

ADMINISTRATION

WON’T FULLY FUND

FOOD ASSISTANCE

COURTS FORCED ACTION

Many Recipients of Aid Could Face Delays in Getting Payments

By TONY ROMM

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration will send partial payments this month to the roughly 42 million Americans who receive food stamps, offering only a temporary and limited reprieve to low-income families as the federal shutdown approaches its sixth week.

The government revealed its plans in a set of court filings on Monday, just days after two judges found fault in the administration’s initial refusal to fund those benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, known as SNAP, starting this month.

But the roughly one in eight families that receive SNAP may still be at risk of imminent hunger and financial hardship. The Trump administration opted against using its full stable of available funds — totaling into the billions of dollars — to sustain the nation’s largest anti-hunger program. As a result, eligible households may receive only half as much in benefits compared with their usual amounts, officials said.

It also remained unclear when food stamp recipients would actually receive their aid. The Trump administration had previously warned that it could take weeks to provision benefits on a partial basis, further underscoring the consequences of its budgetary decision on Monday.

Many Democrats sharply condemned the White House in response, saying the administration had a legal and moral obligation to pay full benefits on time, especially given the fact that there were plenty of available funds.

“It is not enough to do the bare minimum — the administration should stop playing politics with hunger and use all available resources to ensure Americans can put food on the table,” said Senator Amy Klobuchar, Democrat of Minnesota, who leads her party on the chamber’s top agriculture panel.

The White House did not respond to a request for comment. “There’s a process that has to be

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AMIR HAMJA FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

BROOKLYN The audience listened to Zohran Mamdani at a Cuco concert at Kings Theater on Friday.



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BRONX Curtis Sliwa, the Republican nominee, spoke to supporters in Throgs Neck on Saturday.



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MANHATTAN Former Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo drew a crowd in Washington Heights on Monday.

Justices to Grapple With Tariffs

Under President’s Watchful Eye

By ANN E. MARIMOW

WASHINGTON — Again and again since President Trump returned to the White House, the Supreme Court’s conservative majority has blessed his boundary-pushing policies, allowing them to take effect on an interim basis while litigation plays out in the lower courts.

But on Wednesday, the justices will consider for the first time whether to say no to Mr. Trump in a lasting way.

At issue is the legality of his signature economic policy: the use of emergency powers to impose sweeping tariffs on nearly every

U.S. trading partner. The outcome of the case could significantly affect the global economy, American businesses and consumers.

Experts say the case is a tossup that poses difficult legal and political considerations for the justices, made all the more tense by Mr. Trump’s efforts to personalize the dispute.

Mr. Trump had mused about attending the court’s argument this week, and has spoken repeatedly of the case’s importance to him. On Sunday, he said he decided against going to court, but

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Prison Guards Go Unpunished

After Video of Bloody Beating

This article is by Jay Root, Jan Ransom and Ainara Tiefenthäler.

Ernastiaze Moore had been an inmate at Sullivan Correctional Facility in upstate New York for 11 days, he said, when an officer there gave him an ominous warning: “We are going to show you how we do it up in Sullivan.”

Soon after, in January 2023, Mr. Moore was in his cell when guards blasted him with pepper spray, burst in, beat him bloody and brought him to a so-called frisk room, where, he said, they groped his genitals and shoved fingers into his anus.

Afterward, Mr. Moore needed

surgery to reconstruct his left eye socket, records show. He reported what happened as a case of sexual assault and, in September, he filed a federal civil rights lawsuit accusing the guards of sexual abuse, excessive force and other offenses.

Mr. Moore, who was five years into a 21-year sentence for attempted murder and attempted assault, is one of scores of New York State prisoners who have complained over the years about being mistreated by guards. But his claims have emerged at a time of intense scrutiny for the prisons, where, in the past year, two in-

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A.I. Adds a Sickening Realism

To Death Threats Made Online

By TIFFANY HSU

Even though she was toughened by years spent working in internet activism, Caitlin Roper found herself traumatized by the online threats she received this year.

There was the picture of herself hanging from a noose, dead. And another of herself ablaze, screaming.

The posts were part of a surge of vitriol directed at Ms. Roper and her colleagues at Collective Shout, an Australian activist group, on X and other social media platforms. Some of it, including images of the women flayed, de-

capitated or fed into a wood chipper, was seemingly enabled — and given a visceral realism — by generative artificial intelligence. In some of the images, Ms. Roper was wearing a blue floral dress that she does, in fact, own.

“It’s these weird little details that make it feel more real and, somehow, a different kind of violation,” she said. “These things can go from fantasy to more than fantasy.”

Artificial intelligence is already raising concerns for its ability to mimic real voices in service of

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Maria Riva was her mother’s handmaiden and aide-de-camp. In 1993, her blockbuster biography told of the awful price that she paid. She was 100.

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