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Student protests starting to escalate

Sharper rhetoric along with acts of vandalism

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After a calm beginning to the fall semester, pro-Palestinian activist groups are straining against new university rules meant to quiet them, doubling down on incendiary rhetoric, and escalating their tactics.

Campuses in Massachusetts and around the country have been hit with acts of vandalism in recent days as campus groups have promised “escalation” and an expanding “student intifada.”

►Brown won’t divest from student-targeted companies. B1.

The ratcheting-up of rhetoric and tactics was tied to the first anniversary of the Oct. 7 Hamas-led attack on Israel that sparked Israel’s retaliatory war in Gaza. The ripple effects of the violence unsettled American campuses for much of the last academic year, and university administrators have been trying to contain it before it disrupts a second one.

At Harvard on Monday, the Palestine Solidarity Committee — whose inflammatory letter on the Oct. 7 attacks last year plunged the university into turmoil — said in a new statement, “Now is the time to escalate.” Hours later, an unidentified person smashed a window of Harvard’s University Hall and splashed red paint on the John Harvard statue. A video of the incident, which appeared on a social media account unaffiliated with the Palestine Solidarity Committee, included the caption, “Bring the war home.”

At Emerson College Tuesday night, Students HARVARD, Page A10



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Barbara Lynch had high hopes for The Rudder in Gloucester, but announced Wednesday that it has been shut down.

After tough years, Lynch closing all her restaurants

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Barbara Lynch, the trailblazing restaurateur who overcame humble South Boston beginnings to run one of Boston’s most powerful culinary empires, only to confront personal and professional struggles, will close her remaining restaurants.

It marks the end of a remarkable career with many highs, including in 2017 when she was one of Time’s most influential people in the world, but lows as well, such as accusations of a hostile management style.

On Wednesday, the celebrated chef announced on Instagram that The Rudder in Gloucester has closed. Her two remaining restaurants — No. 9 Park and B&G Oysters — will follow, said Lorraine Tomlinson-Hall, chief operating officer of the Barbara Lynch Collective.

“Barbara turned 60 earlier this year. She is looking at retirement, at a much healthier life- LYNCH, Page A10

‘Yesterday I said the clock was ticking. Today I’m saying the alarm bell is really going off.’

KEN GRAHAM, director of the National Weather Service

Florida digs in as Milton hits



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In Gulfport, Fla., overlooking Tampa Bay, a family decided to stay put as high winds and heavy rain began to lash the area.

Category 3 storm hammers the coast; Tampa spared the worst

By Terry Spencer and Kate Payne

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TAMPA — Hurricane Milton crashed into Florida as a Category 3 storm Wednesday, pounding the coast with ferocious winds of over 100 miles per hour and heavy rain, and producing a series of tornadoes around the state.

Tampa avoided a direct hit.

The storm had maximum sustained winds of 120 miles per hour as it roared ashore at about 8:30 p.m. near Siesta Key, the Miami-based National Hurricane Center said. Siesta Key is a prosperous strip of white-sand beaches that’s home to 5,500 people about 70 miles south of Tampa.

The Tampa Bay area has not taken a direct hit from a major hurricane in more than a century, but the storm was still bringing a potentially deadly storm surge to much of Florida’s Gulf Coast, including densely populated areas such as Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota, and Fort Myers.

The National Weather Service said flash flooding was occurring in the Tampa Bay area, including St. Petersburg, where over 16 inches MILTON, Page A7

New Englanders with ties wait and worry

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As ferocious Hurricane Milton bore down on Florida’s Gulf Coast, Karen Belinski of Charlestown could only watch the news, tamp down her anxiety, and hope that her property close to Sarasota Bay survives what could be a direct hit by a historic storm.

“There’s nothing that can be done,” said Belinski, who owns a home in Bradenton. “Even if we got down there, we’d be racing to get out before the storm. We’re on pins and needles. They always say it can’t happen to you, but lo and behold.”

Belinski, 60, is among a throng of New Englanders who either have bought second homes or have moved permanently to the heavily populated area near Tampa Bay. Tampa has avoided a major hurricane for more than a century, so Milton’s relentless, ominous approach was a new, nerve-rattling

experience for New Englanders with family and property in the crowded, low-lying areas in the region.

Belinski said that she has been visiting her Florida home, which she inherited, since she was in sixth grade, and that her getaway refuge 45 miles south of Tampa holds many treasured memories. Now, its future is out of her hands.

“It’s just demoralizing; it’s just so bad,” said Belinski, who added that her property has avoided hurricane damage in the past. “I’ll be watching and waiting for the point when my friends or neighbors can go back and take pictures. That’ll be really hard, the wait-and-see game.”

Westborough native Ryan Igoe, 52, has seen plenty of hurricanes in the seven years he’s lived in St. Petersburg, across the bay from Tampa. But he said early forecasts of Milton, with what could be a life-threatening storm surge, immediately left him and his

NEW ENGLANDERS, Page A7

North toward hope

With Mass. voters, mixed feelings on migrants

Poll shows support for giving some aid, but concerns about strain on housing

By Samantha J. Gross and Matt Stout

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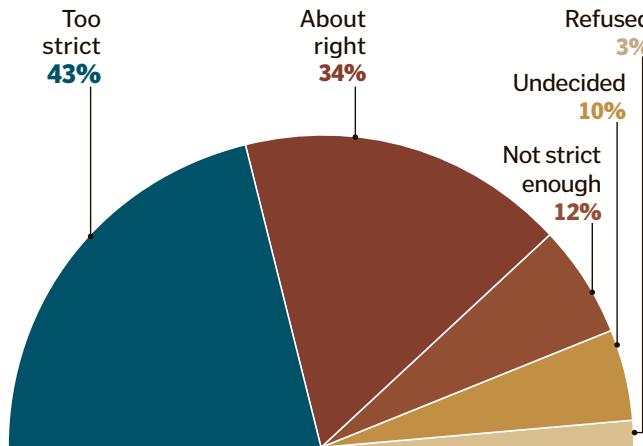
For the last three years, Allie Cameron has spent one night a week at South Station handing out food and clothes for homeless people in need.

In the last year, however, she noticed longer lines and more people speaking Haitian Creole. Cameron, 59, said many of those she serves are recent arrivals waiting to get placed in housing. It frustrates Cameron, who has

friends and neighbors who have moved out of rental apartments into built-out vans and tiny studios, languishing on wait lists for more affordable options.

“If they need socks, I give them socks. If they need a hot meal, I give them a hot meal,” Cameron, who lives in Weymouth, said of the new migrants. “But we cannot continue to take on the problem. We can’t take care of our own people.”

She isn’t alone. In Massachusetts, where a full-on MIGRANTS, Page A6



SOURCE: Suffolk University/Boston Globe • Live interviews of 500 Massachusetts likely voters conducted Oct. 2-6. Margin of error +/- 4.4 percentage points

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Feelings on shelter stay limits?

In August, Governor Maura Healey established a five-day limit on stays at overflow shelters and started requiring families who hit that limit to wait six months for space in longer-term shelters.

Brisk management

Thursday: Breezy, cool. High 57-62. Low 44-49.

Friday: Warming up a bit. High 63-68. Low 52-57.

Sunrise: 6:52 Sunset: 6:10

Weather, D6. Obituaries, C8-9.

The UN warned that nearly 1 million Lebanese had fled the war between Israel and Iranian-backed groups. A4.

The average single-family home in Boston is likely to see property taxes go up about 14 percent, the city said. B1.

President Biden accused Donald Trump of “outright lies” on the government’s response to Hurricane Helene. A6.

Patriots coach Jerod Mayo said he thinks Drake Maye gives the team the best chance to win after its 1-4 start. C1.

Stop & Shop will lower prices on thousands of items at all of its locations in Rhode Island following similar moves elsewhere in New England. D1.

It’s a big weekend for businesses in Northern New England with peak foliage. D1.

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