

Calls for Guard at high school rejected

Brockton officials, others see ways to handle violence

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After four Brockton School Committee members called on the governor to send in National Guard troops to bring order to the state's largest high school, education specialists, racial justice advocates, and even other Brockton officials on Tuesday overwhelmingly rejected the

prospect of a militarized campus.

"It's a ridiculous idea that is incredibly problematic on multiple levels," said Leon Smith, executive director of the Boston-based advocacy group Citizens for Juvenile Justice.

Backlash to the proposal comes as Brockton High's nearly 3,600 students, home on February break, await news on how leaders will address their school's unruly environment when classes resume Monday. The school, 25 miles south of Boston, has been engulfed in
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'You and your team have not been forthcoming, truthful or responsive . . .'

GOVERNOR MAURA HEALEY, *in a letter to Steward's chief executive, Dr. Ralph de la Torre*

Healey ups the heat on Steward

Says system may have broken law, orders it to provide financial records

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Governor Maura Healey raised the possibility Tuesday that troubled Steward Health Care may have broken the law in its business dealings, and in a scathing letter demanded the company get out of the hospital

business in Massachusetts by transferring its facilities to other medical operators.

"You and your team have not been forthcoming, truthful or responsive about what's happening with your financial status, operating plans, and contingency strategies," Healey said in a letter to Steward's chief executive, Dr. Ralph de la

Torre. "Navigating this acute crisis, which is of your making, without complete transparency and real-time information, harms our ability to protect patients, our workforce and our state."

In a statement late Tuesday, Steward did not address whether its executives had broken the law, but disputed the governor's claims that it had not been transparent.

"We have been working closely with state officials — in-

cluding providing extensive financial records as requested as well as on-site monitors and cooperation with the Department of Public Health and others," Steward said.

In an interview with the Globe, Healey offered her most detailed comments to date on the crisis that threatens to destabilize the state's health care network. Her comments represented an increasingly aggressive public stance toward Steward
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A front row seat to a murder mystery



Crows gathered at dusk in the Six Corners neighborhood of Springfield. Besides protection, a roost offers a chance to trade knowledge about food sources.

Tracking down a crow roost takes more than just looking up

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SPRINGFIELD — At 4 p.m. on a sun-showered Saturday, Patti Steinman scans the bare trees between the interstate and the Albany Street railroad tracks.

A cracked parking lot in an industrial area off 291 South is not the kind of neighborhood that inspires thoughts of nature, but make no mistake: Steinman, senior teacher and naturalist at Mass Audubon Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary in Easthampton, is on safari — an experience she shares with interested parties via Mass Audubon programming — stalking a winter crow roost, the nightly gathering of hundreds, sometimes thousands of crows from November to March.

The Springfield roost is one of the largest in Massachusetts (Lawrence and Worcester also boast sizable winter roosts), with an estimated 7,000 birds flocking together at sunset. They come from as far as 50 or
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With hassles of ride sharing, cabs are getting a second look

Lo and behold, for many they're more convenient

By Esha Walia
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When Lee Stabert landed at Logan Airport one Sunday night last summer, she found herself facing the last thing an exhausted traveler wants after hours of flight delays: more obstacles getting home.

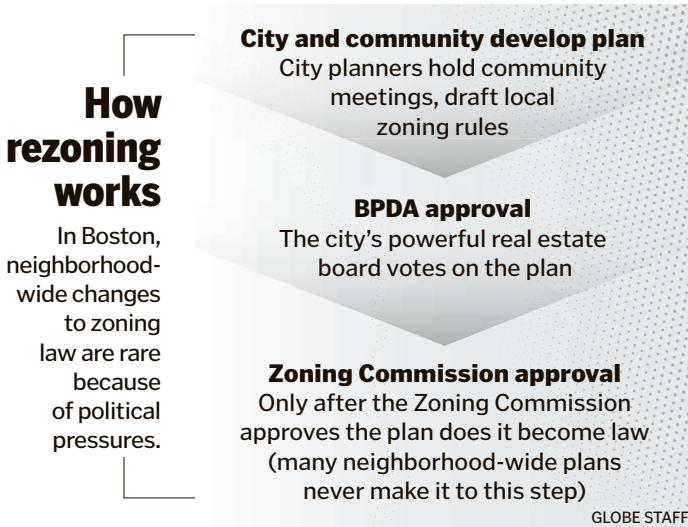
Stabert, 40, a journalist and podcast host who lives in Cambridge, tried to book Ubers and Lyfts, she said, but the wait times kept jumping: 8 minutes, then 12, then 10. She ended up waiting more than 30 minutes and paying \$65.

By the time she got home, Stabert had missed her kids' bedtime. She vowed never to take a ride share from Logan again. So on her most recent Logan trip home, she took a taxi and paid \$25.

"I walked right out and got into a cab and I was like, 'This is a miracle,'" Stabert said.

Taxis are seeing something of a rebound at Logan; nearly a dozen travelers said recently that they found cabs less expensive, more convenient, and more reliable than ride shares. And they liked that cabs typically don't charge "surge pricing," where prices jump during high-demand times.

While still well below pre-pandemic levels, taxi pickups at Logan have climbed steadily since hitting bottom in 2020, according to the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan's operator
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Despite political risk, Wu pushes ahead with a zoning overhaul

By Emma Platoff and Catherine Carlock
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The plan seemed straightforward: then-mayor Martin J. Walsh wanted to rezone an "underused" stretch of land in Jamaica Plain and Roxbury to allow thousands of new homes to be built.

But the backlash was swift and fierce — from affordable-housing activists, neighborhood associations, and yes, NIMBYs. There was a "die-in" at a planning meeting and a sit-in at City Hall.

When the city's powerful development agency approved the plan in March 2017, protesters spilled into the hallways and shouted "shame on you."

After that initial approval, though, Walsh never brought it to the final step: asking the city's Zoning Commission to codify the plan as law — a decision several former City Hall staffers said was the direct result of all the blowback.

Today, that blueprint — known as PLAN: JP/Rox — is and will remain little
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Pro-Palestinian groups at Harvard University reignited controversy on the campus when they posted an antisemitic cartoon. **B1.**

The United States vetoed an Arab-backed UN

resolution demanding a cease-fire in Gaza. **A3.**

Two men charged with murder in the shooting after the Kansas City Chiefs' Super Bowl parade were strangers who pulled out guns and began

firing within seconds of starting to argue. **A2.**

Elizabeth Grady, a longtime Boston-area beauty brand, school, and salon chain, is struggling to operate its business amid legal battles. **B5.**

Slater calls it a career

After 16 seasons with the Patriots, Matthew Slater, a special teams star who was a two-time All-Pro and three-time Super Bowl winner, announced his retirement on Tuesday. "He's just about the perfect player," ex-coach Bill Belichick said of him in 2023. **C1.**



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Chill, out

Wednesday: Some sun. High 35-40. Low 27-32.

Thursday: A bit warmer. High 39-44. Low 30-35.

Sunrise: 6:33 Sunset: 5:23

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