

## Migrant families again shelter at Logan

Return to airport underscores tough decisions under state's new restrictions

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Migrant families who say they are out of viable shelter options are once again returning to sleep at Logan International Airport, despite the state's ban on newly arrived migrant families and homeless people staying there overnight.

On Monday night into the early hours of Tuesday morning, one group of migrants, sought refuge in-

side Terminal A. Another group of families, including children as young as 2, opted to sleep just outside the terminal, for fear of being kicked out if they slept inside the airport.

Parents were cradling children, wrapping them in blankets and jackets. Families lay on sleeping pads, donated to them by volunteers, and were surrounded by suitcases and belongings packed in grocery bags.

'When you get to a country that you don't know how it is, and end up in a circumstance like this, you get pretty worried.'

ENEL LOUIS

The families were Haitian, about a dozen people in total, and several had lived in Chile for years before

making their way north.

"I have to watch over them," said Enel Louis, a father who was spending the night inside the terminal with his 6-year-old daughter, Wisland, and his wife, Wilna Jean.

The family arrived in Boston about a week ago after traveling north from Chile and had been staying with a friend who could no longer house them. It was past 1 a.m., and Louis's wife and daughter were sleeping next to each other on the floor, his wife using a towel as a cover to keep herself warm.

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## Trump's take on Fed raises concerns

His call to have a say on rates runs counter to bank's independence

By Jim Puzzanghera  
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WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve officials are expected to cut a key interest rate on Wednesday for the first time since early 2020 in a move that President Biden undoubtedly wishes would have come sooner to provide Democrats an election year economic boost.

But Biden has not applied public pressure on the Fed, even as high inflation — the reason rates have been over 5 percent for more than 16 months — has dropped nearly back to normal. The high cost of living and spike in mortgage rates were major factors in Biden's low approval ratings before he dropped out of the presidential race. But in keeping with his pledge to restore ethical norms, Biden stayed out of the debate over monetary policy to avoid shaking public confidence that the central bank is truly independent and its decisions are apolitical.

Donald Trump takes a much different approach. He publicly vented his displeasure at interest rate hikes in 2018, vilified Fed officials as "going loco," and reportedly mulled the unprecedented step of firing Fed Chair Jerome Powell. Now, Trump has indicated he might go further in trying to influence the Fed's high-profile interest rate decisions if he returns to the White House,

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## Asian American votes matter — for both sides

Despite strong support for Harris, not all on same page

By Anjali Huynh  
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JOHNS CREEK, Ga. — When Vice President Kamala Harris ascended to the top of the Democratic presidential ticket, Georgia State University student Christy Lam felt inspired, in part, because "seeing someone like her who represents Asians is so huge."

A 21-year-old Vietnamese and Chinese American, Lam is working with the College Democrats of Georgia to elect Harris, in the first presidential election she's eligible to vote in.

Doing so, however, made Lam the "black sheep" of her family, she said. That's because her relatives support former president Donald Trump.

"It's hard to talk to them about presidential nominees, or about politics in general, because if they already have their mind set on something, it's kind of set in stone," said Lam, who grew up south of Atlanta in Clayton County. "A lot of the time, when I talk about injustices in our world, because it does not directly affect them, they don't think that it matters."

The divide in Lam's family captures a challenge Harris faces in this topsy-turvy 2024 presidential

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HASSAN AMMAR/ASSOCIATED PRESS

A crowd gathered around an ambulance carrying people who were wounded when their handheld pagers exploded at the emergency entrance of the American University hospital in Beirut on Tuesday.

## Pager explosions kill at least 11

Officials say Israel altered devices ordered by Hezbollah from Taiwan



HUSSEIN MALLA/ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Civil Defense first-responder helped bring a wounded man into al-Zahraa hospital in Beirut.

By Patrick Kingsley, Euan Ward, Ronen Bergman, and Michael Levenson  
NEW YORK TIMES

TEL AVIV, Israel — Hundreds of pagers carried by Hezbollah members exploded simultaneously across Lebanon on Tuesday, a day after Israeli officials said they were ready to step up attacks against the Iranian-backed militia.

The pagers exploded on sidewalks and in grocery stores, at homes and inside cars, killing at least 11 people and wounding at least 2,700 others, officials said. Witnesses reported smoke coming from pants pockets before loud bangs knocked people off their feet. Hezbollah said at least eight of its fighters had been killed.

Lebanon Health Minister Firass Abiad said that one of those killed was an 8-year-old girl and that many victims had maimed hands and injured eyes. The Health Ministry put hospitals on "maximum alert," and asked citizens to throw out their pagers.

Hezbollah has used pagers for years to make it harder for messages to be intercepted. At 3:30 p.m., the pagers received a message that appeared as if it was coming from Hezbollah's leadership, according to two officials familiar with the attack. The pagers beeped for several seconds be-

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## Wu, Skipper vow buses will catch up

But acknowledge it could take months for on-time arrivals to hit 90%

By Christopher Huffaker  
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Mayor Michelle Wu backed away Tuesday morning from her commitment to having 95 percent of school buses arrive on time, part of a school improvement plan she signed in June 2022 to avert a state takeover of Boston Public Schools.

BPS leaders expect it will take months before school buses hit a lower on-time arrival rate of 90 percent, which was the average for the district last year. Wu did not dismiss the 95 percent target, but said it was an arbitrary goal when the agreement was signed two years ago.

Wu and the district have



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Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and School Superintendent Mary Skipper addressed the city's school bus issues.

faced harsh criticism for the dismal on-time arrival rate for buses since the school year began on Sept. 5, when roughly two-thirds of buses arrived late, the lowest opening day on-time rate in at least nine years. Buses have dropped off students on schedule more than 50 percent of the time every morning since, but no higher than 73 percent, according to the latest district data.

Speaking at a news conference at a school in Dorchester Tuesday, Wu and Superintendent Mary Skipper attributed the low on-time bus arrival rates in part to the learning curve of a

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Sean "Diddy" Combs was described in a federal indictment as the boss of a criminal enterprise that threatened and abused women. **A2.**

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party has lost a Parliament seat it had held for decades in a special election in Montreal. **A4.**

A woman and a baby were both struck by gunfire in Dorchester, leaving the infant with life-threatening injuries. **B1.**

The median price for a single-family home in Greater Boston was \$915,000 in August, \$5,000 less than in July. **B5.**

There remains no sign in Massachusetts herds of a highly contagious strain of the bird flu virus that has infected hundreds of cows elsewhere. **B1.**

### End of the fine

**Wednesday:** Clouds and sun. High: 70-75. Low: 61-66.

**Thursday:** Cloudy, breezy. High: 68-73. Low: 60-65. Sunrise: 6:28 Sunset: 6:48 Comics and Weather, **G6-7.** Obituaries, **C9.**

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