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Southern Beirut after an Israeli airstrike on Friday. Over a dozen people were reported killed, and over 60 hurt, including children.

HARRIS ESCALATES
DIGITAL SPENDING

Campaign Opens a Wide
Gap in Online Ads

By SHANE GOLDMACHER
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Vice President Kamala Harris outspent former President Donald J. Trump by 20 to 1 on Facebook and Instagram in the week surrounding their debate, capitalizing on the moment to plaster battleground states with ads and to hunt for new donors nationwide.

The lopsided spending — \$12.2 million to \$611,228 on Meta’s platforms, according to company records — was hardly an outlier. Ever since Ms. Harris entered the race, her campaign has overwhelmed the Trump operation with an avalanche of digital advertising, outspending his team by tens of millions of dollars and setting off alarm among some Republicans.

Four years ago Mr. Trump, then holding the White House, drastically outspent Democrats online early in the election cycle in hopes of gaining an advantage. Now Mr. Trump, facing a cash shortfall, is making a very different bet that emphasizes the unique appeal of his online brand, the durability of a donor list built over nearly a decade and his belief in the power of television.

The difference was especially stark on screens across the most contested states in the week surrounding the debate.

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KEY BATTLE Most recent polls in Wisconsin show the vice president with a slight lead. PAGE A10

Georgia Will Require Hand-Counting of Ballots

By NICK CORASANITI
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The Georgia State Election Board voted on Friday to force counties to hand-count all ballots cast on Election Day, a move critics say could significantly delay the reporting of results in the battleground state and inject chaos into the post-election period.

The new rule, which passed on a 3-2 vote, runs counter to extensive legal advice from the top election official and law enforcement officials in the state. A nonpartisan group of local election officials had also objected to the change.

The measure is the latest in a

Critics Say Move Could
Introduce Errors and
Post-Voting Chaos

stream of right-wing election policies passed by the State Election Board over the past few months. The board has come under increasing pressure from critics already concerned that it has been rewriting the rules of the game in a key swing state to favor former President Donald J. Trump. Last month, the board granted local officials new power over certifying the election, which opponents say

could potentially disrupt the process if Mr. Trump loses in November.

Critics argue that requiring hand counting, in addition to a machine count, could introduce errors and confusion into the process and potentially disrupt the custody of ballots.

To start hand-counting on election night, poll workers would likely have to break open the seals on boxes of completed ballots, possibly exposing the ballots to fraud or loss. In previous elections, ballots remain sealed and stored securely unless a recount was ordered.

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The Tug of War on Couples

When one person in a relationship is Ukrainian and the other Russian, hurdles abound. PAGE A5.

F.T.C. Turns Its Attention to High Insulin Prices

By REED ABELSON
and REBECCA ROBBINS

The Federal Trade Commission said on Friday that it had taken legal action against the three largest pharmacy benefit managers, accusing the drug middlemen of inflating insulin prices and steering patients toward higher-cost insulin products to increase their profits.

The legal action targets CVS

Pharmacy Middlemen
Facing Legal Action

Health’s Caremark, Cigna’s Express Scripts and UnitedHealth’s Optum Rx and subsidiaries they’ve created to handle drug negotiations, agency officials said. The three collectively control 80 percent of prescriptions in the

United States. Hired by employers and government health insurance programs like Medicare, pharmacy benefit managers, or P.B.M.s, are responsible for negotiating prices with drug makers, paying pharmacies and helping decide which drugs are available and at what cost to patients.

Agency officials said they had filed an administrative complaint, which is not yet public, that accuses

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Flurry of City Work for Adams Aide’s Old Firm

This article is by Amy Julia Harris, William K. Rashbaum, Dana Rubinstein and Bianca Pallaro.

Before Philip B. Banks III was named deputy mayor for public safety for New York City, the security company he once owned rarely did business with the city.

But two years after Mayor Eric Adams appointed Mr. Banks to the high-ranking post in his administration, the company Mr.

Israeli Jets Raid Beirut,
Killing Hezbollah Chief
U.S. Sought in ‘83 Blasts

Tied to Marines’ and Embassy’s Deaths

This article is by Liam Stack, Euan Ward, Aaron Boxerman and Michael Levenson.

TEL AVIV — Israeli fighter jets bombed an apartment building in Beirut’s densely populated southern suburbs on Friday in what the military called an attack on Hezbollah militants, including a senior commander who was wanted in the deadly 1983 bombings of the U.S. Embassy and U.S. Marine Corps barracks in Beirut.

The Israeli military’s chief spokesman, Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, said the senior commander, Ibrahim Aqeel, had been killed, along with “around” 10 others from Hezbollah’s elite Radwan unit, who were meeting underneath the residential building.

In a statement, Hezbollah, the powerful Lebanese militia backed by Iran, confirmed that Mr. Aqeel had been killed.

The strike marked an escalation in Israel’s bloody conflict with the militia and fueled fears among Lebanese, Israelis and diplomats that Israel is driving closer to a full-blown war with Hezbollah, even as it continues to fight Hamas in Gaza.

Lebanon was still reeling from the attacks on Tuesday and Wednesday — widely attributed to Israel — that blew up communication devices belonging to Hezbollah members, killing at least 37 people and wounding thousands, Lebanese health officials said. Hezbollah’s leader vowed on Thursday to retaliate against Israel for those blasts, but did not describe how or when.

As with Israeli airstrikes in Gaza, the one on Friday in Lebanon led to destruction and death in a heavily residential area. Lebanese officials said that two apartment buildings had collapsed, killing at least 14 people and wounding more than 60 others, including children. Residents de-

scribed ambulances racing through the streets, a column of smoke rising above the skyline and rescuers frantically digging through rubble.

Images of the missing — including children — were being shared in local WhatsApp and Telegram groups in Lebanon.

Admiral Hagari told reporters that Mr. Aqeel and other Hezbollah commanders had been meeting in the residential building in an attempt to “use civilians as human shields.” The New York Times could not independently verify that information.

“Aqeel and the Radwan Force commanders we struck were the masterminds of, and the force behind, Hezbollah’s plan to execute an attack on northern Israel,” Admiral Hagari said, referring to a plot Israel has long accused Hezbollah of devising.

The United States has accused Mr. Aqeel of playing a major role in two of the most infamous attacks on American installations in the Middle East: the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut in April 1983, which killed 63 people, and the bombing of the U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut in October 1983, which killed more than 300 people, including 241 U.S. military personnel. Last year, the State Department posted a reward of up to \$7 million for information leading to his capture.

The killing of the Hezbollah commanders was the latest in a series of devastating blows to the group, coming just days after coordinated attacks blew up its pagers and walkie-talkies.

The bombardment on Friday was the second time in less than two months that Israel had targeted a senior Hezbollah commander in an airstrike in Beirut’s southern suburbs, and the single deadliest Israeli strike in the area

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Sorrow Over Indigenous Graves
In Canada, Joined by Skepticism

By IAN AUSTEN

TK’EMLUPS TE SECWEPEMC, British Columbia — The revelation convulsed all of Canada.

Ground-penetrating radar had found possible signs of 215 unmarked graves at a former residential school in British Columbia run by the Catholic Church that the government had once used to assimilate Indigenous children forcibly taken from their families.

It was the first of some 80 former schools where indications of possible unmarked graves were discovered, and it produced a wave of sorrow and shock in a country that has long struggled with the legacy of its treatment of Indigenous people. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau ordered flags to fly at half-staff, as many Canadians wore orange T-shirts with the slogan “Every Child Matters.”

Three years later, though, no re-



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Tk'emlups te Secwepemc Nation Chief Rosanne Casimir

mains have been exhumed and identified.

Many communities are struggling with a difficult choice: Should the sites be left undisturbed and transformed into memorial grounds, or should exhu-

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New devices prove that phones with bendable screens keep getting better and cheaper.

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Officials in some countries started cutting rates last year, but others have been more cautious.

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European leaders said the loan, backed by frozen Russian assets, would move forward initially without contributions from the United States.

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President Biden will join the leaders of Australia, India and Japan for an initiative to lower cervical cancer.

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The rivers, canals and streams of Kyoto, Japan, can hold as much appeal as its temples and gardens.

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A President’s Centenary

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A generation since Los Angeles had a major earthquake disaster, many residents say they refuse to be alarmist — even in an active seismic year.

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A video shows New York City’s former pandemic response chief boasting about flouting public health rules.

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