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Riders still waiting for T to catch up

Many service cuts made during pandemic have yet to be reversed

By Taylor Dolven
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More than four years since the MBTA first slashed transit service in response to the pandemic, the agency still hasn't restored full service on its sub-

way and bus systems, repelling potential riders and frustrating those who have no other choice but to wait it out.

By now, subway trains in Greater Boston were supposed to be trending toward arriving

at platforms as frequently as every three minutes. Many buses were supposed to be coming every 15 minutes at most.

Instead, some rush-hour commuters are lucky if a train comes every 10 minutes, while buses remain infrequent and stuck in traffic.

The lag represents a so-far unfulfilled promise by T gener-

al manager Phillip Eng, who on his first day a little over a year ago vowed to “restore service for people.” The lag also threatens the state's ability to relieve car traffic and reduce tailpipe emissions to avoid the worst effects of climate change.

“As hiring increases, vehicle availability improves and speed

The MBTA's weekday bus and subway service is about **13-14%** less this spring than it was in the spring of 2019, before the pandemic.

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UN court says Rafah offensive must end

Ruling highlights Israel's growing isolation in war

By Louisa Loveluck and Ellen Francis
WASHINGTON POST

A ruling Friday from the International Court of Justice ordering an immediate halt to Israel's military offensive in Rafah marked a stunning rebuke of the Israeli leadership's prosecution of the war in Gaza, including the decision to send troops and tanks into a city where more than a million Palestinians had sought refuge.

The incursion into Gaza's southernmost city, which began May 7, has already displaced more than 800,000 people, the court said, calling the developments “exceptionally grave.” Israel must halt the operation and open the Rafah crossing for the “unhindered” provision of aid, the judges said, adding that the offensive could destroy Palestinian life in Gaza.

Israeli officials swiftly indicated that they would ignore the ruling, which is binding but difficult to enforce, even as the high-profile judgment deepened Israel's isolation on the world stage.

On Monday, the International Criminal Court's chief prosecutor said that he was seeking arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, as well as three members of the Hamas militant

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Top: Jomaillie Jeanbaptiste (left) and her brother Fawendy Jeanbaptiste rested on an air mattress at Logan Airport. Above: People slept on the floor of Logan's Terminal E.

MIGRANTS CONTINUE TO SEEK SHELTER AT LOGAN

Airport remains on the front line as many flee hardship and state struggles to help

By Danny McDonald
GLOBE STAFF

The migrant crisis continues to buffet the state, with scores of newcomers, including dozens of small children, sleeping on the floor of Boston's Logan International Airport, months after Governor Maura Healey's administration made moves to prevent such heart-wrenching scenes from unfolding.

On a recent night, it was deja vu at Terminal E, as people sprawled out to grab some shut-eye while travelers whisked by with their luggage, en route to Dublin or Doha, Istanbul or Zurich. It was a similar scene in late January, when the state, scrambling to find places to house migrants given the maxed-out shelter system in Massachusetts,

took over the Melnea A. Cass Recreational Complex in Roxbury, converting it to a temporary shelter space, among other initiatives.

Now, with migrants set to move out of the Cass center by the end of the month, the crisis continues unabated, with Logan once again acting as the local front line of the humanitarian catastrophe.

“I heard they take care of people who don't have anyone here,” Alex St. Louis, 29, said through an interpreter. St. Louis had been in town for one day. He said gangs took over his neighborhood in Haiti, making it unlivable. He said when he moved to a different town, the same thing happened,

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In Rome, Wu, Healey unified on climate

But at home, mayor and governor have differences

By Samantha J. Gross
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VATICAN CITY — Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey and Boston Mayor Michelle Wu presented a united front at a high-profile international climate conference in Vatican City last week, pitching their home state as a model for the rest of the world on bold climate action and a place where the climate tech economy is ripe to boom.

“I could not be more blessed to have a partner at the state level in Governor Maura Healey, our green governor,” Wu told an auditorium full of leaders and academics at the Vatican.

Healey shared the sentiment, boasting that Wu “shares this vision” of a green economy in Massachusetts and that they both “bring an urgency” to the issue. In a later interview, she said she is “very grateful for the partnership” she has with Wu “on so many fronts.”

But beneath the unity and the gauzy rhetoric spun from within a villa nestled in Vatican City are two leaders who have different visions for the best way to tackle the existential crisis that is climate change for our waterfront state, where vulnerable

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The New England — and Massachusetts — history of a flag now tied to controversy

By James Pindell
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Long before it became embroiled in the latest controversy involving a US Supreme Court justice, the “Appeal to Heaven” flag was known for its deep New England roots; versions of the flag are still associated with the Boston neighborhood of Charlestown and the state of Maine. To this day, it remains the official naval and maritime flag of Massachusetts.

Earlier this week, The New York

Times reported that Justice Samuel Alito flew the “Appeal to Heaven” flag, officially known as the Pine Tree Flag, at his beach house in New Jersey last year. Previously the Times had reported that Alito's home in suburban Virginia had flown an upside-down American flag, an official sign of distress and a banner carried by Jan. 6 rioters at the Capitol. (Alito said his wife hung the flag to troll neighbors as a part of a charged political dispute.)



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HEEDING THE CALL



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Fans screamed with excitement for Luke Hemmings as he performed on the first day of Boston Calling. The music festival continues through Sunday at the Harvard Athletic Complex in Brighton. Scores of performers are set to play over the three-day event.

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High: 70-75. Low: 56-61

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Massachusetts named three companies to start building dozens of federally subsidized EV charging stations along the state's major highways. **D1.**

