

In shift, Harris takes on border

Calls for immigration that's 'orderly and secure'

By Tal Kopan
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WASHINGTON — Vice President Kamala Harris's campaign stop on the US southern border on Friday isn't just a sign of how she's taking Donald Trump head-on on immigration in the election. It also shows how much her strategy has changed since early in her vice presidency.

Harris visited Douglas, Ariz., a border town east of Tucson, where she spoke about border security and contrasted her vision and background with that of Trump. She also released an ad in Arizona and other battlegrounds about her border security plans.

The trip came as Harris has increasingly sought to go on offense on issues otherwise perceived to be a weak spot for her, as polling has shown Trump being favored on immigration policy and the economy. As she's done so, Harris appears to have lessened her disadvantage

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St. Elizabeth's is formally seized by state

Lengthy legal battle with landlord now expected

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The Healey administration on Friday took the unprecedented move to formally seize St. Elizabeth's Medical Center by eminent domain, setting up a lengthy and likely bruising legal fight with the landlord, a Wall Street investment firm, with potentially hundreds of millions of dollars in real estate at stake.

The Brighton medical complex is the only one of Steward Health Care's properties in Massachusetts where the administration did not broker a deal over the underlying real estate when it negotiated sales of most of the bankrupt chain's hospitals to new owners. Two other Steward hospitals in the state were shuttered permanently in August when the chain said it did not receive qualified bids to buy them.

Instead, the state and the firm that controls the real estate at St. Elizabeth's, Apollo Global Management, could not come to a deal over the property, prompting the eminent domain taking. Apollo subsequently rejected a \$4.5 million offer under eminent domain from the Healey administration.

While the company cannot legally prevent the state from taking the property, it has the right to contest the move retroactively — including by challenging how much it will get paid. Real estate industry observers have said the state's initial offer was almost comically

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Lives lost, neighborhoods gone

At least 40 killed as hurricane, flooding hit Southeast



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James High hugged his wife, Leslie High, in their neighborhood that was destroyed by Hurricane Helene near Keaton Beach, Fla. Below, Jibri Tolen paddled a resident to retrieve belongings after flooding at the Peachtree Park apartments in Atlanta.

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PERRY, Fla. — Hurricane Helene left an enormous path of destruction across Florida and the southeastern United States on Friday, killing at least 40 people in four states, snapping towering oaks like twigs, and tearing apart homes as rescue crews launched desperate missions to save people from floodwaters.

The Category 4 hurricane



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knocked out power to some hospitals in southern Georgia, and Governor Brian Kemp said au-

►Boston practices deploying pop-up flood barriers. B1.

thorities had to use chainsaws to clear debris and open up roads. The storm had maximum sustained winds of 140 mph when it made landfall late Thursday in a sparsely populated region in Florida's rural Big Bend area, home to

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'The government is preoccupied with firefighting and short-term concerns, but someone needs to be thinking about the future.'

ROMAN NITSOVYCH, research director at Ukrainian think tank DiXi Group

In Mass., Ukrainians look beyond war

Officials intrigued by partnerships using geothermal energy in homes, businesses

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FRAMINGHAM — In a nondescript parking lot a long way from home, a cohort of Ukrainian officials huddled inside a shed beside a local public school building. They had come to study a novel innovation: the United States' first geothermal heating network installed by a gas utility company.

Even as war rages in their home country, the group spoke boldly of victory, and all that would have to follow. And so the delegation traveled 4,500 miles to Greater Boston recently to research what role re-

newable energy could play in transforming their bomb-shattered cities into energy-resilient ones.

"First we need to liberate the land, then we must design plans for our cities ... or for the ruins, rather," said Roman Nitsovych, research director at the Ukrainian think tank DiXi Group, which organized the trip. "The government is preoccupied with firefighting and short-term concerns, but someone needs to be thinking about the future."

Geothermal energy, which relies on the steady temperature below ground to heat and cool buildings, is a decades-old technology. The Ukrainian delegation chose to visit Framingham specifically to learn how developers, public officials, and

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After nurse practitioners turn to unions, MGH promises raises

Would have made less than those they help to supervise

By Jonathan Saltzman
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For weeks, nurse practitioners and physician assistants at Massachusetts General Hospital have complained that many of them would soon be earning less than registered nurses they help oversee.

Now, barely a week after 13 percent raises for nurses went into effect at the state's largest hospital, MGH's parent organization has pledged to boost the pay of the hospital's 1,000 nurse practitioners and physician assistants as well.

The move comes after the nurse practitioners and physician assistants, who along with nurses are non-union-

ized, reached out to two unions and vented their anger at hospital administrators at recent town hall meetings. And it came weeks after nurses at sister hospital Brigham and Women's secured a new contract with large pay bumps.

MGH has long resisted unionization by its employees and has repeatedly given raises to nurses to keep unions at bay. But the latest pay battle has unleashed a new wave of interest in organizing, at least among nurse practitioners, despite the promise of higher pay.

Amid the tense atmosphere, Dr. Ron Walls, chief operating officer for Mass General Brigham, parent organization of MGH and the Brigham and the state's largest employer, emailed the employees Thursday night to inform them of the pay increase. He said, "We have heard the feedback," and nurse practitioners and physician assistants would

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The Justice Department has charged three men with carrying out Iran's alleged hack and leak attack

against Donald Trump's presidential campaign. A2.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu offered a fiery address to the UN General Assembly, vowing that his country would continue its military operation in Lebanon. A4.



Dame Maggie Smith has died at 89. Her award-winning roles ranged from a freethinking Scottish schoolteacher in "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" to the acid-tongued dowager countess on "Downton Abbey." C10.



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Massachusetts State Police Command Staff and over 180 recruits stood in formation outside Mercadante Funeral Home & Chapel in Worcester on Friday during visiting hours for Trooper Enrique Delgado-Garcia, who died from injuries sustained during a defensive tactics training exercise.