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Legal battle looms for St. Elizabeth's land

Plan to use eminent domain to reassign hospital hinges on unique approach

By Aidan Ryan
GLOBE STAFF

Governor Maura Healey has announced a plan to seize St. Elizabeth's Medical Center from failing Steward Health Care and to hand it over to Boston Medical Center to keep it running.

In exchange, she said earlier this

month, she'd pay \$4.5 million to the private equity firm that controls St. Elizabeth's 14-acre campus on a hill-top in Brighton — a sum less than one-10th what property rolls say the land is worth.

That discrepancy is expected to spark a legal battle that could stretch for years and cloud Healey's

plan to save the hospital, a fight likely not so much about whether the state can take the St. Elizabeth's property, but rather the price it will pay.

"If someone said to me, 'You're going to be over by St. Elizabeth's in the city of Boston, you're going to make a taking of 14 or 15 acres with a building improvement of that size, and you're going to pay \$4.5 million,' I would say to them: 'You must have just come in from the planet

Mars,'" said Peter Flynn, an attorney who is representing the owner of the former Wonderland race track in its eminent domain fight with the City of Revere. "Something is amiss."

On Tuesday, private equity firm Apollo Global Management, which controls the property on all of Steward's hospitals in Massachusetts, rejected the state's offer of \$4.5 million, promising in a letter to "vigorously challenge" the price, which it

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A barrage of missiles, an uneasy silence

Israel, Hezbollah swap attacks but appear to step back from full-scale war

By Aaron Boxerman, Isabel Kershner, and Euan Ward
NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM — Amid fears of an all-out war between Israel and Hezbollah forces in Lebanon, the two sides on Sunday mounted the biggest round of cross-border strikes since the war in the Gaza Strip began, with Israel bombing dozens of sites in a preemptive attack, and Hezbollah launching hundreds of rockets and drones.

Within hours, both sides appeared to deescalate, at least temporarily, but signaled that the violence and dangerous tensions could continue. Hezbollah said its operation, vengeance for the Israeli assassination of a senior commander, had "finished for the day," but left open the possibility of further action. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel said that "what happened today is not the final word."

For weeks, Israelis have waited in trepidation for a major attack promised by Hezbollah in retaliation for the airstrike last month in a suburb of Beirut that killed one of its leaders, Fouad Shukur. Iran, which backs both Hezbollah and Hamas, has also vowed retribution for the killing of Ismail Haniyeh, the Hamas political leader, on a visit to Tehran hours after Shukur was killed, though it ap

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Democrats link votes for Harris, Congress bids

Hope boost in enthusiasm extends down the ballot

By Jim Puzzanghera
GLOBE STAFF

CHICAGO — Representative Nancy Pelosi hails from San Francisco, but her political tutelage began as the daughter of a legendary mayor of Baltimore. So she received a hero's welcome Wednesday at a breakfast of Maryland's Democratic National Convention delegates — and a gift they hope will be prophetic.

After firing up the crowd by declaring, "We must take back the House for the Democrats and the American people," she was presented with a wooden Maryland crab mallet. Pelosi wielded it like the gavel she used as House speaker, gleefully pounding it on the lectern to cheers from the delegates.

She won't get the larger speaker's gavel if Democrats pick up the four seats they need to reclaim the House majority — that probably would go to House minority leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York. But Pelosi and other Democrats said they are much more optimistic they can put the hammer down on Republicans this November to take control of the House and hold the party's slim Senate majority, now that Vice President Kamala Harris

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James Bengston raked the debris-strewn yard of his home after flash flooding that occurred July 30 in St. Johnsbury, Vt.

IN VERMONT, 'THEY'RE ASKING: WHY ME?'

Flood waters have receded but psychological scars remain for weary residents



An aerial view of a collapsed home on Brook Road in Lyndon, Vt., after the flash flooding on July 30.

By Erin Douglas
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LYNDON, Vt. — Sleepless nights. Headaches. Weight changes. Feeling anxious, out of control, and overwhelmed, especially when it rains.

These are just a few of the symptoms of emotional distress that many Vermonters are experiencing in the aftermath of floods in July that killed at least two people, destroyed or damaged hundreds of homes, required more than 100 water rescues, and severely damaged roads and bridges, which in some cases left residents stranded in their homes for hours until emergency repairs could be made.

In the aftermath, volunteers are helping flood survivors not only muck out their homes and contact insurance companies but also find therapists and practice stress-relief techniques. People feel particularly anxious or on edge when it rains or thunders, residents, volunteers, and state officials told the Globe.

"Every time there is rain in the forecast, there is the fear

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Breaking news for Vineyard newcomers

Island's periodicals reach out to community's growing Brazilian population

By Aidan Ryan
GLOBE STAFF

Meiroka Nunes knows a thing or two about helping immigrant communities access local news.

The Facebook group she started in 2012 for Brazilians on Martha's Vineyard now has more than 12,000 members. So when the island's two newspapers earlier this year implemented automated translation into Portuguese on their websites, she was thrilled.

"This is amazing," Nunes said. "And this is very important."

But although she has seen some Brazilian community members reading and sharing the Portuguese-language articles, she also would like the newspapers to more fully serve her community, especially its newer members, such as informing people about operating food businesses or registering cars.

The Portuguese-language services from the Martha's Vineyard Times and the Vineyard Gazette demonstrate how some legacy news outlets are turning to technology to try to reach local communities that are increasingly diverse and often speak different languages — and, they hope, turn them into paying subscribers.

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Tainá Chaves, a resident of Martha's Vineyard, said she wants to see more coverage of local events on the island.



Pits and pendulum

Monday: Stormy, cooler.
High 73-78, low 62-67.

Tuesday: Sun swings back in.
High 82-87, low 67-72.

Sunrise: 6:03. Sunset: 7:28.

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An Oxford man faces manslaughter and drunken driving charges in a crash that killed a boy and seriously injured five of his family members. **B1.**

Efforts to clean the Charles, Neponset, and Mystic rivers have slowed after years of success, environmental regulators reported. **B1.**

For the Red Sox, it was a stinging sweep at the hands of the Diamondbacks as they approach the final month of their playoff hunt. **C1.**

A missile attack blamed on the Russians in eastern Ukraine killed a worker helping a team of journalists. **A4.**

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