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Vance and Walz train their attacks on top of tickets

They press cases against running mates in largely respectful debate

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NEW YORK — It was a political joust with a healthy side of Mid-west nice.

Sen. JD Vance (R-Ohio) and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz (D) shook hands twice Tuesday before the only vice-presidential debate of the cycle, exchanging broad smiles before repeatedly paying each other respect as they launched sustained and biting attacks on each other's running mates.

In marked contrast to the September presidential clash between former president Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris — who hardly concealed their disgust with each other — the running mates often went out of their way to be gracious, while focusing more on policy differences than personal slights.

They offered praise, sympathized and acknowledged that they agreed on how to address

some of the country's most vexing and divisive issues. At the same time, neither man shied away from the dirty work they had to do for their campaigns.

Vance referred to "our Democratic friends" even as he suggested that Harris had "enabled the Mexican drug cartels to operate freely in this country" and set the stage for the global instability that has sparked a widening war in the Middle East.

"Tim, I think you've got a tough job here because you've got to play whack-a-mole," Vance said in an expression of sympathy before an attack. "You've got to pretend that Donald Trump didn't deliver rising take home pay, which of course he did. You've got to pretend that Donald Trump didn't deliver lower inflation, which of course he did. And then you simultaneously got to defend Kamala Harris's atrocious economic record."

Walz turned from the first question about the Middle East to argue that the nation doesn't need "a nearly 80-year-old Don-

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Takeaways: Walz struggled, Vance tried to recast himself, and more. **A7**

On the trail: Walz is a surprisingly risk-averse campaigner. **A8**



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Sen. JD Vance (R-Ohio), left, and Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz (D) shake hands during their debate at the CBS Broadcast Center in New York. They mostly steered clear of slights against each other.

Iran bombards Israel

Nearly 200 ballistic missiles are fired in sudden escalation of regional conflict



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Israel's antimissile system, seen from Ashkelon, intercepts ballistic missiles fired from Iran on Tuesday. The Israeli and U.S. militaries worked to shoot down the missiles, the White House said, and there were no immediate reports of deaths from the strike in Israel.

Damage appears minimal; Netanyahu pledges to retaliate against Tehran

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JERUSALEM — Iran fired a barrage of ballistic missiles at Israel on Tuesday evening in a major attack with little advance warning, sending Israelis scrambling for shelter as the security cabinet convened in a bunker and the United States readied forces to come to Israel's defense.

Israel's air defense systems identified about 180 missiles fired from Iran, according to the Israel Defense Forces. U.S. officials put the number at nearly

200, as both militaries worked to shoot down the incoming projectiles, White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said.

"This evening, Iran made a big mistake — and it will pay for it," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said at the start of the security cabinet meeting. "The regime in Tehran does not understand our determination to defend ourselves and to exact a price from our enemies."

No deaths from the attack were reported Tuesday within Israel's internationally recog-

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U.S. reaffirms commitment to Israel, deploys warships to help repel attack

BY MISSY RYAN, DAN LAMOTHE, KAREN DEYOUNG AND MICHAEL BIRNBAUM

Tehran will face "severe consequences" for its large-scale missile attack on Israel on Tuesday, the White House said, after the United States employed military force to help defend its closest Middle Eastern ally from Iranian fire for the second time in five months.

National security adviser Jake Sullivan said the barrage of nearly 200 ballistic missiles fired at Israel late Tuesday, only

the second time Iran has launched a direct attack on the Jewish state, represented a "significant escalation." He said President Joe Biden was closely tracking the developments, as spiraling violence threatens to undermine one of the U.S. leader's chief foreign policy goals: preventing an all-out war across the Middle East.

"We are now going to look at what the appropriate next steps are to secure, first and foremost, American interests, and then to promote stability to the maximum extent possible as we go

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Turning 100, Carter feels embrace of his hometown

BY TIM CRAIG AND CASEY PARKS

PLAINS, GA. — Signs that read "Happy 100th Birthday Mr. President!" dotted lawns. The local general store stocked up on its famous peanut butter ice cream. And the population of this tiny southwestern Georgia town swelled for a day.

Jimmy Carter turned 100 on Tuesday, and his hometown pulled out all the stops to celebrate the milestone — even though the former president, who has been in hospice care for 19 months, wasn't attending.

The birthday bash for the first U.S. president to reach 100 included a military jet flyover, a naturalization ceremony and a concert. Carter watched the flyover from a wheelchair in his backyard, surrounded by family. Video shared by CBS News showed a frail-looking Carter wearing a blue baseball cap. Carter has not attended a major event

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Port strike freezes shipping along East Coast

First such move since '77 expected to reverberate across U.S. economy

BY IAN DUNCAN, DAVID J. LYNCH, DANA MUNRO AND JULIE ZAUZMER WEIL

Tens of thousands of dockworkers launched a strike at ports along the East Coast and the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday, stranding stacks of shipping containers on docks and idling ships outside harbors in a threat to the economy just five weeks before the election.

The strike caused immediate disruptions at ports that handle more than half of the United States' trade in cargo containers. The effects are expected to ripple through the country, costing at least hundreds of millions of dollars a day and getting worse each day the longshoremen remain off the job.

With its potential for shortages and price increases in the heart of the campaign season, the strike by the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA)



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Striking longshoreman Teresa White, of New York, pickets outside the Packer Avenue Marine Terminal port in Philadelphia.

poses dangers for the presidential election bid of Vice President Kamala Harris, whose standing in the polls on economic issues has begun to eat into former president Donald Trump's advantage.

The White House is standing firmly with the union and has resisted calls to invoke emergency powers and seek an end to the strike. Any move to suspend the union walkout would ease the economic pressure but undermine a key Democratic constituency, forcing the White House into a delicate balancing act.

The Biden administration spent recent days trying to avoid the dilemma, meeting privately in a bid to forge an agreement between the longshoremen and port operators, represented by the U.S. Maritime Alliance (USMX). Once those efforts failed and the strike began Tuesday, President Joe Biden publicly sided with the dockworkers.

Calling on the maritime alliance to cut a fair deal, he highlighted record profits at the shipping lines it represents, along with high executive pay and payouts to shareholders, as well as the shipping and port companies' multinational ownership.

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Rescue crews search on as storm's death toll climbs

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BLACK MOUNTAIN, N.C. — Rescue and recovery crews searched for victims of the devastating storm Helene for a fifth day on Tuesday, trying to reopen roads into the mountain towns of the southern Appalachians isolated by historic flash flooding.

The confirmed death toll across the South climbed Tuesday to at least 137, making it one of the deadliest hurricanes to hit the United States this century.

Hundreds of people are still reported missing, though cell service is poor and many could be without a way to communicate. By Tuesday night, more than 1.4 million electric customers remained without power in Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas and

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