

Shooting divides governments

Federal, state officials claim the moral high ground in immigration crackdown after the latest fatality.

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MINNEAPOLIS — In dueling news conferences, federal and state officials offered starkly different messages Sunday about the immigration crackdown that has swept across Minneapolis and surrounding cities, with both claiming the moral high ground in the wake of another shooting death by

federal agents. “Which side do you want to be on?” Gov. Tim Walz asked the public. “The side of an all-powerful federal government that could kill, injure, menace and kidnap its citizens off the streets, or on the side of a nurse at the VA hospital who died bearing witness to such government,” a reference to the shooting of Alex Pretti on Saturday in Minneapolis.

At the same time, in a federal office building about 20 miles away, Border Patrol Commander Gregory Bovino, the public face of the crackdown, again turned blame for the shooting to Pretti. “When someone makes the choice to come into an active law enforcement scene, interfere, obstruct, delay or assault law enforcement officer and ... **See SHOOTING, 3A**



A person is pushed back Sunday by a federal agent at the scene of where Alex Pretti was shot and killed on Saturday in Minneapolis.

(ADAM GRAY / AP)

CHILDREN’S GASPARILLA PARADE



Jill Porter of Fort Lauderdale holds her 3-year-old daughter, Harper, during her first Children's Gasparilla Parade on Saturday in Tampa. (Photos by LUIS SANTANA | Times)

Bead-loving kids’ day out

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Since 1947, the Children’s Gasparilla Parade has been one of Tampa’s favorite annual traditions, entertaining guests with a display of parade floats, krewes, marching bands, dance units and community groups. Saturday, festivities lined the 1.5-mile parade route, beginning at Bay to Bay and Bayshore boulevards, and stretching to Edison Avenue, attracting tens of thousands of families from all over the state of Florida. **More photos, 6A**



Performers with Brucie Klay’s Dance Center perform along the parade route.

Who is governor hopeful James Fishback?

His online machine is forcing Florida Republicans to contend with who they are as a party.

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By all traditional measures, James Fishback’s campaign for Florida governor is a political dead end: He’s barely raised any money, has never run for office before and is plagued by scandals. A hedge fund employer successfully sued Fishback for more than \$200,000, which Fishback told the court he’s unable to pay. Broward County Schools says it cut ties with his debate program over concerns about his “failure to follow district safeguards” with students. And he has been condemned by other Republicans for his promotion of white nationalist ideas and inflammatory social media posts. Campaign finance reports show he had only raised about \$22,000 by the end of December, compared to the \$45 million raised by President Donald Trump’s endorsed candidate, U.S. Rep. Byron Donalds. “He’s shown absolutely nothing to demonstrate that he’s actually a serious candidate for governor,” said Steve Schale, a longtime Democratic political consultant. But instead of languishing along with the nearly three dozen other political unknowns who’ve filed to run for Florida governor, Fishback’s nonstop social media presence has raised his profile enough to force the Republican **See FISHBACK, 2A**

Concerns grow over if ICE agents can enter without a warrant



Border Patrol agents arrest a man on Nov. 16 in Charlotte, N.C. A memo saying federal officers can enter a home without a warrant sparks concern. (KHADEJEH NIKOUYEH | Charlotte Observer via TNS, 2025)

“This will only worsen the situation,” one Hillsborough County advocate says. **BY JUAN CARLOS CHAVEZ**
Times Staff Writer Tampa Bay immigration attorneys and advocates are raising concerns following the revelation of a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement memo saying officers can forcibly enter people’s homes without a judge’s warrant. The internal memo, signed in May by ICE acting director Todd Lyons, says immigration agents

may forcibly enter a person’s home based solely on an administrative warrant to arrest someone with a final order of removal. An administrative warrant is issued by a federal agency, such as the Department of Homeland Security, and can be signed by an immigration official, not a federal judge. The guidance, which was first publicly reported by the Associated Press, represents a big shift from how the Fourth Amendment’s protection against unreasonable searches and seizures has long been seen and interpreted in immigration enforcement.

Isaret Jeffers, founder of Colectivo Arbol, a local group that helps immigrants from Central America and farmworkers in Hillsborough County, has begun spreading the word among members of her organization to take precautions and not allow themselves to be intimidated. “Many live in a prolonged state of uncertainty, and this will only worsen the situation,” Jeffers said. Whistleblower Aid, a nonprofit legal organization that helps workers report wrongdoing, filed a whistleblower complaint about the memo. The **See WARRANT, 3A**