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Today, plenty of sunshine, dry, less wind, high 39. **Tonight**, more clouds, some flurries late, low 27. **Tomorrow**, a flurry early, clouds break for sun, high 45. Weather map, Page A15.

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Ilia Malinin of the U.S. is the only figure skater to land a quadruple axel in competition. An analysis shows why it’s so hard. Page B8.

AGENTS WILL END MINNESOTA SURGE

Immigration Crackdown Led to Tense Protests

This article is by **Ernesto Londoño, Mitch Smith and Pooja Salhotra**.

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Trump administration said on Thursday that it was ending its deployment of immigration agents to Minnesota, unwinding an aggressive operation that has stretched for more than two months despite loud opposition from residents and local officials.

For many Minnesotans who had watched the federal government exert its will on their state — wielding law enforcement power and physical force at a scale that had no modern American precedent — the announcement signaled a welcome shift. Still, some expressed skepticism about whether the administration would follow through.

Since the immigration crackdown began late last year, federal agents have shot three people in Minneapolis, including two U.S. citizens who were killed. Officials said agents also arrested more than 4,000 undocumented immigrants in Minnesota, some of whom had been convicted of serious crimes.

The deployment of some 3,000 agents, outnumbering the police forces in Minneapolis and St. Paul, led to extraordinary clashes between residents and officers, as well as volleys of recriminations between state and federal leaders.

Anger over the operation led Democrats in Congress to hold up the budget for the Department of Homeland Security unless it included new restrictions on agents. Barring a breakthrough in negotiations with Republicans, the agency’s funding is set to lapse on Saturday, although immigration enforcement will not be immediately affected [Page A13].

For weeks, protesters trailed federal agents through the streets of the Twin Cities, blowing whistles to alert people to their presence and sometimes angrily confronting them. The agents, often traveling in convoys of S.U.V.s with out-of-state license plates, their faces obscured by masks, responded regularly with force and threats of arrest. And while the Democrats who run Minnesota referred to the operation as an illegal occupation, Republicans in

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Ukrainian Who Wore Defiance Is Out of Games

By **HEATHER KNIGHT and TARIQ PANJA**

CORTINA D’AMPEZZO, Italy — A Ukrainian athlete was disqualified from the Winter Olympics on Thursday over his plans to wear a helmet honoring countrymen killed in the war with Russia, a decision that drew outrage and touched off the biggest crisis of the Games in Italy.

Olympic officials had told the athlete, Vladyslav Heraskevych, that the helmet violated the Games’ prohibition on political speech. Mr. Heraskevych, who competes in skeleton, a sledding event on an ice track, had said this week that he planned to race with it anyway.



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Vladyslav Heraskevych’s helmet depicts killed athletes.

Moments before the competition on Thursday morning, Mr. Heraskevych held talks at the track in Cortina d’Ampezzo with the president of the International Olympic Committee, Kirsty Cov-

entry. The meeting ended with Mr. Heraskevych barred from competing and Ms. Coventry and the athlete’s father both in tears after a failure to reach a compromise.

“I felt that it was really important to come and talk to him face to face,” Ms. Coventry, who is presiding over her first Olympic Games, told reporters after the meeting.

Ms. Coventry’s direct and personal intervention underscored the stakes of a dispute that reverberated from Cortina to Milan, where the I.O.C. leadership is based during the Games, and all the way to Ukraine, where President Volodymyr Zelensky praised Mr. Heraskevych’s courage and denounced Olympic officials for

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Democracy Spills Out

Counting votes Thursday in Bangladesh’s first big election since a protest toppled the government.

Why the Disappearance of a Television Host’s Mother Has Captivated the Nation

By **JESSE MCKINLEY**

It is the crime drama that Americans cannot look away from.

The apparent kidnapping of Nancy Guthrie, the mother of the television personality Savannah Guthrie, has commanded outside public attention since her disappearance nearly two weeks ago, suffusing the national psyche even amid a torrent of other news. Networks and news media out-

lets have covered the twists of the case in day-by-day, sometimes hour-by-hour detail as Ms. Guthrie’s homestead near Tucson, Ariz., has become a televised shrine and a focus of internet sleuths.

President Trump has promised the “complete disposal” of law enforcement resources to solve the case, adding an all-caps prayer for her safety: “GOD BLESS AND PROTECT NANCY!” he posted on Feb. 4.

In many ways, the interest in the case can be traced to a confluence of factors that have captured the public’s imagination and tapped into their fears: a vulnerable victim, taken out of a seemingly safe home; an unknown perpetrator, seen lurking in a mask; and a celebrity whose agonized pleas are broadcast around the world.

“We’re fascinated by evildoers,” Jack Shafer, the veteran media critic, said, noting the nation’s

past obsessions with kidnapping cases like the Lindbergh baby. “And then you add the celebrity quotient, and it starts to go through the roof.”

For a nation with an unceasing appetite for true-crime podcasts and fictional police procedurals, the interest in the Guthrie case may not be surprising. Still, some elements have set it apart, including the universality and relatability of the victim: an elderly mother in peril.

Ms. Guthrie is 84 and in need of medication and help walking. She lived alone and was dropped at her house before being reported missing on Feb. 1. Authorities believe she was kidnapped. And on Tuesday, the F.B.I. and the local sheriff’s office released video and still images of the suspect, taken by Ms. Guthrie’s doorbell camera, wearing a ski mask and a backpack, trying to block the camera’s

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Trump, in Pivotal Move, Thwarts Federal Power To Curb Climate Change

Rejects a Finding That Stood for Decades

By **LISA FRIEDMAN**

WASHINGTON — President Trump on Thursday announced he was erasing the scientific finding that climate change endangers human health and the environment, ending the federal government’s legal authority to control the pollution that is dangerously heating the planet.

The action is a key step in removing limits on carbon dioxide, methane and four other greenhouse gases that scientists say are supercharging heat waves, droughts, wildfires and other extreme weather.

Led by a president who refers to climate change as a “hoax,” the administration is essentially saying that the vast majority of scientists around the world are wrong and that a hotter planet is not the menace that decades of research shows it to be.

It’s a rejection of fact that had been accepted for decades by presidents of both parties, including Richard Nixon, whose top adviser warned of the dangers of climate change, and the first President George Bush, who signed an international climate treaty.

And it is a knockout punch in the yearslong fight by a small group of conservative activists as well as oil, gas and coal interests to stop the country from transitioning away from fossil fuels and toward solar, wind and other nonpolluting energy.

“This is about as big as it gets,” President Trump said at the White House as a smiling Lee Zeldin, the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, stood by. “We are officially terminating the so-called ‘endangerment finding,’ a disastrous Obama-era policy,” he said.

Mr. Trump called it a “radical rule” that became “the basis for the Green New Scam,” a label the president gives to any effort to

curb emissions or develop renewable energy.

Mr. Zeldin called it “the single largest deregulatory action in the history of the United States.” He accused Democrats of having launched an “ideological crusade” on climate change that “strangled entire sectors of the United States economy,” particularly the auto industry.

The administration claimed it would save auto manufacturers and other businesses an estimated \$1 trillion, although it has declined to explain how it arrived at that estimate.

At issue is what’s known as the endangerment finding, a 2009 scientific conclusion that greenhouse gas emissions pose a danger to Americans’ health and welfare. The finding was based on more than 200 pages of research and evidence.

Mr. Trump, who has called climate scientists “stupid people,” claimed on Thursday that the finding “had no basis in fact.”

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The decision targets E.P.A. limits on greenhouse gases.

Mamdani Reverses a Promise To Expand Rental Assistance

By **SALLY GOLDENBERG and MIHIR ZAVERI**

Expanding a New York City program to help struggling tenants pay rent seemed like an obvious campaign promise for Zohran Mamdani, who staked his insurgent candidacy last year on making life more affordable in the five boroughs.

Now, confronting a grim fiscal picture in his second month as mayor, Mr. Mamdani no longer intends to back the growth of the \$1 billion-plus initiative known as CityFHEPS, despite a plan passed by the City Council and upheld in court.

The reversal marks the clearest example yet of the clash between the ideology of his democratic socialist campaign and the tough realities of managing a sprawling, costly bureaucracy.

During a recent news confer-

ence, as the mayor lamented a looming budget deficit that on Wednesday he pegged at \$7 billion over two years, he suggested the program’s full expansion may be too expensive.

Now, his administration is negotiating with housing advocates on how to settle a lawsuit that sought to ensure that growth in the program took place. His lawyers recently requested that the case be adjourned while they worked to find a solution with the City Council and the Legal Aid Society, which brought the suit.

About 65,000 households, representing 140,000 people, use the vouchers, according to city data. If the program were to be fully expanded, some 47,000 households

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Hearthrob of ‘Dawson’s Creek’

James Van Der Beek, 48, first appeared in the hit TV drama as a teen who then grew up over six seasons. He revealed he had cancer in 2024. PAGE A22

