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THE WEATHER
 Today, colder, brisk, sunshine and clouds, high 20. Tonight, clear to partly cloudy, very cold, low 12. Tomorrow, sunshine and clouds, high 22. Weather map is on Page A20.

Prices in Canada may be higher

\$4.00



The spot where federal agents killed Alex Petti last week in Minneapolis. "I hope that Alex's story can catalyze change," a friend said.

Petti's Loved Ones Call Government's Narrative 'Reprehensible'

This article is by Talya Minsberg, Corina Knoll and Julie Bosman.

as the circumstances of his death were debated on the national stage.

They shared photos of the Alex they knew: a smiling, bearded Mr. Petti in the powder-blue scrubs he wore at his job as an intensive-care nurse at the Veterans Affairs hospital, an outdoors lover posing with his mountain bike on a wooded trail, and a student wearing a green cap and gown as he sang a solo at his high school graduation in Green Bay, Wis.

And they denounced what they saw as smear campaigns in the aftermath of Mr. Petti's death.

Seeing Efforts to Sully Man Who Sought to Make a Difference

Within hours of the killing by federal agents on a Minneapolis street, Trump administration officials labeled Mr. Petti a "would-be assassin" and asserted, with no evidence, that he had committed an act of "domestic terrorism."

Through their own shock and grief, people who knew him strug-

gled to rise above the lies and insults, they said, to describe who he was.

Rory Shefchek, a friend from high school who now lives in Madison, Wis., said he hoped that Mr. Petti would be remembered as the person he knew.

"He was a helpful, kind guy," Mr. Shefchek said. "He was a confident, diligent and respectful person throughout his life. I hope that Alex's story can catalyze change, as someone who believed in doing the right thing."

Of the cellphone footage of Mr. Petti, see page A10

Economic Fear Running Deep, Times Poll Says

This article is by Lisa Lerer, Ruth Gielnik and Camille Baker.

Americans are deeply pessimistic about their economic future, driven by financial anxiety among all but the oldest Americans and by a widespread belief that a middle-class lifestyle is out of reach for most people, a New York Times/Siena poll found.

While a majority of people said that they could afford basics like rent, gas and groceries, most said they worry about the costs, and there was a pronounced sense that it has become more difficult, if not nearly impossible, to get ahead in America today.

Majorities of voters said they do not feel confident in their ability to pay for housing, retirement and health care, all traditional staples of a middle-class lifestyle. Separately, more than half said housing and education are now so expensive that both have become unaffordable.

Those rising costs have shifted perceptions of America as a place of upward economic mobility dominated by a comfortable middle class. Two-thirds of voters said they now think a middle-class lifestyle is out of reach for most people, and 77 percent say it has gotten harder to achieve than a generation ago.

The economic worries persist across geographic, gender and racial lines. The only voters who seem less stressed economically are those over age 65, who express far fewer concerns about costs.

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Pedro, 2, and his mother, Ana Valoy, look down at striking nurses from his hospital in New York.

For 2-Year-Old, Nurse Strike Is Scary and Lonely

By JOSEPH GOLDSTEIN

Pedro, age 2, has lived in a hospital almost half his life. He needs a new heart. Some days, he used to play peekaboo with the nurses. He covered his face, and the nurses who cared for him for months rushed over and acted surprised, to his delight.

No one rushes over anymore when Pedro pretends to hide. The nurses he knows are on strike, walking a picket line outside the hospital in New York City. And the new nurses — brought in by the hospital during the walkout — are temporary hires who

Waiting for Heart, and for His Care Team

don't know Pedro.

He is one of several children who live in a pediatric cardiology unit on the sixth floor of the children's hospital at NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia. When nearly 15,000 nurses went on strike Jan. 12 at several of the city's largest hospitals, Pedro's nurses were among them.

The walkout has sent a jolt through New York's health care

system. Elective surgeries were canceled. Some patients were transferred to hospitals unaffected by the strike. And a few thousand travel nurses were hired on weeklong contracts to do the jobs of the striking health care workers. The hospitals have insisted that they are running smoothly and that patient care has not suffered.

But the strike has profoundly affected the long-term patients who live in hospitals and the nurses who care for them, sometimes for months and years on end. It has proved especially be-

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