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Hezbollah's leader, Hassan Nasrallah, delivered a televised address Thursday after devices exploded across Lebanon earlier this week.

Debate Night Barely Moved Needle in Polls

By SHANE GOLDMACHER and RUTH IGIENIK

Kamala Harris overwhelmed voters in her debate with Donald J. Trump, a new set of polls from The New York Times, The Philadelphia Inquirer and Siena College found, but she has failed so far to seize a decisive advantage in the presidential campaign.

The race is deadlocked nationally. Yet in the critical battleground state of Pennsylvania, Ms. Harris has a lead of four percentage points — a slight edge that is unchanged since early August. She has reassembled much of the core Democratic coalition in the state, winning the support of Black voters, younger voters and women there.

The vice president received far stronger reviews of her debate performance last week than did Mr. Trump, with 67 percent of U.S. likely voters saying she did well compared with 40 percent for him. A majority of voters in every racial group, age bracket and education level — even white voters without a college degree, who are typically the former president's most loyal demographic — gave her a positive review.

But even that was not enough to jostle a race that appears destined to become a battle of inches this fall, after a summer of tumult and upheaval.

Nationally, Mr. Trump and Ms. Harris are knotted at 47 percent. In Pennsylvania, Ms. Harris leads, 50 percent to 46 percent. The surveys were conducted almost entirely before the second apparent assassination attempt against Mr. Trump last Sunday.

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North Carolina Nominee for Governor Called Himself 'Black Nazi'

This article is by Shane Goldmacher, Maggie Haberman, Jonathan Swan and Nicholas Nehamas.

Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson of North Carolina, the Republican nominee for governor with a long history of inflammatory and offensive remarks, on Thursday vowed to stay in the race as CNN reported that he had once called himself a "black NAZI" and defended slavery on a pornographic forum.

Seeking Relief at Recess as Temperatures Soar

By SOMINI SENGUPTA

The bare hot asphalt schoolyard of the American past is getting a redo.

The schoolyard of the future has trees to play under, or canvas canopies to shade a climbing gym. Some have native plants to sniff during recess or fallen logs to climb over. Instead of hard ground, some are tearing out asphalt in favor of more spongy materials to absorb heavy rains.

They are all solutions to tackle not only the hazards of extreme weather but also a growing recognition that playing in nature could be good for children.

Many of these innovations are happening in some of the hottest, most climate vulnerable parts of the country, like Arizona, which this summer endured over 100

Schools Swap Searing Blacktop for Trees and Canopies

consecutive days of 100-degree Fahrenheit temperatures, or California, where some schools closed early because of record high temperatures this month.

The traditional schoolyard, with its hard grounds and usually a lack of shade, tends to act as a heat island. Among the country's 527 large school districts, a majority of schools are hotter than their surrounding areas, according to an analysis by Trust for Public Land, which helps schools retrofit play areas.

The surface of asphalt play-

grounds are like frying pans, significantly hotter than air temperatures, and because little kids are closer to the ground, they are exceptionally vulnerable. Their bodies are less able than adults to regulate temperature extremes.

But reimagining a campus for a hotter climate costs money, and schools are already struggling to pay for basic supplies. "You plant more trees, you need more gardeners. You put in more irrigation, you need more plumbers," said Sailaja Suresh, who runs operations for Oakland United School District, one of the districts that's retrofitting its schoolyards with trees and shade sails.

The Mesa, Ariz., school district is accustomed to extreme heat, which is also what makes it among the most creative in coping

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HIGHLAND ARTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN MESA, ARIZ., IS FINDING WAYS TO ADD SHADE TO ITS CAMPUS.

In an 82-second video released before the CNN article had published, Mr. Robinson sought to undercut the report, which unearthed old comments that he had reportedly made on "Nude Africa," a pornographic site with a message board.

Mr. Robinson, a social conservative who has been a strident opponent of transgender rights, also posted about how he enjoyed watching transgender pornography, according to CNN, describing himself as a "pervert" who liked "tranny on girl porn."

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lish only some of Mr. Robinson's messages, many of which were sexually explicit and graphic in nature. He made the comments between 2008 and 2012, according to the report.

To verify that Mr. Robinson was the poster behind the comments, CNN identified the username "minisold1" as one Mr. Robinson used frequently online. In addition to matching biographical details, the report said, Mr. Robinson had

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