

Steward delays hospital sales; protesters rally against closings

Lease terms and state’s financial commitment are being finalized, filings say

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Steward Health Care has delayed a sales hearing for six of its Massachusetts hospitals amid mounting protests over its move to shut down two others and the Healey administration’s decision to accede to the closings.

The bankrupt company’s move to postpone Wednesday’s hearing, where a judge was set to rule on the sale of a half dozen Steward hospitals including St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Brighton, comes as protesters rallied outside Carney Hospital in Dorchester on Monday demanding that state officials resist the plan to close the hospital — along with Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer — by Aug. 31.

“We’ve got 31 days, and we’re working hard,” City Councilor John Fitzgerald, who represents Dorchester, told more than 100 nurses, patients, and other hospital workers gathered in the rain on the front lawn to show their displeasure with the Carney closing. “This is the priority, I promise you.”

Leaders of the state’s largest nursing union called on Governor Maura Healey and other state and local officials to take whatever steps are necessary to save both Carney and Nashoba Valley.

The two hospitals “are absolutely essential to the lives, health, and safety of tens of thousands of people in the communities served by these facilities,” Steward said in a statement.

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Harris campaign finds deep well of funds in Mass.

Vice president makes multiple visits; spouse to appear at Vineyard event

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The last campaign stop Vice President Kamala Harris made before President Biden dropped out of the presidential race was in Massachusetts, at a fund-raiser in Provincetown.

Among her first after launching her own bid was ... also in Massachusetts, where she returned Saturday to attend a fund-raiser in Pittsfield featuring cellist Yo-Yo Ma and singer James Taylor.

And her husband, Doug Emhoff, was set to appear at two more events on Martha’s Vineyard on Monday, including a fund-raiser featuring television host David Letterman in Vineyard Haven.

No, the newly-minted Harris campaign isn’t worried about locking down Massachusetts’ 11 reliably-Democratic electoral votes. They are, however, interested in raising lots of cash.

The flurry of events show how Massachusetts has flexed its muscle as a fund-raising powerhouse since the vice president began her presidential run just eight days ago. As Democratic fund-raisers in the state reported fresh enthusiasm among donors big and small, the Harris campaign has moved to take advantage of the energy. Emhoff replaced Jill Biden on a New England fund-raising swing

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Gov. Healey signs \$57.8b budget

Slices \$317m; spending plan includes free community college, online lottery

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Warning of economic uncertainty ahead, Governor Maura Healey on Monday slashed \$317 million from the state’s \$58 billion budget, before signing it nearly a month after the fiscal year started. Her cuts hit an array of programs, including money set aside for substance addiction treatment and after-school activities.

With her signature, Healey un-

locked a host of major policy changes, among them allowing every resident to attend a Massachusetts community college tuition-free. The \$57.8 billion spending plan, which marks a 3.1 percent increase from last year’s budget, also includes funding to allow the state’s regional transit authorities to offer fare-free bus service, and for the first time, the state lottery can sell its products online for bettors over age 21.

Healey cited fiscal prudence in

\$317 million

Amount Governor Maura Healey vetoed from the FY25 budget

3.1%

Increased total spending in budget from last fiscal year

14

How many straight years Massachusetts has gone without having an on-time budget

Safe-use drug sites

Senators are set to vote Tuesday on a bill that would allow municipalities to OK sites that could offer supervised consumption of drugs. **B1.**

New liquor licenses

The Senate approved a measure to add 264 licenses in Boston. **D1.**

explaining her budget cuts, saying that the state should be budgeting now “rather than facing the specter of having to make cuts later.” The vetoes mark the highest level of proposed budget cuts in at least five years.

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‘I don’t like to sleep in the street. I like to sleep at home.’

STEEVE PIERRE, a 5-year-old member of a newly arrived migrant family



KAYLA BARTKOWSKI FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

After being dropped off at Wollaston Station from the Quincy Family Welcome Center, Steeve Pierre, 5, Clarensky Pierre, 8, and Christy Pierre, 10, walked near their mother as their father, Jacques Pierre, made phone calls to look for sleeping arrangements.

ON THE STREET, NOWHERE TO SLEEP

With region’s shelters at capacity, migrant families often stranded at night

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With the state’s emergency shelter system full, overflow sites at capacity, and the waitlist for temporary housing stretching to more than 750 families as of last week, many newly arrived migrant families are stranded on the streets of the Boston area at night, seeking a place to sleep.

In Allston, just past 2 a.m. Saturday, a father laid down a blanket in an alley as his

partner held their sleeping 6-year-old son.

Outside Boston Medical Center, at about 1 a.m. the same night, more than a dozen people, including a 2-year-old sleeping in his father’s arms, milled about with their luggage after they were told they couldn’t sleep in the hospital.

At an MBTA station in Quincy Friday, four brothers, aged 5 to 14, slumped over benches and asked their parents if they would have to spend the night outside for the second time in three days.

“We think we’re going to be on the street again,” Christy, 10, told a reporter in Spanish. “I don’t like to sleep in the street. I like to sleep at home,” his brother Steeve, 5, said.

They are among the many newly arrived migrant families who have been denied shelter and are instead being shuffled each night between state welcome centers, Boston Medical Center, and the often closed offices of migrant aid groups.

As a record number of migrants arrive in the region, the state’s emergency shelter system is at capacity, and many families are stranded on the streets at night.

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Local gymnasts living the Olympic dream

TARA SULLIVAN



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Stephen Nedoroscik of Worcester was surrounded by teammates after his pommel horse routine helped them take bronze Monday.

PARIS — Shimming along the floor of Bercy Arena, Frederick Richard was everything you would expect from America’s next great gymnast. Like the City of Lights itself, Richard dazzled. Dancing, grooving, and celebrating alongside the four teammates with whom he had just made history.

The pride of Stoughton is an Olympic medalist, a reality that began to set in after the pride of Worcester nailed Team USA’s final routine. A daring and smooth pommel horse finale by specialist Stephen Nedoroscik secured a bronze for the men’s gymnastics team. Not since Beijing 2008 had the US men made the podium, a streak of futility broken by this group of five who put on a most beautiful display of teamwork, camaraderie, skill, and pride.

Richard was in the thick of it all. While the flag-draped team leader Brody Malone led the way back on the pommel horse mat so the team could wave and blow heartfelt kisses to the adoring crowd, where Nedoroscik’s signature black-

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President Biden said Monday he would push for legislation that would bring major changes to the Supreme Court, including imposing term limits and creating an enforceable code of ethics on the justices. **A2.**

Venezuelan opposition candidate Edmundo González said his campaign has the proof it needs to show that he was the winner of the country’s presidential election whose victory authorities handed to President Nicolás Maduro. **A4.**

Dearborn STEM Academy in Boston is paying 76 students to attend a four-week summer program in an effort to aid low-income students who help support their families. **B1.**

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Unsettled territory

Tuesday: Possible T-storms. High 82-87, low 70-75.

Wednesday: Cloudy, storms. High 77-82, low 69-74.

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