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### THE WEATHER

Today, colder, breezy, some rain and drizzle, high 48. Tonight, cloudy, a little rain, low 44. Tomorrow, damp early, then some sun, warmer, high 67. Weather map is on Page B8.

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## TOP REPUBLICANS HAVE DEAL TO END D.H.S. SHUTDOWN

### A SHARP TURNAROUND

#### Congress Revives Bid for Airport Relief After 6-Week Impasse

By **CARL HULSE** and **MICHAEL GOLD**

WASHINGTON — Senate and House Republican leaders announced an agreement on Wednesday to move forward with legislation to reopen the Department of Homeland Security, resurrecting a bipartisan deal that President Trump and the House G.O.P. had angrily rejected last week.

The plan would fund the department through Sept. 30 but omit money for the agencies carrying out Mr. Trump's immigration crackdown. G.O.P. leaders hoped to push it through without any debate or formal vote as early as Thursday morning, though hard-right Republicans irate about the deal signaled they might not allow it to move quickly.

Under their plan, Republicans said, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Border Patrol would continue to be paid for out of funds the G.O.P. pushed through Congress last year over solid Democratic opposition. This year, Democrats have refused to approve spending for those agencies without new restrictions on federal immigration agents' conduct.

The spending bill does not include any such restrictions, which Democrats began demanding after immigration officers killed two U.S. citizens in Minneapolis.

Senator John Thune of South Dakota, the majority leader, and Speaker Mike Johnson, of Louisiana, announced the deal in a statement on Wednesday afternoon. It followed days of talks behind the scenes with the president and top White House officials on how to break the intraparty stalemate.

"In the coming days, Republicans in the Senate and House will be following through on the president's directive by fully funding the entire Department of Homeland Security on two parallel tracks: through the appropriations process and through the reconciliation process," the statement said.

A senior White House official said Mr. Trump, who had blasted the funding deal as "inappropriate" last week, would sign it should it reach his desk.

It would end a more than six-week interruption in agency operations that has made history as the longest partial shutdown, left tens of thousands of federal employees furloughed or working without pay and badly snarled airport security operations. Mr. Trump ordered last Friday that Transportation Security Administration workers be paid out of available agency funds.

Both the House and Senate, which have recessed for a two-week spring break, have special ceremonial sessions scheduled for

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## Trip Around the Moon Fuels Imagination

NASA's Artemis II, carrying four astronauts, blasted off from Florida on Wednesday evening. Complete coverage on nytimes.com.

## Israel's Push to Evict Shiites in South Lebanon

By **CHRISTINA GOLDBAUM**

KAWKABA, Lebanon — When Israel and Hezbollah last went to war two years ago, Israeli evacuation warnings came a few villages at a time for residents in southern Lebanon.

With the outbreak of a new war in February, the warnings came all at once. As fighting reignited, Israel issued blanket evacuation guidance for a vast stretch of southern Lebanon — extending 25 miles from the Israeli border — publicly urging all civilians to flee to the north.

But behind the scenes, Israeli

### Officials Let Christians and Druse Remain Amid Evacuations

officials have conveyed a more targeted message.

In private calls to local leaders across southern Lebanon, Israeli military officials have assured several Christian and Druse communities that they could remain in the evacuation zone. They have pressed them, however, to force out any Lebanese from neighbor-

ing Shiite Muslim communities who have sought refuge among them as Israeli bombardments flatten Shiite towns, according to local Christian, Druse and Shiite leaders who spoke to The New York Times. The Shiites make up the majority of southern Lebanon.

Local leaders took the messages as a clear signal: Israel is trying to force out one group in the south — Shiites, who are from the same sect as Hezbollah, the Iranian-backed militant group that Israel is trying to vanquish.

"Israel wants to create a new buffer zone, it wants us out, what

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## Iran Skeptical Of War Talks, U.S. Assesses

By **EDWARD WONG** and **JULIAN E. BARNES**

WASHINGTON — Multiple U.S. intelligence agencies have assessed in recent days that the Iranian government is not currently willing to engage in substantial negotiations over ending the U.S.-Israeli war, according to U.S. officials.

The assessments say the Iranian government believes it is in a strong position in the war and does not have to accede to America's diplomatic demands, the officials said. And while Iran is willing to keep channels open, they said, it does not trust the United States and does not think President Trump is serious about negotiations.

In the last year, Mr. Trump has ordered attacks on Iran twice in the middle of negotiations over the country's nuclear program.

The assessments align with recent statements from Iranian officials, who reject Mr. Trump's assertion that the two sides are making progress in discussions mediated by other countries. A spokesman for Iran's foreign ministry said on Wednesday that the government in Tehran had not asked for a cease-fire, despite a statement from Mr. Trump that morning that it had, an Iranian state news agency reported.

Mr. Trump told reporters on Tuesday that the U.S. military would wrap up its campaign against Iran in two to three weeks. But any decision by Iran that it should continue fighting would complicate that objective.

The Iranian government could

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## Two Sides of Tourism

Cape Town is full of hotels, short-term rentals and workers who can't afford to live there. Page A4.

## JUSTICES EXPRESS DOUBTS ON ORDER OVER BIRTHRIGHT

### TRUMP IN ATTENDANCE

#### Conservatives Prod Both Sides in Key Case on Citizenship Limits

By **ABBIE VANSICKLE**

WASHINGTON — A majority of the Supreme Court appeared skeptical of President Trump's efforts to limit birthright citizenship during arguments on Wednesday.

Key conservative justices raised doubts about the constitutionality of the president's executive order that would end automatic citizenship for children born on U.S. soil to undocumented immigrants and some temporary foreign visitors.

When a lawyer for the Trump administration suggested that the realities of modern migration required a new assessment of whether the Constitution guarantees birthright citizenship, Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., who is seen as a key vote, retorted: "It's a new world. It's the same Constitution."

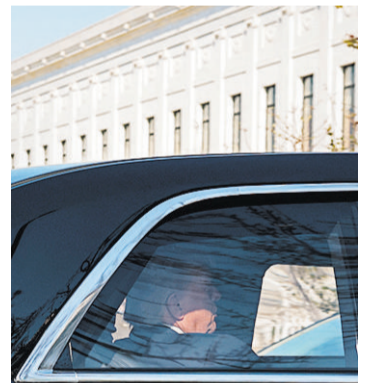
Still, in an argument that lasted more than two hours, the chief justice and several other of the court's conservatives also asked tough questions of a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union, which brought the legal challenge, making the outcome of the legally complicated and hugely consequential case not fully clear.

In an unprecedented move and a signal of the stakes of the landmark case, Mr. Trump attended the first part of the argument, watching from a public gallery as his solicitor general defended the policy. During the A.C.L.U.'s argument, the president abruptly rose from his seat and left the courtroom. After returning to the White House, he posted on social media, falsely, that the United States is the "only Country in the World STUPID enough to allow 'Birthright' Citizenship!"

The case before the court has enormous stakes, potentially redefining what it means to be an American. A decision to limit birthright citizenship could also have sweeping practical consequences, stripping the promise of citizenship from the estimated 200,000 babies or more born in the United States each year to undocumented immigrants.

Although the Trump administration

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President Trump arriving at the Supreme Court on Wednesday.

## Hegseth Clears Apache Crews in Kid Rock Flyby

By **EMILY COCHRANE** and **ERIC SCHMITT**

NASHVILLE — Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth on Tuesday abruptly reversed the suspension of Army crews that piloted two Apache helicopters close to the musician Kid Rock's residence in Nashville over the weekend.

Earlier on Tuesday, a spokesman said that the crew members involved had been barred from flight duties, a day after the Army

### Stepping In to Reverse Disciplinary Action

began an inquiry into videos of the flyover posted on social media.

But Mr. Hegseth appeared to end both the suspensions and the investigation, with a social media post on Tuesday night declaring: "No punishment. No investigation. Carry on, patriots."

It was a remarkable intervention from the highest level of the Pentagon, circumventing the internal military chain of command. For Mr. Hegseth, who in his previous career as a Fox News host defended service members accused of war crimes, the decree was another indication of his contempt for legal guardrails in the military.

Hegseth's post came on the same day that President Trump told reporters at the White House

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## Justice Dept. in a Jam as Its Boss Sues the I.R.S.

By **ANDREW DUEHREN** and **ALAN FEUER**

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department is struggling to decide how to respond to President Trump's lawsuit demanding at least \$10 billion from the Internal Revenue Service, as the department's lawyers try to resolve by a mid-April deadline the profound ethical questions the case raises, according to two people familiar with the dynamic.

### Conflict as the President Demands \$10 Billion

In late January, Mr. Trump took the extraordinary step of suing a federal agency that he oversees, accusing the I.R.S. of not doing enough to prevent the leak of his tax returns to The New York Times in 2020. The suit immediately elicited questions about

whether and how Trump administration officials would defend against a lawsuit filed by the head of the executive branch. The government has not yet responded to the case.

Inside the Justice Department and the White House, senior officials are in the middle of a messy and complicated debate over their next steps, according to the people familiar with the deliberations, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

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The cross-country skier Johannes Høsflot Klæbo reflected on his Olympic domination and looked ahead. PAGE B7

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In 1976, 14-year-old Chris Espinosa rode a moped to his job demonstrating computers made in Steve Jobs's childhood home. The company has changed, but he's still there. PAGE B1

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