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## Israel invades southern Lebanon

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JERUSALEM — The Israeli military began a ground invasion of southern Lebanon, targeting what it said early Tuesday was Hezbollah military infrastructure in villages close to the Israel-Lebanon border, the first such incursion by Israel into its northern neighbor's territory in nearly two decades.

Israeli leaders approved the plans late Monday night to send in troops, according to three Israeli officials. And in a statement issued shortly before 2 a.m. Tuesday, the military said Israeli troops had begun crossing the border “a few hours ago” in order to target sites that “pose an immediate threat to Israeli communities in northern Israel.”

The officials said the plans involved

operating in a narrow strip of land that lines the northern side of the border. The invasion force would consist of small groups of commandos accompanied by air cover, as well as artillery shells fired from Israel, the officials said. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive military matters.

The invasion followed intense Israeli strikes across Lebanon over the past

two weeks that have killed hundreds of people. Israel is attempting to force a conclusion to a war that began last October, when Hezbollah started firing toward Israeli positions in solidarity with its ally Hamas.

Though the Israeli military announced its troops had “begun limited, localized, and targeted raids against Hezbollah” targets, the plan could still evolve into a larger invasion. Thou-

sands of additional troops have been deployed in northern Israel in recent days, leading to speculation about a broader and more prolonged operation.

US officials said earlier Monday that they believed the invasion would be a limited one. Israeli officials had assured their American counterparts that they did not intend to follow up the incursion.

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## NOW A PATH ONLY OF DEVASTATION



CHRISTIAN MONTERROSA/NEW YORK TIMES

Floods from Hurricane Helene wiped out homes, roads, and businesses in the community of Bat Cave, in the mountains of western North Carolina. On Monday, people walked along what was left of Highway 64 after the Rocky Broad River ripped through its banks before receding. **A2.**

## A tense intertwining of abortion, politics

Arizonans juggle ballot question with election of president

By Sam Brodey

GLOBE STAFF

MESA, Ariz. — “Are you aware that abortion is on the ballot in Arizona this fall?”

It's the first question that volunteers working to pass Proposition 139 — a ballot measure that

proposes amending the state constitution to establish a right to abortion — ask voters while they are out knocking on their doors ahead of the November election.

These days in Arizona, it's rare to hear anything but yes as an answer to that question.

During a recent canvass of a neighborhood in Mesa, a large suburban city east of Phoenix, only a few people inside the modest ranch homes answered a knock on the hot, quiet weekday

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### IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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Senator JD Vance (left) and Governor Tim Walz are set to debate tonight.

■ **TIME AND PLACE:** 9-10:30 p.m., at the CBS Broadcast Center in New York City.

■ **HOW TO WATCH:** CBS, ABC, CNN, NBC, MSNBC, Fox News, Univision, PBS; streaming on Hulu+, Fubo, Sling, Paramount+, Peacock, among others.

■ **GUIDELINES:** Moderated by CBS journalists Norah O'Donnell and Margaret Brennan, the debate will have no audience and each candidate will have two minutes to answer a question and two minutes to respond, with one minute rebuttals.

## Legal speed bumps slow Steward exit

Judge seeks more money from state for hospital sales

By Dana Gerber and Robert Weisman

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As Steward Health Care prepared Monday to complete the sales of its six Massachusetts hospitals, the company's embattled chief executive, Ralph de la Torre, used the final day before his planned resignation to sue a US Senate committee over a contempt allegation against him.

The hospital operator's unceremonious preparations to depart Massachusetts concluded the first phase of the crisis that has reverberated across the state's health care landscape. But it also laid bare lingering questions of accountability for the company's collapse, and a reminder of just how much remains in flux.

Unknowns ranged from the last-minute details to get the transfer of Steward's hospitals to nonprofit buyers over the finish line, to the fate of de la Torre, who faces potential prison time depending on the outcome of his contested contempt referral.

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## Harvard, others shift balance of speech, security

Protesters, professors fear new rules violate rights

By Hilary Burns

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On a recent Saturday, a group of students donned keffiyehs and sat inside Harvard's main library, appearing to study with flyers that read “Imagine it happened here” and “Israel bombs Harvard pays” taped to their laptops to protest Israeli bombing in Lebanon.

The reaction from university leadership was swift: Administrators swept in and requested IDs, leaving the threat of punishment in their wake.

“They were silent, and they did not block anybody's access,” said Steven Levitsky, Harvard professor of government, of the students. “I mean, where

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CVS announced it will lay off about 2,900 people amid rumors of a possible reconfiguration as it faces pressure from investors to improve its financial performance. **D1.**

Governor Maura Healey blocked a plan to create a machine-gun range on a Cape Cod base for the National Guard, a proposal that was opposed by environmental groups. **B1.**

### Mainly on the Plains

**Tuesday:** Rain early. High 64-69, low 53-58.  
**Wednesday:** Cloudy, breezy. High 64-69, low 54-59.  
Sunrise: 6:42. Sunset: 6:25.  
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## She's taking the MCAS fight to state's voters

Ex-teacher from Hull helped build support on initiative to limit test

By James Vaznis

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One morning three years ago, veteran teacher Deb McCarthy arrived at the red-brick Lillian Jacobs Elementary School in Hull with every intention of spending the day teaching.

It was the day of the statewide MCAS exams, which the fifth-grade teacher was boycotting. She planned to perform physics experiments with students whose parents opted them out of the tests because they were concerned about their mental well-being amid the coronavirus pandemic.

But her principal called her into a meeting with a school district attorney and a union representative. She was sent home on paid administrative leave for three days. The move came several weeks after McCarthy, who was 61 at the time, notified the district in writing about her refusal to proctor the state-mandated exams.

“I knew where this was going,” she said. “I felt I had no choice, because



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Deb McCarthy spoke to passersby at the Waltham Common last month.

someone has to stop this system of harm and call attention to it.”

Now, McCarthy is taking her opposition to the MCAS testing to the voters. As vice president of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, she's heading up a ballot initiative this November to repeal the MCAS high school graduation requirement. McCarthy's quest exemplifies

the frustration shared by many educators and parents with MCAS, which is fueling the biggest revolt over testing to hit Massachusetts in two decades.

In many ways, the pandemic provided fertile ground for Question 2 to emerge this fall. The decision by state education leaders to restart MCAS testing in spring

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PETE ROSE 1941-2024

## A hustler, dynamic and disgraced

By Hillel Italie

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NEW YORK — Pete Rose, baseball's career hits leader and fallen idol who undermined his historic achievements and Hall of Fame dreams by gambling on the game he loved and once embodied, has died. He was 83.

Stephanie Wheatley, a spokesperson for Clark County in Nevada, confirmed on behalf of the medical examiner that Mr. Rose died Monday. Wheatley said his cause of death had not yet been determined.

For fans who came of age in the 1960s and '70s, no player was more exciting than the Cincinnati Reds' No. 14, “Charlie Hustle,” the brash superstar with the shaggy hair, puggish nose, and muscular forearms. At the dawn of artificial surfaces,

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