



**PALESTINIANS** arrive in the southern Gaza town of Rafah after fleeing an Israeli ground and air offensive Friday in the nearby city of Khan Yunis, which Israel says is a stronghold of the Hamas militant group.

# ISRAEL ORDERED TO LIMIT DEATHS IN GAZA

U.N. court tells nation to do more to prevent genocide but does not demand end to war.

By KATE LINTHICUM

JERUSALEM — The United Nations’ top court Friday ordered Israel to limit deaths and comply with international law against genocide in its military offensive in Gaza, but stopped short of demanding an end to the war.

The International Court of Justice in The Hague issued the ruling in a case brought by South Africa accusing Israel of committing genocide against Palestinians in Gaza.

South Africa had asked the court to issue an emergency decree demanding Israel halt its military campaign until the case is decided.

The court did not grant that request. But in a win for South Africa, the panel of 17 judges declared that the genocide case may proceed [See Israel, A4]

**Child tax credits on track to pass**

Bipartisan backing for scaled-back plan could lift 500,000 children out of poverty. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**

**Blame deflected in deadly crash**

Rebecca Grossman’s attorney points finger at ex-Dodgers pitcher in the deaths of two boys. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

**Deep talent pool for UCLA, USC**

Local high school basketball recruiting will offer plenty of options to restock rosters. **SPORTS, B12**

**Weather**

Sunny and warm. L.A. Basin: 78/51. **B8**



# State still attracting the well-off and well-read

New transplants are more educated, data show, dispelling the notion of a California ‘brain drain’

By Terry Castleman and Ashley Ahn

Thomas Kowal knew living expenses in Los Angeles would be steep. But he was surprised at how steep.

Kowal, 25, had lived on the East Coast for most of his life, but he applied to UCLA for a toxicology PhD program because, he said, he wanted a change of pace and scenery, and he hoped to earn the kind of salary after graduation that would let him afford the California lifestyle.

“When I came here for interviews for a couple days, I really didn’t notice things like gas prices, sales prices that you do notice once you’re on the hook for it,” he said. “Certainly you can see some red flags, and I was prompted to ignore that because I knew living here was my main interest.”

Despite California’s high cost of living, the state has continued to attract more educated and well-paid residents.

New census data discount the notion that California’s [See Transplants, A7]



**E. JEAN CARROLL** leaves federal court in New York on Friday after the jury verdict. In total, former President Trump now must pay her over \$88 million.

# Jury orders Trump to pay \$83.3 million to writer

E. Jean Carroll wins second ruling against former president in defamation case.

By JAKE OFFENHARTZ AND LARRY NEUMEISTER

NEW YORK — A jury awarded \$83.3 million to E. Jean Carroll on Friday in a stinging rebuke to former President Trump for his continued social media attacks against the longtime advice columnist after a previous trial found that he sexually assaulted her in a Manhattan department store.

The award, when coupled with a \$5-million sexual assault and defamation verdict last year from another jury in a case brought by Carroll, raised to \$88.3 million what Trump must pay her. Protesting, he said he would appeal.

Carroll, 80, clutched her lawyers’ hands and smiled as the seven-man, two-woman jury delivered its verdict.

She declined to comment as she left the Manhattan federal courthouse but issued a statement later through a publicist, saying: “This is a great victory for every woman who stands up when she’s been knocked down, and a huge defeat for

every bully who has tried to keep a woman down.”

Trump had attended the trial earlier in the day but stormed out of the courtroom during closing arguments read by Carroll’s attorney. He returned for his own attorney’s closing argument and for a portion of the deliberations but left the courthouse half an hour before the verdict was read.

“Absolutely ridiculous!” he said in a statement shortly afterward. “Our Legal System is out of control, and being used as a Political Weapon.”

It was the second time in nine months that a civil jury [See Trump, A6]

# Huizar gets 13 years in prison after sprawling corruption case

Judge rejects plea for leniency as former council member says he’s paid big price.

By DAKOTA SMITH AND DAVID ZAHNISER

Former Los Angeles City Councilmember Jose Huizar was sentenced Friday to 13 years in prison for his role in a sprawling set of criminal schemes that involved cash payouts, casino chips at Las Vegas hotels and other bribes from developers seeking to build glittering downtown high-rises.

U.S. District Judge John F. Walter handed down the sentence a day after receiving a letter from Huizar apologizing for his crimes. In that letter, Huizar said he had paid a huge price — losing his reputation and his ability to provide for his family, harming his children’s future and their mental health.

Walter said the 13-year sentence was needed to “engender respect” for the nation’s anti-corruption laws and acknowledge the extreme harm caused by Huizar — to his family, to his constituents, to the city and to democracy itself. Huizar, he said, had been the prime architect of a criminal enter-



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**JOSE HUIZAR** was “the sole and powerful driving force” in the schemes, a judge says in sentencing.

prise that relied on bribery, extortion, obstruction of justice and other crimes to achieve its goals — enriching himself and his associates, and expanding their political power.

“He was the sole and powerful driving force” that made each of the pay-to-play schemes so successful, the judge said.

Huizar, 55, must surrender to federal authorities on April 30. Walter also ordered him to pay nearly \$444,000 in restitution to the city of Los Angeles and nearly \$39,000 to the IRS.

Huizar spoke only briefly in the courtroom, apologizing to his family and the city for the “damage” he had caused and relying on his [See Huizar, A7]

# UC says it won’t hire students who lack legal status

Separately, regents put off controversial plan to ban opinion from university websites.

By TERESA WATANABE

University of California regents declined to move forward on a bold plan to hire immigrant students who lack legal work authorization, crushing the hopes of thousands of young people seeking to escape precarious futures without adequate access to jobs and research opportunities.

UC President Michael V. Drake told regents Thursday he would not recommend a plan to challenge federal law barring employment of those without legal status because the potential consequences would be too risky to UC students, families and staff. UC students could be subject to deportation, employees could risk civil and criminal prosecution if they knowingly par-

ticipate in hiring practices deemed impermissible under federal law, and the university could lose federal contracts and grants, he said.

A novel theory developed by UCLA legal scholars asserted that the 1986 federal law in question does not apply to states — or to state entities such as UC — because the statute’s language does not explicitly mention them. Drake said UC would not test that theory at this time, although regents voted to reconsider the policy in one year.

“We have concluded that the proposed legal pathway is not viable at this time, and in fact carries significant risk for the institution and for those we serve,” Drake said. “I know that many in our community will be disappointed that we are unable to take immediate action. ... I would like nothing more than to do so, right here, right now, because it is the right thing to do.”

He said UC would [See UC, A10]



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**ACTIVISTS** rally May 17 on the UCLA campus in support of students who lack legal work status.



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