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## A nation fraught with anxiety, bracing for what's next

### Pressed by economy, swing state voters hold key

By Sam Brodey  
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RALEIGH, N.C. — On a bright Sunday morning at a busy farmers market, Tim Wall began strumming one of the acoustic cigar box guitars he makes and hawks to shoppers here.

He played a few upbeat chords in a blues style — a good fit for his outlook at the moment.

Wall, a 54-year-old former machinist, used to sell over a dozen guitars on a good day from his booth at the sprawling public market in Raleigh, about an hour west from his home in Rocky Mount.

Now, he's lucky to unload just a few, priced around \$150 and up, though it's not for lack of trying.

"I'll make you a deal!" Wall told several people.

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### Colleges fear Trump, if elected, will make good on threats

By Mike Damiano and Hilary Burns  
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Throughout the presidential campaign, Donald Trump and his allies have lambasted universities as "woke" indoctrination mills that radicalize youths against America and rip off students with inflated tuition.

Trump has said that, if elected, he will "reclaim" universities from the "Marxist maniacs and lunatics" who currently control them. His running

mate, JD Vance, who once exhorted supporters to "attack the universities," has praised the authoritarian leader of Hungary for seizing control of that country's institutions of higher education.

Such remarks could be dismissed as Trumpian bombast. But a Globe review of a year's worth of campaign videos, policy statements, and recent remarks by top Republicans suggests something else: that behind his incendiary words lies a set of

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## 'Lewiston is forever changed'



CRAIG F. WALKER/GLOBE STAFF

A little girl left without a father.

Victims and families find comfort in shared grief.



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A city finding space to heal.



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The loss of a sister stuns a family.

STORY BY IVY SCOTT AND JOHN HILLIARD | GLOBE STAFF

LEWISTON, Maine — Perched halfway up a stepladder, artist Tanja Hollander reached for the ceiling as she held fishing line and a small metal hook in one hand. The ladder squeaked beneath her as she hung dozens of bouquet wrappers, most a translucent plastic or thin paper, from the gallery ceiling at the Maine MILL, Lewiston's culture and history museum.

After a gunman killed 18 people in Maine's deadliest mass shooting, Hollander and museum director and curator Rachel Ferrante collected every bouquet of flowers left outside the two shooting sites, struck by the wilted vestiges of grief.

Of the two locations, Just-In-Time Recreation has reopened, while Schemengees Bar & Grille remains closed. In the gallery, each empty wrapper hovers eerily over the floor, as if held aloft by the hands that once offered flowers to honor the dead.

"The response to gun violence in communities is to leave flowers and thoughts

The survivors and relatives of the victims of the Lewiston shooting reflect on the year since the attack. A20.

and prayers," said Hollander, who assembled the exhibit alongside Miia Zellner, an artist and member of the deaf community. "But then everything disintegrates and disappears and we're on to the next, until it happens again."

In the year since the shooting, Lewiston has done its best to forge a new path, but evidence of the tragedy remains. Blue hearts in doorways, "Love Always Wins" banners in public parks, stickers on laptops, and coffee mugs pledging peace and togetherness. No one can really say how a place devastated by grief moves forward — what residents do know is it only happens if they do it together.

Over the past 12 months, the current that has propelled the people of Lewiston-Auburn on the path ahead has been one of unity, and of faith in the new and familiar faces they count on to shepherd them toward healing.

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Lilian Hathaway was a year old when her father, Maxx, was killed at Schemengees Bar & Grille while her mother, Brenda, was pregnant; Kathy Lebel formerly owned Schemengees, where Leroy Walker lost his son Joe; Bobbi Nichols says of the gunman, "How could he have done that?"; Lewiston High School football players joined in prayer.



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Monday: Sunny. High: 49-54. Low: 36-41.

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Sunrise: 7:12 Sunset: 5:44  
Complete report, B10.  
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No need to travel to Thailand to see the cuteness that is a baby pygmy hippo. Zoo New England's Franklin Park Zoo in Boston has its own family of pygmy hippos. Travel, N17.

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