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For House GOP, a day of angst and pressure

With Trump's July 4 deadline nearing, lawmakers wrangle their way through

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WASHINGTON — One lawmaker called it a “hot potato.” Another likened it to “a game of legislative chicken.” A third said it was the “same movie” from a spectacle-

prone Congress playing out all over again.

Whatever the analogies, President Trump's signature tax and spending cuts legislation was barreling toward its do-or-die moment on Wednesday. A Friday deadline — imposed by the president to coin-

cide with July Fourth — was fast approaching and nobody seemed excited about the massive, deficit-busting bill in front of them.

But just like their Senate counterparts on Tuesday, no House Republican wants to be the one whose vote kills the legislation and invites Trump's wrath.

That didn't mean there wasn't time for one last standoff. A group of House conservatives with a histo-

ry of causing trouble for Republican leaders stalled mundane procedural votes late into the night. This time they demanded assurances the White House would alleviate their concerns about the significantly revised version the Senate had just sent back with a tie-breaking vote by Vice President JD Vance.

“Only in Washington is the Senate so arrogant, the ‘House of

LEGISLATION, Page A7

Court: Asylum can't be ignored

Says president's claim of invasion at border doesn't expand his power

By Zach Montague
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — A federal judge in Washington ruled Wednesday that the Trump administration cannot categorically deny asylum claims from people crossing the southern border, striking down a change made on President Trump's first day in office.

The ruling rejected the idea, repeatedly put forth by the president, that such extraordinary powers were justified to curtail what Trump has called an invasion of the United States by immigrants crossing the southern border.

In a hefty 128-page opinion, Judge Randolph Moss of US District Court for the District of Columbia wrote that the Constitution and federal immigration law did not afford Trump the expansive authorities he claimed.

“The court recognizes that the executive branch faces enormous challenges in preventing and deterring unlawful entry into the United States and in adjudicating the overwhelming backlog of asylum claims of those who have entered the country,” he wrote.

But neither the Constitution nor the current law governing asylum-seekers, Moss wrote, could “be read to grant the president or his delegates authority to adopt an alternative immigration sys-

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The mother of a girl who fled a Springfield group home to seek shelter in a church held a favorite photograph of her daughter. Below is the Greylock youth home in February, shortly before it closed.

An unsafe refuge for foster kids

Abuse claims at group home underscore weakness in child welfare system

By Jason Laughlin
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GLOBE STAFF

SPRINGFIELD — Evening services were underway at Iglesia de Dios Pentecostal here when a terrified, bare-foot teenage girl shoved open the doors to the nave.

The room went silent. “Please, help,” she gasped amid tears. “Lock the door, please.”

She had red marks and scratches on her back, neck, and arms, injuries inflicted during an attack at Greylock, the nearby group home where the girl lived. A worker there slapped her, apparently infuriated that the teenager, who has autism, ADHD, and anxiety, was being “verbally aggressive,” and then, as the two fought, pulled her hair and straddled her as she lay prone, according to a 2023 state investigation.

“I was afraid she was going to keep hurting me,” the girl, now 18, recalled in a recent interview with the Globe. The girl and her parents, who also spoke with the Globe, asked not to be identified to protect their privacy. A



Excerpt from state report describing issues at Greylock.

Greylock, report date: 10/29/2019

“The program director was promoted to the director position and did not appear ready for this position, nor did his file show documentation of appropriate training for this position; therefore resulting in a program that was not administratively sound.”

state investigation, citing video evidence, concluded the worker's use of force was unjustified.

The incident is part of a larger pattern of failures at Greylock, one of about 130 group homes in Massachusetts that collectively house about 1,500 children. Many of those kids ended up in group homes after a judge decided they would be safer living apart from their parents or guardians.

The problems at Greylock, mean-

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Judges' rulings firm on right of due process

Cases seeking to block deportations often end with nearly identical words

By Shelley Murphy
GLOBE STAFF

In case after case, the message to the Trump administration from federal judges in Massachusetts has been clear: Immigrants are entitled to due process rights.

And frequently, the rulings have echoed one another almost verbatim.

Fourteen judges, including three appointed by Republican presidents, have essentially used the same template in the past two months to temporarily bar the government from deporting more than 40 immigrants or transferring them out-of-state after they filed habeas corpus petitions alleging violations of their due process rights.

In orders asserting their authority to decide the claims in US District Court, the judges wrote: “The protections of the Constitution apply to all persons within the jurisdiction of the United States, including citizens and noncitizens alike, and including those persons who are present in the United States without authorization.”

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Party crashers

Thursday: Stormy, windy.
High: 89-94. Low: 65-70.

Friday: Sunny, breezy.
High: 81-86. Low: 62-67.

High tide: 6:06 a.m. 6:33 p.m.

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Sean Combs was denied bail after being convicted of transporting prostitutes to participate in his drug-fueled sex marathons, but acquitted of the most serious charges against him. **A2.**

Iran's president has enacted a law to suspend cooperation with the United Nations' nuclear watchdog, Iranian state media reported. **A4.**

An investigation into misconduct allegations against Boston's chief of economic opportunity and inclusion found that he did not violate any city policies. **B1.**

The Broad Institute has laid off 75 employees, as it prepares for reduced federal research funding. **D1.**

Research funding cuts could be costly for MIT's Kendall Square holdings

By Catherine Carlock
GLOBE STAFF

Over the last decade, as its endowment has swelled, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has invested more and more of that money in an incredibly valuable, and historically reliable, asset: Real estate in its own backyard of Kendall Square.

The MIT Investment Management Co., or MITIMCO — the in-house investment firm that manages MIT's \$25 billion endowment — has spent billions to erect a line of office and residential buildings along Main Street, creating a new front door to the university, a new skyline for the business hub of Cambridge, and a steady flow of rent from those who would pay top dollar to work, or live, alongside one of the world's most prestigious engineering schools.

Indeed, MITIMCO was so confident in Kendall Square real estate that in 2017 it agreed to pay \$750 million to buy the 14-acre Volpe campus from the federal government. Now, after

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CLEAN SWEEP



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Peggy Scott swept the walk outside her Beacon Hill home, where the window box was decorated with American flags. Ahead of July 4, officials offered safety reminders for those celebrating and visiting Boston. **B2.**