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# HOLIDAY OF HELL FOR COMMUTERS

## Heat, storms make July 4 week a travel nightmare

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The list of commuting problems for NJ Transit customers was relentless for the past week.

NJ Transit commuters are accustomed to summers of hell because of aging, failing infrastructure, but the past week was particularly bad because of the combination of heat and powerful storms that targeted New Jersey. There were 545 canceled trains and 633 delayed trains from June 29 to July 5, of which 733 were weather-related and 64 caused by Amtrak, said NJ Transit.

While NJ Transit crews put in a valiant effort to quickly repair infrastructure, clear debris and get service back up amid difficult conditions, it took days, in some cases, to return service to normal levels.

The week also highlighted how – and why – NJ Transit’s infrastructure is so susceptible to failures when heat or severe storms hit the state.

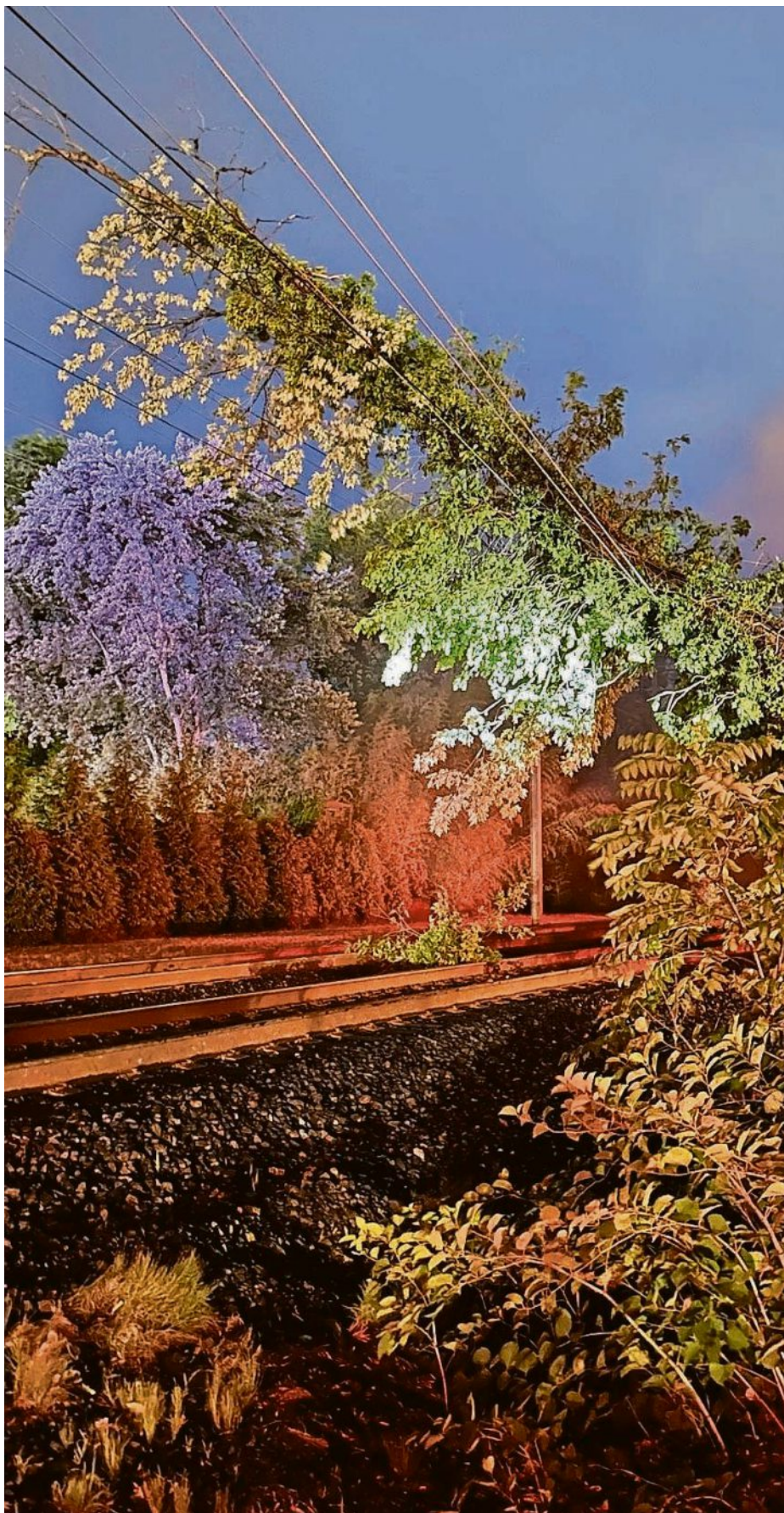
It started Tuesday, June 30, at Newark Broad Street Station when a signal problem caused hours of delays and cancellations on the Morris & Essex and Montclair-Boonton lines.

Temperatures reached about 90 degrees in Newark that day, but what followed was the worst heat wave in 15 years, as temperatures climbed to a high of 106 degrees, breaking decades-old records in some towns.

Heat-related problems forced trains to run at slower speeds, and others were diverted to different stations. Some trains were canceled, and service was suspended intermittently on some lines from July 1 to 4.

Passengers were stranded for hours, crowds swelled at stations with no trains in sight, and others were trapped on stuck trains. The air-conditioning conked out on some trains, and rail bridges had trouble opening and closing. One person described a five-hour commute on July 2. They said they left the office at 5:30 p.m. and went to New York Penn Station, but trains there were canceled. Then they took PATH to Hoboken, where the train home – scheduled to depart at 6:38 p.m. – was announced on four different tracks.

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There were 545 canceled trains and 633 delayed trains from June 29 to July 5, of which 733 were weather-related, NJ Transit said. Here, a tree was caught in the overhead wires in Red Bank on July 3. PROVIDED BY NJ TRANSIT

## Workers rush to stabilize high-rise

### Some evacuees return to NYC neighborhood

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New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani promised a “full investigation” after two support columns of an under-construction high-rise buckled, sparking concerns of collapse.

The Fire Department of New York responded early July 7 to reports of bricks falling from the 37-story building on East 42nd Street in a heavily congested part of Manhattan.

Officials found the 21st through 26th floors were sagging. Nearby tall buildings and a school with about 400 children were evacuated, as was the

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## Lawmakers left 70 bills for Sherrill to consider

### Governor may choose to sign or veto measures

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The New Jersey Legislature is in recess – presumably until the leaves start to change in the fall. As lawmakers departed Trenton for a prolonged absence, they left 70 pieces of legislation for Gov. Mikie Sherrill to sign – or veto.

As tradition dictates, both chambers held sessions on the afternoon of June 30 and handed a fiscal year 2027 state budget over for consideration

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