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### THE WEATHER

Today, sunny, very hot and humid, high 100. Tonight, partly cloudy, thunderstorm, low 82. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, heavy thunderstorm, high 95. Weather map, Page B12.

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Cincinnati Zoo summer campers found a bit of relief in the mist on Thursday. Some Independence Day celebrations were canceled.

## HAZARDOUS HEAT STALKS MILLIONS

### Eastern U.S. Is Withering as Power Grids Strain

This article is by **Nazaneen Ghafar, Erin McCann, Christine Hauser and Michael Levenson.**

A brutal heat wave that was expected to endure through the holiday weekend snarled trains, upended Fourth of July events and forced people in much of the Central and Eastern United States to stay close to their grid-straining air-conditioners on Thursday.

About 238 million Americans — from Detroit to Boston and south to Miami — were living in areas that experienced some level of dangerous heat, with temperatures in many places topping 100 degrees, according to the National Weather Service. Central Park, in New York City, reached 100 for the first time in 12 years. Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark reached 104 degrees, breaking a daily record for July 2 set in 1966.

The wilting weather was not expected to ebb until Sunday, and even nighttime temperatures will be unusually warm, dropping only to the 70s and low 80s in some areas, offering little relief. Cities and towns designated libraries, senior centers and other air-conditioned buildings as cooling centers, allowing people seeking refuge to linger there.

Many people tried to cope as best as they could. Summer camps moved children to indoor spaces. Letter carriers lugged the mail while holding umbrellas.

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## Moscow Rains Revenge on Kyiv, Killing Dozens

By **CASSANDRA VINOGRAD and MARC SANTORA**

**KYIV, Ukraine** — The Russian military blasted Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, with waves of ballistic missiles and drones that lasted into Thursday morning, a deadly show of force after weeks of Ukrainian attacks in Russia that have heaped pressure on President Vladimir V. Putin.

At least 27 people were killed and 85 injured in overnight attacks, Ukrainian officials said, as firefighters raced to extinguish blazes in districts across the city. Several apartment buildings were

### Pressure on Putin After Strikes Deep in Russia

partially destroyed, and an unknown number of people were trapped in the rubble, according to the local authorities.

The barrage was the latest in the deadliest spring for civilians in Ukraine since the opening months of Moscow's full-scale invasion in 2022, with the violence increasing as both sides have raced to develop new weapons. Russia has been bombarding

Ukrainian towns and cities throughout the war, but Ukraine has been increasingly able to bring the war farther into Russia. It is using its growing arsenal of domestically produced long-range drones and cruise missiles to attack fuel facilities and military installations deep inside the country. And it is systematically hitting targets in every corner of occupied Ukraine, including Crimea, a peninsula controlled by Russia.

Kyiv's growing reach has caused logistical struggles for the Russian military and has led to

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Kyiv on Thursday. The last months were the deadliest for Ukraine's civilians since early in the war.

## Welcome to 4th of July Weekend (Trump's and Taylor's Versions)

By **JESSE MCKINLEY and MADISON MALONE KIRCHER**

Call it a quirk of wedding planning or the battle for the Fourth of July, but the coming weekend is shaping up to be a culmination of a decade-long cultural cold war between two of the world's most famous people: Taylor Swift and Donald J. Trump.

Over the years, the two have traded quips and barbs about everything from political endorsements and social movements to

football games and personal appearance, with the president usually the instigator of such beefs.

Swift, 36, is expected to celebrate her wedding to Travis Kelce, the star tight end for the Kansas City Chiefs, in a multiday affair at Madison Square Garden, though details about the event have been state-level secrets.

Considering the anticipation surrounding the Swift-Kelce nuptials, the celebration is shaping up to feel like an American royal wedding, expected to draw celebrities from around the world — and po-

### A Rally, a Wedding and a Cultural Moment

tentially a horde of fans and on-lookers.

Fans were already making pilgrimages to the streets around the arena as setup was underway. On Thursday evening, there was expected to be a rehearsal dinner of about 100 people in the Infos Theater, not the main arena, a per-

son familiar with the plans told The New York Times.

On Friday, about 1,000 guests will convene for a cocktail hour, kicking off a larger event. The dress code is black tie. The two events will have no-phone policies for all guests, vendors and security, the same person said. Security will be high.

Meanwhile, in Washington, Trump, 80, is planning a celebration on the National Mall on Saturday to celebrate the nation's 250th birthday, a self-described

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## Crypto Windfall for Trump But Not for Most Investors

### President Profits in Every Sale, but Drop in Price Means Thousands Lost Money

This article is by **Eric Lipton, Andrea Fuller and David Yaffe-Bellany.**

**WASHINGTON** — A large chunk of the \$2 billion haul President Trump took in last year came as hundreds of thousands of his fans and other investors bet on a speculative cryptocurrency called \$TRUMP, hoping its value would soar with his return to the White House.

But while Mr. Trump amassed an eye-popping \$636 million from the cryptocurrency, known as a memecoin, many of his followers who heeded his call to purchase the coin came out losers.

That outcome, documented by an independent analysis of trades and fees paid out from \$TRUMP token sales, is drawing renewed attention this week, as Mr. Trump for the first time has detailed the extraordinary \$1.4 billion in revenue he secured just from the cryptocurrency industry since he returned to the White House.

The president's 927-page financial disclosure showed how Mr. Trump and his family reaped huge financial rewards in 2025 through his money-losing Trump Media venture and a separate cryptocurrency firm called World Liberty Financial, even as routine investors suffered vast losses.

He also amassed hundreds of millions through deals that involved foreign governments or corporations with agenda items pending before the Trump administration.

On Wednesday, Mr. Trump dismissed questions about how much money he had made after returning to the White House, suggesting that he left personal financial decisions related to his invest-

ments to others. "I don't know if I had a better career in politics or business," Mr. Trump said as he was about to board his new Air Force One jet donated by the government of Qatar with his two oldest sons, Eric Trump and Donald Trump Jr., looking on. "But I had a great career in business. And you saw the cash."

The memecoin, which features an image of Mr. Trump pumping



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President Trump collected \$636 million in transaction fees from \$TRUMP tokens.

his fist the way he did after a 2024 assassination attempt, has no intrinsic value itself. Instead, it was a bet on the aura around Mr. Trump and the idea that the coin's fortunes would rise with his presidency.

In a way, Mr. Trump's cryptocurrency windfall is a reflection of the speculative nature of the nascent industry, in which executives behind these often highly volatile ventures are at times able

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## Arrests Double To 2,000 a Day In Push by ICE

By **HAMED ALEAZIZ**

**WASHINGTON** — Federal immigration officials detained more than 10,000 people in the last five days of June, a major surge that has stemmed from a push within Immigration and Customs Enforcement to increase arrest rates.

Agency leaders in recent days ordered top ICE officials to focus more of their officers' efforts on picking up immigrants they want to deport, according to documents obtained by The New York Times and interviews with federal officials.

ICE officers have arrested people at check-ins with immigration authorities, during traffic stops and on the street. The push has apparently yielded results, with recent arrest numbers roughly doubling from the 1,000 picked up each day earlier this year.

ICE officials were told that the White House wanted an increase in arrests, according to three officials with knowledge of the conversations. One of the officials said that it was unclear how long the pace could continue, but that ICE officials had been told that 2,000 arrests a day was the new standard for enforcement.

The surge has occurred without the fanfare of highly visible operations last year, in which officials announced their intentions ahead of time to target cities, including Chicago and Los Angeles, and sent officers pouring into the streets. Markwayne Mullin, the homeland security secretary, pledged to mount a quieter enforcement campaign after the chaos of a monthlong operation in Minnesota, where federal officers

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### NEWS ANALYSIS

## Court Delivered Enduring Wins For Right Wing

By **ANN E. MARIMOW and ABBIE VANSICKLE**

**WASHINGTON** — In the consequential Supreme Court term that ended on Tuesday, the justices rejected some of President Trump's marquee policies that were personally important to the president.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and two justices appointed by Mr. Trump joined with the three liberals to invalidate the president's sweeping tariffs. The court struck down Mr. Trump's order to end the guarantee of birthright citizenship for the U.S.-born babies of undocumented immigrants and temporary visitors. And the justices prevented him from immediately firing a leader of the influential Federal Reserve.

But even as the justices chose key moments to push back on Mr. Trump, the court's conservative supermajority delivered generational, long-sought wins, including by expanding executive power, as the court that Mr. Trump remade in his first term continued a project of pushing the law to the right.

The court endorsed Republican-backed efforts to lift limits on campaign financing, expanded presidential reach over immigration policy and the federal bureaucracy, and dealt a major blow to the Voting Rights Act of 1965, a landmark civil rights law.

"The headline might be 'Court checks Trump,' but the through line is a concentration of power towards the presidency, towards the court itself and away from

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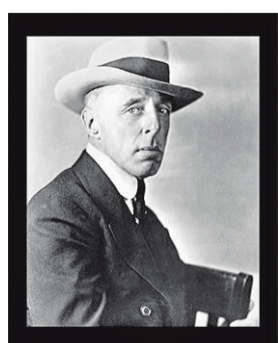
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Iran's sprawling funeral for Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is beginning, with tens of millions of mourners expected. PAGE A4

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The latest film of the franchise featuring the cylindrical creatures introduces a whole new set of characters. The result, our critic says, is shaggy and meandering, and not that cynical. PAGE C5

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At the World Cup, Folarin Balogun earned fans after scoring for the U.S. against Bosnia and Herzegovina, and for his LeBron James tribute. PAGE B11

