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Deadly Flooding in Central Europe
The devastation in Ostrava, Czech Republic, on Tuesday. Austria, Poland and Romania also have been hit hard by days of severe rain.

TRUMP IS ADVISED
ON GOLF SECURITY

More Protection Needed,
Secret Service Says

This article is by Jonathan Swan, Maggie Haberman and Kate Kelly.
The acting director of the Secret Service told former President Donald J. Trump that significant additional security arrangements and planning would be needed if he wanted to continue safely playing golf, according to three people with knowledge of their conversation.

The agency’s acting director, Ronald L. Rowe Jr., made the recommendation on Monday afternoon at a meeting with Mr. Trump in his office at Mar-a-Lago, his private club and home in Palm Beach, Fla.
The meeting came just 24 hours after a second apparent assassination attempt on Mr. Trump within just two months. Behind the scenes, tensions between the Trump campaign and the Secret Service had already been escalating.

Mr. Trump asked Mr. Rowe whether it was safe for him to keep playing golf, one of the people said. Mr. Rowe discussed the difficulties of securing sprawling golf courses near public roads and said some of Mr. Trump’s courses were easier to protect than others, one of the people said.

It is unclear what changes Mr. Trump will make to his golf schedule, and some people in Mr. Trump’s orbit are frustrated at any notion he might have to cut back on his weekly activity. They questioned why President Biden was able to visit open beaches but Mr. Trump should have to restrict his golf, especially given that other former presidents regularly play the sport.

However, Mr. Trump and Mr. Biden do not receive the same level of security. One of them is a sitting president, and one is a former president. Mr. Trump’s level of Secret Service protection was reduced after he left the White House. But since the first attempt on Mr. Trump’s life in July in Butler, Pa., both Republican and Democratic lawmakers have raised concerns about his protection, given the current intensity of threats. Mr. Biden has called on the Secret Service to provide whatever additional resources

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Instagram Makes Broad Child-Safety Changes

By MIKE ISAAC and NATASHA SINGER

SAN FRANCISCO — Instagram unveiled a sweeping overhaul on Tuesday to beef up privacy and limit social media’s intrusive effects for users who are younger than 18, as the app faces intensifying pressure over children’s safety online.
Instagram said the accounts of users younger than 18 will be made private by default in the coming weeks, which means that only followers approved by an account-holder may see their posts. The app, owned by Meta, also plans to stop notifications to minors from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. to promote sleep. In addition, Insta-

New Features Intend to Protect Younger Users and Answer Critics

gram will introduce more supervision tools for adults, including a feature that allows parents to see the accounts that their teenager recently messaged.
Adam Mosseri, the head of Instagram, said the new settings and features were intended to address parents’ top concerns about their children online, including inappropriate contact, inappropriate content and too much screen time.

“We decided to focus on what parents think because they know better what’s appropriate for their children than any tech company, any private company, any senator or policymaker or staffer or regulator,” he said in an interview. Instagram’s new effort, called “Teen Accounts,” was designed to “essentially default” minors into age-appropriate experiences on the app, he said.
The changes are one of the most far-reaching set of measures undertaken by an app to address teenagers’ use of social media, as scrutiny over young people’s experiences online has ramped up. In recent years, parents and children’s groups have warned that

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Malls and schools in China are converted for seniors, who take singing, dancing and art classes.

From Crisis of Aging, a ‘Silver Economy’ Is Born

By CLAIRE FU and DAISUKE WAKABAYASHI

SEOUL — For more than a decade, Li Dongmei operated a series of kindergartens and schools for young children, withstanding the realities of China’s declining birthrate. She finally faced the music in 2020.
The shrinking number of children meant ever smaller enrollments of babies and toddlers at

More Businesses Thrive on Seniors in China

her schools. The social and economic ruptures of the Covid-19 pandemic were the breaking point, and she shifted her focus to a different and more abundant set of pupils: the elderly.
At her education center in Ji-

nan, a city in eastern China, she now offers singing, dancing, music and art classes for seniors. She organizes activities and educational trips for her students. Unlike schoolchildren who have summer and winter holidays, Ms. Li said, older people take classes all year round. And the classes are full.
“The biggest economy is the silver economy,” said Ms. Li, 36. “It is

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Pagers Used by Hezbollah Simultaneously Blow Up

Lebanon Blames Israel for an Attack That Is Said to Kill 9 and Injure Thousands

This article is by Patrick Kingsley, Euan Ward, Ronen Bergman and Michael Levenson.
TEL AVIV — Hundreds of pagers carried by Hezbollah members exploded simultaneously across Lebanon on Tuesday, a day after Israeli officials said they were ready to step up attacks against the Iranian-backed militia.

The pagers exploded on sidewalks and in grocery stores, at homes and inside cars, killing at least nine people and wounding at least 2,700 others, officials said. Witnesses reported smoke coming from pants’ pockets before loud bangs knocked people off their feet. Hezbollah said at least six of its fighters had been killed.
Lebanon’s health minister, Firass Abiad, said that one of those killed was an 8-year-old girl and that many victims had maimed hands and injured eyes. The health ministry put hospitals on “maximum alert,” and asked citizens to throw out their pagers. Hezbollah said at least six of its fighters had been killed.

Hezbollah has used pagers for years to make it harder to intercept messages. At 3:30 p.m., the pagers received a message that appeared to be coming from Hezbollah’s leadership, according to two officials familiar with the attack. The pagers beeped for several seconds before exploding.
The blasts appeared to be the latest salvo in a conflict between Israel and Hezbollah that escalated after Hamas attacked Israel on Oct. 7, and Hezbollah, its ally, began firing rockets into northern Israel in support. Both militant groups are backed by Iran.
Although Israeli officials neither claimed nor denied responsibility for the explosions, Israel has a long history of sophisticated sabotage and assassination operations against its adversaries.
According to American and other officials briefed on the attack, Israel hid explosive material

in a shipment of Taiwanese-made pagers imported into Lebanon.
The explosive material, as little as one or two ounces, was inserted next to the battery in each pager, two of the officials said. The pagers, which Hezbollah had ordered from the Gold Apollo company in Taiwan, had been tampered with before they reached Lebanon, according to some of the officials. According to one official, Israel calculated that the risk of harming people not affiliated with Hezbollah was low, given the size of the explosive.
Over 3,000 pagers were ordered from Gold Apollo, the officials said. Hezbollah distributed the pagers to its members throughout



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The hectic scene outside a Beirut hospital on Tuesday.

Lebanon, with some reaching the group’s allies in Iran and Syria, the officials said.
In Syria, the exploding pagers injured at least 14 people, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a British-based monitor.
Lebanon’s caretaker prime minister, Najib Mikati, condemned what he characterized as “criminal Israeli aggression” and called it a “serious violation of Lebanese sovereignty.” Hezbollah also blamed Israel and warned that there would be “punishment for this blatant aggression.”

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Harris Will Sit For Interviews, On Her Terms

By REID J. EPSTEIN and MICHAEL M. GRYNBAUM

She has hosted a convention, weathered a debate, held her first sit-down interview with a major television network.
Now the question for Vice President Kamala Harris’s media strategists is: What should she do next?
With no more mass-audience events remaining before Election Day, and former President Donald J. Trump declaring, for now, that he will not submit to another debate, Ms. Harris must determine the best way to keep introducing herself to voters who still have questions about her policies and plans for the nation.
During her 2020 campaign and early in her vice presidency, Ms. Harris had some of her biggest missteps during unscripted encounters with journalists. To avoid taking chances, she has granted only six interviews in the 58 days since President Biden withdrew from the race, three with friendly radio hosts. Even the media-averse Mr. Biden took more questions in the final two months of his campaign than Ms. Harris has in what is nearly the first two months of hers.
Her team says this is about to change, promising a series of appearances across an array of media venues, including local and na-

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Sex Trafficking Among Charges Against Combs

By BEN SISARIO and JULIA JACOBS

Sean Combs, the embattled music mogul, was denied bail on Tuesday after pleading not guilty to charges of sex trafficking, racketeering conspiracy and transportation to engage in prostitution.
In a federal indictment unsealed on Tuesday, Mr. Combs, 54, was described as the boss of a yearslong criminal enterprise that threatened and abused women, coercing them to participate against their will in drug-fueled orgies with male prostitutes and threatening them with violence or the loss of financial support if they refused.
The 14-page indictment against Mr. Combs, a producer, record executive and performer who is also known as Diddy and Puff Daddy, came a day after he was arrested in a Manhattan hotel room, following an investigation that has been active since at least early this year. Prosecutors said Mr. Combs and his employees engaged in kidnapping, forced labor, arson and bribery, and kept firearms at the ready.
In asking a magistrate to deny Mr. Combs’s request to be released on bail, prosecutors argued that he was a threat to the community. One of the prosecutors, Emily A. Johnson, called him a “serial

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