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POMP AND DIVISIVE CIRCUMSTANCE



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A graduate twirled with her Palestinian flag cape at Emerson College's commencement ceremony at Agganis Arena Sunday. Some students also verbally protested throughout the ceremony. Emerson was the site of a contentious showdown with Boston and college officials that ended with a middle-of-the-night raid of an encampment by police. **B1.**

Israelis pushing deeper into Rafah

Egypt condemns severity of attack; refugee exodus grows amid aid slowdown

By Wafaa Shurafa, Joseph Krauss, and Sammy Magdy
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RAFAH, Gaza Strip — The exodus of Palestinians from Gaza's last refuge accelerated Sunday as Israeli forces pushed deeper into the southern city of Rafah. Israel also pounded the territory's devastated north, where some Hamas militants have regrouped in areas the military said it had cleared months ago.

Rafah is considered Hamas's last stronghold. Some 300,000 of the more than 1 million civilians sheltering there have fled the city following evacuation orders from Israel, which says it must invade to dismantle Hamas and return scores of hostages taken from Israel in the Oct. 7 attack that sparked the war.

Neighboring Egypt issued its strongest objection yet to the Rafah offensive, saying it intends to formally join South Africa's case at the International Court of Justice alleging Israel is committing genocide in Gaza, an accusation that Israel rejects. The foreign ministry statement in Egypt cited "the worsening severity and scope of the Israeli attacks against Palestinian civilians."

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Privileges lost, sense of duty found

Suspended students unbowed, vow to continue their support of Gazans at Harvard, MIT

By Shelley Murphy
GLOBE STAFF
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GLOBE CORRESPONDENTS

CAMBRIDGE — Dan Zeno's suspension from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology last week for participating in an unauthorized encampment protesting the war in Gaza had a swift impact on his family's life. The graduate student has not only been barred from classes, he was also evicted from campus housing, along with his wife and 5-year-old daughter, with just one week to find another place to live.

"My daughter is the most important thing," said Zeno, 35, an Air Force veteran enrolled in MIT's Sloan School of Management MBA program. He is scrambling to find alternative housing in Cambridge, where

'The level of risk we are taking on is nothing compared to what Palestinians are going through.'

DAN ZENO, MIT graduate student who lost housing

Zoey attends kindergarten. "We're trying to keep a sense of normalcy for her."

Yet, even as the suspension has upended his family's life, Zeno said he remains "fully committed, without reservation" to the student-led effort to compel MIT to cut research contracts with the Israeli Ministry of Defense amid the brutal war.

"The level of risk we are taking on is nothing compared to what Palestinians are going through in Gaza," Zeno said. "Children are being intentionally starved as a

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CRAIG F. WALKER/GLOBE STAFF

Dan Zeno says he remains fully committed to the effort to support Palestinians and to compel MIT to cut research contracts with Israel.

As protests on campuses linger, parents anxiously watch from afar

By Suchita Nayar
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Megan Howard was awoken at 2 a.m. on April 25 with the kind of call every parent dreads: Her daughter, Molly, a student at Emerson College in Boston, sounded terrified as she told her mother that police were beating and handcuffing protesters and tearing down their antiwar encampment.

For the next 30 minutes, Howard and her husband, Ben, watched live images on her computer showing police in helmets and riot gear arresting students. Molly managed to reach her

dorm safely. Still, Howard replayed the video again and again for the next three hours. She saw people being thrown on the ground and dragged. Meanwhile, Molly was trying to find out whether her friends were safe.

"I felt powerless and horrified," said Howard, of Silver Spring, Md. "This wasn't what I wanted for my child or for anyone protesting peacefully against violence."

Student protests over the climbing death toll in the Israel-Hamas war have spread across the nation in recent

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A Carolina bellwether

Keys to presidential vote converge in sleepy county

By James Pindell
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GASTON, N.C. — Nothing about Northampton County in North Carolina suggests it will play a key role in deciding the future of American democracy.

There are no campaign signs or offices. Overheard conversations inside restaurants revolve around life locally, not politics.

But this county two hours north of Raleigh along the Virginia border is at the fulcrum of some of the most significant dynamics in American politics today: the urban-rural divide, race, income inequality, political realignment, and cultural battles. Here these dynamics play out in complicated and contradictory ways. And given its location in an emerging swing state, what the voters do here could have an outsized impact on who gets elected president in November.

North Carolina has been reliably Republican in presidential elections, except for a slim victory for Barack Obama in 2008, but analysts believe this

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The majority of the population in Northampton County is Black.

\$29,000 the average yearly income

1 in 5 officially live in poverty

Governor Maura Healey and legislative leaders fall short in their budgets for the MBTA, despite their promises and past criticisms of lackluster spending by previous administrations. **B1.**

Russian forces intensified their thrust into northeastern Ukraine, forcing the defenders to fall back. **A4.**

Lawyer by trade and enforcer by nature, Michael D. Cohen is about to testify against the man he once fought for: Donald Trump. **A2.**

Myriad obstacles have kept Alzheimer's sufferers from fully embracing new drugs. **D1.**

Brayan Bello, returning from injury, hurled the Red Sox past the Nationals, 3-2. **C1.**

JASPER WHITE 1954-2024

With nod to heritages, his meals redefined cuisine

By Bryan Marquard
GLOBE STAFF

Jasper White grew up in a home where the daily menu seemed certain to chart his route from childhood to kitchens, restaurants, and national renown.

"I came from one of those food families," he told The Boston Globe in 1989. "We ate everything, including snails, mussels, and all kinds of smoked fish."

Venison liver might augment the morning meal if his father, a hunter, had shot a deer. An even bigger influence went back yet another generation.

"My grandmother was Italian, and she would sit and talk to me for hours about food," Mr. White recalled. "She had a huge garden, and everything was always fresh. When I was going to spend the weekend with my granny, I would walk with her on Wednesday or Thursday, and we'd plan the menu for the weekend. She was my inspiration."

Mr. White, whose Restaurant Jasper expanded Boston's idea of elegant dining in the 1980s, and whose Summer Shack was

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JOHN BLANDING/GLOBE STAFF 1996

Mr. White launched Summer Shack at the beginning of the 2000s near the MBTA's Alewife Station in Cambridge.

Peek-a-blue sun

Monday: Mix of sun, clouds. High 64-69, 50-55

Tuesday: Some showers. High 69-74, low 57-62.

Sunrise: 5:24. Sunset: 7:57. Weather and comics, **D4-5.**

Obituaries, **C10.**

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