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Donors Devise Push for Biden To Leave Race

Vowing to Steer Cash to Others as Rift Grows

This article is by Kenneth P. Vogel, Theodore Schleifer and Lauren

After several days of quiet griping and hoping that President Biden would abandon his re-election campaign on his own, many wealthy Democratic donors are trying to take matters into their

Wielding their fortunes as both carrot and stick, donors have undertaken a number of initiatives to pressure Mr. Biden to step down from the top of the ticket and help lay the groundwork for an alternate candidate.

The efforts - some coordinated, some conflicting and others still nascent - expose a remarkable and growing rift between the party's contributor class and its standard-bearer that could have an impact on down-ballot races, whether or not the donors influence Mr. Biden's decision.

The president on Wednesday reaffirmed his commitment to stay in the race amid criticism of his weak debate performance last week. But that has not placated donors or strategists who worry that he cannot win in November.

A group of them is working to raise as much as \$100 million for a sort of escrow fund, called the Next Generation PAC, that would be used to support a replacement candidate. If Mr. Biden does not step aside, the money could be used to help down-ballot candidates, according to people close to

Supporters of potential replace-Continued on Page A14

GOVERNORS The president reassured leaders of his fitness, despite a tiring schedule. PAGE A13



The reaction at a bar in Walthamstow, England, to exit poll results on Thursday. The outcome could signal a new era in British politics.

'Breakthrough' Is Seen in Renewed Talks for Cease-Fire in Gaza

This article is by Aaron Boxerman, Michael D. Shear and Thomas

JERUSALEM - American and Israeli officials on Thursday expressed renewed optimism over a cease-fire deal in the Gaza Strip, after Hamas revised its position and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel then told President Biden that he was sending a new delegation of negotiators to

White House officials said they

believed new progress in the talks amounted to what one repeatedly called "a breakthrough" in the monthslong negotiations, though they said that it would take some time to work out the many steps involved in implementing the truce. Israeli and other officials involved in the talks agreed that there had been progress but described it in more cautious terms.

The discussions are based on a three-stage framework deal publicized by President Biden in late May and endorsed by the United Nations. If carried out, the agreeCautious Optimism as the Israelis Send a Group to Qatar

ment would ultimately stipulate an end to the war, a full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, and for Hamas and its allies to release the remaining 120 living and dead hostages in Gaza for Palestinians held in Israeli jails.

A senior Biden administration official directly involved in the talks said that there is broad agreement now about the steps required to transition from phase one, a temporary cease-fire, to phase two, a permanent end to the fighting and a release of the remaining living hostages.

The official, who asked not to be identified because of the sensitivities of the negotiations, compared the current situation to the deal that was reached in Novem-

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LABOUR IS POISED TO END 14 YEARS OF TORY CONTROL

LANDSLIDE IN BRITAIN

Vote Reflects Anger With Economy, Health Care and Immigration

By MARK LANDLER

LONDON — The Labour Party was projected to win a landslide election victory in Britain on Thursday, sweeping the Conservative Party out of power after 14 years in a thundering anti-incumbent revolt that heralded a new era in British politics.

A nationwide exit poll conducted for the BBC and two other broadcasters indicated that Labour was on course to win around 410 of the 650 seats in the British House of Commons, versus 131 for the Conservatives.

That would give Labour almost as many seats as the record 418 it amassed in 1997, when Tony Blair's runaway victory inaugurated the last era of Labour gov-

If the projections are confirmed, it would be the worst defeat for the Conservatives in the nearly 200-year history of the party, one that would raise searching questions about its future and perhaps even its very sur-

The exit poll, which has accurately predicted the winner of the past five British general elections, confirmed a mutinous electorate, thoroughly fed up with the Conservatives after a turbulent era that spanned austerity, Brexit, the Covid pandemic, the serial scandals of Prime Minister Boris Johnson and the ill-fated tax-cutting proposals of his successor, Liz

Voters also expressed frustration with the torpid economy; a major increase in legal immigration, despite Tory vows to constrain it; and an overburdened National Health Service, which has meant long waiting times for natients.

While a Labour victory had long been predicted — it held a doubledigit polling lead over the Conservatives for more than 18 months - the magnitude of the Tory defeat will reverberate through Brit-

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Far Right Pulls French Youths Toward Its Side

By AURELIEN BREEDEN and AIDA ALAMI

PARIS - In the 1980s, a French punk rock band coined a rallying cry against the country's far right that retained its punch over decades. The chant, still shouted at protests by the left, is "La jeunesse emmerde le Front National," which cannot be translated well without curse words, but essentially tells the far right to get

That crude battle cry is emblematic of what had been conventional wisdom not only in France, but also elsewhere — that young people often tilt left in their politics. Now, that notion has been challenged as increasing numbers of young people have joined swaths of the French electorate to support the National Rally, a party once deemed too extreme to gov-

The results from Sunday's parliamentary vote, the first of a twopart election, showed young people across the political spectrum coming out to cast ballots in much greater numbers than in previous years. A majority of them voted

In Ukraine, Off-the-Shelf A.I. Opens an Age of Killer Robots

By PAUL MOZUR and ADAM SATARIANO

KYIV, Ukraine — In a field on the outskirts of Kyiv, the founders of Vyriy, a Ukrainian drone company, were recently at work on a weapon of the future.

To demonstrate it, Oleksii Babenko, 25, Vyriy's chief executive, hopped on his motorcycle and rode down a dirt path. Behind him, a drone followed, as a colleague tracked the movements from a briefcase-size computer.

Until recently, a human would have piloted the quadcopter. No longer. Instead, after the drone locked onto its target -Babenko — it flew itself, guided by software that used the machine's

camera to track him. The motorcycle's growling engine was no match for the silent drone as it stalked Mr. Babenko. "Push, push more. Pedal to the metal, man," his colleagues called out over a walkie-talkie as the

Fear of New Arms Race Raises the Stakes of an Ethics Debate

drone swooped toward him. "You're screwed, screwed!"

If the drone had been armed with explosives, and if his colleagues hadn't disengaged the autonomous tracking, Mr. Babenko

Vyriy is just one of many Ukrainian companies working on a major leap forward in the weaponization of consumer technology, driven by the war with Russia. The pressure to outthink the enemy, along with huge flows of investment, donations and government contracts, has turned Ukraine into a Silicon Valley for autonomous drones and other



would have been a goner.

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Training for a weapon that works with a PlayStation controller.

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Online Hostility in China Is Festering Offscreen

The video posted last year on Chinese social media showed more than 100 Japanese children, supposedly at an elementary school in Shanghai, gathered in

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their schoolyard. Chinese subtitles quoted two students leading the group as scream-

ing: "Shanghai is ours. Soon the whole China will be ours, too." The messages were alarming and infuriating in China, which

Japan invaded during World War

II. Except that the scene actually

took place at an elementary

Social Media Amplifies Largely Uncensored Xenophobia

school in Japan. And the students were not stoking hatred of China; they were swearing an oath to play fair at what looked like a sporting event.

The video wasn't taken down until after it had been viewed more than 10 million times.

Xenophobic online content like

the schoolyard video is the subject of debate in China right now. Last month, a Chinese man stabbed a Japanese mother and her son in eastern China. Two weeks earlier, four visiting instructors from a college in Iowa were stabbed in northeastern China. Some in China are questioning the role that online speech plays in inciting realworld violence.

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China has the world's most sophisticated system to censor the internet when it wants to. The government sets strict rules

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Audrey Flack was best known for her vibrant oversize still lifes, painted from photographs. She was 93.

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After struggling for two years, Frances Tiafoe is rediscovering his game, and flair, at Wimbledon.

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Cristiano Ronaldo's trip to Euro 2024 has been marked by pitch invaders and uninspiring performances.



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