

## With Christie dropping out, N.H. race could shift

### Anti-Trump diehards strategize for best way to make votes count

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LONDONDERRY, N.H. — Christine Rosenwasser was a little out of her element. The retired pediatrician, a lifelong Democrat originally from New York, was surrounded by hundreds of Nikki Haley supporters at a strip mall sports bar, listening to the conservative former South Carolina governor speak about the US-Mexico border, gender pronouns, and health care for veterans.

Rosenwasser doesn't agree with all of the Republican's talking points, and she largely keeps her views to herself, as her neighbors in Derry have mixed politics.

So fierce is her desire to see former president Donald Trump out of the race, however, that this year she decided to switch parties from Democrat to independent and vote in the first-in-the-nation Republican

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Chris Christie had based his campaign on winning New Hampshire with his anti-Trump message.

### Says staying in would help Trump; move may give Haley a better shot

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WINDHAM, N.H. — Former New Jersey governor Chris Christie dropped out of the race for president on Wednesday, marking the exit of the last true anti-Donald Trump candidate from the Republican contest in what could be a significant boon for rival Nikki Haley at a crucial moment.

Christie, who had staked his campaign almost entirely on New Hampshire and an anti-Trump message, made the announcement at an event that had been billed as a campaign town hall meeting, in the same state where he launched his bid in June. He leaned into familiar themes — the importance of speaking hard truths, the threat he said Trump presents to democracy, and the historical stakes of this election — as he explained, in an even tone, why he chose to leave the contest before New Hampshire votes on Jan.

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‘The political pressure on presidents is more public than it’s ever been. . . . It’s all scorched earth.’

IRENE MULVEY, *American Association of University Professors*

## College president’s job losing some appeal

Leaders increasingly face demands — and attacks — from all sides

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Wanted: A candidate for president of a prestigious university, with impeccable scholarly credentials to help reverse declining enrollment and widespread distrust of higher education. The successful applicant must be able to navigate an increasingly tumultuous political climate in a country where a growing percentage of the population is doubting the value of a college degree.

Who would want the job?

It is fair to say that whoever takes over as Harvard University’s next president following the resignation last week of Claudine Gay, the university’s first Black president, will face immense challenges. Expectations are sky high, and the job of being a university president has grown in scope and complexity over the past decade.

Even in calm times, a college president must be able to raise money like a venture capitalist, inspire like an adroit politician, and comfort student bodies during times of crisis like a minister.

But increasingly they must accomplish all those feats while being subjected to withering attacks by wealthy donors, tenured faculty, lawmakers, and others. Complicating matters further, they face escalating culture wars, fueled by deepening ideological divides and targeted attacks on higher education by those who view college campuses as elitist, liberal-leaning institutions. The attacks are escalating, and the consequences can be swift and brutal.

It is also a time of unprecedented government meddling in the day-to-day workings of universities, including efforts to eliminate tenure, restrictions on how universities deal with subjects such as race and gender, and state legislative intrusion into the appointment of campus leaders, among others.

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## For Roxbury residents, closing of a drugstore speaks volumes



JONATHAN WIGGS/GLOBE STAFF

Community leaders organized a protest last week outside the soon to be closed store on Warren Street.

### Many see inequity as Walgreens sends communities of color to other locations

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In December, Denise Hogan wandered over to her neighborhood Walgreens pharmacy on Warren Street for her prescription medications, as she has countless times before. She left with unexpected, unfortunate news: the store is closing.

“It was like a bomb dropped on you,” the Roxbury resident recalled.

That pharmacy is slated to close by Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and is the fourth Walgreens to close in a predominantly Black and Latino Boston neighborhood in just over a year. In late 2022, the drugstore giant shut pharmacies in Mattapan, Hyde Park, and Lower Roxbury.

In many cases, longtime customers learned of the coming closures only af-

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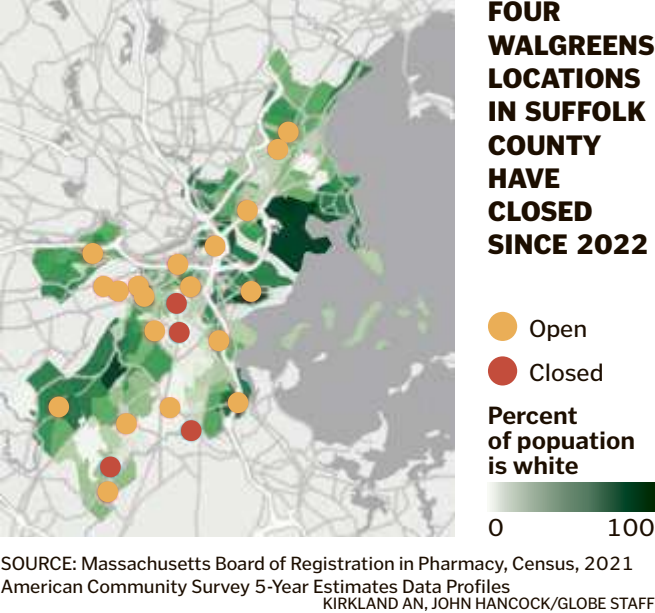
Closing the racial wealth gap

ter they encountered barren shelves, and thought enough to ask why.

Residents say they depend on their neighborhood pharmacies for their medical needs, household items, and even last-minute groceries. They also see the closures as part of a series of changes and developments that have altered the fabric of their neighborhood, with new businesses replacing old, trusted ones. And what’s worse for residents — many feel there’s not much they can do about it.

“For communities of color, when a pharmacy is lost, they’re losing access

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## Flooding takes heavy toll with more rain on way



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A car was engulfed Wednesday in a parking lot in North Attleborough.

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Another storm is expected to deliver more rain to New England this weekend just as the region is drying out from drenching downpours that caused extensive flooding along the coast Wednesday, washing out roads, engulfing vehicles, and forcing evacuations in some locations.

The coming storm is scheduled to arrive late Friday, but it may not be as intense as the one overnight Wednesday that dropped 4 to 5 inches of rain in

some locations. Coupled with melting snow from unseasonably warm temperatures, the storm swelled rivers to dangerous levels, while churning whitewater crashed over seawalls and into shoreline neighborhoods, particularly along the Maine coast.

In New Hampshire, officials urged residents near Hampton Beach to evacuate and move to higher ground as water surged through residential and commercial areas. Heavy rain and strong winds, a “higher than predicted high tide,” and quickly melting snow joined forces to cause the flooding, said Hamp-

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**The Boston School Committee approved a shift with the three exam schools,** changing how bonus points are awarded in admissions. **B1.**

**The T had yet another near-miss** when a Green Line train entered a work zone. **B1.**

**A housing tax break to help jump-start construction of stalled projects is off the table,** Mayor Michelle Wu said. **D1.**

**With an eye to the future, Secretary of State Antony Blinken pressed the Palestinian leader** to reform his government. **A3.**

### Respite in the wind

**Thursday:** Sunny, breezy. High 42-47. Low 32-37.

**Friday:** Rain late. High 42-47. Low 35-40.

Sunrise: 7:12 Sunset: 4:32

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