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President of U-Va. quits amid **DEI** fight

James E. Ryan says he hoped to spare the school a battle with the DOJ

BY DAN ROSENZWEIG-ZIFF, LAURA VOZZELLA AND GREGORY S. SCHNEIDER

University of Virginia President James E. Ryan resigned Friday, a decision he said he took to try to spare the university a costly fight with the Trump administration amid pressure over diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.

Justice Department officials had previously told Ryan they'd like him to step down, a person familiar with the matter said. The agency declined to comment Fri-

In a note to the community, Ryan said he worried that trying to save his own job to fight the federal government would harm U-Va. researchers reliant on federal funding and students who could lose financial aid or their

"If this were not so distinctly tied to me personally, I may have pursued a different path," he wrote, without directly mentioning the Justice Department. "But I could not in good conscience cause real and direct harm to my colleagues and our students in order to preserve my own posi-

It's unclear when his final day will be.

The extraordinary move comes as the Trump administration has launched investigations into universities on a wide range of issues, including antisemitism and diver-SEE U-VA. ON A5

Justices' key rulings go Trump's way

Nationwide injunctions and birthright citizenship

The Supreme Court backed President Donald Trump's request to scale back nationwide orders from lower courts that have blocked his order to ban birthright citizenship.

Joined the majority

Dissented

Decision author











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Parental rights and religious freedom

The court sided with Montgomery County parents, saying public schools must allow them to opt their children out of lessons that clash with their religious beliefs.

















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Preventive health care coverage

The court upheld a portion of the Affordable Care Act that requires health plans to provide free preventive care, even if it conflicts with religious beliefs. A7

















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Age verification for online pornography

The court affirmed a Texas law that requires users to verify their age to access porn sites, rejecting First Amendment arguments from the porn industry. A9





















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Supreme Court limits judges' orders blocking ban on birthright citizenship

BY ANN E. MARIMOW

The Supreme Court on Friday President Donald Trump's request to scale back lower-court orders that have for months blocked the administration's ban on automatic citizenship for the U.S.-born babies of undocumented immigrants and foreign visitors, ruling that those nationwide injunctions went too

The 6-3 decision, with the liberal justices dissenting, largely strips federal judges of a powerful tool they have used to temporarily halt many of Trump's policies nationwide while litigation is pending. It will reshape the early stages of the iudicial process when it comes to

challenging executive action.

The ruling did not address the constitutionality of the president's ban on birthright citizenship, which is a signature part of his immigration crackdown. The United States has long granted automatic citizenship to babies born in the United States when neither parent is a citizen or a permanent legal resident. Opponents of Trump's ban say it conflicts with the 14th Amendment, past court rulings and the

nation's history. The justices kept Trump's ban on hold for at least 30 days and sent a set of cases back to the lower courts to determine the practical implications of their ruling. They left open a path for SEE CITIZENSHIP ON A7

Maryland parents win religious right to shield children from LGBTQ books

BY ANN E. MARIMOW, NICOLE ASBURY AND LAURA MECKLER

The Supreme Court sided Friday with a group of parents seeking to withdraw their children from public school lessons featuring LGBTQ+-themed storybooks, a case that mixed parental rights and religious freedom.

The justices said school officials in Montgomery County, Maryland, may not require young children to participate in lessons with books that conflict with their parents' religious beliefs.

The 6-3 decision could have implications for public schools nationwide and could give families the right to voice religious objections to a broad range of learning materials, expanding on the long-standing practice of allowing opt-outs for reproductivehealth classes.

Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr., writing for the majority, said government officials burden the religious rights of parents when they require them to "submit their children to instruction that poses 'a very real threat of undermining' the religious beliefs and practices that the parents wish to instill."

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DOGE dives in at ATF on a pro-gun mission

Dozens of regulations are targeted in a move critics say risks boosting crime

BY PERRY STEIN

The U.S. DOGE Service has sent staff to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives with the goal of revising or eliminating dozens of rules and gun restrictions by July 4, according to multiple people with knowledge of the efforts, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss plans that have

not been made public. The initial target was to change 47 regulations, an apparent reference to Donald Trump's status as the 47th president of the United States, two of the people said. But ATF and DOGE staffers are now poised to exceed that goal, with upward of 50 changes planned.

The revisions are part of a seismic shift unfolding at ATF as the Trump administration proposes slashing the law enforcement agency's budget and dramatically reducing the number of inspectors who ensure that gun sellers are in compliance with federal laws. Some Republicans in Congress have called for abolishing the agency altogether, and Attorney General Pam Bondi has said she wants to merge ATF with the Drug Enforcement Adminis-

If the plans are enacted, it would be a major win for pro-gun advocacy groups, who have long claimed ATF is an agency with too

many gun regulations that tramples on Second Amendment rights. Gun-control advocates fear that the changes afoot at ATF will more easily allow potentially dangerous people to obtain weapons with little recourse.

The exact scope and details of the potential changes are still being determined. ATF has hundreds of regulations, and revisions could include changing the responsibilities of certain ATF positions, updating what types of firearms can be imported, and making licensing fees refundable.

"As Attorney General Bondi has made clear, ATF is working hard to reduce regulatory red tape that burdens lawful gun owners and to ensure agents are doing real police work hunting down criminals and gang members — not knocking on the doors of lawful gun owners in the middle of the night," said Chad Gilmartin, a spokesman for the Justice Department, which oversees

The Trump administrationbacked ATF general counsel, Robert Leider, an ardent Second Amendment advocate, is overseeing the changes at ATF while working with DOGE, the people said. He has shifted additional ATF attorneys to work on the

DOGE is a non-Cabinet agency originally launched by billionaire Elon Musk to carry out controversial cost-cutting efforts that have resulted in mass attempted layoffs and legal battles with mixed SEE **DEREGULATION** ON A5

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Wes Bailey, founder of SirReel Studio Services, on a hospital set at his production studio.

Lights! Camera! But not enough action.

Hollywood faces an existential crisis as productions seek lower costs

BY REIS THEBAULT

LOS ANGELES — P.J. Byrne has acted in films and television shows across the country and around the world in the past few years - from New York to New Mexico, Ireland to Australia. But there's one place he hasn't worked lately: Hollywood. Byrne moved to Los Angeles

more than 25 years ago, traveling

west like so many others to chase

a career in the entertainment in-

dustry. He's been among the lucky

ones, landing steady pay and criti-

cal acclaim for roles in movies like "The Wolf of Wall Street" and "Babylon."

Yet more and more, his acting iobs are taking him far from Tinseltown. He's got plenty of company, too, as a trend fretfully dubbed "runaway production" only accelerates. Left behind is a Hollywood

"We are an industry town," Byrne said. "When we are not working, that means California is really hurting." Over the past decade, total film

and TV production in Los Angeles

cent, according to data from the region's official film office. Both big-name blockbusters and experimental indies have fled to other states and countries, looking for cheaper labor and more attractive tax incentives given studio cutbacks and rising costs.

has plummeted by nearly 40 per-

The economic impact of this exodus extends far beyond actors, writers and directors. Hit hardest are the behind-the-scenes bluecollar workers — the makeup artists and set decorators, the drivers SEE HOLLYWOOD ON A18

Stock indexes reach record highs despite trade tension

BY MARGOT AMOUYAL AND TAYLOR TELFORD

U.S. stocks surged to new heights Friday, with the S&P 500 notching a record finish to cap its comeback from the tariff-fueled lows of April as investors looked past renewed trade ten-

sions with Canada. The benchmark index climbed 0.5 percent, to end the week at 6,173.07. The tech-heavy Nasdaq also set an all-time high, adding 0.5 percent to finish at 20,273.46. The Dow Jones Industrial Average ended at 43,819.27, up 1 percent.

Stock markets have been on a roller coaster since President Donald Trump returned to office in January, rising to record levels in February and then tumbling after his "Liberation Day" announcement of tariffs on all imported goods in April. Since hitting those lows, the S&P 500 has surged more than 20 percent as the administration dialed back some of the largest levies and, in early June, struck a

limited deal with China. Wall Street's mood was upbeat to end of the week despite fresh economic data this week hinting at softening conditions. On Tuesday, the Conference Board said the consumer confidence index dropped 5.4 points between May and June, from 98.4 to 93. The U.S. economy contracted more than previously estimated in the first quarter, according to re-SEE STOCKS ON A14

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One Big Beautiful Bill Senate Republicans appeared close to a deal on President Donald Trump's tax and immigration agenda. A4

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