

Students dig in; colleges ratchet up pressure

Protests have a long history of swaying public opinion

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Pamela Metzger remembers the cold nights sleeping in a structure made of scrap wood and cardboard on Dartmouth College's campus in protest of apartheid rule in South Africa.

For about three months, student activists gathered in the "shantytown," one of many such displays that appeared on college campuses in the 1980s. People from surrounding communi-

ties came out to support the student protesters, bringing firewood and supplies.

These "were folks who were really struggling to make ends meet, and yet they came out because they believed in the justice of our cause," said Metzger, now a law professor at Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law.

College campuses across the nation have a long history as theaters for student activism, dating back to the 1960s. **COLLEGE ACTIVISM, Page A7**



Protesters from Brown University and the community gathered at an encampment on the Main Green on Monday.

Punishments are weighed for those in pro-Palestinian encampments

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College administrators increased pressure Monday on protesters occupying tent encampments on campuses as the standoffs grew more tense around the region and beyond.

At Harvard, administrators emailed letters to more than 30 undergraduates involved in the pro-Palestinian encampment on the Cambridge campus, requesting that they appear before the university's disciplinary committee. The outcomes of those meetings, which will take place in the coming days, will reveal how strictly Harvard is willing to punish students for their participation in the protests.

Demonstrators at Columbia University in New York City, who sparked pro-Palestinian demonstrations across the country, defied an ultimatum from administrators to sign a form and leave the encampment by 2 p.m. The university said Monday evening that it had begun suspending students. **ENCAMPMENTS, Page A7**

As Uber and Lyft showdown nears, labor groups split

The fight centers around drivers' employment status

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The labor movement is heavily invested in the ongoing battle over the rights of roughly 200,000 drivers for Uber, Lyft, and other app-based gig companies in Massachusetts. But, with the fight coming to a head in the next few months, unions have been deeply divided over the best way to protect them.

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tections and benefits mandated by state law, including paid sick time, unemployment insurance, and overtime pay. The other insists that giving drivers the right to organize a union and negotiate contracts should be the priority, regardless of how they're classified.

It's a nuanced, hard-to-parse dispute with potentially significant ramifications as labor squares off against deep-pocketed tech companies that have joined forces across the country. Uber, Lyft, DoorDash, and Instacart insist drivers must be independent contractors to preserve their flexibility, and have offered to throw in some benefits to keep classifying them that way. The labor movement knows it needs to present a united front in this battle. **UNIONS, Page A6**

4 officers killed

Four officers were slain during a shootout in Charlotte, N.C. A suspect was also killed. Four other officers were wounded. **A2.**

Up next, flowers

Tuesday: Showers, cooler. High 50-55, low 42-47.

Wednesday: More showers. High 49-54, low 44-49.

Sunrise: 5:40. Sunset: 7:43.

Obituaries, **C9.**

Comics and Weather, **D5-6.**

A group of Rockport residents filed a federal lawsuit against the town on Sunday, claiming that its zoning plan to comply with a new state housing law for communities served by the MBTA is not constitutional. **D1.**

In Massachusetts, the number of immigrants grew by 28 percent from 2010 to 2022, the largest percentage hike in the country. **B1.**

Read 'was visibly upset,' Canton officer Steve Saraf testified, and kept asking if O'Keefe was dead.



Karen Read spoke to family members in Norfolk Superior Court Monday. Read, 44, of Mansfield, has maintained her innocence in the death of her boyfriend. Monday's first witness was Paul O'Keefe, the younger brother of victim John O'Keefe.

Battle lines drawn in Read trial

Prosecution says she hit, left boyfriend for dead; defense claims a coverup

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DEDHAM — After two years of legal wrangling and media speculation, the murder trial of Karen Read began Monday with battle lines drawn on key claims, emotional testimony from the family of victim John O'Keefe, and harrowing police video from the morning his body was found.

One of the most high-profile murder trials in Norfolk County in a century, the case against Read drew eyes from around the nation as opening statements and testimony began concerning whether Read killed O'Keefe, her boyfriend and a Boston police officer, as the prosecution argues — or she's the target of a massive police coverup, as the defense insists.

In opening statements Monday, prosecutors claimed Read drunkenly and intentionally backed her SUV into O'Keefe and left him for dead outside a Canton home during a blizzard after a night of bar-hopping in the early morning of Jan. 29, 2022. The prosecution

says the couple's relationship was falling apart amid allegations that he was cheating. And a police officer testified Monday that Read suggested she was to blame for O'Keefe's death shortly after his body was found.

"The only true and just verdict is that the defendant, Karen Read, is guilty," Norfolk Assistant District Attorney Adam Lally said.

Read, 44, of Mansfield, has maintained her innocence. Her lawyers claim O'Keefe was in the driver's seat. **READ, Page A4**

CELTICS BEAT HEAT, TAKE 3-1 SERIES LEAD



Celtics guard Derrick White erupted for 38 points to lead the Celtics over the Heat, 102-88, in Miami on Monday night. Boston now leads the playoff series 3-1 and will have a chance to close things out on Wednesday night in Game 5 at TD Garden. **C1.**

Now that the Bruins are hot, I'm trying to become a fan

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It's sad to be jealous of a baby, I know. But how can I not? Little Sydney Mercier has a decades-long head start on me — and she's not even trying.

We met in the gift shop at TD Garden during Game 2 of the playoffs last week. I was there trying to achieve what I've been told is near impossible: adult-onset Bruins fandom. She was there because she'd been born with a black-and-gold spoon in her mouth.

"Look at all this stuff in your size," cooed her mom, Michelle (wearing a knit Bruins beanie, natch) as they bonded over logo bibs and tiny jerseys.

On one hand, we're living in a golden age of self-actualization. Tell people that you want to learn trapeze in middle age, or announce you're reinventing yourself as a notary, and you'll get a "good for you!"

But drop that you are trying to become a hockey fan — because **BRUINS, Page A6**