

Wu's efforts at reforms disappoint some on left

Critics see compromises; mayor defends record

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When Mayor Michelle Wu of Boston was sworn in more than two years ago, it was perhaps the most significant transfer of power in the city's history.

For the first time, Boston had a woman and person of color elected chief executive, and she campaigned on a progressive platform promising generational change. Now, halfway through her first term, she is facing criticism from several advocates on the left end of Boston's political spectrum who say she hasn't done enough to deliver sweeping and necessary reforms on an array of issues from housing, police, and schools, to participatory budgeting and the environment.

"Without question, she's governing far less progressive than who she ran as," said Evan George, a Dorchester resident, host of the podcast Bostopia News, and member of Boston Democratic Socialists of America.

George believes that Wu has shifted politically. And the reason, he believes, is a simple one: The political climate has changed since Wu was elected.

"Michelle Wu, being an astute politician, is simply navigating with those winds," he said.

During an interview in her City Hall office recently, Wu defended her record, batting away any suggestion she has politically changed her tune.

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Narcan saves lives, but is hard to find

Overdose-reversal drug rarely on Mass. pharmacy shelves, survey finds

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When the overdose-reversal drug Narcan hit pharmacy store shelves last fall, it was widely heralded as a major breakthrough in the decades-long fight to curb the soaring number of overdose deaths nationwide.

For the first time, people could walk into any pharmacy and buy the nasal spray as easily as cough medicine or toothpaste. Soon, public health experts predicted, ordinary Americans would be carrying the miracle drug in their purses and back pockets — ready to rescue overdose victims from the brink of death with a quick spritz.

Yet several months later, the life-saving drug is still maddeningly difficult to find in Massachusetts, according to a Boston Globe survey of more than 60 pharmacies statewide. From Pittsfield to Cape Cod, large chains CVS and Walgreens often do not have Narcan in stock, or keep it hidden behind a pharmacy counter or locked in a plastic box, forcing consumers to ask for it. Many independent pharmacies have Narcan on hand but are wrongly telling consumers they need a doctor's prescription to buy it.

This is occurring despite a Massachusetts law requiring all licensed retail pharmacies to maintain a continuous supply of naloxone, the active ingredient in Narcan, and state guide-

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Narcan's primary ingredient, naloxone, reverses the effects of opioids such as fentanyl and heroin in minutes.

Trump confident, Haley hopeful on eve of N.H. GOP primary

DeSantis' last-minute exit turns the race into a high-stakes, two-person contest

By Jess Bidgood, Emma Platoff, and James Pindell
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MANCHESTER, N.H. — And then there were two.



Fla. Governor Ron DeSantis withdrew on Sunday.

The unceremonious exit Sunday of Governor Ron DeSantis of Florida from the race for the Republican presidential nomination has raised the stakes of the First in the Nation Primary, turning it into what could be

the last chance to slow former president Trump's romp to the nomination.

Nikki Haley, Trump's former UN ambassador and the former governor of South Carolina, now has the head-to-head matchup against Trump she has long desired in as favorable political terrain as she could ask for, since New Hampshire has a large population of moderate voters who dislike Trump.

"It's now one fella and one lady left," Haley said with a smile during a campaign event at a lobster pound in Seabrook, where she urged voters to move on from both President Biden

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Former president Donald Trump spoke at an event in Rochester, N.H., on Sunday. Polls showed Trump with a double-digit lead in New Hampshire.



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Republican presidential hopeful Nikki Haley addressed supporters in New Hampshire at Exeter High School on Sunday night.

For young voters, it's a case of the ballot blahs



NICOLE CRAINE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Students gathered for a campaign event for former N.J. governor Chris Christie at Franklin Pierce University last month. Christie has since dropped out.

Apathy, with a tinge of anger, spreads across both parties

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KINGSTON, N.H. — James Merritt leaned against a wall at the Saddle Up Saloon, a Western-themed bar down the road from his house, and watched Nikki Haley address voters during the first of three stops on a recent swing through the state.

Merritt, 20, will soon be voting in his first presidential election. He isn't registered to a party, but the Went-

worth Institute of Technology student likes Haley's economic policy.

He is interested in this election, he said, but he wouldn't say that's too common among his peers, who "truly just don't care about any of this."

"They just get angry because the world's not getting better," he said. "They are just unengaged and have no reason to be engaged. If they actually had some grasp of a stake in the situation, they'd actually do something about it."

Merritt's observation about his generation's view of politics seems to transcend party and demographic. Even in his home state, where the first-in-the-nation primary is a critical

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Smaller colleges push safety as antisemitism worries rise

Incentives are offered for Jewish students who fear persecution

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As elite colleges contend with continuing accusations of antisemitism, some smaller institutions are betting that creating a welcoming environment for Jewish students may help bolster recruitment.

In the wake of the Israel-Hamas war and the resignation of Claudine Gay as Harvard University's president, colleges across the country are reaffirming Jewish students' place on their campuses. A handful of smaller institutions, particularly those with origins in the Jewish

community, are going a step further and offering material incentives to prospective Jewish students, who may be looking for a safe place to pursue their college careers.

New York-based Touro University, which was established in 1970 to focus on educating the Jewish community, is launching a new "Safe Campus Scholarship," aimed at students who fear antisemitic persecution. The scholarship covers 25 percent of tuition — priced around \$20,000 annually — at Touro's New York School of Career & Applied Studies, which has about 2,500 undergraduates.

That follows a new policy, instituted last month, under which the school offers same-day acceptance for qualified transfers who feel unsafe on their campuses, Touro president Alan Kadish said.

"We're not engaged in a wholesale ef-

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At least 25 people were killed Sunday when artillery shells hit a market in an eastern Ukraine city occupied by Russian forces, a pro-Moscow leader said. **A5.**

Daily multivitamin supplements can improve memory and slow cognitive aging in older adults, according to a new study by Mass General Brigham researchers. **B1.**

Newton's public schools will be closed Monday after the School Committee and striking educators failed to reach a new contract, the superintendent said Sunday. **B1.**

Pharmaceutical companies' efforts to scuttle a law empowering Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices will soon face their first big tests before judges in upcoming court cases. **D1.**



Sun last time

Monday: Sun, some clouds.

High 36-41, low 31-36.

Tuesday: Rain, late snow.

High 39-44, low 30-35.

Sunrise: 7:07. Sunset: 4:45.

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