

Hotel shelters closing Monday

State to find other housing for families

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After nearly three contentious years, the widespread use of hotels as family shelters in Massachusetts is coming to an end, as advocacy groups work to rehouse those who still need temporary housing.

Most of the remaining 28 hotels being used as shelters are expected to close Monday, state officials confirmed Friday. Four of the shelters will remain open through the end of July, they said.

At its peak last year, the Emergency Assistance shelter system had taken over 128 hotels across the Commonwealth and was sheltering about 7,500 homeless families — more than 23,000 people.

Governor Maura Healey had planned to phase out the use of hotel shelters by the end of the year, but she announced in May they would be closed six months ahead of schedule.

“A hotel is no place to raise a family, and they are the least cost effective,” Healey said in a statement last month. “That’s why we implemented reforms to lower caseloads and the cost of the shelter system.”

Jeffrey D. Thielman, president of the International Institute of New England, described the collective attempt to find housing for families in advance of the closures as a team effort.

“There’s been a massive push by everybody involved in the system, including re-

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Justices limit judges’ power

In birthright case, Supreme Court asserts nationwide injunctions go too far



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Members of Concerned Women for America, a conservative group, prayed outside the Supreme Court on Friday, the last day of the court’s term. The justices ruled on several cases before their summer break.

By Abbie VanSickle
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Friday limited the ability of lower-court judges to block executive branch policies nationwide, opening the door for a majority of states to at least temporarily enforce President Trump’s executive order ending birthright citizenship.

With their decision, the justices appeared to upend the ability of single federal judges to freeze policies across the country. The powerful legal tool, known as a nationwide injunction, had been used frequently in recent years to block policies put in place by Democratic and Republican administrations and gave rise to charges of judge shopping.

But the immediate effect of the 6-3 decision, which was written by Justice Amy Coney Barrett and split along ideological lines, was to give Trump a major if perhaps temporary victory in his efforts to redefine citizenship in the United States.

The justices did not rule on the constitutionality of the executive order issued by Trump in January, which seeks to end the practice of automatically granting citizenship to anyone born in the United States, even if the parents are not citizens. That question is likely to come back to the Supreme Court, perhaps as soon as next year.

In the meantime, the decision cleared the way for the executive order to go into effect in the 28 states that have not challenged it, which could create a patchwork system in which the rules for citizenship are different in different parts of the country.

Still, the Supreme Court ruling will not take effect for 30 days. And the justices laid out a potential path for challengers, saying that district court judges could consider whether to take up class-action suits seeking to bar enforcement of the executive order on a statewide, regional, or even national basis.

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In storybook case, court rules for parents

By Adam Liptak
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — Parents with religious objections to storybooks with LGBTQ+ themes may withdraw their children from public schools when the books are discussed, the Supreme Court ruled Friday.

The justices also rejected a challenge to a Texas law that seeks to limit minors’ access to pornography on the internet, ruling that it does not violate the First Amendment to require people to verify their age through measures like the submission of government-issued IDs, and they upheld a provision of the Affordable Care Act that requires insurance companies to offer some kinds of preventive care for free.

In the storybook case brought by Maryland parents who objected to books with gay and transgender characters, Justice Samuel A. Ali-

to Jr. closely analyzed the messages the books conveyed, reproducing color images from them in an appendix to his opinion, and noted that they were written for young readers.

But the logic of Alito’s majority opinion in the 6-3 decision seemed to sweep quite broadly, allowing parents with religious objections to demand that their children not be instructed about gay and transgender themes or other topics.

Indeed, some legal scholars said the ruling would have broad consequences for the ability of public schools to manage their curriculums. In earlier cases, parents unsuccessfully challenged storybooks about wizards and giants along with course materials on yoga, evolution, and women working outside the home. Under Alito’s reasoning, legal experts said, those lawsuits might now succeed.

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No deals

Trump said the US would end all trade talks with Canada, “effective immediately,” over a plan for digital services taxes on US technology giants. **A2.**

Budget bill could cost schools, students

Includes changes to Pell Grants, loans, support services

By Diti Kohli
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While the high-profile battle between President Trump and Harvard University grinds on, colleges far from the Ivy League are bracing for a wave of federal threats to their own bottom lines.

Much of the conversation around higher education since Inauguration Day has centered on research funding, endowment taxes, and the Trump administration’s aggressive stance toward elite institutions. But tucked into the “Big Beautiful Bill” and upcoming feder-

al budget are changes to rules covering student loans, Pell Grants, and other student support programs that could hit the budgets of lower- and middle-income students and colleges alike.

The aim of the proposed changes, said Louisiana Republican and bill sponsor Senator Bill Cassidy, is to “fix the broken higher education system that continues to fail students” and tackle “the root causes of the student debt crisis.”

Fixing the debt crisis is a popular issue across the political spectrum. But abruptly scaling back student loans could deal a major blow to the revenue most schools and students rely on to pay the bills. Altogether, these moves could impose “unprecedented levels of stress” on smaller private colleges and two- and

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A proposed change to Pell Grants in the House would threaten **\$57 million** in aid to **42,000** public-college Mass. students.

‘I think this is a unique claim — they’re testing the waters for them going after others.’

JOAN WALLACH SCOTT, *gender historian*

Smith College faces bias complaint over policy of admitting transgender women

By Brooke Hauser
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NORTHAMPTON — A conservative watchdog group has filed a civil rights complaint with the US Department of Education against Smith College, taking aim at the school’s decade-old policy of admitting self-identified transgender women.

The filing, announced this month by the group Defending

Education, highlights the vulnerabilities for Smith and other women’s colleges that for years have been grappling with a shifting culture around gender identity. While the complaint on its own doesn’t require the college to change its policies, its language echoes arguments made by the Trump administration in similar cases — including a finding this week against California’s state education de-

partment.

Defending Education filed the complaint with the DOE’s Office of Civil Rights last Friday, alleging violations of Title IX, an education law that prohibits discrimination based on sex in education programs that receive federal financial assistance. If the office finds the complaint is valid, it could jeopardize Smith’s access to federal

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A SLAIN COLLEAGUE MOURNED

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz and his wife, Gwen, embraced as they paid their respects to former Minnesota House speaker Melissa Hortman; her husband, Mark; and their dog Gilbert as they lay in state in the Capitol building in St. Paul. All three were killed in an attack at their home on June 14. **A2.**

Comments by Israel’s defense minister suggested the country was contemplating more strikes on Iran even after President Trump announced a truce between the two countries Tuesday. **A4.**

The University of Virginia’s president, James E. Ryan, has said he will resign in the face of demands by the Trump administration that he step aside. **A6.**

In early September, the Trump administration is putting a halt to humanitarian provi-

sions that allow more than half a million Haitians to legally live and work in the United States. **B1.**

State House and Senate leaders said they have reached an agreement on a spending plan for the fiscal year that begins Tuesday. **B1.**

The environmental services company Veolia is acquiring two local waste management companies as it opens its new North American headquarters in Boston’s Financial District. **D1.**



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