for everything she has. She runs a cash business, and I suspect her belief that the government supports lazy oafs is how she justifies hiding her earnings from the tax man.

Once, tired of her rants, I asked, "Have you met any of these people who live off the government? I haven't met anyone like that."

She mumbled something I couldn't make out.

My friend couldn't produce any examples because this vast population of "takers" is a myth. Yet this myth has hardened like a knot in the gut. Many of us feel we've lost ground financially since the 2007 economic collapse, and some find refuge in this politics of resentment.

The resentment often attaches itself to President Barack Obama, who has presided over these tough times. I hear it from doctors and others in health care who feel that Obamacare will squeeze their earnings. Another acquaintance told me that, as whites, my daughters will grow up second-class citizens in the majority-minority Obama world. Watch his immigration policies closely, this person says with a conspiratorial gleam.

When I counter with facts about Obama's record of deporting people here illegally and white Americans having fewer children, this acquaintance doesn't want to hear it. As social psychologist Jonathan Haidt so exhaustively argued in "The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion," we humans intuit our opinions first — in our guts — and find reasons and arguments to buttress them later.

So it seems with the House Republicans and food stamps. The House voted last week to cut spending on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by \$40 billion over 10 years, or 5 percent. Rep.

Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.) relied on a biblical passage from 2 Thessalonians to defend his vote: "If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat."

That's pretty harsh, given that households with children, elderly or disabled people receive 83 percent of food stamp benefits.

Would we prefer these people to be out on the streets begging, as in so many other countries that don't have a social safety net? Hey, mademoiselle, carry your bag?

House Republicans like to say that the food stamp cost to taxpayers has more than doubled in four years, from \$38 billion in 2008 to \$78 billion last year. When he was running for president in 2012, Newt Gingrich called Obama the "food stamp president."

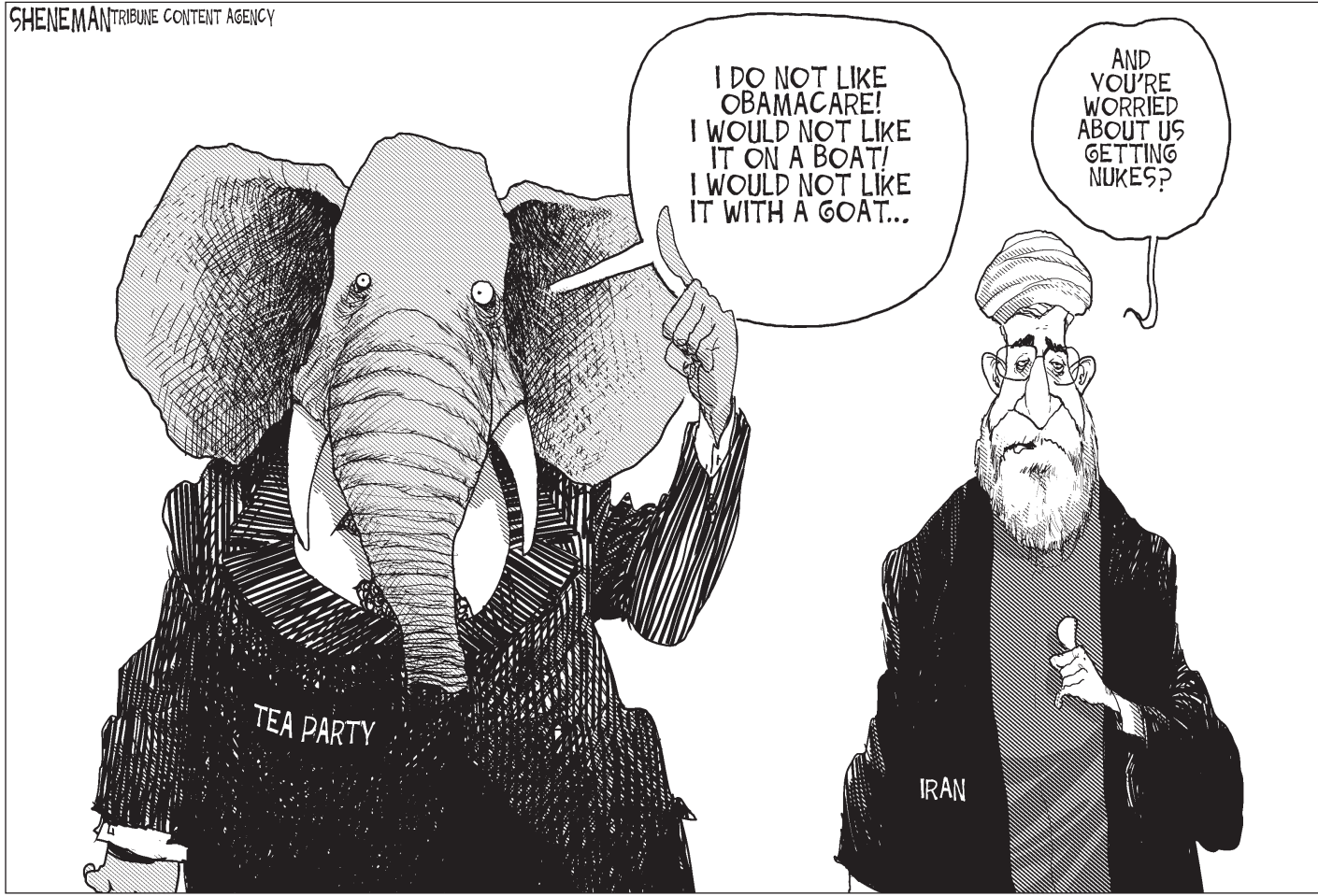
Those numbers are high, but they disguise other important truths. First, the food stamp program was structured so that everyone who qualifies can receive aid. Its growth has everything to do with the millions of jobs that were lost in the recession.

Second, many food stamp recipients do work. Unemployment is still high, and many people have taken part-time jobs or lower salaries. If they earn up to 30 percent more than the federal poverty level of about \$30,000 a year for a family of four, they can combine their wages with the program benefits to put food on the table every day.

Finally, food stamp spending should eventually shrink on its own. As the economy improves, the Congressional Budget Office predicts, the number receiving benefits in the next decade will drop by almost 28 percent.

Is it really humane to grab food from people's mouths now? My gut tells me it's not.

Of course, the politics of resentment will whisper fables that lazy, cheating food stamp recipients are duping us. We may never know for sure, but I'm inclined to risk a little duping if it means that children, old people, the disabled and the working poor have a meal.



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COLUMN

Society tells women pregnancy is a medical condition

By JOCELYN GIBSON
COLUMNIST

One of the most incredible events a woman experiences is giving birth. My question to society is, why are women led to believe that birth is a terrifying and excruciatingly painful experience?

Women are made to fear birth, and, as a consequence, they go after everything available to speed labor up, ease the pain and get over with the whole process. This is not the way birth was intended to happen.

There is no question that birth is painful, extremely so, but wouldn't it be so much more constructive to say instead that women are strong enough to bear it? But we tell them to take whatever pain relief they can get so that they are numb for the whole process and miss out on the total experience.

We should say to them that there is nothing to fear in the miracle of birth. Yes, it will be painful, but the payoff will be so great that we will never remember that part. It will be more than worth it.

Women have stopped trusting their bodies. Even though we are made to do this, we believe ourselves incapable. Women are

being pumped with drugs to induce labor and speed up what is meant to occur naturally. When there is no medical need to jump start labor, induction can be harmful. Inducing too early can interfere with fetal development.

The number of women who are opting for scheduled cesarean sections is extremely high. What many women fail to understand (and doctors fail to explain) is that a C-section is a serious surgery, one that should be reserved for emergencies.

Having multiple C-sections, as many women do, can have serious consequences to one's health. Women, however, are told by medical professionals that after having a C-section all subsequent births must also be delivered via cesarean.

There are also more risks associated with cesarean deliveries than with vaginal for both mother and child. There is an increased risk of infection, blood clots and blood loss. If the due date was miscalculated, there is a great possibility of premature birth.

It seems to me that society should, on the other hand, be encouraging women to embrace the strength and beauty of natural birth rather than trying to scare them away from it.

This is not to say that modern medicine isn't valuable to the birthing process, it is. It is necessary in high-risk births and can eliminate many problems that can occur during pregnancy or the birthing process.

However, for healthy low-risk pregnancies, women should be made to feel confident in their abilities to bring their children into the world through their own strength and ability.

Women need to be taught that pregnancy is a natural process—not a medical condition. There is nothing wrong with us; we are vessels of life and that is something to be cherished.

Women need to be put back in control of their own birthing experiences. They need to be educated on the risks associated with "convenience births" so that they are better equipped to make these decisions.

I honestly believe that there would be a far lower cesarean birth rate, induction rate and medicated birth rate if women understood the complications and negative effects it can have on them and their babies.

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1. Man your battle stations	6. Buy a \$4 footlong from Sheetz
2. Sit at home and watch Netflix	7. Eat your feelings and cry
3. "Batten down the hatches"	8. Hide yo kids, hide yo wives
4. Liquidate all assets to gold	9. Move to Canada
5. Buy a HAM radio	10. Go on with your life

“ HOLD ON, MAN. WE DON'T GO ANYWHERE WITH 'SCARY,' 'SPOOKY,' 'HAUNTED' OR FORBIDDEN IN THE TITLE. ”

- Shaggy in "Scooby-Doo"

SPOOKY OCTOBER

By BRITANY MILLER
THE PARTHENON

Welcome to October, guys and ghouls. With Halloween a mere 30 days away it's time to get in the spirit, and the Tri-state has a full calendar of events to help one channel his or her inner trick-or-treater.



SEPTEMBER 20

Cooper's Farm in Milton opened in September for its 12th season with a Corn Maze that celebrates West Virginia's 150 years of history. The maze is open every weekend during October, and Monday through Thursday by reservation.

OCTOBER 2

Or if a haunted house with history is more your style, The Asylum, located in Weston, W. Va., will present Aberration Haunted House five days a week throughout the month of October. The former Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum will host a slew of overnight paranormal events and tours every Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday beginning at dusk. Tickets are \$20. Children are advised to stay home.

OCTOBER 4

Camden Park's Spooktacular will offer festive family fun through the iconic haunted house ride, an evil clown maze, haunted train ride and much more every Friday and Saturday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. leading up to the holiday.

OCTOBER 11

Interested in a good old fashioned haunted house...or barn? The Haunted Barn, also known as the Kanawha Players Theater, in Charleston will offer a full team of creepy costumed actors and spooky animatronics every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from Oct. 11 through Nov. 2, and again Nov. 9. Tickets start at \$10.

OCTOBER 11

Murder and Merriment's Murder Mystery Dinner Theater will offer diners an interactive experience through both a ghost story and gruesome murder this month. They will present "The Ghost of Windsor Manor" at the Greenhouse of Teays Valley in Hurricane at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11 and 12. The improvisational acting collective will strike again with "Murder on the 20th Century Ltd." in Heritage Station at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, October 18 and 19; also, Oct. 25 and 26.

OCTOBER 18

Guyandotte Ghosts will offer Haunted & Historic Walking Tours through "Huntington's oldest neighborhood" Friday, Oct. 18 and Saturday, Oct. 19; also Friday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 2. Ghost hunters may register at the Guyandotte Library on the day of the event, and the free tours will run between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. both nights.

OCTOBER 23

Forget the ghost stories and hang with the original ghouls during An Evening with Alice Cooper at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena, Wednesday, Oct. 23. The event will combine a thrilling concert experience with a chilling theatrical horror story to make any in attendance scream.

OCTOBER 24

Little ghosts and goblins can Trick or Treat with Your Favorite Super Hero in a block party atmosphere on the Pullman Square lawn at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24 with authentically costumed members of the Clear Channel team.

OCTOBER 25

Jack-o-lanterns abound at the Pumpkin House, smack dab in the middle of Ceredo-Kenova's AutumnFest on October 25 and 26. After viewing the 3,000 carved pumpkins, guests can take advantage of food and crafts from vendors located up and down Beech Street.

OCTOBER 26

Hungry for brains? Little Victories Animal Shelter will host the third annual Zombie Walk to benefit ghouls and hallo-weenies across the area. The event will take place in Pullman Square at 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26.

NOVEMBER 2

If at month's end one finds he or she is still dying to go "Oh Oh Oh to the late night double feature picture show," DownHome Decadence has got it covered. The Tri-state's Naughty Thespians will present Night of the Living Dead at 10 p.m. followed by a Rocky Horror Picture Show Shadow Cast at midnight on Saturday, Nov. 2 in the Ro-Na Theater of Ironton, Ohio. Doors open at 9 p.m.

Analysis: This is the way government works now

By DAVID LIGHTMAN
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Don't like Monday's government mess? Nothing's going to change anytime soon.

The latest self-inflicted crisis is another illustration of the growing inability of the nation's elected officials to govern in any logical, collegial fashion. The consequences for operating the government for the next few weeks, let alone the next few years, are daunting. New budget crises are only days away. Federal workers won't know if paychecks are coming regularly, agencies can't plan, contractors can't be sure of payments, financial markets can't be reassured.

The White House and Congress aren't talking, let alone negotiating. On Capitol Hill, Republicans and Democrats live in separate worlds, their leaders huddled with their loyalists in well-hidden offices.

They preside over a wary, increasingly cynical electorate that is about to endure a season of showdowns. The government faces the threat of default if it doesn't agree to increase its debt limit by Oct. 17, the second threat of default in less than three years. A few weeks later, government funding is again expected to run out, setting up another budget confrontation.

Brinkmanship is hardly new in American politics. The 1964 Civil Rights Act, a major force in tearing down decades-old segregation barriers, passed after tying up the Senate for 60 days. Government shutdowns, too, are not new. In late 1995 and early 1996, the federal government was forced to close on two separate occasions for 28 days.

But those fights taught lawmakers lessons that lasted. Constituents made it clear they didn't like gridlock, and Congress and the president were reluctant to resort to such threats right away.

Today, those lessons are largely forgotten. This week's push-it-to-the-edge drama continues a pattern that began in earnest four years ago. Each chapter triggers the same reaction. Tweeters and bloggers

erupt with outrage, Congress' approval ratings plunge, attack ads begin instantly.

Yet the politicians don't change their strategies. Buoyed by legions of partisan cheerleaders and fundraisers, they vow not to give in next time. In the days ahead, Democrats will say they stood up to those who want to dilute the Affordable Care Act. Republicans will boast this week's drama is the latest chapter in their decades-old crusade to pare the size of government. Fundraising pitches went out Monday.

Slowly but with increasing confidence, the two political parties reflect how their ideological wings have taken them over. The grassroots tea party movement is the dominant force in the Republican Party, and liberals are in clear control of the Democratic Party.

Technology fuels this uniformity. Congressional districts are drawn almost block by block to ensure ideological purity. So while Congress' job approval numbers are dismal, voters routinely re-elect most members.

"The unpopularity of Congress doesn't flow through the members, because so many are in safe districts," explained William Galston, a former domestic policy adviser to President Bill Clinton.

It's a recipe for digging in. Jenny Beth Martin, the Tea Party Patriots' national coordinator, called the House of Representatives' vote to delay Obamacare for a year "truly inspiring." "Now is the time to stand your ground," she urged supporters Monday.

House Republicans are unlikely to pay much of a political price for taking the nation to the brink of fiscal chaos. Regardless of national polls, most House Republicans will run for re-election in safe, conservative districts more likely to applaud than jeer their actions.

In Senate races and swing districts, where independents have more of a say, they could be hurting their prospects.

Partisans heed the calling of such interests not only for votes, but for money. Groups keep score and insist they will

challenge those who deviate from their orthodoxy. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, Wyoming Sen. Mike Enzi, Idaho Rep. Mike Simpson and others face primary challenges next year.

McConnell is still criticized for agreeing to a plan to rescue Wall Street in 2008. Simpson is being blasted for that vote, as well as his support of the New Year's Eve compromise that imposed higher taxes on the wealthy and delayed automatic spending cuts for two months. Eighty-four other Republicans joined him.

For years, such positions were politically astute. McConnell, Simpson and others could cite strong conservative voting records, but an ability to bend so the system would work.

Veteran lawmakers remember the 1995-96 shutdown, and the notion that Republicans took a beating. Clinton saw his Gallup poll approval rating jump over 50 percent just after the shutdown ended; it never went below that number again. House Speaker Newt Gingrich's image never recovered, and he was eventually pushed out of his job.

In some circles today, that conventional wisdom has shifted. Most members of Congress, and for that matter most constituents, don't remember that shutdown, making new interpretations more accepted.

"A lot of people now say others learned the wrong lessons from 1996," said Dan Holler of Heritage Action, which is pushing an Obamacare repeal. Republicans retained Senate and House control, he noted, and within two years the nation had a balanced budget.

The shutdown experience, says this view, emboldened Republicans. They went to the edge in 2011 and last year and wound up with significant spending cuts.

"That was a result of the shutdown over the debt ceiling," said Holler.

There are means to an endgame. One-party control is one antidote, but that doesn't appear imminent. Republicans are expected to need a net gain of six seats next year to win Senate

control, and Democrats now hold the most vulnerable seats up for election. Republicans are also expected to maintain their majority of the House, where they have a 233-200 edge.

The other way Washington calms down is for one side to score a clear win. Polls show the president gets the credit when the economy recovers, but Republicans could win support if, after the new health care law takes effect, more people dislike its impact.

"All this ends when someone gets blamed," said Darrell West, vice president of governance studies at the Brookings Institution.

At the moment, it's not clear who that could be.

Shutdown: Who's at fault?

Public opinion puts the blame on Republicans, though less dramatically than in 1995, at the time of the last government shutdown.

• Who would you blame more if there is a partial shutdown of the federal government?

SEPT. 2013

Republicans in Congress
44%

Barack Obama and Democrats in Congress
35

Both equally
16

Don't know: 5%

NOV. 1995

Republicans
51

Bill Clinton
28

Both equally
15

Don't know: 6%

• Is it acceptable for a president or members of Congress to threaten a government shutdown during budget negotiations in order to achieve their goals?

Not acceptable
80

Acceptable
16

Don't know: 4%

Source: CBS News/New York Times poll of 1,014 adults, Sept. 19-23, 2013; margin of error: +/- 3 percentage points; Congressional Quarterly Graphic: Judy Treible © 2013 MCT

SYRIA

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U.S. officials believe that Assad has roughly 45 chemical weapons sites, and that all remain under government control. But insurgent forces hold or contest large swaths of Syrian territory, raising doubts that inspectors will be able to move freely.

The inspectors who investigated an Aug. 21 chemical attack outside Damascus came under sniper fire at one point. But the team ultimately confirmed that rockets filled with sarin were fired into neighborhoods in Ghouta, a suburb of

Damascus and killing more than 1,000 people.

Pictures and videos of the attack sparked a global outcry, and at one point it appeared all but certain that President Barack Obama would launch punitive missile strikes in retaliation. But a last minute U.S.-Russian diplomatic deal instead led to the disarmament proposal.

Assad has consistently denied that his forces have used poison gas in the Syrian civil war, in which more than 100,000 people have been killed since early 2011.

STOCKS

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or the debt ceiling, or even quarterly earnings, it's complacency, which is unsettling because it opens the possibility of a larger decline on any negative news," said Bruce Bittles, chief investment strategist at R.W. Baird & Co.

The U.S. Labor Department

said it possibly would not release the nonfarm-payrolls report this week should the government shut down, but Bittles views the September report as likely to be a nonevent, given the budget battle and the looming partisan dispute over the nation's debt ceiling.

WALK

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"We want to bring the differences together because even the different parts are part of the same family," Cooley said. "But we want to bring them together so we can embrace everyone in spite of our differences."

After the walk, students will arrive at the Memorial Student Center Plaza for an introduction ceremony during which there will be speakers, a special performance and the announcement of the 2013 homecoming court.

All student organizations participating in the event will be allotted 30 seconds during

the ceremony to have a representative inform the crowd about their group.

A choral group, made up of select choir students, will be performing "We Are the World," made popular by USA for Africa.

University President Stephen Kopp and women's basketball head coach, Matt Daniels, will speak during the ceremony.

Sodexo will provide food and drinks. Harless Dining Hall will be closed during the event.

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SOCCER

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intimidated," said senior midfielder Zach Hunter. "I think we showed we can play with the first couple big tackles."

The Thundering Herd will continue in conference when

the team heads to face the Florida International Panthers Oct. 6.

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SHUTDOWN

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"They're spinning their wheels. We are not going to change Obamacare," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said at a news conference. "I have a very simple message to John Boehner. Let the House vote. Stop trying to force a government shutdown. If John Boehner blocks this, he will be forcing a government shutdown, and it will be a Republican government shutdown. That's pure and simple."

Some Senate Republicans floated a proposal that would extend the government's current spending levels for one week, which would prevent workers from being furloughed and keep government agencies and services open as lawmakers continued to haggle over larger issues.

"Despite the Democrats' refusal to work with the House to solve the problem,

Republicans are working to protect the troops, prevent a shutdown and find solutions to the difficulties caused by Senate Democrats' delay," said Don Stewart, a spokesman for Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

But Senate Democrats were cool to the idea, and it remained unclear whether the House and White House would accept the plan.

"You cannot negotiate when you take hostages and extort," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "We're happy to negotiate. There's a budget. They can talk about spending for (Obamacare) in the budget. You don't do it this way."

House Republican emerged from a closed-door meeting seemingly united in their disdain for the health care law but somewhat divided over what to do in the waning hours to a shutdown.

Rep. Michael Burgess, R-Texas, an obstetrician, said the House intends to send Reid "some political Kryptonite to

see what he does with it."

Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., said he intends to vote against the latest House Republican plan because time is running out before a shutdown. "Five hours before the government shuts down Democrats are not going to give in. They're winning and they know it," King said. "We should have never gotten ourselves into this to begin with."

If a shutdown occurred, about 800,000 of the more than 2 million federal employees would stay home. After the government reopens, lawmakers must decide whether employees — both those who worked and those who didn't — should get paid. Some critical services would remain, but others would not.

The health care law that is the focus of the dispute between Republicans and Democrats would continue to be implemented, because much of its funding comes from other sources, including

new taxes and fees and cuts to other programs.

"That funding is already in place," Obama said. "You can't shut it down."

The president and his political appointees would still report to work. Lawmakers would do the same but would decide who on their staffs was essential.

Congress has failed to meet the deadline for approving spending bills 17 times since the 1970s, resulting in partial shutdowns lasting from one day to three weeks. The last time was for a 21-day stretch in December 1995 and January 1996 when some, but not all, spending bills had been signed into law.

Republicans would get more of the blame for a government shutdown, according to a new CNN/ORC poll released Monday. The survey, conducted Friday through Sunday, found 46 percent would blame Republicans while 36 percent would blame Obama. Thirteen percent blame both sides.

LAW

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The charges in this case come from the alleged involvement of Final Exit members Lawrence Egbert and Roberta Massey who are "exit guides." As guides the two are assigned to develop a relationship with a member and provide information about helium asphyxiation, Final Exit's "preferred method of hastening death," the court said.

The case involves the May 2007 death of 57-year-old Do-reen Dunn, who had been living with chronic pain for more than a decade because of various issues. She discussed suicide with her husband, who opposed it, the court said. There was no sign of suicide in her home and an autopsy listed her cause of death as atherosclerotic coronary artery disease, the court said.

But law enforcement eventually received information linking Final Exit to her death.

She had become a member in early 2007 and had regular contact with the group. Flight records also indicated that Egbert and Jerry Dincin, another guide, made round-trip flights from their home states of Maryland and Illinois on the day Dunn died.

Five years after her death, a grand jury charged Egbert and Final Exit with advising and encouraging suicide and interfering with a body or death scene, along with aiding and abetting those actions. Massey

was charged with aiding and abetting the suicide. Dincin was charged as well, but has since died.

Egbert, Massey and Final Exit sought to dismiss the charges, but Dakota County District Judge Karen Asphaug declined.

Final Exit's lawyer Robert Rivas did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Judge Louise Dovre Bjorkman wrote for the court. Judges Terri Stoneburner and Randolph Peterson also signed the ruling.