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Even transit boss won't give up the car for train

Official's commute underscores difficulty of reducing driving

By Taylor Dolven
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On a recent rainy weekday morning, about 20 people huddled under the overhang of the hut-like structure that is the commuter rail station in Shirley, about 25 miles northeast of Worcester, awaiting the 7:38 train that chauffeurs them to Boston.

Not among them: Massachusetts

Secretary of Transportation Monica Tibbits-Nutt, who lives nearby.

The state's top transportation official, and longtime advocate for public transit, said she has never been to the commuter rail station just a five-minute drive from her home, calling the train inconvenient and "insanely expensive" at a public talk last month. Instead, she opts to drive a MassDOT-provided electric car about 40 miles to downtown Boston when the job demands, enduring as much as 2 hours and 10 minutes of traffic one way, according to Google Maps estimates. Without traffic, door to

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Steward Health Care received anywhere from

40-79 million euros from the Malta government each year, records from Malta's National Audit Office show.

The money was meant to fund both operating costs and renovations. The federal inquiry says it went elsewhere.

Steward Malta venture facing legal reckoning

Its hospital deal in island nation at center of massive corruption trial

By Hanna Krueger
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VALLETTA, Malta — The most sweeping corruption trial in the history of this Mediterranean country kicked off with a former prime minister and a host of top government officials parading through a phalanx of police into a courthouse.

Hundreds of onlookers crammed narrow cobblestone streets, some screaming of their distrust in the government and disdain for the men who allegedly used their power to line their pockets. A throng of supporters bellowed about a witch hunt and a sham trial, and shouted at local journalists.

Over the course of eight hours one weekday late last month, a judge methodically rattled off formal charges against the high-powered defendants. Seventy-eight cardboard boxes of prosecution evidence sat below her bench. Though the proceedings were in Maltese, she repeated three English words over and over: Steward Health Care.

The Boston-born, national health care system is at the eye

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BROKEN PROMISES, UNFULFILLED HOPE

A half-century on from the federal decree to integrate, Boston Public Schools remain intensely segregated and the academic outcomes for students are staggeringly unequal. Disadvantaged children in particular bear the consequences of that failure, the biggest broken promise in Boston's modern history. A special report inside.

Research libraries in Cambridge and across the country are racing to save vintage porn before it's too late. **Globe Magazine.**

Harboring dreams of being a boat captain? Boston Electric Boats makes it happen. **SundayTravel, N11.**

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Monday: Cloudy, may storm.
High: 77-82. Low: 64-69.

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Celebrate the Celtics' championship season with a special section inside.

Mass. has become a center of abortion services in the post-Dobbs decision era

By Adam Piore
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Affixed to the far window of Dr. Angel Foster's tiny Somerville office is a large map of the United States dotted with silver stars. Each star represents the hometown of a patient, or group of patients, who received abortion pills through the mail last fall in the first month after she launched her telemedicine provider.

There are stars in 13 Florida locales, 10 in Georgia, five in Indiana, and a sprinkling in Tex-

as, Missouri, Mississippi, Kentucky, Idaho, North and South Carolina, Alabama, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Ohio. Foster has long since stopped adding new ones. There's not enough space on the map to hold them all: In the eight months since its launch, her group, the Massachusetts Medication Abortion Access Project, or The MAP, has shipped abortion drugs to more than 3,000 pregnant women, 95 percent of whom live in states where abortion has been banned, or subject to

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