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Hurricane Melissa inundated the small community of New River, where residents are coping with a massive cleanup. Page A6.

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Judges Press White House To Pay Out Food Benefits

Courts Assail Refusal to Use Emergency Fund, but Restart of Aid Is Uncertain

By TONY ROMM

WASHINGTON — A federal judge ordered the Trump administration on Friday to continue paying for food stamps during the government shutdown, siding with local officials and nonprofits that had sought to spare millions of low-income Americans from losing benefits in a matter of days.

It was the second of two rulings in the span of about an hour that found the administration had acted unlawfully, after it had refused to tap an emergency reserve — enacted by Congress and totaling in the billions of dollars — to sustain the nation’s largest anti-hunger program.

But it remained unclear if or when food stamps would actually reach the roughly 42 million people who rely on monthly federal help to buy groceries. Taking to social media, President Trump said late Friday that his administration would release the funds only once it received “appropriate legal direction” from the court, as he warned that any food stamp benefits paid in November would “unfortunately be delayed.”

Nor was it certain the exact amounts that food stamp recipients would receive in November. The emergency funds alone are enough to provide only partial benefits, according to federal officials, raising the odds of another financial cliff for millions of low-income Americans unless Congress can quickly devise an end to the current stalemate.

The twin court defeats nonetheless amounted to a major rebuke of the White House. For days, Mr. Trump’s leading deputies had maintained that they could do little to save the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, known as SNAP, even though they

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Trump’s Talk of Nuclear Tests Recalls Fears of the Cold War

By DAVID E. SANGER and WILLIAM J. BROAD

WASHINGTON — President Trump’s unexpected declaration on Thursday that he was ordering the U.S. military to resume nuclear testing prompted visions of a return to the worst days of the Cold War, when the United States, Russia and China were regularly detonating new weapons, first in the atmosphere and outer space, then underground.

It was an era of terrifying threats and counter-threats, of dark visions of Armageddon and theories of deterrence by mutually assured destruction. That age supposedly ended with the arrival of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty that nations agreed to in the mid-1990s. But not enough of the signatories ratified it for the treaty to formally come into force. Its objective was to starve the arms race by cutting off new tests and the cycle of retaliation

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Royal Removal Has Redefined A King’s Crown

By MARK LANDLER

LONDON — When Prince Charles ascended the throne in 2022, royal watchers predicted he would be a cautious reformer, edging Britain’s ancient monarchy toward a more open, inclusive and accountable style. Few predicted that exiling his wayward younger brother, Andrew, would be a defining moment in that project.

King Charles III’s decision this week to strip Andrew of his title as a prince, turning him into Mr. Mountbatten Windsor, is a watershed in the history of the royal family — an act so legally complicated, politically sensitive and emotionally fraught that it left royal historians casting about for a precedent.

At one level, Charles’s move is a concession that a decade of half measures was not enough to quell the public outcry over allegations of sexual misconduct against Andrew and his friendship with Jeffrey Epstein, the convicted sex offender. At another level, it is an affirmation that royals, too, can be held accountable.

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In Young Life Filled With Loss, a Camp Offered a Chance to Heal

By KIM BARKER and OLEKSANDRA MYKOLYSHYN

ZAKARPATTIA REGION, Ukraine — In some ways, camp scared the boy almost as much as the war did. He had no friends there, nor anywhere really, and he was not sure how to make them. He had the wrong clothes and the wrong phone and he had never talked to girls, let alone danced with them.

And then there was the pool. Artem Miz, 12, wearing a yellow camp T-shirt and long black pants, sat alone in the shade as kids in swimsuits splashed in the water nearby.

“Honestly, I don’t want to embarrass myself, because everyone would laugh that I can’t swim,” said Artem, a skinny boy with dark hair and dark eyes. “I’m so big, and I can’t swim alone. Everyone else can.”

A nonprofit run by Ukraine’s richest man, Rinat Akhmetov, created this 10-day camp in late August as a respite for kids who have endured nightly barrages of drones and missiles and often much worse during Ukraine’s war with Russia. Some of the 51 children at the camp lost their fathers in the fighting or saw their houses leveled by airstrikes. Some fled their homes, taking only what they could carry.

Living in territory occupied by Russian soldiers, Artem saw death up close. More than once he

packed his toy soldiers and his stuffed bear named Masha and fled with his parents and infant brother. Within months, the family of four would be reduced to three.

Artem was invited to the camp, in western Ukraine, after a government agency that works with children recommended him. The camp sounded great. He would get chances to draw, talk about the war, attend a Hawaiian party, learn how to blog and post on so-

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cial media.

He thought all of that was fine, but what he really wanted was a friend.

One morning, Artem and 16 other campers sat around a picnic table drawing pictures near a

pond with insistent ducks. Their group was one of three in camp. The boys had left the decision on what to name the group to the girls, who wanted to call it the Maggots because they thought it was funny. Their camp counselor did not. She called them the Turbo Kids.

Just a glance at their drawings showed that they had all been through something traumatic.

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Vladyslav Ulianitskyi, center, signed Artem Miz’s T-shirt during a camp for Ukrainian children.

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N.J. Race Tests Trump Inroads Among Latinos

By SHANE GOLDMACHER and CHRISTINE ZHANG

Moments after Jack Ciattarelli, the Republican candidate for governor of New Jersey, bounded down the steps of his campaign bus on the first day of early voting, he began to rattle off statistics about the size and strength of the state’s Latino population.

“We have more than two million people that are of Hispanic descent and more than 500,000 that are Puerto Rican,” Mr. Ciattarelli said, flanked by the Republican governor of Puerto Rico who had flown in to campaign with him. “And we’re so very happy that they called New Jersey home.”

Latino voters are not only a critical swing bloc in this year’s New Jersey governor’s race but also an important test nationally of just how enduring the gains that President Trump made last year in the Hispanic community will prove.

Mr. Trump lost New Jersey by less than six percentage points in 2024, a surprisingly close result that came largely because of his remarkable strength in the state’s most diverse areas. Every single one of New Jersey’s 29 townships with a majority Hispanic population swung in Mr. Trump’s direction.

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