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Harvard takes protest dispute to courtroom

Accused students say politics drive criminal charges

By Mike Damiano

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Last October, Yoav Segev, a Harvard Business School student, walked through a pro-Palestinian demonstration on his campus. He used his phone to video record protesters who were lying on the ground as if they were dead.

As Segev stepped over and around the bodies, other demonstrators approached, and then surrounded him. One said, “Get out, get out, get out.”

A scrum formed, with Segev at its center, according to multiple videos of the incident recorded by bystanders and a news helicopter. There was bumping, bickering. Minutes later, Segev walked away. No one was injured. Police officers standing nearby did not intervene.

The incident might have been forgotten as a minor tussle in a charged environment. Instead, it has ricocheted across the globe for more than half a year in viral videos, civil lawsuits, missives from lawmakers, and international news reports. Republicans in Congress have used it as a cudgel to pound Harvard over its response to the tur-

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Teeing off on Hump Day

On Wednesdays, the WFH crowd relocates to the links

By Mark Shanahan

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Ever wonder why some of your colleagues’ cameras are always off during Zoom calls?

Maybe, just maybe, it’s because they’re on the fairway mulling whether to hit a 6 or 7 iron to reach the green. Or perhaps they airmailed their tee shot into the woods and they’re searching for the ball.

Don’t rule it out. Work-from-home has been a disaster for owners of downtown office buildings, but golf courses and driving ranges are cleaning up — and not just on week-ends. Courses are crowded at odd times as more people take advantage of their newfound flexibility to play a few rounds during the week, even if it means making calls while someone’s trying to sink a putt.

“A good friend of mine was on a conference call on his AirPods for the entire front nine when we played,” said Dillon Malcolmson, the PGA golf pro at Red Tail Golf Club, a public course in Devens. “He was just listening to his meet-

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On the tee box with his driver, Stephen Gross from Gloucester was at work at 5 a.m. but was playing golf by noontime midweek at the Meadow at Peabody.

HIGH & DRY

PRICED OUT

The prohibitive cost of liquor licenses in Boston drives aspiring chefs away, robbing the city of inventive cuisines that could enliven its restaurant scene



ERIN CLARK/GLOBE STAFF

“The people willing to bet on me are in Boston. But ask yourself: Is it really worth me trying to muster up a million bucks? Two million bucks?”

JUAN PEDROSA, who’d like to open a Boston restaurant

This is the second in a series of stories about the consequences of Boston’s broken liquor license system.

By Diti Kohli

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Chompon Boonnak is the kind of restaurateur Boston needs: smart and eager, with a knack for crafting inventive food and a convivial dining room. The menu at his 30-seat Thai restaurant, Mahaniyom, is mouth-watering. Crispy rice crackers and pork cheek, sweet plum sauce and Thai sake bombs. Oysters with chili spice jam. Pumpkin rice balls doused in creamy coconut milk.

But Mahaniyom is not in Boston; it’s in Brookline. Liquor licenses are a big reason why.

When Boonnak thought up Mahaniyom four years ago, he had a startup budget of \$300,000. He initially wanted to open his restaurant in South Boston, his onetime home after migrating from Thailand. But Boonnak also wanted a

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Lauren Friel, owner of Rebel Rebel in Somerville and Dear Annie in Cambridge, poured a glass of wine at Rebel Rebel.

Uncommitted delegates have words for Biden

Aiming for a slot to protest Gaza war at party’s national convention

By Jim Puzzanghera

GLOBE STAFF

WASHINGTON — While there almost certainly will be plenty of people protesting the war in Gaza outside the Democratic National Convention in Chicago this summer, progressive activists have begun crys-

tallizing plans to make the most of their limited numbers on the inside.

In a novel strategy, opponents of the war earned 35 delegates so far — including one each from Massachusetts and Rhode Island — after significant numbers of Democratic

voters cast “uncommitted” ballots in presidential primaries this year. Now, with the primaries wrapping up next month, activists have begun coordinating their state-by-state efforts as they prepare to take their case directly to President Biden and the public in the convention’s spotlight.

The contingent will be a blip in a sea of 4,672 delegates at Chicago’s United Center. But

those delegates, many of whom still must be chosen at state Democratic conventions, will be able to go beyond the expected protests outside the security perimeter and bring their message straight onto the convention floor.

“We want speaking slots. We want to be on the relevant committees. We want to be able to talk through resolutions. And

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Sunday: Shower, storm later.
High: 73-78. Low: 53-58.

Monday: Cloudy, cooler.
High: 62-67. Low: 59-64.

Sunrise: 5:13 Sunset: 8:10

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Hew Locke’s “The Procession” brings a 140-mannequin mob to the ICA’s Watershed on Boston Harbor. SundayArts, N1.

Utah-based Breeze Airways plans to double its presence at T.F. Green Airport in Warwick, R.I., over the next

five years. Travel, N11.

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The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston ordained 11 men into the priesthood. Metro, B1, B10.

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