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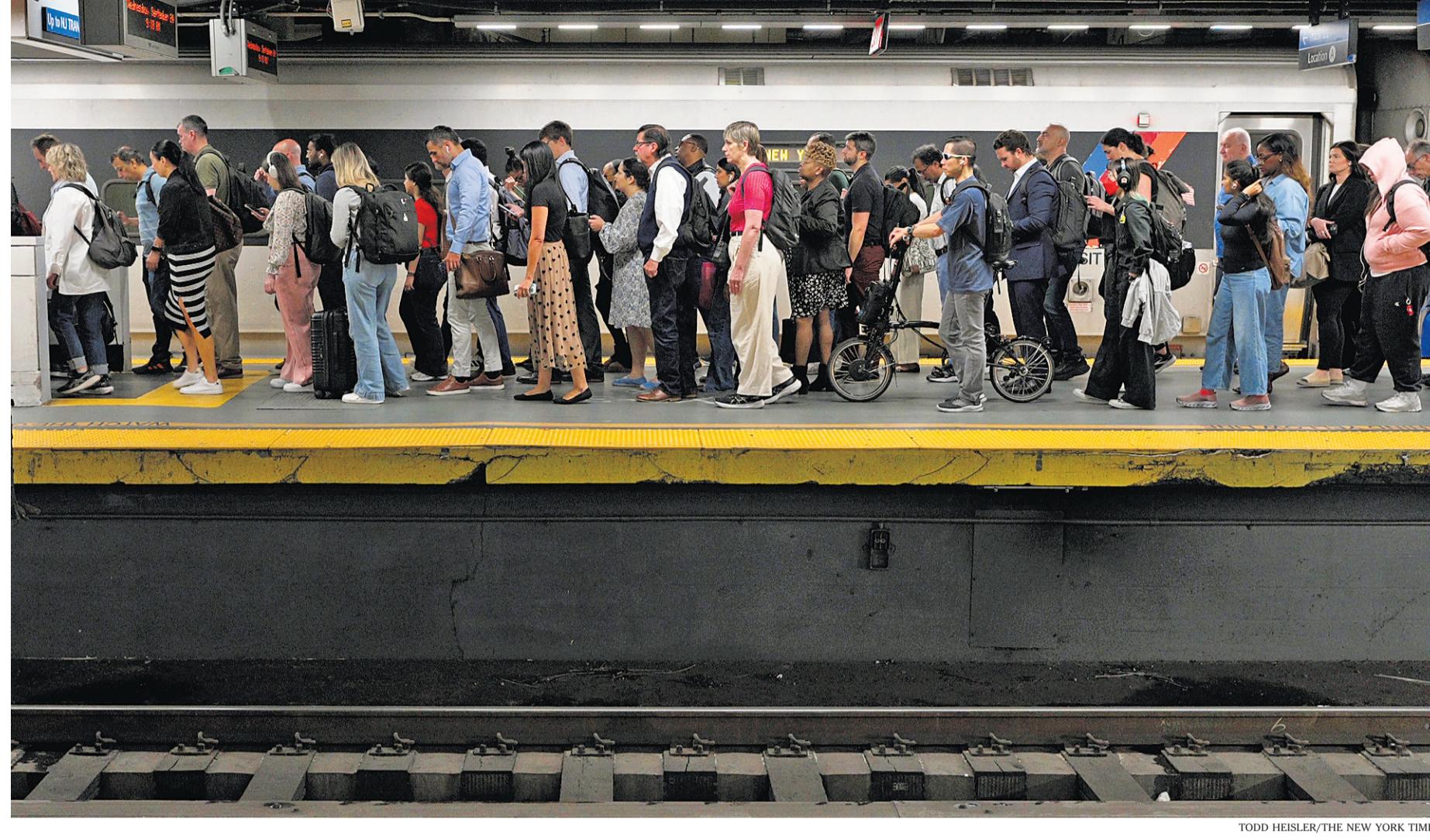
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Lining up for an escalator after arriving on an NJ Transit train at Penn Station in Manhattan. The 21-track layout is essentially the same as it was a century ago.

Despite Decades of Attempts, Penn Station Remains Broken

By PATRICK McGEEHAN

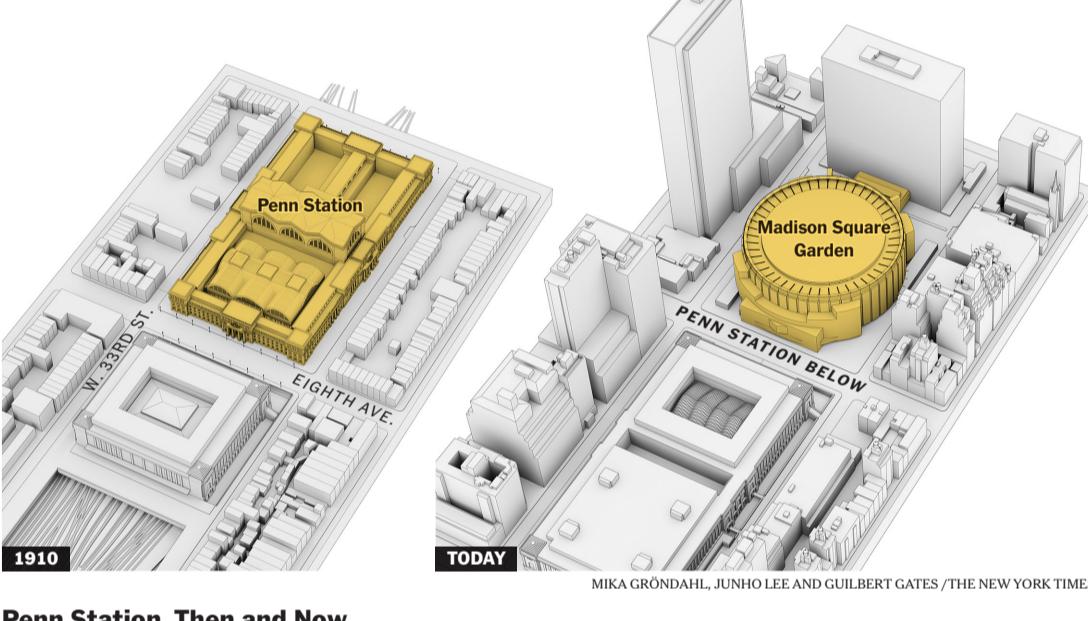
In 1999, President Bill Clinton stood across the street from New York's Pennsylvania Station with the state's governor and its senior senator to announce plans for transforming the area into a modern

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A Symbol of Stagnation

ern gateway for the nation's biggest city.

Presidents do not often appear at news conferences about train stations. But Penn Station, in Midtown Manhattan, was the busiest transportation hub in North America, and Mr. Clinton had made public transit a priority. He and Gov. George E. Pataki posed beside a miniature model of a grand new train hall, while Senator Daniel P. Moynihan extolled its future grandeur.



Penn Station, Then and Now

When it opened in 1910, Penn Station was lauded as the largest building ever constructed at one time. Modeled after Rome's Baths of Caracalla, the Beaux-Arts station was built with pink granite and travertine marble.

Politics, Infighting and Powerful Interests Stand in the Way

"Penn Station is the start," Mr. Moynihan said, "and we will find — when we complete this project — that suddenly all will seem possible."

More than 25 years, five presidencies and four governors later, the plan to rebuild Penn Station is nowhere near completion.

For the 600,000 people who pass through it every day, Penn Station is indispensable. It remains the busiest transit hub in the United States, with nearly double the number of daily passengers as the busiest airport, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International. Much of the Eastern Seaboard might grind to a halt

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ZELENSKY WARNS OF RIFT WITH U.S. ON A PEACE PLAN

ALLIES AT CROSSROADS

Proposal by Trump Gives Russia Most of What It Has Wanted

By AURELIEN BREEDEN and CASSANDRA VINOGRAD

LONDON — President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine suggested on Friday that his country's alliance with the United States could be at a breaking point as the White House presses Kyiv to respond by Thanksgiving to its plan to end the war with Russia.

The 28-point proposal from the White House — which Kyiv has said was drafted without its involvement — would give Russia most of what it has asked for, including the surrender of Ukrainian territory and sharp limits on Ukraine's military. The plan would require Ukraine to accept conditions that it and its European allies have long called unacceptable and tantamount to capitulation.

In a video address to the Ukrainian people on Friday, Mr. Zelensky said that his country was facing "one of the most difficult moments in our history."

"Ukraine may soon find itself before a very difficult choice," he said. "Either the loss of dignity, or the risk of losing a key partner. Either the difficult 28 points, or an extremely hard winter — the hardest one — and further risks."

Mr. Zelensky did not explicitly name the United States as that "key partner." But the Ukrainian leader, who met with an American military delegation in Kyiv this week to restart peace talks, said that "they will expect an answer" about the 28 points.

"I will present arguments, persuade, propose alternatives," he said, promising "a constructive search for solutions."

Referring to Russia, he said, "We will absolutely not give the enemy any reason to say that Ukraine does not want peace, that Ukraine is disrupting the process or that Ukraine is not ready for diplomacy."

"That will not happen," he said. President Trump was asked if

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A Rose Bowl Breakup Tears at L.A. Football Fans

By SHAWN HUBLER

PASADENA, Calif. — In Southern California, a place with more than its share of famous couples, few celebrity relationships have been as enduring as that of the Rose Bowl and the University of California, Los Angeles.

For 43 years, the Pasadena landmark has been the home field for the elite university's football program. Never mind that the stadium and the school are 26 miles apart. Marriage is cumulative, and U.C.L.A. and the Rose Bowl have had much to bind them: Four decades. Millions of dollars. An ironclad deal.

Or so it seemed until last month, when Pasadena officials went to court, claiming that U.C.L.A. had been plotting for months in secret to relocate to SoFi Stadium, a newer, closer and glitzier venue. Such a move, Pasadena said, would irreparably harm the Rose Bowl and the city, which owns the stadium and borrowed heavily to refurbish it on condition that the team would remain through June 2044.

The university, in a terse statement, said that "no decision has been made." But behind the scenes, Pasadena said, the university's lawyers had informed the city's lawyers that the school



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The Rose Bowl has uncomfortable seating and sublime sunsets.

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Protesters are using the summit meeting, the first held on African soil, to highlight domestic problems.

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A Virginia man's yearslong war with his homeowners' association is an example of how the nation's partisan divide has reached the hyperlocal level.

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Kennedy Center Gives 'Favors'

Under Richard Grenell, the institution has given steep discounts to CPAC and FIFA, signed contracts with Trump loyalists and spent lavishly.

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Demand for power is growing fast, but hydro plants are struggling because of droughts and other extreme weather linked to climate change.

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The crown prince is handling a restructuring of the kingdom's fund after years of expensive investments.

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The streamer has opened its first permanent home for branded fun, at a mall near Philadelphia.

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With the deaths of two wealthy benefactors this year, the cultural megadonor may be a thing of the past.

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President Trump greeted Zohran Mamdani in the Oval Office.

