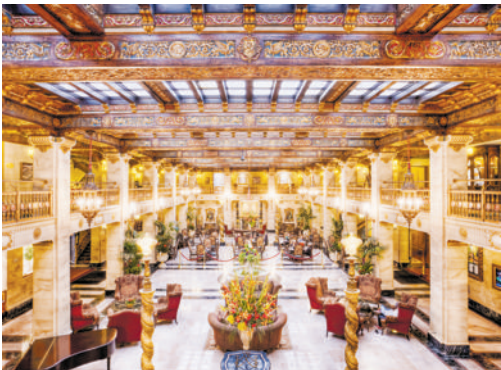


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Transit safety takes a front seat on light rail, Metro buses



Reflections of riders on the Route 36 bus contrast with scenes on the sidewalks while going from downtown Seattle to the Othello neighborhood last month.

By MIKE LINDBLOM | Seattle Times transportation reporter

During the thick of a Tuesday morning commute in mid-February, light rail passengers in North Seattle alerted security about a man flashing a knife. He put the knife away, but disobeyed two guards who told him to leave the crowded train. Two more guards walked into the railcar, and the train proceeded to Capitol Hill Station, where they unlocked the man’s wheelchair brakes and rolled him out to a sidewalk.

Four sheriff’s deputies were standing in the next railcar. They overheard radio messages but didn’t feel a need to rush over there. Security was solving the problem. It’s a scene you probably wouldn’t

have found a few years ago — squads of guards and cops ready to react, and mingling with passengers. Sound Transit and King County Metro are swinging the pendulum back toward security after abandoning

nearly all enforcement in 2020 during the COVID outbreak and a de-policing outcry sparked by the Minneapolis police murder of George Floyd. The swing started in 2024, after labor unions demanded relief from assaults and drug smoke on trains and buses, while random violence, such as a hammer attack at the Beacon Hill Station entrance, spooked the public. But it took a cataclysm — the killing of Metro bus driver Shawn Yim by an angry passenger last December — to put crime deterrence onto the political fast track.

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Many cities say yes to federal help, but no to ‘occupation’

By SHAILA DEWAN AND NICHOLAS BOGEL-BURROUGHS
The New York Times

In the summer of 2020, President Donald Trump sent federal agents to Kansas City, Mo., as he blamed liberal mayors for a “shocking explosion” of “bloodshed.” Mayor Quinton Lucas, a Democrat, bristled at the suggestion that local officials were to blame for his city’s crime. And with distrust of law enforcement at a high after a police officer killed George Floyd in Minneapolis that year, he worried how federal law enforcement officers would conduct themselves on the ground. Yet over the next few months, Lucas came to endorse parts of the federal mission, named Operation Legend after a 4-year-old Kansas City boy who had been killed by a wayward bullet as he slept.

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Harrell strategist was paid for 3 years at City Hall under unique arrangement

By JIM BRUNNER AND DAVID KROMAN
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Shortly after his election in 2021, Mayor Bruce Harrell asked his political consultant, Christian Sinderman, to work on his official transition. Sinderman, one of Washington’s most powerful Democratic operatives, had just helped Harrell to an easy win. He agreed to join the mayor-elect’s communication team for two months as a \$250-an-hour consultant. When Harrell took office, he asked Sinderman to stick around for a few more months. And the contract kept getting extended. And extended. The taxpayer-funded arrangement lasted three years, weaving Harrell’s key political strategist into the daily workings of the mayor’s office. He was given a city email address and regular invitations to executive team

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‘A belonging that can never be taken away’: Bird joins basketball Hall of Fame

Former WNBA star Sue Bird was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame at Symphony Hall in Springfield, Mass., on Saturday.



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By PERCY ALLEN
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SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — On the biggest stage in the sport, Sue Bird delivered a lighthearted and surprisingly brief 13-minute speech before being inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on Saturday. The former Storm star began with a playful jab at her old UConn coach Geno Auriemma before thanking family, friends, former teammates and a litany of medical support

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staffers who helped her play for more than two decades. “You gave me the most important piece of advice I’ve ever received,”

Bird said. “I mean, I guess you gave a lot of advice because you talk a lot, but this was really the one I remember. ... You said: ‘Basketball is not a

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