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## Apart on issues, solutions, and demeanor

### In the final hours, a look at each candidate's policies

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In this strange, unprecedented, nail-biter of a presidential election, the two leading candidates have presented stark contrasts on practically every major policy issue, as well as on more fundamental questions: Is the United States in a good or bad place, and what should its future hold?

Polls show that voters in battleground states are closely divided on which ticket they plan to embrace, even as the candidates' visions for the country — and their tones in describing them — are far apart. Both Donald Trump and Kamala Harris insist that a strong, prosperous future for the country depends on their victory.

How would a second Trump presidency differ from a Harris administration? Read more about where the candidates stand.

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### ELECTION 2024



ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTOS

For Vice President Kamala Harris and former president Donald Trump, the days of campaigning are winding to an end.

### Trump doubles down on dark, angry themes; Harris offers message of optimism, hope

By Adam Nagourney, Katie Glueck, and Michael Gold

NEW YORK TIMES

It was the final Sunday of the campaign for president, and Vice President Kamala Harris and Donald Trump were continuing to race across battleground states in their search for support. But in message and demeanor, Harris, the Democrat, and Trump, the Republican, could not have been more different.

Harris began her day at a Black church in Detroit where she told congregants that the nation was “ready to bend the arc of history toward justice,” invoking the words of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Trump began his at an outdoor rally at an airport in Pennsylvania where, his shoulders slumped

#### The star factor

Democrats look to A-list celebrities and social media to help more broadly deliver their message. **A6.**

#### A religious vow

Donald Trump pledges to champion his followers' brand of Christianity across American life and government. **A6.**

and his voice subdued, he threw out his prepared remarks to tell supporters that he “shouldn't have left” the White House after his loss to President Biden in 2020.

The dueling scenes offered a contrast that captured just how differently these two candidates were using the final days of a campaign that a last round of polls

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Alexander, a recent migrant from Ecuador, watched his three children play in a playground in Holyoke. The four had been living in a shelter. At times they have lived in his car.

## He migrated to Mass. in search of stability. Now, he's homeless.

BY ANDREW BRINKER AND CAMILO FONSECA | GLOBE STAFF

### North toward hope

A series exploring how new migrants are reshaping Massachusetts' political, social, and economic landscape.

For the past year, a dinged-up Ford Escape has held Alexander's life together.

The car helped him scrape together a living after he and his three children arrived from Ecuador, ferrying him to a landscaping job in Lowell and to make deliveries for DoorDash. It provided a memory of home on cold mornings, when the blast of hot air from the heating system reminded him of warmer days in his native country.

And twice now, their car has been their home, once when the family arrived in the United States and again last month. After reaching their time limit at the state-run shelter where they'd been staying in Cambridge and with nowhere else to go, Alexander and his family spent four nights sleeping in the parking lot of a Somerville supermarket, his two boys huddled together in the backseat. The nights were cold, and Alexander woke up every few hours to turn on the heat.

As a recent migrant in a new land, Alexander has done what he is supposed to. He's working. His kids go to public school. He is applying for asylum. But he has struggled to find the one thing that would offer true sta-



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bility: a home.

“This,” he said, “is no life.”

After fleeing gang violence that took over his town in Ecuador, he is among 20,000-plus migrants who have come to Massachusetts in search of a better life in the

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Haitian migrants pulled suitcases behind them as they left the Church of the Holy Spirit in Mattapan in June.

## Late, no-show buses sideline BPS athletes

Players scramble to find alternative transportation; some games postponed

By James Vaznis

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Suited up in blue and gold uniforms, the East Boston High School football team was all set on a recent Friday afternoon for a Boston school bus to take them to a game in Roxbury.

Instead, the student athletes spent more than an hour sitting or lying down in a hallway — some slumped against blue metal lockers with their eyes shut, others scrolling their phones — as they waited with increasing frustration for a bus that never arrived.

The no-show ultimately caused officials to call off the game with the O'Bryant School of Math and Science, sending dozens of deflated players home for a long holiday weekend in October. They became another casualty in Boston Public Schools' long struggling effort to get its buses to show up and run on time, despite devoting \$171 million to transportation this year and fielding a full roster of drivers.

“It was crushing,” said John Parziale, East Boston's head football coach, noting that football players get only 11 games a season. “They work

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## As GOP focuses on fraud, Maine outlet joins in

Publication asserts that noncitizens have cast ballots, withholds records

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In recent weeks, Republicans across the country have been amplifying allegations of voter fraud — repeatedly found to be extremely rare — in a possible attempt to lay the groundwork to challenge the election, election authorities and Democrats say.

One such scenario appears to be unfolding in Maine, where a conservative publication, the Maine Wire, published a story in October alleging six noncitizens were registered to vote as Democrats in the state and that five had cast ballots since 2016.

But here, the situation appears to be a stalemate. The editor of the publication said he cannot share the records underpinning the allegations to

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DANIELLE PARHIZKARAN/GLOBE STAFF

Rookie quarterback Drake Maye (at right in photo) propelled the Patriots into overtime with some late-game heroics, but his interception sealed the team's defeat to the Tennessee Titans. **C1.**

A judge has ordered Providence Place, the largest shopping mall in Rhode Island, into receivership after lenders alleged the mall's management company owes about \$260 million. **D1.**

The Israeli military revealed for the first time in the current war that it had conducted a ground raid on Syrian territory, capturing a man whom it tied to Iranian activities. **A4.**

Progress continued on the fight against wildfires across the state but officials urged residents to be careful with potential ignition sources and expressed concerns for firefighters. **B1.**

### Not-so-clear headed

**Monday:** Lots of clouds. High 51-56, low 46-51.

**Tuesday:** Warmup begins. High 69-74, low 58-63

Sunrise: 6:22. Sunset: 4:33.

Weather and comics, **D4-5.**

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