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WASHINGTON

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE IS PREPARING TO SHED AS MUCH AS 50 PERCENT OF ITS STAFF, ACCORDING TO FOUR PEOPLE FAMILIAR WITH THE MATTER, A SIGNIFICANT CUT THAT COULD JEOPARDIZE THE AGENCY'S ABILITY TO COMPLETE ITS BASIC MISSION OF COLLECTING TAXES.

THE I.R.S. STARTED THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION WITH ROUGHLY 100,000 EMPLOYEES. IT HAS ALREADY LAID OFF MORE THAN 7,000 PEOPLE WHO HAD RECENTLY JOINED THE AGENCY AND HAD FEWER JOB PROTECTIONS, AND THOUSANDS MORE HAVE TAKEN ELON MUSK'S OFFER TO RESIGN. THOSE CUTS, AS WELL AS NORMAL ATTRITION, ARE EXPECTED TO COUNT TOWARD THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S GOAL OF HALVING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WORK AT THE I.R.S., TWO OF THE PEOPLE SAID.

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IT IS UNCLEAR HOW QUICKLY THE NEXT BATCH OF TERMINATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE AT THE I.R.S. AND HOW THEY WILL AFFECT SPECIFIC DEPARTMENTS THERE. THE TAX COLLECTOR IS IN THE MIDDLE OF REVIEWING AMERICANS' TAX RETURNS AS PART OF THE ANNUAL FILING SEASON, AND OFFICIALS HAVE DELAYED SOME FIRINGS UNTIL AFTER THE BUSY PERIOD ENDS IN THE SPRING.

A SPOKESWOMAN FOR THE I.R.S. DECLINED TO COMMENT.

LOSING HALF OF ITS EMPLOYEES WOULD SEVERELY STRAP THE I.R.S., WHICH HAS STRUGGLED FOR YEARS WITH HIRING AND RETAINING A WORK FORCE THAT CAN PROCESS MILLIONS OF TAX RETURNS EVERY YEAR AND CONDUCT COMPLEX AUDITS. AMERICANS MAY HAVE TO WAIT LONGER TO RECEIVE REFUNDS OR SPEAK WITH I.R.S. EMPLOYEES IN FUTURE FILING SEASONS, WHILE CORPORATIONS AND RICH AMERICANS MAY FACE LESS SCRUTINY FROM THE THINLY STAFFED TAX AGENCY.

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SEMINOLE, TEXAS

AS A MEASLES OUTBREAK EXPANDS IN WEST TEXAS, ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR., THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY, ON TUESDAY CHEERED SEVERAL UNCONVENTIONAL TREATMENTS, INCLUDING COD LIVER OIL, BUT AGAIN DID NOT URGE AMERICANS TO GET VACCINATED.

IN A PRERECORDED INTERVIEW THAT AIRED ON FOX NEWS, MR. KENNEDY SAID THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS SHIPPING DOSES OF VITAMIN A TO GAINES COUNTY, THE EPICENTER OF THE OUTBREAK, AND HELPING TO ARRANGE AMBULANCE RIDES.

H.H.S. OFFICIALS PREVIOUSLY SAID THEY WERE SHIPPING DOSES OF THE MEASLES-MUMPS-RUBELLA VACCINE TO TEXAS, BUT MR. KENNEDY DID NOT DISCUSS VACCINATION.

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TEXAS DOCTORS HAD SEEN “VERY, VERY GOOD RESULTS,” MR. KENNEDY CLAIMED, BY TREATING MEASLES CASES WITH A STEROID, BUDESONIDE; AN ANTIBIOTIC CALLED CLARITHROMYCIN; AND COD LIVER OIL, WHICH HE SAID HAD HIGH LEVELS OF VITAMIN A AND VITAMIN D.

WHILE PHYSICIANS SOMETIMES ADMINISTER DOSES OF VITAMIN A TO TREAT CHILDREN WITH SEVERE MEASLES CASES, COD LIVER OIL IS “BY NO MEANS” AN EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENT, SAID DR. SEAN O’LEARY, CHAIR OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS COMMITTEE ON INFECTIOUS DISEASES. DR. O’LEARY ADDED THAT HE HAD NEVER HEARD OF A PHYSICIAN USING THE SUPPLEMENT AGAINST MEASLES.

THE OUTBREAK SHOWS NO SIGNS OF SLOWING, ACCORDING TO DATA RELEASED ON TUESDAY BY STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS.



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WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday

Sunny, with a high near 55. West wind around 5 mph.

Saturday Night

Mostly clear, with a low around 30.

Sunday

Sunny, with a high near 61.

Sunday Night

Clear, with a low around 38.

Monday

Sunny, with a high near 73.

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MUSIC NEWS

ON APRIL 4, 2025, ELEKTRA/RHINO RECORDS WILL REISSUE TRACY CHAPMAN'S EPONYMOUS DEBUT ALBUM ON VINYL IN CELEBRATION OF ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY. ORIGINALLY RELEASED BY ELEKTRA RECORDS IN APRIL 1988, TRACY CHAPMAN HAS LONG BEEN UNAVAILABLE ON VINYL. THIS ANNIVERSARY REISSUE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR RELEASE BY CHAPMAN AND THE ALBUM'S ORIGINAL PRODUCER, DAVID KERSHENBAUM, PRESSED ON 180-GRAM VINYL AND SOURCED FROM THE BOB LUDWIG ANALOGUE MASTER. FEATURING THE CLASSIC SINGLES 'FAST CAR', 'TALKIN' BOUT A REVOLUTION', AND 'BABY CAN I HOLD YOU', THE ALBUM EARNED THREE GRAMMY AWARDS AND WENT ON TO BECOME ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL DEBUTS OF ALL TIME, PEAKING AT #1 IN MULTIPLE COUNTRIES AND SELLING MORE THAN 20 MILLION COPIES WORLDWIDE. TO THIS DAY, IT STILL MAKES REGULAR APPEARANCES ON CHARTS AROUND THE WORLD, AND IS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ALBUMS BY A FEMALE ARTIST IN CHART HISTORY.

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A LOW MURMUR OF CRYING PIERCED A LENGTHY MOMENT OF SILENCE AS FANS LIT THE ARENA WITH THEIR CELLPHONES, RIDING WAVES OF EMOTION THROUGH A POIGNANT FIGURE SKATING SHOW SUNDAY IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL TO REMEMBER AND RAISE MONEY FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE MIDAIR COLLISION OUTSIDE RONALD REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE LEGACY ON ICE BENEFIT EVENT FEATURED A STAR-STUDDED GROUP OF SOME OF THE BEST U.S. FIGURE SKATERS OF THE PAST AND PRESENT TAKING PART TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE 67 PEOPLE WHO DIED WHEN AN ARMY HELICOPTER COLLIDED WITH AN AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT AND CRASHED INTO THE POTOMAC RIVER ON JAN. 29. THAT INCLUDED 28 MEMBERS OF THE FIGURE SKATING COMMUNITY, SOME OF WHOM LIVED AND TRAINED IN THE WASHINGTON AREA.



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AMERICAN ICONS OF THE SPORT KRISTI YAMAGUCHI AND BRIAN BOITANO EMCEEDED THE SHOW, WHICH INCLUDED PERFORMANCES BY THE LIKES OF GLENN, JOHNNY WEIR AND REIGNING MEN'S WORLD CHAMPION ILIA MALININ, ALONG WITH POIGNANT TRIBUTES TO THE VICTIMS.

“WE ARE NOT POWERLESS,” BOITANO SAID IN OPENING THE SHOW. “AS SKATERS, WE LEARNED TO BE RESILIENT AND TO ALWAYS FIND A PATH FORWARD THAT IS POSITIVE.”

TED LEONSI, HEAD OF MONUMENTAL SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT, WHICH STAGED THE EVENT ALONG WITH U.S. FIGURE SKATING, DC FIRE & EMS FOUNDATION AND THE GREATER WASHINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, HOPES DOING THIS AT CAPITAL ONE ARENA HELPS FAMILIES IN THE HEALING PROCESS THE WAY CONCERTS AND SPORTS AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN DID IN NEW YORK IN 2001 AFTER 9/11.



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NEW YORK

A CYBERCRIME CREW STOLE THEN RESOLD MORE THAN 900 DIGITAL TICKETS TO TAYLOR SWIFT CONCERTS AND OTHER PRICEY EVENTS ON STUBHUB, ACCORDING TO PROSECUTORS IN NEW YORK. THE INTERNATIONAL SCAM INVOLVED PEOPLE WORKING IN JAMAICA FOR A FIRM CONTRACTED BY THE ONLINE TICKET MARKETPLACE, QUEENS DISTRICT ATTORNEY MELINDA KATZ SAID MONDAY.

THE CONTRACTORS STOLE THE URLs OF TICKETS PURCHASED ON STUBHUB AND EMAILED THEM TO OTHERS IN NEW YORK, WHO THEN DOWNLOADED AND RESOLD THEM ON STUBHUB AT EXORBITANT PRICES, SHE SAID. THE CREW RAKED IN MORE THAN \$600,000 IN PROFITS OVER ROUGHLY A YEAR BETWEEN JUNE 2022 AND JULY 2023, ACCORDING TO PROSECUTORS.



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THE MAJORITY OF THE STOLEN TICKETS WERE FOR SWIFT'S ERAS TOUR, BUT THE THIEVES ALSO BOOSTED ONES FOR ADELE AND ED SHEERAN CONCERTS, NBA GAMES AND THE U.S. OPEN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

KATZ ADDED THAT INVESTIGATORS ARE STILL DETERMINING THE EXTENT OF THE OPERATION, INCLUDING OTHER POTENTIAL CO-CONSPIRATORS.

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COMMERCIAL PROMPT

MCDONALD'S RESTAURANTS

SHAMROCK SHAKE

Limited Time Only 540 Cal.

Creamy vanilla Soft Serve blended with our minty Shamrock Shake syrup and topped with a whipped light cream. The Shamrock Shake is available in small, medium and large. With each order, 25¢ is donated as a gift to Ronald McDonald House Charities®, thru 3/23.

Your shake donates 25¢
gift to RMHC





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HOLLYWOOD

HERE'S A PLOT TWIST: AFTER INITIAL NUMBERS SHOWED THE 2025 EDITION OF THE OSCARS RUNNING BEHIND LAST YEAR'S TV AUDIENCE, FINAL FIGURES HAVE MOVED THE SHOW AHEAD OF THE 2024 TELECAST — AND TO A FIVE-YEAR HIGH IN SEVERAL MEASURES.

SUNDAY'S TELECAST, HOSTED BY CONAN O'BRIEN, AVERAGED 19.69 MILLION VIEWERS ON ABC AND HULU, ACCORDING TO NIELSEN'S FINAL SAME-DAY RATINGS (WHICH INCLUDES THE STREAMING AUDIENCE ON HULU). THE SHOW MARKED THE FIRST TIME THE ACADEMY AWARDS WERE LIVE STREAMED, THOUGH HULU SUFFERED A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL GLITCHES DURING THE EVENING, INCLUDING CUTTING OFF THE FINAL TWO AWARDS OF THE NIGHT FOR SOME USERS.