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City warns food-delivery apps to make drivers cool it

Says companies will be held responsible for scooters breaking rules

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Mounted on mopeds, motorcycles, or motorized scooters, food-delivery drivers have become a ubiquitous presence on city streets, speeding ready-to-eat meals from restaurants to hungry customers.

But Boston officials say too many of them are driving recklessly, and, citing “an alarming increase in unlawful and dangerous operation,” this week warned three food delivery companies they will be held “responsible for continued violations.”

“We have witnessed widespread and ongoing incidents of running red lights, driving on city sidewalks, driving the wrong way down one-way streets, driving at speeds in excess of posted limits, and collisions,” Police Commissioner Michael Cox and Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge said in a letter to DoorDash, Grubhub, and Uber.

“The consistent failure of those operating on your behalf to abide by rules and regulations indicates a concerning lack of oversight and care in regard to public safety,” the letter said.

The officials said the city has started passing out materials to drivers and area restaurants laying out the “obligations” delivery apps have to ensure their contractors are using registered vehicles and complying with traffic rules. The city wants

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Healey diversifies judiciary — but not politically

By **Matt Stout**
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In less than 18 months in office, Governor Maura Healey has injected more gender and racial diversity into the state’s judiciary, nominating a crop of nearly 30 justices composed mostly of women and many people of color.

Her picks stand out in another notable, though less remarked upon way: They are almost all Democrats.

More than three in four of the nominees Healey has offered are registered Democrats, far outpacing the share of the party’s voters statewide even in liberal Massachusetts, a Globe analysis found. Six of her 29 picks are registered as so-called independents, who dominate the state’s electorate. After this story published online, Healey nominated her first registered Republican to the bench.

The heavy concentration of judicial picks from her own party may be a reflection of Healey’s efforts — explicit or not — to diversify the state’s mostly white, male judiciary, legal observers say. Attorneys also suggested it’s not surprising, given the legal pool from which Healey and other governors have plucked nominees tends to lean left. Charlie Baker, Healey’s Republican predecessor, tapped several Democrats during his final months in office, though most of his appointments in that

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Healey backs Biden on border

Governor, facing issues here, hails action but other Democrats decry the order

By **Samantha J. Gross**
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President Biden’s executive order effectively shutting the southern US border to asylum seekers sparked sharp criticism from immigrant advocates and fellow Democrats in Massachusetts, with one prominent exception: Governor Maura Healey.

While Senator Ed Markey and Representative Ayanna Pressley urged Biden to reverse

course, saying the move amounts to cruel treatment of migrants fleeing violence and unrest, Healey was unequivocal in backing the president.

“I strongly support it,” she said of the new restrictions. “We’ve needed action on the border for a long time and action on immigration reform.”

On Tuesday, Biden issued an executive order that would deny asylum to most migrants when illegal border crossings exceed

2,500 a day for a week. Daily figures are higher than that now, which means the order can go into effect right away. The sweeping restrictions come on the heels of two failed efforts in Congress this year to pass a bipartisan immigration overhaul.

Some critics noted that Biden’s decision shared strong similarities to former president Donald Trump’s “zero-tolerance” policy on border crossings that resulted in the detention of thousands of migrants, with small children being separated from their parents and held in federal facilities. The practice

was blocked by federal courts and condemned by Democrats, including Healey in 2018 when she was Massachusetts attorney general and called the separation of families “inhumane and immoral.”

While Biden’s policy relies on the same authority that the Trump administration invoked to deny asylum to those who crossed between ports of entry, the Biden restrictions include exceptions for unaccompanied children and trafficking victims, which the Trump-era limits did not.

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GREGORY BULL/ASSOCIATED PRESS

A group of migrants seeking asylum looked for transportation after being processed Tuesday and released in San Diego.

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PRESIDENT BIDEN

Politics is forcing president to shift gears

By **Michael D. Shear**
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — When Donald Trump wanted to shut down the southern border in

2018, he found a 73-word provision in the asylum law that he said gave him “magical authorities” to keep migrants out of the country.

President Biden turned to that same provision Tuesday as he took executive action to temporarily close the border to asylum-seekers, suspending longstanding guarantees that anyone

who steps onto United States soil has the right to ask for protection.

“The simple truth is, there is a worldwide migrant crisis,” Biden said in remarks at the White House, “and if the United States doesn’t secure our border, there’s no limit to the number of people who may try to come here.”

Biden’s announcement is a stunning reversal for a president and a party that spent years arguing that the United States is country of immigrants. When President Barack Obama wanted to shore up his chances of reelection in 2012, he issued a sweep-

ing executive order on immigration — one that allowed millions of immigrants to stay in the country legally.

The US will decline most asylum requests when illegal border crossings exceed

2,500

over a seven-day average

A dozen years later, with the number of people crossing the border illegally at historic highs, the next Democratic president moved entirely in the other di-

rection. Critics say Biden is adopting the tactics of Trump and Stephen Miller, Trump’s immigration czar, to end asylum, even using the same clause in the Immigration and Nationality Act that Trump cited to justify a travel ban on Muslim countries.

“Stephen Miller and Donald Trump peddled fear-based politics on immigration, and the Biden White House has decided to buy,” said Heidi Altman, the policy director at the National Immigrant Justice Center. She called it “a dangerous shift” that will “put the United States at

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Another beat down

Wednesday: Heating up.
High 79-84. Low 63-68.

Thursday: Thunderstorms.
High 69-74. Low 61-66.

High tide: 10:58 a.m., 11:08 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:08 Sunset: 8:18

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KAYLA BARTKOWSKI FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

EV00, one of the area’s original farm-to-table restaurants (above, Giuseppe’s Burratina), has closed after 26 years. For the owners and the diners, the last night was bittersweet. **G1.**

Massachusetts voters backed a “right-to-repair” referendum in 2020, but the law remains dormant because a federal judge hasn’t made up his mind about a lawsuit. **B5.**

Boston’s economy is showing signs of recovery, city officials said in an annual report. **B1.**

A yellowish haze of pollen has blanketed the area, making allergy sufferers miserable. **B1.**

Raising his game, on and off the court

Derrick White is bringing his buzz to local endorsements

By **Dana Gerber**
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In March, Derrick White starred in a Samuel Adams ad, which showed the Celtics player getting a crash course in the city’s culture from the bumbling “Your Cousin from Boston” character. In May, a commercial for Culture Pop soda found the affable point guard performing good deeds for customers at a Concord grocery store.

Indeed, when it comes to the products that number 9 has hawked thus far this season, even he knows he’s getting a bit of a reputation.

“We were just talking in the weight room the other day, and I was like, ‘I’m becoming the Boston drink guy,’ ”

►Porzingis says he’ll be ready for Game 1. **C1.**



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One of Derrick White’s brand deals, with Cambridge’s Culture Pop, is reflected in a billboard above Leverett Circle.

White joked during an interview after a Celtics practice session. “So I feel like Dunkin’ Donuts has to be my next.” Whether or not White ends up join-

ing the “DunKings” posse remains to be seen. But while big-name brands like Gatorade, Coach, and Nike flock

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