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## As hotel shelters close, anxieties increase

**128**  
hotels across the Commonwealth were taken over by the Emergency Assistance shelter system

**7,500**  
homeless families were being sheltered in all facilities at the system's height last year

**24**  
hotels closed as shelters in June, including 11 on Monday. Four remaining hotels are slated to be closed by the end of the month.

**3,740**  
families were housed in the shelter system as of last week

### Advocates work to secure new homes for families as emergency dissipates

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PEABODY — Nuribel Amparo, a single mother, lived with her three children in a Route 1 hotel before relocating to an apartment-style shelter in Lynn over the weekend.

The family was forced to move as the state winds down its

controversial hotel shelter program. But Amparo's search for a permanent home isn't done.

They face a deadline to find a new place by the end of August. "I'm really worried," Amparo, 37, said in Spanish in an interview on Monday. The change, she says, "is a big burden."

She doesn't have a full-time job, so for the time being, she can't afford rent, even though a state program could subsidize

some of the costs, she said.

Her children are ages 15, 10, and 9, one of whom has special needs. "At the hotel, we knew the system, and life was a little easier," she said. Now, one question runs through her mind often as her family is shuffled from one place to another. "Will we keep being able to be in a shelter or have to go to the street?"

On Monday, as the state moved another step closer to fully shuttering its hotel shelter system — which at its peak last year saw more than 128 hotels open

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## US asserts Harvard violated civil rights

### Latest salvo concerning antisemitism includes threat to cancel all funds

By Aidan Ryan and Anjali Huynh  
GLOBE STAFF

The Trump administration said Monday that Harvard University violated civil rights law by failing to protect Jewish and Israeli students on campus, threatening "the loss of all federal financial resources" unless the university quickly improves its record.

In a letter to Harvard president Alan Garber, Trump's federal antisemitism task force gave Harvard 10 days to bring itself into compliance with federal law, though it does not prescribe specific steps toward doing that.

While the administration has already canceled nearly \$3 billion in funding to Harvard — including nearly all federal research grants — the government could potentially use the findings outlined in the letter as part of its legal strategy to fight Harvard cuts in court or negotiate with the institution.

The move — which comes as Harvard and the administration had recently reopened talks to resolve their dispute — could also threaten Harvard students' ability to receive federal financial aid.

The 57-page notice, signed by Paula M. Stanard, the civil rights office director at the US Department of Health and Human Services, largely collects public accounts of incidents involving Jew-

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**INSIDE THE WAR ON HARVARD**

## Senate slogs through voting on Trump's bill

### GOP tries to unify party, fight Democrats' efforts to hinder its advancement

By Catie Edmondson and Carl Hulse  
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans on Monday beat back multiple Democratic attempts to derail their sweeping tax cut and domestic policy bill, as they continued to hunt for the votes to pass President Trump's first-year legislative agenda.

On a marathon day of voting on proposed changes to the legislation, Republicans held firm against Democratic attacks on the measure's cuts to Medicaid and federal nutrition programs as well as an accounting gimmick the GOP employed to mask the true impact of the bill on the deficit.

Republicans said they were imposing changes to Medicaid that would make the program more sustainable, though nonpartisan analyses showed more than 11 million people could lose coverage.

"The whole issue of what we're doing with the Medicaid program is to get rid of the waste, fraud, and abuse, make it work in the way in which it was intended, to cover the people for whom it was in-

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ERIN CLARK/GLOBE STAFF FILE

Representative Aaron Michlewitz (left) listened as Boston Mayor Michelle Wu spoke at a recent Democratic Party fund-raiser.

## This political alliance may bolster Boston

### A bit of an odd couple, Wu and Michlewitz share a friendship based on respect beyond expediency

By Emma Platoff  
GLOBE STAFF

When the Prince and Princess of Wales visited Boston in 2022, they brought with them a spate of bad weather, hordes of international press, and an unparalleled opportunity for Mayor Michelle Wu to showcase her climate agenda.

Wu stood with the royal couple on City Hall Plaza that late Wednesday afternoon to light up the Brutalist building in green. The evening would continue with a Celtics game, where the mayor joined William, Kate, and the governor courtside.

But first, Wu had one more stop to make: an annual toy drive fund-raiser hosted by state House budget chairman Aaron Michlewitz, an event she's headlined every year since 2013. She wasn't about to miss it this

time.

Wu, 40, calls 47-year-old Michlewitz her "big brother in the business," though he jokes that it's hard to see the powerful mayor of Boston as a "little sister." For more than a decade, they have been close friends and strong political allies, and when she speaks, he watches with the pride attendant to the familial role.

Michlewitz is poised, if the parlor game is to be believed, to ascend to the House's most influential post when Speaker Ron Mariano ultimately retires. That potential promotion — the first time in nearly a generation that Boston would have one of its own in that role — could make a friendship that started 15 years ago in Boston's South End into the most important political partnership in New

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‘It’s so rare and it’s so meaningful in a space like politics to also find room for friendships. In some ways, it’s felt like we’ve grown up together in Boston politics.’

MAYOR MICHELLE WU

‘We both have jobs to do. We have mutual respect for each other, which I think is important. And sometimes those jobs don’t necessarily align.’

HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AARON MICHLEWITZ

## ICE arrest imperils celebrated restaurant

### Owner's brother helped Roxbury place thrive; now he's held in N.H. facility

By Camilo Fonseca  
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Frequent diners at Suya Joint may have recognized Paul Dama as the longtime manager of the popular West Africa restaurant. But they might just as easily have found him taking orders, or in the kitchen, or shuttling back-and-forth busing tables and training new staff.

"He's a jack of all trades," said Cecelia Lizotte, the restaurant's chef and owner. "When Paul walks into the establishment, if a printer is broken, he fixes it. 'Oh, the sink is not going down.' He finds a way to fix it."

Dama's presence is so seemingly ubiquitous that it's hard for his friends and family to imagine the Nubian Square restaurant without him. And ever since he was caught up in the Trump administration's sweeping immigration crackdown, it has threatened the celebrated establishment's ability to stay open.

Dama was driving to church in Brockton on Father's Day when he was pulled over and detained, according to Lizotte, who is also Dama's sister.



COURTESY OF CECELIA LIZOTTE

Paul Dama joined his sister Cecelia Lizotte and her daughter for a picture.

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### Boomer ray

**Tuesday:** Storms late in day. High 83-88, low 71-76.

**Wednesday:** Clearing, hot. High 88-93, low 67-72.

Sunrise: 5:11. Sunset: 8:25.

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**A Boston police sergeant faced child rape charges** after alleged encounters via a dating app. **B1**.

**State lawmakers removed from their budget deal a proposed pay increase for court-appointed attorneys**, who are continuing their work stoppage. **B1**.

**A Massachusetts company struck a deal to sell electricity from its future fusion power plant to Google**, even though the firm and its industry have yet to prove their technology generates power reliably. **D1**.

**Former Bruins star Brad Marchand signed a multiyear deal to remain with the Florida Panthers**. **C6**.

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