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Today's front page features our story on the loosely connected, QAnon-believing network of 'patriots' that spent weeks organizing and crowd-sourcing money for mass action at the Capitol on Jan. 6: https://t.co/Kc1BL9JqFv w/ @ddknyt @mmcintire



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AS TRUMP FALLS, A PARTY BRACES FOR PITCHFORKS

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President's Allies Look to Punish Those Who Broke Ranks

By ALEXANDER BURNS and JONATHAN MARTIN

As President Trump prepares to leave office with his party in disarray, Republican leaders including Senator Mitch McConnell are maneuvering to thwart his grip on the G.O.P. in future elections, while forces aligned with Mr. Trump are looking to punish Republican lawmakers and governors who have broken with him.

The bitter infighting underscores the deep divisions Mr. Trump has created in the G.O.P. and all but ensures that the next campaign will represent a pivotal test of the party's direction, with a series of clashes looming in the months ahead.

The friction is already escalating in several key swing states in the aftermath of Mr. Trump's incitement of the mob that attacked the Capitol on Jan. 6. They will ... Arizona, where Trump-aligned activists are seeking to censure Republican governor ... insufficiently loyal to President, and Georgia, where ... right faction wants ... current governor ... election.

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Before Capitol Riot, Thousands Made Small Donations Online

Costs of Travel, Food and 'Equipment'

This article is by David D. Kirkpatrick, Mike McIntire and Christiaan Triebert.

Keith Lee, an Air Force veteran and former police detective, spent the morning of Jan. 6 casing the entrances to the Capitol.

In online videos, the 41-year-old Texan pointed out the flimsiness of the fencing. He cheered the arrival, long before President Trump's rally at the other end of until his voice echoed from the dome of the Rotunda.

Yet even in the heat of the event, Mr. Lee paused for some impromptu fund-raising. "If you couldn't make the trip, give five to 10 bucks," he told his viewers, seeking donations for the legal costs of two jailed "patriots," a leader of the far-right Proud Boys and an ally who had clashed with the police during an armed incursion at Oregon's statehouse.

Much is still unknown about the ... driven, in part, by a largely ad hoc network of low-budget agitators, including far-right militants, Christian conservatives and ardent adherents of the QAnon ... spiracy theory. Mr. Lee is al... And the sheer breadth ... riot, Mr. Lee had helped organize a series of pro-Trump car caravans around the country, including one that temporarily blockaded a Biden campaign bus in Texas and another that briefly shut down a Hudson River bridge in the New York City suburbs. To help pay for dozens of caravans to meet at the Jan. 6 rally, he had teamed up with an online fund-raiser in Tampa, Fla., who secured money from small donors and claimed to pass out tens of thousands of dollars. ...

Keith Lee, an Air Force veteran, was one of the far-right, low-budget agitators trying to 'Stop the Steal'. More than an hour before Trump's speech: “If you died today and you went to heaven, can you look George Washington in the face and say that you’ve fought for this country?”


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