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President Trump viewing border wall prototypes on Tuesday in San Diego, on his first trip to California as president. Page A11.

## TILLERSON OUSTED AS TRUMP SILENCES DISSENT IN CABINET

### Pick for C.I.A. Chief Pompeo Is Chosen to Lead State Dept.

By ADAM GOLDMAN

WASHINGTON — Just over a year after the Sept. 11 attacks, the C.I.A. dispatched the veteran clandestine officer Gina Haspel to oversee a secret prison in Thailand. Shortly after, agency contractors in the frantic hunt for the conspirators waterboarded a Qaeda suspect three times and subjected him to brutal interrogation techniques.

This article is by Mark Landler, Maggie Haberman and Gardiner Harris.

WASHINGTON — President Trump ousted his secretary of state, Rex W. Tillerson, on Tuesday, the most dramatic in a cascade of personnel moves that suggest Mr. Trump is determined to surround himself with loyalists more willing to reflect his "America First" views.

Mr. Trump announced he would replace Mr. Tillerson with Mike Pompeo, the C.I.A. director and former Tea Party congressman, who has cultivated a close relationship with the president and has taken a harder line than Mr. Tillerson on critical issues like Iran and North Korea.

But under President Trump, her fortunes changed, and on Tuesday, he announced that he intended to name her director of the C.I.A.



Gina Haspel

With his elevation of Ms. Haspel, now the agency's deputy director, Mr. Trump displayed a willingness to ignore the widespread denunciations of waterboarding, sleep deprivation, confinements in boxes and other interrogation techniques that were used by the C.I.A. more than a decade ago.

Her nomination is certain to reignite the wrenching debate over their use and the resulting psychological damage for terrorism suspects. Though lawmakers, human rights activists and others eventually condemned the interrogation methods as torture, the program had defenders. Among them was Mr. Trump, who vowed during his campaign to bring back

Mr. Tillerson's dismissal, on the heels of Gary D. Cohn's resignation as Mr. Trump's chief economic adviser after a dispute over steel tariffs, pulls the Trump administration further out of the economic and foreign policy mainstream and closer to the nationalist ideas that animated Mr. Trump's 2016 presidential campaign.

It also suggests that after a year of chaotic on-the-job training, Mr. Trump has developed more confidence in his own instincts and wants aides and cabinet members with whom he has good chemistry and who embrace his positions.

As the White House absorbed the news about Mr. Tillerson, rumors swirled that the national security adviser, Lt. Gen. H. R. McMaster, and the secretary of Veterans Affairs, David J. Shulkin, would soon follow him out the door. The sense of disarray was deepened by the purging of Mr. Tillerson's inner circle and the sudden dismissal of a personal aide to Mr. Trump.

"I'm really at a point where we're getting very close to having the cabinet and other things I want," Mr. Trump said Tuesday

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**NEW ROLE** If confirmed, Mike Pompeo will be the first person to serve as both the United States' top spy and its top diplomat. PAGE A12

**IN SYNC** The pick for secretary of state is a true believer in President Trump's "America First" views. News Analysis. PAGE A13

## 'He Grabbed Me': Women Allege Harassment by a Star Architect

By ROBIN POGREBIN

Richard Meier, the celebrated architect and Pritzker Prize winner who designed the Getty Center in Los Angeles, established a graduate scholarship in January at his alma mater, Cornell University's architecture school. Intended to honor the 55th anniversary of his practice, the scholarship was designed to "recruit and retain the most talented women applicants."

good to women.

Two of the women have described episodes over the past 10 years in which they were sent to Mr. Meier's New York apartment, where he exposed himself, according to interviews with one of the women and several former employees of the architect's firm.

But four women who have worked for Mr. Meier — and another who met him when he was working on the Getty — have described encounters when the architect, now 83, was, in fact, not

A third woman said in an interview that Mr. Meier grabbed her underwear through her dress at a firm holiday party, and a fourth said he asked her to undress at his apartment so she could be photographed.

A fifth woman, who did not work

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## EX-AIDE TO CUOMO IS FOUND GUILTY

### Corruption Case Verdict a Rebuke to Albany

By VIVIAN WANG and BENJAMIN WEISER

A former top aide to Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo was found guilty on Tuesday of three corruption-related charges, a repudiation of the murky back-room dealings in Albany laid bare during the nearly eight-week trial.

The conviction capped a stunning fall for the former aide, Joseph Percoco, once the governor's executive deputy secretary and longtime confidant. He was convicted of soliciting and accepting more than \$300,000 in bribes from executives working for two companies with state business.

And even though Mr. Cuomo, a Democrat, was not accused of wrongdoing, the verdict still underscored ethical lapses and illegal activity at a time when Mr. Cuomo is seeking re-election.

In a statement several hours after the verdict, the governor said that while he was saddened for Mr. Percoco's young daughters, he believed there should be "no tolerance" for lapses of integrity in public service.

"The verdict demonstrated that these ideals have been violated by someone I knew for a long time. That is personally painful," the governor said. "However, we must learn from what happened and put additional safeguards in place to secure the public trust. Anything less is unacceptable."

At the height of his influence, Mr. Percoco, whom Mr. Cuomo had once described as his father's "third son," was known as the governor's enforcer, responsible for everything from keeping lawmakers in line and intimidating Mr. Cuomo's political rivals to making sure chairs and thermostats were in order for the governor's public appearances.

After eight days of strained deliberations, the jury in Federal

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## House Race in Trump Territory Is Too Close to Call

By JONATHAN MARTIN and ALEXANDER BURNS

CANONSBURG, Pa. — The Democrat and the Republican in a special House election in the heart of Pennsylvania's Trump country were divided by a few hundred votes in a race that was too close to call late Tuesday — an ominous sign for Republicans in a district that Donald J. Trump won by nearly 20 points.

With 99 percent of votes counted, Conor Lamb, a Democrat, was clinging to a 579-vote lead over Rick Saccone, a Republican. But a few thousand absentee

ballots had not yet been counted, suggesting that no winner would be declared until Wednesday at the earliest. And it was possible that a legal battle could ensue.

Neither of the candidates took the stage before midnight, but a cheer went up at Mr. Lamb's party when it was announced that he had decisively won the absentee vote in Allegheny County, the most populous part of the district.

House Democrats did not wait for a final count to claim victory, but no matter the final outcome, Mr. Lamb's strong showing demonstrated that the Trump-inspired energy propelling Democrats across the country is not confined

to liberal-leaning regions. Republicans were left with the prospects of defending a far broader section of districts this fall than they had hoped.

A first-time candidate and former Marine, Mr. Lamb, 33, forced Republicans to pour over \$10 million into a southwestern Pennsylvania district where Democrats did not even field a candidate in the past two congressional elections.

Yet whoever wins here may not hold the seat for very long. The State Supreme Court ruled in January that Pennsylvania's House

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## Stephen Hawking Dies at 76

The physicist and author roamed the cosmos from a wheelchair. Full obituary at nytimes.com.

## As Putin's Foes Fled to London, Spies Followed

By ELLEN BARRY

LONDON — The Russian opposition figure Vladimir L. Ashurkov breathed a sigh of relief when he fled Moscow for London in 2014. After months of being followed by the Kremlin's intelligence agents to meetings, culminating in a televised raid of his apartment, he finally let his guard down, disap-

pearing into the elegant, polyglot streets of Kensington.

Six months passed before he realized that he was still being followed.

An old friend returned from a trip to Russia with unnerving news: In Moscow, security officials had asked detailed questions about a private conversation he had with Mr. Ashurkov in a London cafe. As he built his life in Lon-

don, Mr. Ashurkov learned to look for Russian agents reflexively — men in dark suits sitting alone at émigré gatherings, dinner-party acquaintances rumored to be informants.

"You can't do much about it," he said. "Even after you escape from Moscow to London, you know they have long hands."

Russia now has more intelligence

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A poor Afghan farming family named a child Donald Trump, hoping the other Trump's good fortune would rub off on him. So far, only misfortune, and not luck, has been the family's lot. PAGE A4

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Sister Jean Dolores-Schmidt, 98, has been team chaplain for the Loyola University-Chicago's basketball program since 1994. PAGE B8



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The artist, with a new show coming out, says he doesn't want to deceive anyone, but maintains that every great work of art contains lies. PAGE C1



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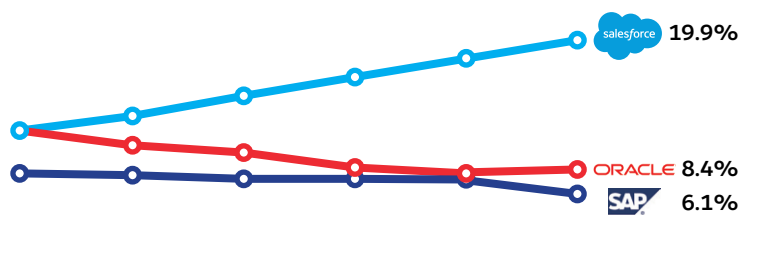
## Frank Bruni

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