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**THE WEATHER**  
Today, mostly cloudy, cool, high 69.  
Tonight, considerable cloudiness,  
low 59. Tomorrow, partly cloudy,  
typical temperatures for early Octo-  
ber, high 71. Weather map, Page A21.

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Rescue workers searched the rubble on Tuesday after an Israeli bombing in Ain El Delb, Lebanon, where at least 45 people died.

## As the Crisis Builds, Lebanon’s Government Cannot Be Found

**By VIVIAN YEE**  
BEIRUT, Lebanon — Even for the Lebanese, it can be hard to say where it all went wrong for their tiny, beautiful country. Certainly it was long before early Tuesday morning, when Israeli troops marched into southern Lebanon. Long before Friday, when Israel assassinated Hassan Nasrallah, the revered and reviled Hezbollah leader who had a chokehold on the country’s politics and security for years. And long before last October,

when Hezbollah and Israel began trading airstrikes and rocket fire across the border, bringing the war in Gaza to Lebanon’s green, fertile south. Hezbollah, the Iran-funded Shiite Muslim militia that doubles as a major political party and social services organization, does not run Lebanon in any official sense. But under Mr. Nasrallah, it sometimes seemed as if it was the only force that mattered: a state within a state with its own military, schools, hospitals and youth programs. Now his death has come as the

### Neighbors Rush to Fill a Void With Food and Supplies

latest thunderbolt to jolt Lebanon, a Mediterranean country of 5.4 million people already stuck in a dejected state of nonstop emergency. Many say Lebanon’s current anguish began in 2019, when the economy imploded and took the country’s once-robust middle

class with it. Mass anti-government protests that fall did nothing to dislodge the country’s widely loathed political class. Others might mention 2020, the year the coronavirus further crippled the economy, and the year an enormous explosion at Beirut’s port shattered entire neighborhoods of the capital. A good case could be made for going all the way back to the 15-year civil war that ended in 1990, which birthed the movement that became Hezbollah, and from which the country never really re-  
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## ISRAEL IS ATTACKED AS IRAN LAUNCHES WAVES OF MISSILES

### Air Defenses Appear to Blunt Barrage — Tehran’s Reprisal Escalates Strife

This article is by **Patrick Kingsley, Aaron Boxerman, Ronen Bergman, Eric Schmitt and Farnaz Fassihi.**

JERUSALEM — Iran fired waves of ballistic missiles at Israel on Tuesday evening, the Israeli military said, an attack that sharply escalated the conflict between Israel and Iran and threatened to engulf the Middle East in all-out war. Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps said in a statement that the missile attack had been in retaliation for the assassinations of Hezbollah’s leader, Hassan Nasrallah; Hamas’s political leader, Ismail Haniyeh; and an Iranian commander. The statement said Iran would launch more missiles if it were attacked. Fiery balls of light could be seen falling from the sky over Jerusalem, and loud explosions could be heard in Tel Aviv and other parts of Israel as air-raid sirens wailed. In Iran’s capital, Tehran, chants of “God is Great” could be heard from rooftops in several neighborhoods as supporters of the government cheered the attack, witnesses said. A 38-year-old Palestinian man was killed in the Israeli-occupied West Bank by falling shrapnel from the missile barrage, the local governor, Hussein Hamayel, said. Two other people were slightly wounded by shrapnel in Tel Aviv, according to Israel’s emergency service. There were no other immediate reports of deaths or serious casualties. Israel’s air defenses, with the help of Western allies, appeared to limit substantial damage from the

missile attack, which ended less than an hour after it began, about 7:30 p.m., the Israeli military said. Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, the Israeli military’s spokesman, said around 8:30 p.m. that Israel had not identified “additional aerial threats from Iran.” He said: “This attack will have consequences. We have plans, and we will operate at the place and time we decide.” Shortly after residents were urged to seek shelter from the looming Iranian missile attack, at

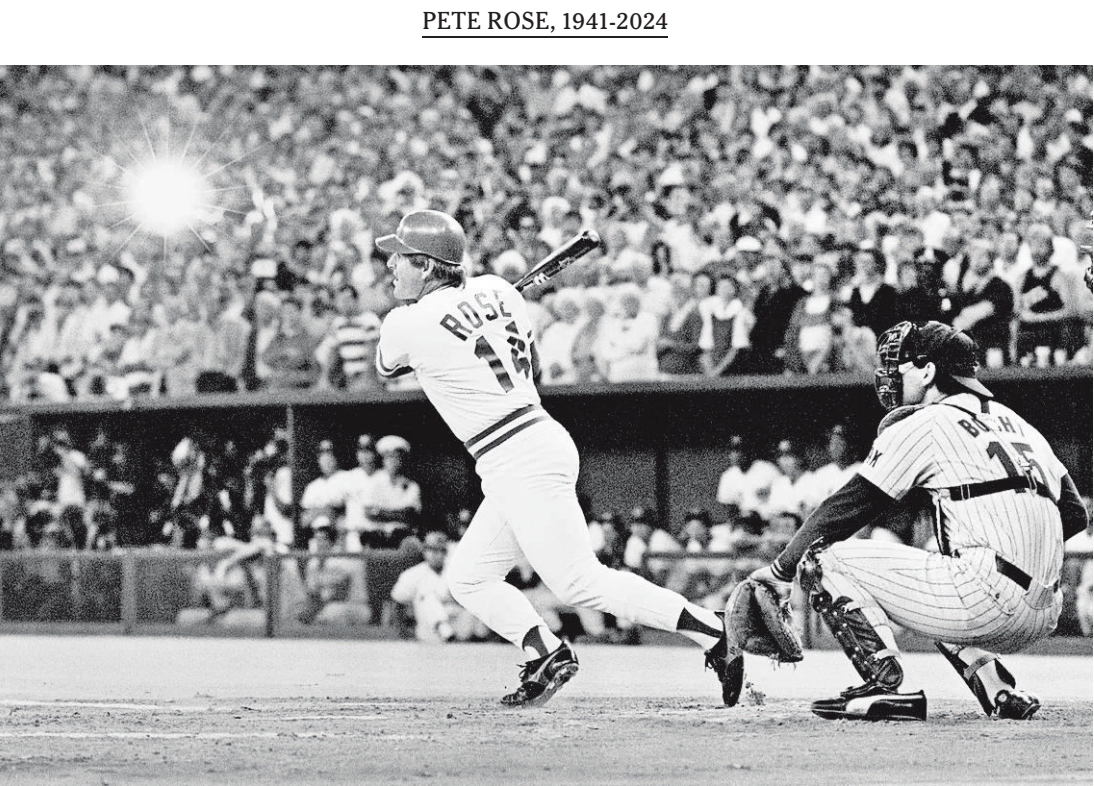


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Huddling in Kfar Saba, Israel, as sirens blared on Tuesday.

least six people were killed and several others wounded Tuesday night, when two gunmen opened fire on a light rail train in Tel Aviv. Videos verified by The New York Times show the shooting’s aftermath at the Ehrlich light rail station in Jaffa, a neighborhood in southern Tel Aviv. Three bodies could be seen lying on the street, and two armed men were captured on surveillance at the sta-  
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## Asheville Sees Sense of Safety Washed Away

**By EDUARDO MEDINA and RICHARD FAUSSET**  
ASHEVILLE, N.C. — Erica Scott, a wedding photographer, spent much of her life in California, but moved to Asheville, N.C., 16 years ago with a sense that she was leaving behind the perpetual threat of natural disasters. With its cool mountain climate and a setting hundreds of miles from the ocean, the city seemed like a refuge from some of the worries that come with a warming planet. “I had always felt like we were safe from climate change in this region; we talked about that a lot in town,” Ms. Scott, 55, said. “But now this makes me question that maybe there’s nowhere that’s safe.” Parts of Asheville, the fast-growing and culture-rich gem of the Blue Ridge Mountains, were wrecked by water and mud after Hurricane Helene roared up from the Florida coast on Friday, triggering catastrophic flooding across a broad swath of the Southeast. Western North Carolina saw some of the worst of it, with Gov. Roy Cooper calling it “one of the worst storms in modern history” for the region. On Monday, the city and many of the surrounding towns had no running water; power and cell service remain scarce. Asheville, set along the French Broad River, has a long history of flooding, most notably in 1916, when a pair of powerful summer storms engorged rivers and killed scores of people. Another river, the Swannanoa, flows nearby.  
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With this hit in 1985, Pete Rose, the Reds’ player-manager, beat Ty Cobb’s major league record.

## Baseball’s Charlie Hustle, on the Field and Off

**By BRUCE WEBER**  
Pete Rose, one of baseball’s greatest players and most confounding characters, who earned glory as the game’s hit king and shame as a gambler and dissembler, died on Monday. He was 83. His death was confirmed by the Cincinnati Reds, his hometown team and the one with which he spent most of his career. No cause was given. For millions of baseball fans, Rose will be known mainly for a number, 4,256, his total of hits, the most for any player in the history of the game. But he was a deeply compromised champion. Had Shakespeare written about baseball, he might well have seized on the case of Rose, whose ascent to the rarefied heights of sport was accompanied by the undisguised hubris that undermined him. A lifelong adrenaline junkie who often operated out of sheer gall, Rose was long known to baseball officials as a fevered horse player with a network of unsavory associates and a rumored out-of-control gambling habit. During his nonpareil career as a player, he was warned repeatedly by major league officials to curtail his gambling, and in the late 1980s, Rose, then the Reds’ manager, was investigated by baseball to deter-  
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## Female, Jewish And Geared Up To Lead Mexico

**By EMILIANO RODRÍGUEZ MEGA and NATALIE KITROEFF**  
MEXICO CITY — Claudia Sheinbaum took office on Tuesday, the first woman and Jewish person to lead Mexico in the country’s more than 200-year history as an independent nation. “For the first time, we women have arrived to lead the destinies of our beautiful nation,” Ms. Sheinbaum said during her inauguration ceremony on Tuesday. “And I say we arrived because I do not arrive alone. We all arrived.” The leftist former mayor of Mexico City, Ms. Sheinbaum triumphed in June elections with the largest margin of victory since Mexico transitioned to democracy and a sweeping mandate to follow through on her promise to continue the social policies of her predecessor and political mentor, Andrés Manuel López Obrador. But while Ms. Sheinbaum is stepping into office with considerable power in her hands, she will also have to contend with a multitude of forces that may constrain her, analysts say. She is inheriting a complex set of challenges: the largest budget deficit in decades, a deepening security crisis, the largest wave of migration in recent history and a fractious political movement that has moved to profoundly redesign the judiciary, among other institutions. Ms. Sheinbaum is known as a capable executive, but not as a transcendent political talent like her predecessor. Mr. López Obrador built an entire movement largely on the force of his char-  
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## As Trump Says, Over and Over, You’re Doomed

**By MICHAEL GOLD**  
Former President Donald J. Trump swings wildly from topic to topic at his rallies, veering from tariffs to immigration policy to the problems with electric vehicles. But he tends to return to the same apocalyptic message. “You won’t have a country anymore,” Mr. Trump said at a rally in Las Vegas last month. “You’re pretty close to not having one. You better hope I get elected.” It is a forecast Mr. Trump has made repeatedly over the last year in speeches and interviews and on social media as he campaigns to return to the White House. Although he has long used fear as a tool to stir up his conservative base and sway undecided voters, Mr. Trump has taken his doomsday prophesying to a new extreme, increasing both its frequency and scope. He regularly predicts that if he loses to Vice President Kamala Harris in November, America will be ruined. World War III will  
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