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## GOP voters keep an eye on southern border, even in N.H.

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ATKINSON, N.H. — The campaign stop at a snow-covered country club could hardly have been further from the southern border. But when Donald Trump started to talk about immigration, the crowd of New Hampshire voters roared.

“We’re gonna strengthen up our border like we used to have,” Trump promised a full house here on Tuesday, winning whoops and cheers. “We had the safest border in history three years ago, and now we have the worst border probably in the history of the world. . . . There’s never been a border like this.”

At Republican political events, it’s a reliable ap-  
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‘I don’t want to be anybody’s vice president. That is off the table.’

NIKKI HALEY,  
Republican  
presidential candidate

## Days before first primary, Haley toughens up her talk

Calls out ‘lies’ from Trump campaign as she seeks support before Tuesday ballot

By Samantha J. Gross  
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AMHERST, N.H. — In a diner here Friday morning, Nikki Haley made her rounds through the crowd of patrons, shaking hands, taking selfies, and offering advice to young voters who had traveled to town to meet her.

Then she did something she hasn’t done much during her campaign for the GOP presidential nomination. She

turned to a scrum of reporters and spoke for 12 straight minutes.

Taking questions from reporters, Haley insisted that she is not a moderate Republican, even though she appeals to voters who dislike Donald Trump. And despite what the former president has claimed of her campaign, she’s not targeting New Hampshire Democrats to cross over and cast a ballot in the Republican primary.

And when Trump’s campaign says Haley “is trying to kill Social Security?” “That is a lie” too, she said.

“Y’all need to call him out on that; you need to tell him he can’t keep saying something that’s not true,” she said. “Y’all ask me, ‘How are you going to win? How are you going to do this?’ You know what? Let’s report when someone says something wrong.”

Her response marks a moment — four days before the critical first-in-the-nation primary, no less — in which Haley finally took the proverbial bub-  
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The other way to light a Christmas tree



In Marblehead, the annual Christmas tree bonfire did not disappoint. Clockwise from top: Denarii Reynolds, 9, of Swampscott, reacted as embers filled the sky. Marblehead Fire Chief Jason Gilliland, who is credited with restoring the bonfire tradition, walked the perimeter of the fire. Marblehead firefighters used flares to get things going. **B1.**

## Harvard takes steps to calm bias struggles

Also releases more details of Gay plagiarism review

By Hilary Burns and Mike Damiano  
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Harvard University leaders were working to turn the page from crisis to calm, announcing new efforts on Friday to combat bigotry and issuing guidance on what forms of protest are permissible on its campus as students return for the new semester that begins Monday.

But the turmoil of the last three months has a tail: School officials also shared new details with Congress about Harvard’s review of the plagiarism allegations that contributed to the downfall of former president Claudine Gay.

In response to a congressional inquiry by a Republican-led committee, Harvard provided the most detailed summary yet of how the school’s top oversight board, known as the Corporation, handled the drumbeat of plagiarism allegations against Gay that emerged during the fall semester. It disclosed the names of the board members who reviewed much of Gay’s published work and said

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## Review of officer is sought after video surfaces

Lawyers also ask watchdog to examine BPD process

By Sean Cotter  
GLOBE STAFF

Boston police Captain John Danilecki acknowledged he was “wrong” to rip apart a man’s sign after a 2020 Black Lives Matter demonstration, but said it happened during a confrontation with a group of youths who were looting a store in Downtown Crossing, according to a transcript of statements he made under oath.

The controversial captain, who received a three-day suspension last year for inappropriately seizing the sign and for two unrelated citizen complaints, said during a November deposition that the person holding the sign “wasn’t a protester ... it was a looter.”

Now, two civil rights attorneys who are suing  
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## City weighs competing interests as it moves away from fossil fuels

By Sabrina Shankman  
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Even before Mayor Michelle Wu took office, her climate ambitions involved swinging for the fences. Near the top of her list: banning fossil fuels in new buildings.

Short of a change to state law, a pilot program with 10 Massachusetts communities was the only avenue for Boston to get there. Proponents consider a ban the most straightforward way to address the role buildings play in driving climate change, since it’s far easier to not have fossil fuels in new buildings in the first place than it is to retrofit them later.

Except, nothing has been easy.

Wu’s hopes of joining the state pilot program were dashed late last year when, upon learning Boston would be unlikely to get a coveted spot, the city opted to not even apply.

Now starting her second year in office, Wu is regrouping and rethinking her approach, pivoting to one that’s less about home

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**TEACHERS STRIKE** — Newton teachers and their supporters gathered outside Newton North High School Friday morning, the first day of a strike. The walkout halted classes for nearly 12,000 students across the district, the ninth largest in the state. **B1.**



Cold bright today

**Saturday:** Becoming sunny.  
High: 19-24. Low: 13-18.

**Sunday:** Very sunny.  
High: 26-31. Low: 18-23.  
Sunrise: 7:08 Sunset: 4:42  
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The Biden administration is overhauling the country’s disaster assistance programs, expanding aid and making it easier to access. **A2.**

Rifts are emerging among top Israeli officials over the handling of the war against Hamas in Gaza. **A4.**

Wayfair is cutting 1,650 jobs, the third round of cuts in the past 18 months for the Boston-based online retailer. **D1.**