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THE WEATHER
Today, morning flurries, storm total around 8 inches, cloudy, high 28. **To-night**, clear, breezy, cold, low 12. **To-morrow**, cold, partly cloudy, breezy, high 18. Weather map is on Page D8.

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ARCTIC AIR, SNOW AND ICE OVERTAKE MUCH OF THE U.S.

A MILLION LOSE POWER

Deadly Weather Disrupts Flights, Business and School Districts

This article is by Michael Levenson, Clyde McGrady and Amy Graff.

More than a million homes and businesses lost power and some districts canceled school through Tuesday as a major winter storm walloped the eastern United States on Sunday with a mix of heavy snow, ice and dangerously cold temperatures.

About 105 million people from New Mexico to Maine were under a winter storm warning issued by the National Weather Service. Some parts of New England and New York were expected to receive up to a foot and a half of snow, while parts of the Midwest, South and the Mid-Atlantic were contending with a slippery blend of snow and freezing rain.

Gov. Kathy Hochul of New York said on Sunday that the storm had already shattered records, with temperatures far below zero in the northern part of the state. “We are anticipating the longest cold stretch and the highest snow totals the state has seen in several years,” she said.

The state had deployed 100 National Guard members to assist in areas including New York City, Long Island and the Hudson Valley, she said. Five people were found dead in New York City on Saturday, and the police said the cause of their deaths was being investigated. At least three of the people were homeless. Mayor Zohran Mamdani said the city had opened 10 warming centers.

In Austin, Texas, where the temperature also plunged below freezing, one person had died of exposure, Mayor Kirk Watson said on Sunday. He encouraged people in need of shelter to call the city’s 311 hotline.

The Louisiana Department of Health reported on Sunday that two men in Caddo Parish had died of hypothermia and that the parish coroner had confirmed that the deaths were storm related. The department said the men’s ages were unknown and that it would not release any additional information.

As power outages rose steadily throughout the day, the hardest-hit states were Tennessee, where nearly 350,000 customers were without power, and Louisiana and

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Canadian Deal On China’s Cars May Sting U.S.

By JACK EWING

Canada’s decision this month to give Chinese carmakers a toehold in the country’s car market may be an ominous development for U.S. automakers that are already struggling to stay relevant outside North America.

General Motors and Ford Motor — the two largest U.S.-based car manufacturers — have been steadily losing customers in Asia, Europe and Latin America, as Chinese carmakers have gained ground. Now Canada plans to lower tariffs on a limited number of Chinese-made vehicles, potentially giving companies like BYD, SAIC or Geely a small but significant presence on the United States’ northern border after already building a thriving business in Mexico and much of Latin America.

If they lose significant ground to Chinese companies in Canada, Mexico and other countries where they once dominated, G.M. and Ford could gradually become niche manufacturers, said Erik Gordon, a professor at the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan. They will end up primarily making and selling large pickup trucks and sport-utility vehicles favored by many Americans but that tend to sell

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Minnesota and Federal Officials Clash Again Over the Facts in a Fatal Shooting

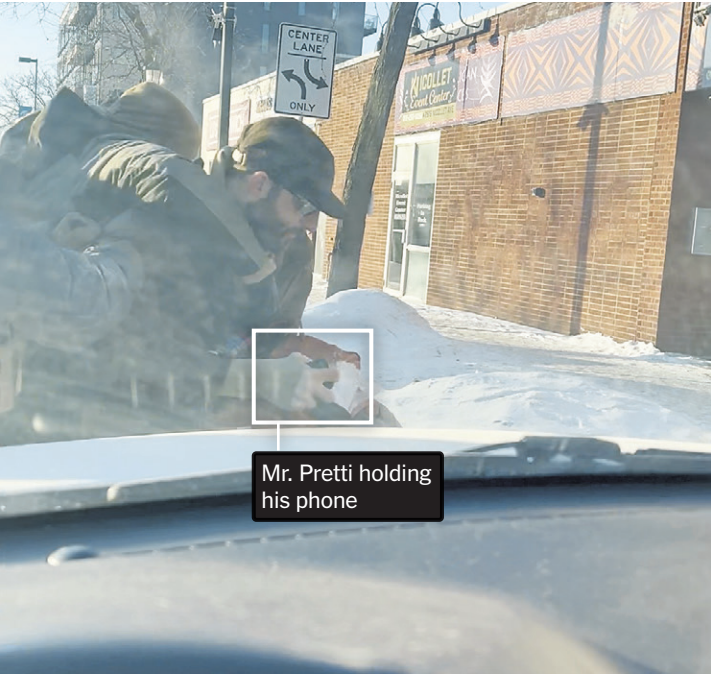
A Moment-by-Moment Analysis of the Violent Scene

Video footage verified by The New York Times documents the confrontation and the fatal shooting of Alex Jeffrey Pretti by federal agents in Minneapolis on Saturday. The footage directly contradicts the Department of Homeland Security’s account of the encounter. Page A12.

25 SECONDS BEFORE THE SHOOTING



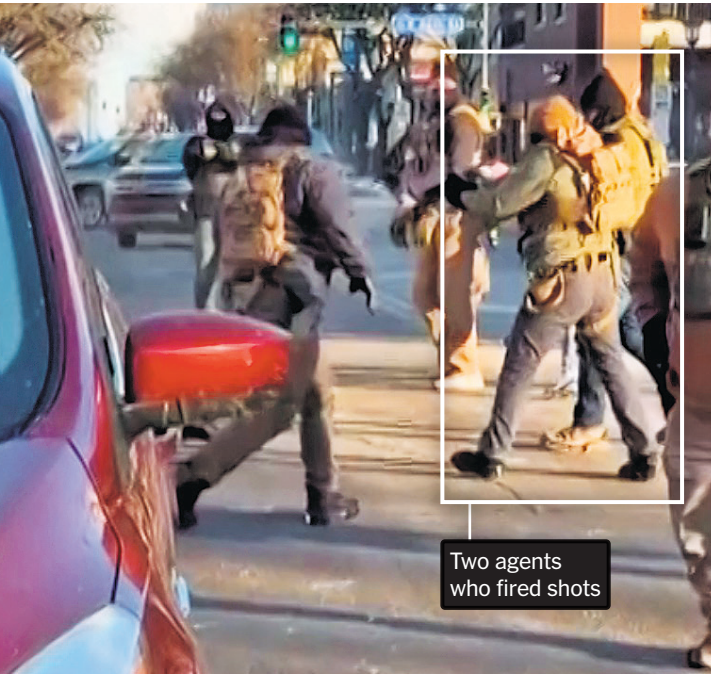
17 SECONDS BEFORE



FIRST SHOT FIRED



ADDITIONAL SHOTS FIRED



Clockwise from top left, stills from video by Philophon via Reddit, from witness video shared with The New York Times and from witness video via Associated Press.

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Video Footage Doesn’t Stop Trump From Telling a Different Story

By PETER BAKER

WASHINGTON — Twice since the start of the year, federal officers have gunned down protesters in Minneapolis with cell-phone cameras rolling and twice President Trump and his lieutenants have rushed forward with a message to the American people: Don’t believe what you see with your own eyes.

Without waiting for facts, the Trump team has advanced one-sided narratives to justify each of the killings and demonize the victims. Renee Good, a mother of three, was engaged in “domestic terrorism” and “viciously ran

over the ICE Officer,” they declared. Alex Jeffrey Pretti, an I.C.U. nurse at a veterans’ hospital, was an “assassin” aiming to “massacre law enforcement.”

The trick is that the Trump versions of reality have collided with bystander videos watched by millions who did not see what they were told. Ms. Good did not run over the ICE agent who killed her; a video analysis suggested she was trying to turn away from him and he continued to shoot her even as she passed him. Mr. Pretti approached officers with a phone in his hand, not a gun; he moved to help a woman who was pepper sprayed and he was under a pileup of agents when one suddenly shot him in the back.

President’s Team Aims to Justify Killings and Demonize Victims

The videos, sometimes shaky, incomplete or at a distance, may not show the totality of what happened in those split seconds on the street and they do not speak to what was going through the heads of the officers who opened fire in what is being called self-defense. Many questions about exactly what happened remain unanswered and further investigation could change the common understanding of the deadly events in Minneapolis, perhaps even bolstering the Trump administration’s assertions, although the administration is blocking independent inquiries.

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local officials remained shut out of the investigation — lacking facts as basic as the identity of the federal agents who shot Mr. Pretti.

The standoff over the investigations into both killings — which were each documented in videos shot from multiple angles — was a break from the typical cooperation seen between state and federal authorities.

“What you have now is a sense that immigration agents are able to operate with impunity because there is no accountability and no prospect of accountability for these horrific acts,” said Vanita Gupta, who served as associate attorney general.

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G.O.P. RIFT The party showed cracks as a senator called for a joint federal and state inquiry into a killing in Minneapolis. PAGE A11

Gun Activists Dispute Thought That Pistol Merits Lethal Force

By DANNY HAKIM and THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF

Some high-profile gun rights activists and groups bristled on Saturday at government officials’ claims that federal agents may have been justified in killing a Minneapolis man during a protest because he was carrying a pistol.

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cealed carry licensees who approach while lawfully carrying a firearm. The Second Amendment protects Americans’ right to bear arms while protesting — a right the federal government must not infringe upon.”

The gun group also accused “the Left” of “antagonizing” immigration agents.

The exchange could point to political fissures between the gun rights movement and President Trump, who is generally seen as an ally. And it already is sparking debate within a movement that has long warned against government overreach.

The National Rifle Association referred to federal agents as “jackbooted government thugs” in a 1995 mailer. But in a statement Saturday night, the N.R.A. put blame for the shooting on Gov. Tim Walz of Minnesota and other

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A Search for the Disappeared

Even as dozens of political prisoners have been freed in Venezuela, dozens more taken by the authorities remain missing, rights groups say. PAGE A6

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Trump’s Economy in Year 1

In 2024, the president campaigned on promises including ending inflation and bringing back manufacturing jobs. Just how did he do? PAGE B1

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Adrian Heath was duped into thinking he was on the verge of a new job, only to be held at knifepoint in Morocco. Turns out he’s not alone. PAGE D1

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He’s TV’s Go-To Maniac

The actor Jason Mantzoukas has a flair for chaos that also serves as a kind of emotional armor. “I’m still very protective of the actual me,” he said. PAGE C1

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