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THE WEATHER

Today, warmer, turning cloudy in the afternoon, high 65. Tonight, cloudy, showers, low 54. Tomorrow, morning showers, decreasing clouds, high 76. Weather map, Page D8.

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A strike hit the Israeli town of Eshtaol over the weekend. A month of intense U.S.-Israeli bombing has failed to stop Iran’s attacks.

More Die in ICE Custody As Critics Charge Neglect

One Man Deteriorated After a Toothache — ‘He Could Not Even Blink His Eyes’

This article is by Jazmine Ulloa, Allison McCann and Emiliano Rodriguez Mega.

It started with sharp pain in a tooth. For about a week, Emmanuel Damas sought treatment while he was being held at an Arizona immigration detention center, several detainees later told his family. But Mr. Damas, who had migrated from Haiti in 2024 under what was then a lawful U.S. program, was given only ibuprofen, the detainees said.

Soon, one of his brothers received a call that Mr. Damas was in a hospital intensive care unit. By the time his relatives were allowed to visit him nine days later, Mr. Damas, 56, was on life support, unable to move or speak but still shackled to a hospital bed. An infection had spread throughout his body, and Mr. Damas had most likely gone into septic shock, according to federal officials and interviews with his relatives.

“He could not even blink his eyes,” one of his brothers, Presly Nelson, said in an interview. “There was nothing there.”

He died on March 2 — one of 13 people who have died in federal immigration custody in the first three months of this year, and one of 46 who have died since President Trump took office last year and began his mass deportation campaign, according to death reports and news releases made public by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The Department of Homeland Security and its ICE agency, which have been leading the deportation effort, have faced growing scrutiny over agents’ aggressive, militarized tactics on American streets. And the killing of two U.S. citizens in Minnesota this year helped lead to the ouster of Kristi Noem as homeland security secretary.

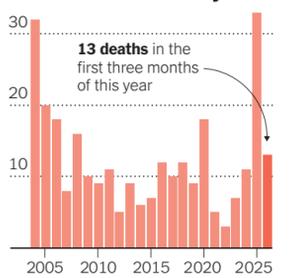
But as her successor, Markwayne Mullin, takes over, the number of people who have died

in immigration detention has been drawing more attention. The number of immigrants in ICE custody has nearly doubled in the last 14 months, and the detention centers have been strained by the surge.

A spokesman for CoreCivic, which operates the Arizona detention center where Mr. Damas fell ill, said only that the company takes “very seriously” the death of anyone in its care. “The safety, health and well-being of the people in our facilities is our top priority,” the spokesman, Brian Todd, said.

The Department of Homeland Security maintains that detainees

Deaths in ICE custody



Sources: ICE Detainee Death Reporting; ICE detainee death notifications; ICE Detention Management; U.C.L.A. Law Behind Bars Data Project; University of Washington Center for Human Rights.

are receiving adequate care. In a statement, Lauren Bis, an agency spokeswoman, said Mr. Damas was sent to the hospital on Feb. 19 immediately after he reported shortness of breath and that ICE had “higher detention standards than most U.S. prisons.” American prisons have long had deficiencies of their own in the medical care provided to inmates.

Many ICE detention facilities are run by large private companies, such as CoreCivic and the GEO Group, that also operate

Before and After Urgent Call to ‘Stop, Stop, Stop’

This article is by John Leland, Pranav Baskar, Olivia Bensimon, Ashley Southall, Corey Kilgannon and Jan Ransom.

They were two young pilots from Canada, still early in their careers, and two firefighters from Queens and Long Island, 18-year veterans in a specially trained unit of the Port Authority Police Department.

They were two air traffic controllers early in their overnight shift, and two flight attendants on their last run of the day.

They were two planes from different airlines, one bound for Chi-

A Crescendo of Events Leading to a Disaster at LaGuardia

cago but grounded with a strange odor, the other arriving from Montreal, carrying 72 passengers on a route traveled more than 200 times a month.

There was a specialized fire truck built for airport emergencies, but lacking a tracking device that is standard at many airports.

Late on March 22, amid rain and

fog, fates came together at LaGuardia Airport in the first deadly crash at the airport in more than three decades. In the screeching collision of metal on metal, the two pilots lost their lives and another 41 people were hospitalized with injuries. A flight attendant, still belted to her seat, was thrown more than 300 feet.

Yet for all the wreckage, no passengers were killed, and by

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STAFFING Questions have been raised about how many overnight controllers are needed. PAGE A15

NEWS ANALYSIS

Wounded Iran Is Still Biting

Attacks May Be Fewer But Have Deadly Effect

This article is by Nicholas Kulish, Helene Cooper, Isabel Kershner and Erika Solomon.

An Iranian strike on an American military base in Saudi Arabia, injuring two dozen troops. Two drones targeting a port in Oman, and a strike on the Kuwait International Airport. Workers at an aluminum facility in Abu Dhabi wounded by a missile and drone attack.

President Trump has said that the United States has all but obliterated Iran’s military abilities, portraying the country as a defanged adversary. The U.S. military says that the number of attacks Iran has launched has declined by roughly 90 percent from the opening days of the war, and the Israeli military says it has rendered roughly 70 percent of Iran’s hundreds of missile launchers inoperable.

But a series of attacks against Israel and Gulf countries in the past several days is only the latest evidence that Iran retains enough missiles and drones to destabilize the region and inflict a punishing cost on its foes, while signaling that, contrary to Mr. Trump’s declarations, it is still very much in the fight.

Millions of Israelis are still rushing into bomb shelters day and night to take cover from Iranian missile fire. The daily routine of sirens and booms sows fear and paralysis. Seven people were injured in central Israel on Thursday after missile barrages, according to the country’s emergency service. Surveillance cameras captured footage of two people rushing out of harm’s way before a silver car they were standing near exploded, then pinwheelled through the air. On Friday, a Tel Aviv man was killed by a bomblet from a missile with a cluster-munition warhead.

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The G.O.P.’s push to deport migrants may put dairy farms like Tim O’Harrow’s in a bind. PAGE A14.

Catholic Church Has Surge of Converts in U.S.

By ELIZABETH DIAS

People are joining the Roman Catholic Church in surprising numbers.

This Easter, the Archdiocese of Detroit will receive 1,428 new Catholics into the church, its highest number in 21 years. The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston will have its most in 15 years. In the Diocese of Des Moines, the count is jumping 51 percent from last year, from 265 people to 400.

Bishops Are Searching for Causes Behind It

The first year after the election of Pope Leo XIV, the first pontiff from the United States, many Catholic churches across America are welcoming their highest numbers of new Catholics in recent years. The newcomers are set to officially be received into the

church during the Easter Vigil Mass, the night before Easter Sunday on April 5.

Bishops are buzzing about the surge, and confounded by what is behind it.

“Of course we think the Holy Spirit is,” Cardinal Robert McElroy of Washington said. “But we are kind of stymied.”

His own archdiocese is set to have 1,755 people enter the church this Easter, up from last year’s

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The death of Emmanuel Damas, 56, has galvanized opposition to collaboration between ICE and the local authorities in Boston.

Judges Struggle to Signal Alarm As Fiery Rulings Become Norm

By MATTATHIAS SCHWARTZ

Judges are turning up the volume.

One compared her district’s ballooning caseload to a demigod’s battle against a mythological monster.

Another sought to buttress his argument against National Guard deployments to U.S. cities with a YouTube link to a 1970 protest song.

A third compared the Trump administration’s rewriting of American history to the Ministry of Truth in George Orwell’s novel “1984.”

More and more federal judges have been setting aside their profession’s traditional, restrained style of opinion writing in favor of

an emotive, populist approach, giving full vent to the intensity of their concerns about cases flooding their dockets since President Trump returned to office.

In many instances, the writerly flourishes and flashy citations appear to be symptoms of a growing sense among district-court judges that President Trump’s second term is an all-hands-on-deck constitutional emergency. That feeling of alarm runs all the way up to the Supreme Court, where Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson wrote that one decision from the conservative majority was “an existential threat to the rule of law.”

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The number of unscripted series has dropped by a third since 2022. Among the causes: the fall of cable and digital outlets’ growth. As the industry changes, an era is quietly vanishing. PAGE B1

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The Small Business Administration lent \$378 billion to keep businesses afloat during the pandemic. Getting repaid is proving difficult, with an unpaid principal balance of \$279 billion. PAGE B1

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Going Extinct as Game Evolves

No one expects a player to bat .400 in a season, à la Ted Williams. But even .300 hitters — and 200-inning pitchers — may soon belong in a museum. PAGE D1



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