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One Championship, for All

The W.N.B.A. champion Liberty were honored along the Canyon of Heroes on Broadway, only the third time a women's team has been granted that privilege. Page B8.

HARRIS HUNTING FOR WHITE VOTES IN WORKING CLASS

WHERE SHE LAGS MOST

Vice President's Allies in Labor Pound Doors in Swing States

By JONATHAN WEISMAN

PITTSBURGH — Vice President Kamala Harris's allies in organized labor have begun a late drive to help her with white working-class voters, her weakest demographic, in the face of great skepticism over inflation, old grudges about free trade, new ones about student-loan forgiveness, and a profound blue-collar affinity for Donald J. Trump.

Working America, a political affiliate of the A.F.L.-C.I.O. built to reach nonunion workers, has around 1,600 paid canvassers knocking on doors in the battleground states of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin on any given day — just one part of a concerted effort by organized labor to eat into Mr. Trump's advantage and deliver a Democratic victory through sheer hustle.

"We are the difference-makers in the election," said Liz Shuler, president of the A.F.L.-C.I.O., the nation's largest federation of unions.

But beneath the bravado is realism.

For Ms. Harris, there is no sugarcoating her numbers with white working-class voters. Earlier this month, a poll of Pennsylvania by The New York Times, Siena College and The Philadelphia Inquirer found the vice president leading Mr. Trump overall, 50 percent to 47 percent. But Mr. Trump led by seven percentage points among likely voters without a college degree.

Among white voters without a college degree, that gap grew to a chasm: 58 percent favored Mr. Trump, 40 percent Ms. Harris. By a lopsided ratio, 57 percent to 41 percent, college-educated voters said Ms. Harris would be better than Mr. Trump at helping the working class. But if educational attainment is a stand-in for class, the white working class trusts Mr. Trump; 56 percent say he would help them best, compared with 41 percent who say that about the vice president.

April Verrett, president of the Service Employees International Union, said Democratic hand-wringing over a slight slippage of support among Black men misses the real problem.

"It is white men and white women who vote for Donald Trump. We're not going to sway the majority of them, but over time, we have to tackle that challenge," she said.

The working class's issues with Ms. Harris are complex and, with

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Wanted Militant Recasts Himself as a Statesman in Afghanistan

By CHRISTINA GOLDBAUM

KABUL, Afghanistan — For the better part of two decades, one name above all others inspired fear among ordinary Afghans: Sirajuddin Haqqani.

To many, Mr. Haqqani was a boogeyman, an angel of death with the power to determine who would live and who would die during the U.S.-led war. He deployed his ranks of Taliban suicide bombers, who rained carnage on Amer-

ican troops and Afghan civilians alike. A ghostlike kingpin of global jihad, with deep ties to Al Qaeda and other terrorist networks, he topped the United States' most-wanted list in Afghanistan, with a \$10 million bounty on his head.

But since the Americans' frantic withdrawal in 2021 and the Taliban's return to power, Mr. Haqqani has portrayed himself as something else altogether: A pragmatic statesman. A reliable diplomat. And a voice of relative moderation in a government

Taliban Leader Is Eager for West to See He's a Force for Change

steeped in religious extremism.

Mr. Haqqani's makeover is part of a larger conflict that has roiled the Taliban over the past three years, even as the group works to present a united front. At the center is the Taliban's emir and head

of state, Sheikh Haibatullah Akhundzada, a hard-line cleric whose evisceration of women's rights has isolated Afghanistan on the global stage.

As Sheikh Haibatullah has seized near total control over major policy, Mr. Haqqani has emerged as his most persistent challenger. Mr. Haqqani has privately lobbied for girls to be allowed to return to school beyond the sixth grade and for women to resume work in government of-

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Writing Orders Set for Trump To Sign in '25

By KEN BENSINGER and DAVID A. FAHRENTHOLD

Late this summer, a prominent right-wing think tank invited conservatives from around the country to learn how to work in a second Donald J. Trump administration.

In a series of training sessions in Washington, former Trump officials shared strategies with attendees for combating leftist civil servants from around the country to learn how to work in a second Donald J. Trump administration.

The classes could easily have been the work of Project 2025, the conservative policy blueprint and personnel project that was created by loyalists to Mr. Trump and that has been turned into a political cudgel by Democrats seeking to link its most radical prescriptions to the former president.

But the meetings had nothing to do with that enterprise or its prin-

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L.A. Prosecutor To Seek Review For Menendezes

By TIM ARANGO and MATT STEVENS

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles County district attorney said on Thursday that he would request the resentencing of Lyle and Erik Menendez, who killed their parents in 1989, a step that could lead to their release from prison.

The district attorney, George Gascón, announced his decision at a news conference at the Hall of Justice in Los Angeles.

"I believe that they have paid their debt to society," he said.

Mr. Gascón, who was surrounded by members of his office and members of the Menendez family, said he would file a request with the court on Friday that the brothers be resentenced to a murder charge that comes with the possibility of parole.

It is not clear when a Los Angeles Superior Court judge will decide on the resentencing request. If a judge agrees with Mr. Gascón, the brothers will have to appear before a parole board. But the reviews by the court and the parole board could take many more weeks, and the brothers' release is far from guaranteed.

The district attorney noted that there was disagreement in his office about whether to move forward with the resentencing. He cited a recent documentary that

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Shrek, a rare Przewalski's horse, was rescued in Aurora, Colo., from the equine slaughter pipeline.

The Mule Was a Menace. But He Wasn't a Mule.

By SARAH MASLIN NIR

The animal that arrived at Hannah Huckabay's barn this past summer had been advertised as a mule, but it didn't look like any mule she'd ever seen. She had bought it cheaply online from a livestock auction with thoughts of reselling it or putting it up for adoption, as she does with many last-chance equines at her stables in Aurora, Colo.

A Near-Extinct Horse's Stubborn Survival

It had a broom-bristle mane and a wedge-shaped head, an equine silhouette more often found in a cave painting than on a ranch. "I looked at him, with my daughters, and we thought, 'Is he a Przewalski's?' Or however you say it?"

Ms. Huckabay later said. "But that seemed very impossible — those horses are critically endangered."

It couldn't be, could it? The Przewalski's — most commonly pronounced che-VAL-ski's — is so rare that the horse, native to Mongolia, was once extinct in the wild. Its scant bloodlines are tracked by zoos, and individual animals are part of multinational conservation

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Hoopla of Presidential Politics Visits a 'Blue Dot' in Nebraska

By DIONNE SEARCEY

OMAHA — For many in Nebraska, autumn typically involves screaming at the television during Cornhusker football games, but the state's sudden potential to swing the outcome of the super-close presidential race has given voters here something equally exciting: electoral relevance.

High-profile politicians and their surrogates have been parachuting into Nebraska, which is often derided as flyover country when it comes to elections and beyond. The airwaves are clogged with spirited political advertising. Yards are dotted with red or blue

signs. Bulletins in churches are stuffed with opinionated voting guides, and preachers are delivering election thoughts from the pulpit.

Nebraska is one of just two states that split its Electoral College votes. (The other is Maine.) By some calculations in the complicated math of predicting the unpredictable outcome of this neck-and-neck race, the Omaha area's Second Congressional District — a "blue dot" in an otherwise red state — could deliver a single tiebreaking vote for Vice Presi-

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