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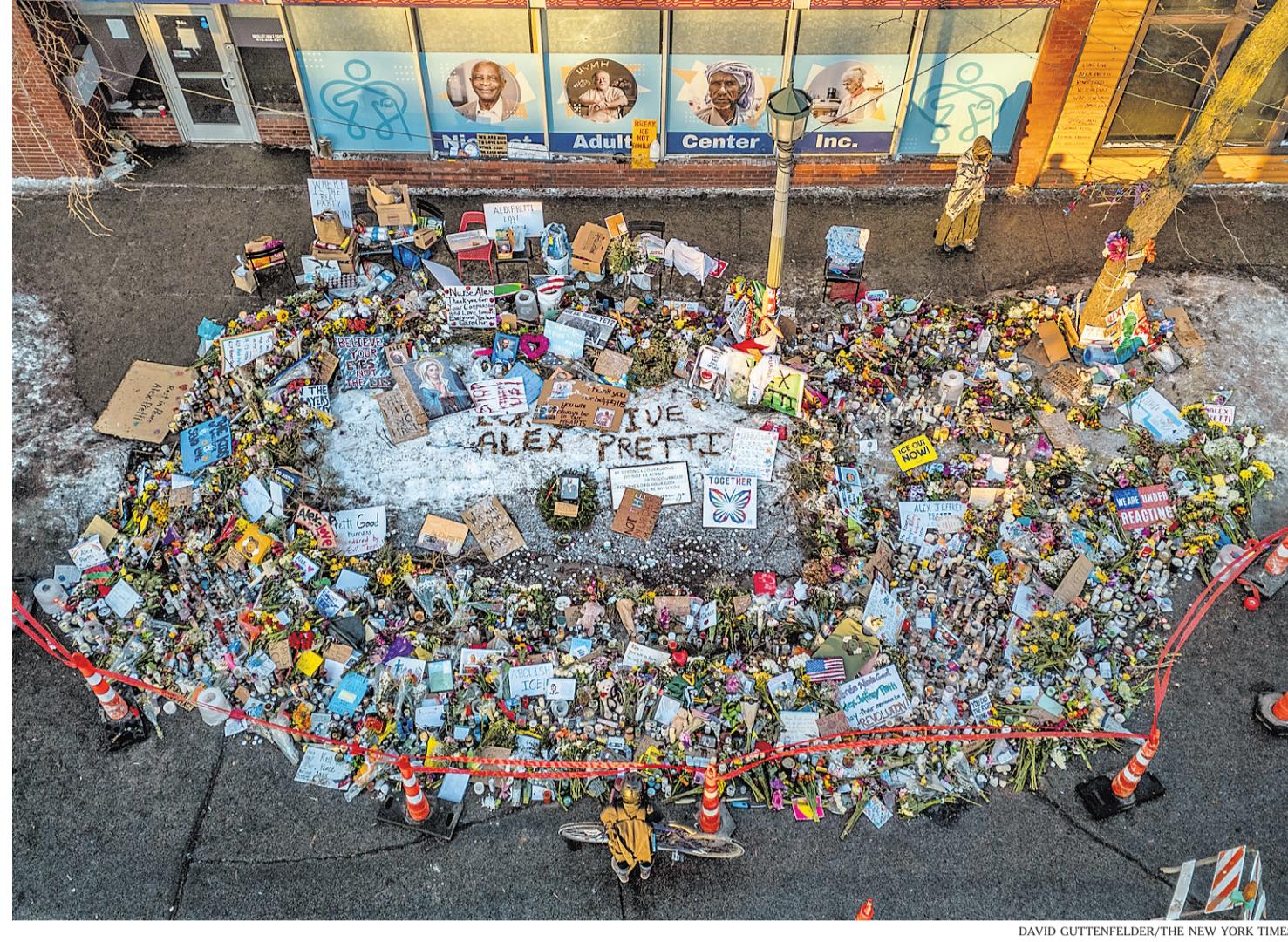
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A memorial on Tuesday at the spot where Alex Patti was shot and killed by federal immigration agents in Minneapolis on Saturday.

A Flood of Donations, and Trump Revokes a Rule

By KENNETH P. VOGEL
and CHRISTINA JEWETT

WASHINGTON — The nursing home industry was on a roll last summer.

It had just won a 10-year moratorium on a rule initiated during President Joseph R. Biden Jr.'s administration to require increased staffing levels in an effort to reduce neglect among residents, which had led to injuries and deadly infections.

Nonetheless, some in the industry, warning that the rule would have substantially increased costs, wanted to make it go away permanently.

Nursing Home Industry Fought Requirement to Raise Staffing

So nursing home executives turned to a tool that has proved successful in getting President Trump's attention: money.

Starting in early August, the industry began making donations that, over the course of weeks, would eventually total nearly \$4.8 million to MAGA Inc., a super PAC devoted to Mr. Trump and run by his allies.

Later that same month, a hand-

ful of nursing home executives who had given the biggest donations joined industry lobbyists at Mr. Trump's golf club in suburban Washington to plead their case, according to campaign finance filings and people familiar with the meeting.

Over light lunch fare, the contingent urged the president to formally repeal the harmful minimum staffing mandate, which would have surely forced providers throughout the country to close their doors to new residents — or possibly close their doors altogether,” Bill Weisberg, the founder and chief executive of Saber Healthcare Group, re-

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U.S. Agencies Echo Far Right In Social Posts

By EVAN GORELICK

The posts have referred to neo-Nazi literature, ethnic cleansing and QAnon conspiracies, mused about deporting nearly a third of the U.S. population, and promoted lyrics from an anthem bellowed by the far-right militants of the Proud Boys.

Their authors are not on society's fringe. They are in the offices of the White House and the Homeland Security and Labor Departments, using official government accounts.

To some people, the administration's posts sound patriotic. Others might sense at most a faint dog whistle to extremists. Some posts may just look odd. But those well-versed in the abstruse codes of right-wing extremism hear klaxons.

This month, the White House and the Department of Homeland Security jointly posted a recruitment ad for Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Instagram, Facebook and X, overlaid with the words “WE'LL HAVE OUR HOME AGAIN.”

That is also the name of a song, written by members of a self-described “pro-White fraternal order,” that has been embraced by the Proud Boys and other white-nationalist groups. Hundreds of explicitly neo-Nazi and white-supremacist accounts have shared the song on Telegram, an encrypted messaging app, since 2020. The white supremacist who killed three Black people at a Jacksonville, Fla., dollar store in 2023 included lyrics from the song in his writing.

“There are two types of people

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Loop of Minnesota Unrest Leaves a Country Reeling

Killings and Street Clashes Spur Reflection About Where America Is Heading

By DAN BARRY

The wintry whiteout that swept across half the United States over the weekend could not erase what the country had just seen unfold in Minneapolis. No amount of snow could block out the images: furious protesters clashing with masked officers, clouds of tear gas wafting through neighborhoods — and for the second time in three weeks, video of an American citizen being shot dead by a federal agent.

And for the second time in three weeks, the Trump administration's account of a deadly shooting contradicted what many in the country believe they saw. Federal officials described both victims as “domestic terrorists” intent on harming federal agents; critics of the administration, and many others, said such a description was belied by the video evidence.

Scenes from the violent unrest in Minneapolis played on a loop throughout the weekend, overshadowing the extreme weather and two NFL playoff games. The images conveyed the unmistakable sense of consequence, of a watershed moment, prompting reflections about what the nation stands for, and where it is heading.

Minneapolis seemed close, no matter where one lived. In Georgia, a high school

teacher anticipated the questions his students would ask about the latest shooting death. In Indiana, broadcasts of the violence dampened a 97th birthday celebration. In Iowa, a married couple, on an outing with their autistic son, disagreed about what had happened, while in Wisconsin, a supporter of President Trump marveled at what she considered the stupidity of some protesters.

And in Rhode Island, a snowbound student at Brown University cried when he saw the video from Saturday of immigration officers pepper-spraying Alex Patti, a 37-year-old registered nurse, wrestling him to the cold Minneapolis ground, and shooting him to death.

“I didn't get any sleep last night,” the student, Jack DiPrimio, 23, said on Sunday. “The video was just replaying over and over again in my head.”

The weekend's turn of events in Minnesota began with a campaign promise. Since returning to office a year ago, President

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REACTION The president said he will “de-escalate” the crackdown, without offering details. PAGE A15



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Law enforcement officers in front of a hotel that protesters believed housed ICE agents in Maple Grove, Minn., on Monday.

NEWS ANALYSIS

On Immigration, G.O.P. Veers To Odd Place: The Defensive

By REID J. EPSTEIN and LISA LERER

WASHINGTON — Two killings by federal agents on the icy streets of Minneapolis have suddenly turned the politics of immigration upside down.

Republicans, led by a president who rose to power with promises to build a southern border wall and carry out mass deportations, are now trying to dodge an issue that polls had long shown to be a strength for them.

Democrats, who have for years tried to change the political subject to health care or abortion rights, are now racing to talk

about immigration and harness their voters' rage over the fatal shootings in Minnesota.

The shift could be fleeting. American politics have rarely felt so unsettled and unpredictable, with President Trump just as responsive to television coverage as to on-the-ground realities. On Monday, he shook up the leadership of his immigration crackdown in Minnesota and seemed inclined to try to calm tensions, at least for now.

But in the meantime, both parties are adjusting on the fly

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Trump's Plan for a Gutted Enclave

Tent shelters in Khan Younis. The president wants broad powers over Gaza's governance. Page A6.

Record Debt in Richest Countries Raises Alarms

By PATRICIA COHEN

LONDON — For decades crushing debt has spread misery in the world's poor and lower-income nations. But the menace of unsupportable borrowing that now hangs over the global economy emanates from some of the richest countries.

Record or near-record debt in the United States, Britain, France, Italy and Japan threatens to ham-

Global Budgets Strained by Borrowing Costs

string growth and sow financial instability around the globe.

At home, it means countries must make interest payments with money that otherwise could have paid for health care, roads, public housing, technological ad-

vances or education.

The hunger for more and more loans has also pushed up borrowing costs, gobbling up a bigger share of taxpayer money. It can also push up rates on business, consumer and car loans, as well as mortgages and credit cards; and drive up inflation.

And perhaps most worrisome, overhanging debt — pumped up even when an economy is rela-

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Litany of F.A.A. Faults Found in Potomac Crash

By KAROUN DEMIRJIAN and KATE KELLY

WASHINGTON — In announcing the primary causes of a fatal midair collision over the Potomac River a year ago, the National Transportation Safety Board determined on Tuesday that the Federal Aviation Administration had designed and approved dangerous, crisscrossing flight routes that allowed an Army helicopter

to fly into the landing path of a passenger jet to calamitous results.

The investigating board also castigated the agency for not doing enough to respond to warnings about longtime risks to safety

and found a complacent culture within the air traffic control tower at Ronald Reagan National Airport that relied too heavily on pilots in the airspace being able to see and steer clear of each other's aircraft, a practice called visual separation.

They also determined that insufficient warnings from the air traffic controller to the pilots of the Army Black Hawk helicopter

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Economic disaster and protests that erupted late last year shook Tehran, U.S. intelligence says. PAGE A6

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The president delivered an upbeat message in Iowa, where farmers have been battered by wide-ranging tariffs and haven't seen evidence of a “golden age” that was promised. PAGE B1

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Changed as a Cook, and Person

Two years ago, the cooking columnist Yewande Komolafe woke from a coma and soon learned that her body would be profoundly altered. PAGE D1



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