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# Scandal Drives Cuomo to Quit



*'The best way I can help now is if I step aside and let government get back to governing—and therefore, that's what I'll do.'*

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo

N.Y. governor faced specter of removal on sexual-harassment claims; he denies he 'crossed the line'

ALBANY, N.Y.—New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo resigned Tuesday after sexual-harassment allegations and a fast-moving impeachment effort left him facing pressure to step down from even those closest to him.

By Jimmy Vielkind, Deanna Paul and Corinne Ramey

The resignation came a week after a report by New York Attorney General Letitia James that said Mr. Cuomo sexually harassed multiple women in violation of state and federal laws, created a hostile work environment and retaliated against at least one former employee.

In televised remarks Tuesday, Mr. Cuomo, a Democrat, said the attorney general's report had become a distraction.

"I think that given the circumstances, the best way I can help now is if I step aside and let government get back to governing," he said. "And therefore, that's what I'll do."

The resignation by Mr. Cuomo—whose political career

began with helping his father, Mario Cuomo, who served three terms as New York governor—ends his own 10-year run as governor. His successor, Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul, also a Democrat, is set to be the first woman to serve as governor of New York.

Mr. Cuomo, 63 years old, had resisted calls to step down in the months since he was first accused of harassing female aides, and he struck a defiant tone at the start of his remarks Tuesday, saying the report's most serious allegations, including one that he had groped a staffer, had no factual basis.

But ultimately he was left without allies in Albany or Washington as many Democrats and former staff have said his aggressive and at times bullying leadership style had alienated others in his party, particularly its progressive wing.

On Monday, state Assemblyman Charles Lavine, the Democrat leading the impeachment effort, said that if Mr. Cuomo were out of office, the impeachment would be a formality.

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# Senate Passes \$1 Trillion Infrastructure Bill

By Andrew Duehren

WASHINGTON—The Senate passed a roughly \$1 trillion infrastructure package with broad bipartisan support Tuesday, advancing a central piece of President Biden's economic agenda that would amount to one of the most substantial federal investments in roads, bridges and rail in decades.

With 19 Republicans, including Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, joining all 50 mem-

bers in the Democratic caucus to pass the bill 69 to 30, the legislation sailed through the Senate. The bill faces a more complicated path in the House, where Democrats have yoked the fate of the infrastructure measure to the passage of a broad \$3.5 trillion antipoverty and climate effort.

A bipartisan group of 10 senators and the White House hashed out the infrastructure agreement over weeks of painstaking negotiations. It both reauthorizes spending on existing federal public-works

programs and pours an additional \$550 billion into water projects, the electrical grid and safety efforts, among many other initiatives.

Lawmakers and presidents of both parties have said for years that they wanted to come together on a major package on infrastructure, though an agreement eluded them. The Senate vote on Tuesday puts Mr. Biden on track to buck that trend.

"After years and years of 'infrastructure week,' we're on the cusp of an infrastructure

decade that I believe will transform America," said Mr. Biden, a Democrat.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D, Calif.) has said the chamber won't take up the infrastructure bill until the Senate also passes the antipoverty and climate plan. That negotiation is challenging on its own and could take months, given uniform GOP opposition and Democratic divisions over its specifics.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D, N.Y.) launched the chamber into considering a budget outline

for that \$3.5 trillion proposal immediately after passing the infrastructure plan Tuesday. An initial procedural motion passed 50 to 49, entirely along party lines.

"To my colleagues who are concerned that this does not do enough on climate, for families, and making corporations and the rich pay their fair share: We are moving onto a second track, which will make

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## New Start In Paris, Messi End In Spain

Lionel Messi waves to a crowd in Paris on Tuesday, his wife and children looking on, after he joined the Paris Saint-Germain soccer club as a free agent. The star's contract with Barcelona ended, and a new deal couldn't be reached that complied with the Spanish league's rules on spending. **A12**



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## For Whom The (Opening) Bell Tolls

CEOs battle for ringing privileges at NYSE, Nasdaq

By Corrie Driebusch

The IPO market is hotter than ever this summer—and so is competition for exchange-bell ringing privileges.

An initial public offering is the ultimate marketing event, and a glitzy bell-ringing ceremony an indispensable component. CEOs, employees and early investors line up on a podium, smile for the cameras and press a button to ring the bell that heralds the start of trading. Cheers commence.

IPO activity so far in 2021 has already surpassed that of every full year on record, with more than 20 companies going public a week on average. That

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## Climate Accounting Looms for Companies

Investors and regulators want better data; firms' current ESG ratings are inconsistent

By Jean Eaglesham and Shane Shifflett

From farm to bottler to supermarket cooler, a liter of Coca-Cola creates 346 grams of carbon dioxide emissions, the company's data show.

That's less than half the tree-to-toilet 771-gram carbon footprint of a mega roll of Charmin Ultra Soft, as measured by the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group.

Math like this is fast becoming obligatory. Investors are increasing pressure on businesses to disclose the emissions of greenhouse gases related to their products and services. Regulators are starting to ask about that, too. Within the next couple of years, every public

company in the U.S. might well be required to report climate information.

Such an effort would be the biggest potential expansion in corporate disclosure since the creation of the Depression-era rules over financial disclosures that underpin modern corporate statements. Already it has kicked off a confusing melee as companies, regulators and environmentalists argue over the proper way to account for carbon.

U.S. and European regulators demand or are expected to require that public companies disclose their greenhouse-gas emissions. That might include the emissions produced by their suppliers and customers.

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# SoftBank Profit Sinks As It Pauses in China

By Phred Dvorak

TOKYO—SoftBank Group Corp.'s net profit dropped 40% in the latest quarter as the company said it is holding back on new investments in China while it sees how Beijing's move to tame its technology sector plays out.

The giant Japanese investor and operator of the \$100 billion Vision Fund is one of the world's best-known funders of Chinese startups. But recently, the value of many of those investments has been declining fast, after Chinese regulators started investigating some SoftBank investee companies

for breaches including anti-competitive practices, consumer protection and data-security problems.

The decline in many of those valuations came on top of a fall in the value of other highflying Vision Fund companies as the frenzy over some of tech's hot listings cooled slightly. That fall depressed SoftBank earnings in the latest quarter.

SoftBank's net profit fell to 761.5 billion yen, equivalent to \$6.89 billion—40% lower than

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## Shattered Afghans flee Taliban tide

A child from Afghanistan's northern provinces, whose family fled their home following fighting between Taliban and Afghan security forces, sleeps in a public park in Kabul yesterday.

The Taliban is tightening its grip on captured Afghan territory, with some civilians hiding in their homes while others flee. An EU official said the militants now controlled 65 per cent of the country as foreign forces pull out. A UN official added that advances in human rights in the 20 years since the Islamists were ousted risked being erased.

Meanwhile, President Ashraf Ghani called on regional strongmen he has battled against over the years to support his government against the Taliban. **Lukashenko accused** page 2



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# Biden buoyed by Senate backing for \$1tn infrastructure package

● Bill to fix crumbling networks ● Bipartisan support seals passage ● Push for House vote

LAUREN FEDOR — WASHINGTON

The US Senate passed a sweeping \$1tn infrastructure bill yesterday that will provide hundreds of billions of dollars to upgrade America's crumbling transport systems in a big win for President Joe Biden and his Democratic party.

Nineteen Republicans, including Senate minority leader Mitch McConnell, joined all of the Democrats in Congress's upper chamber to back the bill in a rare display of bipartisanship in a fiercely divided Washington. The Senate, which is split equally between Democrats and Republicans, voted 69-30 in favour of the bill, with one Republican abstaining.

McConnell said he was "proud" to vote in favour of the deal and "prove that both sides of the political aisle can

still come together around common-sense solutions".

The 2,700-page Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act will now be taken up by the House of Representatives, which Democrats control by a slim margin.

Nancy Pelosi, the House Speaker, has said she will only consider the legislation at the same time as a separate \$5.5tn budget bill that contains social programmes and climate measures, which Democrats intend to pass without Republican support. The Senate was set to start debating that measure last night. The House, now in recess, is not likely to reconvene until September.

Joshua Bolten, chief executive of the Business Roundtable, welcomed the Senate vote and urged the House to "build on this momentum by coming

back to Washington to take up the bill and pass it during this extended recess". Biden remained committed to passing both the infrastructure bill and the budget bill together, White House press secretary Jen Psaki said.

The infrastructure bill will disperse \$550bn in new federal spending over the next five years, upgrading US roads, bridges and tunnels, as well as airports, rail networks and the power grid. The remainder of the \$1tn comes in funds that normally would be appropriated on an annual basis.

The Independent Congressional Budget Office published an analysis last week suggesting the package would add \$256bn to the projected national deficit over the next decade. But the bill's architects, Democratic senator Kyrsten



Senate minority leader Mitch McConnell said the passage of the bill proved "both sides of the political aisle can still come together".

Sinema from Arizona and Republican Rob Portman of Ohio, have insisted that it will be fully "paid for" with a series of revenue-raising measures, including reallocating some \$200bn in unspent Covid-19 relief money, delaying Medicare rebates and clawing back unused federal funds intended for unemployment insurance.

The bill includes a plan to require cryptocurrency transactions to be reported to the Internal Revenue Service, the federal tax collector. The plan is expected to raise almost \$50bn but has sparked outrage among investors and others in the crypto sector who say it will place an undue burden on digital coin miners and software developers.

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Lionel Messi, hailed as one of the greatest footballers ever, has arrived in the French capital ahead of his expected signing for Paris Saint-Germain after his tearful shock departure from Barcelona. — PAGE 6

### Datawatch

#### Heat of the moment

Extreme events per 50 years  
1850-1900

Present (+1C of warming)

Future +1.5C

Future +2C

Future +4C

Source: IPCC

Extreme temperature events over land, which occurred in the pre-industrial age once every 50 years, now happen every 10 years. If the temperature rises 4C higher than pre-industrial times, they will recur every year and a half.

## SoftBank to 'wait and see' on China investments until tech sector calms

KANA INAGAKI AND LEO LEWIS — TOKYO

SoftBank will cut its investment in Chinese start-ups until the extent of Beijing's scrutiny of the tech sector becomes clear, its founder Masayoshi Son said yesterday.

Son said the Japanese investment conglomerate would take a "wait-and-see stance" until the situation settled in what he hoped would be a year or two.

"I still have very high hopes" for China, he said, noting that SoftBank's overall investment portfolio in China was still generating a profit. "But we will remain cautious until we can judge how deep and far the regulations will go... and we hope to actively resume investments when things become clearer."

SoftBank is heavily exposed to China, with its stake in the online shopping company Alibaba still representing

39 per cent of its asset value and Chinese start-ups accounting for 25 per cent of the Vision Fund's portfolio in terms of fair value. But since April, Son said, only 11 per cent of its new investments had been directed into China.

Navneet Govil, the finance chief of SoftBank's Vision Fund, also told the Financial Times that he remained optimistic for the longer-term prospects in China. "Our investment thesis with respect to China remains unchanged," he said. "Ultimately, there is a lot of innovation to occur in China."

Son spoke as SoftBank reported a 39 per cent fall in net profit to ¥761.51bn (\$6.9bn). But the same period a year ago was boosted by gains related to the sale of SoftBank's stake in US carrier T-Mobile following its merger with Sprint. The quarterly profit figure was ahead of analysts' forecasts of a ¥11.8bn net loss.

As well as attempting to clarify his company's investment attitude towards the risk around tech in China, Son used the results announcement to define what SoftBank now represented as a company. He said it should be understood as a "vision capitalist" and a company that "creates revolution".

The second \$40bn Vision Fund, the sequel to the Saudi-backed \$100bn fund, continued to increase its investments during the quarter — deploying \$14.2bn in 47 start-ups.

The listings of seven companies including the ride-hailing app Didi and Chinese commercial freight group Full Truck Alliance led to unrealised quarterly gains of \$5.8bn for the Vision Fund division. But much of that has been wiped out since July because of the regulatory pressures in China.

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### Failed rebellion leader rallies Maduro opponents

Leopoldo López, who was forced into exile in Madrid after a failed bid to unseat Nicolás Maduro, is trying again.

This time he is seeking to rally Venezuela's opposition ahead of talks with the leftist president's envoys in Mexico, where negotiators will push for a restoration of free and fair elections.

But the former political prisoner, best known for escaping house arrest to start the 2019 uprising, tells the FT that the chances of success are limited. **Interview** — PAGE 3

### World Markets

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	Aug 10	prev	%chg		Aug 10	prev	%chg		price	yield	chg
S&P 500	4441.06	4632.35	-0.20	\$ per £	1.172	1.175	-0.222	US Gov 10 yr	148.53	1.34	0.04
Nasdaq Composite	14796.29	14860.18	-0.43	£ per \$	1.385	1.385	0.000	UK Gov 10 yr	0.99	0.00	0.00
Dow Jones Ind	35251.69	35101.85	0.43	€ per \$	0.846	0.846	0.000	Ger Gov 10 yr	-0.46	0.00	0.00
FTSEurofirst 300	1821.46	1815.81	0.31	¥ per \$	110.550	110.290	0.240	Japan Gov 10 yr	117.46	0.02	0.01
Euro Stoxx 50	4190.76	4177.15	0.33	Sfr per \$	153.085	152.729	0.236	US Gov 30 yr	115.53	1.98	0.03
FTSE 100	7181.04	7132.30	0.68	HK\$ per \$	1.081	1.080	0.009	Ger Gov 2 yr	106.73	-0.75	0.00
FTSE All-Share	4110.20	4093.19	0.42	€ per ¥	0.853	0.852	0.012				
CAC 40	6820.21	6813.18	0.10								
Nikkei	15770.71	15746.41	0.16								
Hang Seng	26895.62	26203.49	2.23								
MSCI World	3097.06	3098.06	-0.03								
MSCI EM	1294.20	1292.53	0.13								
MSCI ACWI	731.10	731.19	-0.01								

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## CUOMO TO QUIT IN HARASSMENT SCANDAL

### \$1 TRILLION PLAN TO FIX AND BUILD PASSES IN SENATE

**Bipartisan Deal Is Victory for President**

By EMILY COCHRANE

WASHINGTON — The Senate gave overwhelming bipartisan approval on Tuesday to a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill to rebuild the nation's deteriorating roads and bridges and fund new climate resilience and broadband initiatives, delivering a key component of President Biden's agenda.

The vote, 69 to 30, was uncommonly bipartisan. The yes votes included Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Republican leader, and 18 others from his party who shrugged off increasingly shrill efforts by former President Donald J. Trump to derail it. "This historic investment in infrastructure is what I believe you, the American people, want, what you've been asking for for a long, long time," Mr. Biden said from the White House as he thanked Republicans for showing "a lot of courage."

Mr. McConnell, who publicly declared that his priority was stop-

ping the Biden agenda, said in a statement that "I was proud to support today's historic bipartisan infrastructure deal and prove that both sides of the political aisle can still come together around common-sense solutions."

The measure faces a potentially rocky and time-consuming path in the House, where Speaker Nancy Pelosi and a majority of the nearly 100-member Progressive Caucus have said they will not vote on it unless and until the Senate passes a separate, even more ambitious \$3.5 trillion social policy bill. That could put the infrastructure bill on hold for weeks, if not months.

The legislation is, no doubt, substantial on its own. It would be the largest infusion of federal investment into infrastructure projects in more than a decade, touching nearly every facet of the economy and fortifying the nation's response to the warming of the planet. Funding for the modernization of the power grid would reach record levels, as would projects to better manage climate risks. Hundreds of billions of dollars would go to repairing and replacing aging public works projects.

With \$550 billion in new federal spending, the measure would provide \$65 billion to expand high-speed internet access; \$110 billion for roads, bridges and other projects; \$25 billion for airports; and the most funding for Amtrak since the passenger rail service was founded in 1971. It would also revamp existing infrastructure and transportation programs set to expire at the end of September.

Its success, painstakingly negotiated largely by a group of Republican and Democratic senators in consultation with White House officials, is a vindication of Mr. Biden's belief that a bipartisan compromise was possible on a priority that has long been shared by both parties — even at a moment of deep political division.

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President Biden on Tuesday.

### Steep Challenge Awaits Biden: Keeping Party Factions in Line

By JONATHAN WEISMAN and ZOLAN KANNO-YOUNGS

WASHINGTON — The Senate's passage on Tuesday of a trillion-dollar infrastructure package may have been a vote of confidence for President Biden and his insistence that bipartisanship can still thrive, but there is a far harder task ahead for his agenda: keeping Democrats in lock step.

The crosscurrents in the president's own party have only sharpened since Congress began moving on parallel tracks with two separate legislative efforts. One, a \$1 trillion bipartisan measure that the Senate passed Tuesday, would pay for roads, bridges, rail and water systems. The other, a budget blueprint the Senate was expected to pass late Tuesday or early Wednesday, would come together this fall to expand the nation's social safety net — education, health care, child care and climate change — with Democratic votes only.

It will fall to the president to keep his fractious party in line on both efforts moving forward.

"I would like it to air traffic control," Representative Tom Malinowski, Democrat of New Jersey, said on Tuesday. "We have

at least a couple of planes circling the airport in stormy weather, and everyone wants to see their loved ones on the ground. But the important thing is to get everyone down safely. In what order and at what time best assures that, that's the challenge."

Mr. Biden, he said, will be "absolutely critical."

In an evenly divided Senate and a narrowly divided House, the path for Mr. Biden's agenda is treacherous. It is to get everyone's expansive social and economic proposals — all \$4 trillion of them — have gotten this far, and the two chambers' Democratic leaders, Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senator Chuck Schumer, have proved adept at holding their caucuses together.

But the party's left wing is smarting, feeling like infrastructure has been given preferential treatment to its priorities and losing a hard-fought special election in Cleveland to a handpicked representative of the Democratic establishment, Shontel Brown, who beat Nina Turner, a hero of progressives.

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Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo in Manhattan after announcing his resignation, to take effect in 14 days.

### Governor's Protectors Dwindled to Only Himself

This article is by Matt Flegenheimer, Maggie Haberman, William K. Rashbaum and Danny Hakim.

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo was wearing everyone down. He was being wronged, he railed to advisers over the weekend, and with few allies left to defend him publicly after a damning state attorney general's report into allegations of sexual harassment, he feared that voters were getting an unshakable impression, according to people with direct knowledge of his conversations.

Everyone was talking about 11 women, he complained privately, but only a handful of accusations were truly damaging in a vacuum,

### It Took Day of Setbacks to Realize Options Had Run Out

he felt. And those he saw fit to fight.

Never mind the toll that the report was having on some of those closest to Mr. Cuomo, including his brother, Chris Cuomo, the CNN host whose familial counsel on the allegations caused an outcry, and his top aide, Melissa DeRosa, who had already been considering stepping down for weeks. Never mind that a new revelation from the investigation

— that Mr. Cuomo had harassed a female trooper on his security detail — had astonished even those who knew him best.

The governor's circle had always been small to the point of claustrophobic. But increasingly, on the question of resign or fight, Mr. Cuomo was becoming a coalition of one. At times, he spent the last days effectively forum shopping among advisers — telling them he wanted to stay and that he believed he should be allowed to, then waiting for them to tell him he was right. Most had given up on trying to talk him out of it, even if they were not encouraging him to press on.

But by Sunday, Ms. DeRosa —

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### With Fate Sealed, a Final Political Play to Preserve His Legacy

By KATIE GLUECK

Andrew M. Cuomo meditated on the lessons he had learned about "generational and cultural shifts" and argued his expressions of endurance could be dated, but certainly not malicious. He apologized for causing offense to the 11 women who had accused him of sexual har-

assment, even as he denied improper conduct. He was wistful as he described his affection for the state.

But as Mr. Cuomo resigned in disgrace on Tuesday, another message became clear: The governor, ever the tactician, was seeking redemption in the eyes of New Yorkers, straining to litigate and define his legacy — sometimes in defiance of reality

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— and to preserve his future standing amid the worst crisis of his career.

Politically ostracized and facing criminal investigations as well as the prospect of impeachment — and with his family's legacy at stake — Mr. Cuomo

decided to resign, completing one of the most stunning falls in modern American politics. It signals the end of a political dynasty and the beginning of a chaotic and uncertain chapter of governing in New York.

But even on his way out, Mr. Cuomo, the iron-fisted pugilist who controlled the State Capitol

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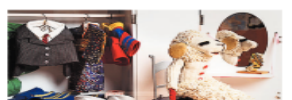
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**A PATIENT** is helped into a vehicle after leaving Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center in Houston. The governor is appealing for out-of-state medical help as COVID-19 hospitalizations soar in Texas. **NATION, A4**

## State is coping better with Delta

California's virus case rate is significantly less than Florida's and Texas'. Here's why.

BY RONG-GONG LIN II AND LUKE MEYER

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Despite a significant surge in both coronavirus cases and hospitalizations this summer, California so far has managed to avoid the sky-high infection rates and increasingly overcrowded hospitals some other states are now experiencing.

California's coronavirus case rate remains below the national average and significantly less than Florida's and Texas'; two common points of comparison given their population size and distinctly different pandemic responses.

Experts say California's better-than-average vaccination rates and newly implemented mandatory mask policies in parts of the state have helped prevent a more grim situation.

While governors in Florida, Texas and other states have opposed allowing local governments to mandate the wearing of masks, California has allowed counties to enact such orders in indoor public spaces for everyone age 2 and older, regardless of vaccination status.

"I am hopeful for California and Los Angeles because of the fact that we have higher levels of vaccination, and we have increased numbers of people stepping up to the plate and getting vaccinated," said Dr. Robert Kim-Farley, medical epidemiologist and infectious diseases expert at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. "However, we still have a

[See California, A6]

### Vaccine mandate for indoor spaces?

L.A. County weighs requiring vaccination proof in places such as gyms, eateries. **CALIFORNIA, B1**



CAROLYN COLE/Los Angeles Times

**DORENE SCALA** teaches third grade at Hooper Avenue School in June. If schools were to open now, 479 classrooms would be staffed with substitutes.

## L.A. schools struggling to fill thousands of positions

Teachers, nurses, counselors are among those unhired

BY HOWARD BLUME

Days before the academic year starts, a well-funded hiring spree for Los Angeles schools is falling short of its goal to provide unprecedented and critical mental health and academic support as a shortage of teachers and other professionals collides with pandemic recovery goals.

The staffing ambitions of the nation's second-largest school district have been sweeping — targeting hires to meet academic needs, mental and physical wellness and campus sanitation. And in all areas, staffing appears to be strengthened compared to pre-pandemic levels.

But it's also not what officials had hoped for — and leaders worry that important needs will not be met effectively.

Shortfalls are particularly pronounced in positions serving students most in need of academic and mental health recovery. Many teachers and counselors promised to elevate achievement and well-being of Black students haven't been hired. Hundreds of special education and math teacher posts — the hardest to fill in normal times — are vacant. School nurses and mental health specialists are seemingly impossible to find. Half of the openings remain for school facilities and cleaning staff.

In all, the [See Vacancies, A11]

## Radio rhetoric, live on the campaign trail

Larry Elder brings his provocative stances to the fore in the race to replace Gov. Newsom.

BY JAMES RAINEY AND SEEMA MEHTA

He has on occasion fueled skepticism of climate change, depicting global warming as a "croak" and a "myth." He has said the medical establishment and "professional victims" exaggerate the dangers of secondhand tobacco smoke. He offered no pushback when a doctor last month



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**LARRY ELDER**, a conservative talk radio host, speaks during a July 13 campaign stop in Norwalk.

## Senate OKs infrastructure bill, a likely boon for state

Bipartisan legislation contains billions for water, transit and firefighting programs.

BY JENNIFER HABERKORN

**WASHINGTON** — The Senate on Tuesday approved an expansive bill to rebuild the nation's aging roads and bridges, with \$8.3 billion specifically targeted to water infrastructure projects in the West and billions more to fund national projects to mitigate the impact of wildfires.

After months of negotiation among President Biden, Democrats and a group of moderate Republicans to forge a compromise, the Senate voted 69 to 30 in favor of the legislation. In the end, it had support from 19 Republicans, including Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

The plan, which is the first portion of Biden's "Build Back Better" program, will next go to the House, where it faces challenges from progressives.

Ten centrist senators who worked on the bill, including lead negotiators Rob Portman (R-Ohio) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-Ariz.), said it would "create jobs, increase productivity and pave the way for decades of economic growth and prosperity — all without raising taxes on everyday Americans or increasing inflation."

Biden similarly framed the accomplishment as proof he has delivered on his campaign promise to govern from the political center.

"This is about us doing the real hard work of governing," Biden said. "This is about democracy delivering for the people. This is about winning the future."

The comity was short-lived. Just moments after the bipartisan vote on the bill, the Senate turned to the second portion of Biden's infrastructure plan, an ambitious effort to reshape the nation's social programs.

It could accomplish many of progressives' top policy priorities, such as implementing paid family leave and a universal prekindergarten program, expanding Medicare and enacting a pathway to citizenship for some immigrants.

Because the proposal is sharply opposed by Republicans who say it is too expensive,

Democrats hope to enact it through a legislative procedure that doesn't allow for a GOP filibuster. But significant hurdles remain: All of the legislation has to be deemed to meet a narrow set of rules for how the procedure can be used and Democrats have to remain politically united.

The Senate voted 50 to 49 along party lines to start work on that plan. The framework is expected to be approved in the early hours Wednesday after an hours-long series of amendment votes. A detailed plan is not expected to pass until after the August recess.

The approximately \$1-trillion bill approved Tuesday would address a wide [See Infrastructure, A8]



SETH WENIG/Associated Press

**GOV. CUOMO** sounded more contrite Tuesday, but denied any ill intent.

## CUOMO AGREES TO STEP DOWN

N.Y. governor bends to pressure days after inquiry found pattern of sexual misconduct.

BY MELANIE MASON, EVAN HALPER AND SEEMA MEHTA

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced Tuesday that he was resigning from office, following a blistering report by the New York attorney general that concluded he had sexually harassed multiple women — a move that staved off likely impeachment by state legislators in Albany.

The investigation released Aug. 3 left Cuomo increasingly isolated even from his own party as top Democrats including President Biden called for him to step aside. Cuomo said his resignation would become effective in 14 days.

"The best way I can help now is if I step aside and let government get back to governing," Cuomo said in a video announcement. "And therefore, that's what I'll do."

Democratic Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul will succeed him, becoming New York's first female governor.

Cuomo's downfall was a remarkable reversal of fortune for a man who is part of a political dynasty and who a year ago was considered a likely future White House contender.

But he had become a political pariah by the time he announced Tuesday that he would not finish his third [See Cuomo, A8]

### Petition for FDA to pull some popular sunscreens

Products that have the active ingredient octocrylene may contain a potential carcinogen, researchers say. **BUSINESS, A10**

### 2 detectives charged with lying in East L.A. bust

Sheriff's Department colleague says pair tried to press him into making a false claim in 2018 gun and drug seizure. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

### Russell Westbrook: Savior or destroyer?

In his first appearance as a Laker, team's newest superstar is hard to corner and impossible to read, Bill Plaschke writes. **SPORTS, B10**

### Weather Mostly sunny.

L.A. Basin: 89/69. **B6**



**BUSINESS INSIDE:** Owners of Sportsmen's Lodge want to replace it with apartments. **A10**





## Cuomo quits, but impeachment effort may advance

Departure in two weeks follows report detailing allegations of misconduct

BY MICHAEL SCHERER, JOSH DAWSEY AND TED GUP

New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo (D) announced his resignation Tuesday in an effort to head off a looming impeachment effort in the state Assembly, a precipitous fall triggered by a state investigation that found he sexually harassed 11 women and oversaw an unlawful attempt to exact retribution against one of his accusers.

"Wasting energy on distractions is the last thing that state government should be doing," Cuomo said in a video address. "And I cannot be the cause of that."

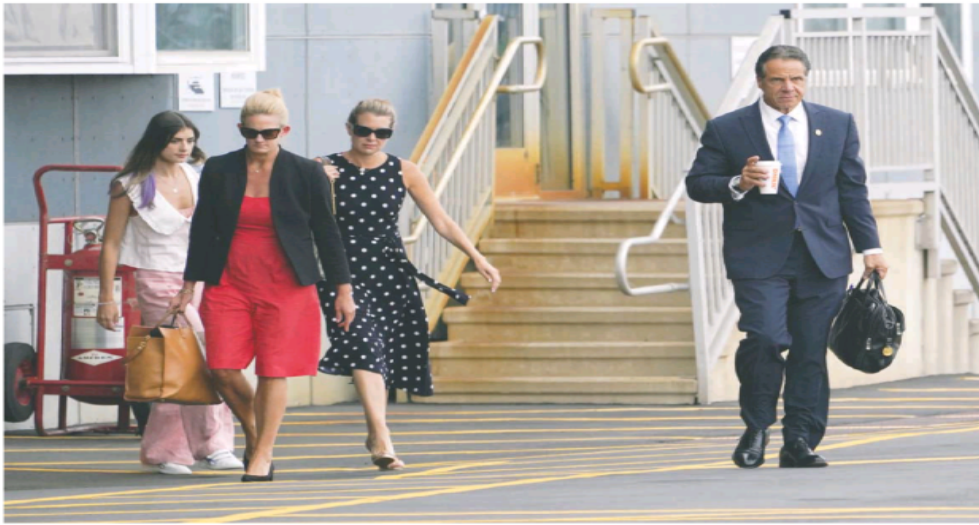
"Given the circumstances, the best way I can help now is to step aside and let government get back to governing," he added. He said his resignation will be effective in 14 days. Cuomo will be replaced by Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul (D), who will be New York's first female governor and will serve out the rest of the term through the next election in November 2022.

"I am prepared to lead," she said in a statement, calling Cuomo's resignation "the right thing to do and in the best interest of New Yorkers."

Cuomo's decision to step down represents a crushing defeat for the three-term governor, ending his nearly 11-year domination of state government that was known for its liberal policy victories and a hard-knuckle style of politics marked by bullying, intimidation and retribution.

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New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo (D) prepares to board a helicopter Tuesday after announcing his resignation. Accompanying him were, from left, daughter Michaela Kennedy-Cuomo, Stephanie Benton and Melissa DeRosa, a top Cuomo aide who resigned Sunday.

## After his harsh use of power, few allies in his hour of need

BY JOSH DAWSEY AND MICHAEL SCHERER

Hours after the state attorney general released a scorching report last week that found New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo had sexually harassed 11 women and his staff had unlawfully retaliated against an alleged victim, the Rev. Al Sharpton said he received

a call from the governor.

"Al, I'm telling you this is all a setup. You know setups when you hear them," Cuomo said, according to the civil rights leader.

"He was in a fighting mood," recalled Sharpton, who said he told the governor that while he was willing to hear his case, he thought the report appeared thorough. Most members of his

National Action Network in New York wanted Cuomo to resign, and Sharpton — a longtime supporter — did not plan to publicly defend him, he told Cuomo.

"He didn't sound angry," Sharpton said. "He didn't even seem surprised."

Cuomo's decision Tuesday to step down from office was not driven by a sense of penance or

contrition, aides said, but rather by a recognition that his fate was set.

After governing New York with an iron fist for more than a decade — and amassing an enviable list of achievements along

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## U.S. officials warn Afghan capital's fall could be in sight

Taliban's rapid gains spur changes in already grim intelligence forecast

BY DAN LAMOTHE, JOHN HUDSON, SHANE HARRIS AND ANNE GERAN

The Biden administration is preparing for Afghanistan's capital to fall far sooner than feared only weeks ago, as a rapid disintegration of security has prompted the revision of an already stark intelligence assessment predicting Kabul could be over-run within six to 12 months of the U.S. military departing, accord-

ing to current and former U.S. officials familiar with the matter.

One official, who like others spoke on the condition of anonymity due to the issue's sensitivity, said Tuesday that the U.S. military now assesses a collapse could occur within 90 days. Others said it could happen within a month. Some officials said that although they were not authorized to discuss the assessment, they see the situation in Afghanistan as more dire than it was in June, when intelligence officials assessed a fall could come as soon as six months after the withdrawal of the U.S. military.

"Everything is moving in the wrong direction," said one person familiar with the military's new intelligence assessment.

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## THE AFGHANISTAN PAPERS

### Fears of losing fueled war deceptions

U.S. hid the truth about attack targeting Cheney. It wouldn't be the last time.

BY CRAIG WHITLOCK

Part one of an excerpt from "The Afghanistan Papers: A Secret History of the War."

The suicide bomber arrived at Bagram air base in a Toyota Corolla late in the morning on Feb. 27, 2007. He maneuvered past the Afghan police at the first checkpoint and continued a quarter-mile down the road toward the main gate. There, the bomber approached a second checkpoint, this one staffed by U.S. soldiers. Amid mud puddles and a jumble of pedestrians and vehicle traffic, he triggered his vest of explosives.

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Vice President Richard B. Cheney, left, and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on the eve of the first strikes on Afghanistan.

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## Tras 11 denuncias de acoso sexual, se fue Andrew Cuomo

El gobernador de Nueva York anunció su renuncia mientras avanza un juicio político en su contra; lo sucede su vice, Kathy Hochul, primera mujer en ese cargo. **Página 6**



## D'Alessandro: "QUIERO DARLE A LA GENTE EL DERECHO A LA LIBERTAD"

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## Tolosa Paz impulsa una mayor carga impositiva a las empresas

**CAMPAÑA.** La candidata kirchnerista reveló que en el Congreso propondrá más presión tributaria a las grandes compañías y patrimonios para ampliar planes sociales

La candidata a diputada nacional por el oficialismo en la provincia de Buenos Aires Victoria Tolosa Paz reveló ayer su intención de impulsar una mayor carga impositiva sobre las "grandes empresas, fortunas y patrimonios" para financiar planes sociales y de asistencia a las pymes. "Tenemos que ejercer una presión más fuerte", afirmó al ser consultada sobre las iniciativas que propondrá en el Congreso.

La candidata kirchnerista sostuvo, en una entrevista radial, que hay que "profundizar la inclusión en la Argentina: los planes sociales y el esquema de transferencias a los más desprotegidos tienen que ir camino hacia una política universal". Afirmó que "para eso faltan recursos y tienen que ser discutidos en un Congreso que está dando discusiones muy importantes".

En esa línea, subrayó que "la matriz impositiva de la Argentina

tiene que ser revisada para hacerla más progresiva.

La idea de Tolosa Paz se suma al intento del kirchnerismo, en julio pasado, de aumentar la presión sobre Bienes Personales y a la sanción, en diciembre de 2020, del impuesto extraordinario a los patrimonios más altos. **Página 16**

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## Un revolucionario en la Casa Blanca

Joaquín Morales Solá

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## Nuevo orden en el fútbol mundial: Messi, en PSG

París, conmocionada por la llegada del crack



Lionel Messi es el protagonista de una nueva era en el fútbol. Si el mundo creía que nadie vería al rosarino en un club que no fuera Barcelona, ayer esa presunción se evaporó. Su llegada conmocionó París, donde por dos temporadas, con opción a una tercera, jugará en PSG y lucirá el 30 en su camiseta, como la exhibió ayer en el estadio de su nuevo club. **Deportes**

## Chien buscaba proveer la videovigilancia en Olivos

**VISITAS.** El empresario daba por hecho el negocio

Hugo Alconada Mon  
LA NACION

Robert Chien, empresario de origen taiwanés, teme que el ruido provocado por sus visitas a la quinta de Olivos durante el aislamiento afecte

sus negocios. En particular, uno que todavía no se concretó. ¿Cuál? La provisión de videovigilancia informática de la residencia presidencial, que ya daba por ganada, según anticipó a sus amigos y allegados que dialogaron con LA NACION. **Continúa en la página 13**

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## Vulnerável, campo já tem prejuízos com crise do clima

Para o Ministério da Agricultura, a mudança climática gera prejuízo econômico incalculável e são preocupantes as conclusões do painel do clima da ONU. Relatório do IPCC alertou para perdas de produção e risco à segurança alimentar. Especialistas, porém, veem ceticismo em parte do setor. Mercado A18

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**“Universidade, na verdade, deveria ser para poucos nesse sentido de ser útil à sociedade”**

**Milton Ribeiro**  
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Retrospectiva em São Paulo mostra pluralidade de Geraldo de Barros

## Governador de NY renuncia depois de casos de assédio

Pressionado após uma investigação sobre casos de assédio sexual, Andrew Cuomo, 63, renunciou ontem. Ele nega ter cometido crimes, mas assumiu “tentativas malsucedidas de ser afetuoso”. Sua vice, Kathy Hochul, será a primeira mulher à frente do governo em NY. Mundo A12

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Funcionário trabalha na secagem de café em Pardinho, SP. Eduardo Anizelli/Folhapress

# Câmara veta voto impresso e impõe derrota a Bolsonaro

Proposta precisava de 308 votos para passar, mas obteve 229; 218 foram contra

No dia em que Jair Bolsonaro foi protagonista de um desfile de veículos militares por Brasília, a PEC do voto impresso, pretexto de segundas manifestações golpistas do presidente, foi derrotada pelo plenário da Câmara. Com o resultado, a proposta não poderá ser reapresentada em tempo para ser adotada nas eleições de 2022.

O placar de 229 a favor e 218 contra, além de 1 abstenção, deixou a proposta 79 votos aquém dos 308 necessários — ou 60% da Casa — para seguir adiante e a impressão do voto ser instituída. O presidente da Câmara, Arthur Lira (PP), disse ter ouvido de Bolsonaro o compromisso de que respeitaria o resultado do plenário.

A votação ocorreu horas após um desfile militar patrocinado pelo chefe do Executivo, que reuniu na manhã de ontem cerca de 40 veículos da Marinha, entre blindados, caminhões e jipes. A parada, marcada para entregar um convite ao presidente, foi vista como tentativa de intimidação e constrangeu alas das Forças Armadas.

Apesar da convicção de líderes de que a PEC seria derrotada, dirigentes tiveram de agir para manter votos contra a proposta, após constatarem divisão em diversas bancadas. Poder A4 e A6

**Mariliz Pereira Jorge**  
Pior do que tanques é usar discurso de democracia para miná-la. Opinião A2



Em dia crucial para voto impresso, veículos blindados vão ao Planalto entregar convite a Bolsonaro. Claudio Reis/FraserPhoto/Agência o Globo

## Omissão de Aras gera debate sobre poderes de PGR

Diante da inação de Aras quanto às ameaças golpistas do presidente Bolsonaro, membros do Supremo, do Ministério Público Federal e do Congresso debatem como mudar poderes do procurador-geral da República, única autoridade cujas decisões não são passíveis de recurso. Poder A9

## Senado aprova texto que revoga Lei de Segurança

O Senado aprovou ontem projeto que revoga a Lei de Segurança Nacional, resquício da ditadura militar. O texto, que acrescenta ainda uma série de crimes contra a democracia no Código Penal, passou em votação simbólica e segue para sanção do presidente Bolsonaro. Poder A10

## Inflação acumulada em 12 meses bate em 9% com energia

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## Elio Gaspari

Como com Jânio, é tudo futrica

Blindados desfilam por Brasília e o presidente ameaça sair dos limites da Constituição. A crise sanitária existe e a econômica agravou-se. Mesmo assim, espremendo-se a encerrança institucional, voltou-se ao ponto de partida: tudo futrica e enuniciados golpistas. Poder A5

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Ocupação de UTI cai nas capitais abaixo de 80%

Pela primeira vez desde julho de 2020, a ocupação de UTIs não supera 80% em nenhuma capital do país, embora o fechamento de leitos deixe algumas delas à beira desse limite. O estado que causa maior preocupação é o Rio. Ilustrada B10



El Ejecutivo dispuso por decreto la evaluación del costo operativo del flete

## Extorsión de los camioneros sigue amenazando economía

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Votez aujourd'hui  
sur lefigaro.frAprès le meurtre d'Olivier  
Maire, la France doit-elle  
reconsidérer ses  
procédures d'expulsion  
des étrangers déboutés  
du droit d'asile?PRÉFECTURE DE POLICE - FRED  
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CALVADOS/AFPCe que Lionel Messi  
va rapporter au PSG

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La superstar argentine est arrivée à Paris mardi, accueillie par une foule enthousiaste. Ce transfert hors norme va permettre au club parisien de passer dans une autre dimension. Si Messi devrait toucher un salaire annuel de 30 à 40 millions d'euros, sa notoriété va assurer de nouvelles recettes au PSG : sponsoring, vente de maillots... PAGES 10 ET 11

Meurtre du père  
Olivier Maire:  
l'émotion  
et des questions

L'analyse du parcours en France du meurtrier rwandais montre les incohérences et les lourdeurs des systèmes administratif et judiciaire de lutte contre les clandestins.

Arrivé en France en 2012, Emmanuel Abayisenga aura été de tous les recours pour rester sur le territoire. Le rejet de sa demande d'asile par l'Ofpra a été confirmé en appel par la Cour nationale du droit d'asi-

le. Par ailleurs, le ministère de l'Intérieur a ordonné à trois reprises son expulsion. En vain : la justice administrative a systématiquement bloqué les procédures d'éloignement. Nombre de politiques, comme

Bruno Retailleau dans nos colonnes, exigent des réformes. Malgré la polémique, les catholiques ne perdent pas de vue la mort exemplaire d'un prêtre qui aura vécu, jusqu'au bout, le message de l'Évangile.

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« LE PÈRE MAIRE A ÉTÉ FIDÈLE À L'IDÉAL DE BONTÉ DU CHRISTIANISME » PAGES 2, 3, 19 ET L'EDITORIALLes départements  
d'outre-mer débordés  
par la crise sanitaire

Face à une épidémie de Covid qui connaît une progression exponentielle et des services hospitaliers saturés, le préfet de la Martinique a placé l'île sous un confinement très strict. En Guadeloupe, la si-

tuation semble suivre la même trajectoire. Le ministre des Outre-mer, arrivé aux Antilles avec 240 soignants venus en renfort, a décrit la situation comme « extrêmement grave ». PAGE 9



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## Un peu de bon sens

Lorsque le bon sens et le règlement sont en conflit, affirmait le maréchal Lyautey, c'est le bon sens qui doit l'emporter. Un conseil dont les commentateurs entendus ici et là depuis le meurtre du père Olivier Maire font bon marché. C'est le moins que l'on puisse dire. Comme si le crime commis par Emmanuel Abayisenga n'était, après tout, que « la faute à pas de chance ».

Ce ressortissant rwandais en situation irrégulière vit depuis neuf ans en infraction sur notre territoire et est présumé coupable de l'incendie d'une cathédrale, mais il serait déplacé de s'interroger sur sa présence en France ! Maintenant, il tue un homme, et, sauf à être un dangereux réactionnaire, il ne faudrait pas s'en indigner...

Interpellés, les juristes des ministères de la Justice, des juristes avisés et quelques magistrats dûment syndiqués répondent à l'unisson : face à cet individu, toutes les procédures ont été respectées ; pas de polémique, pas d'amalgame, rien d'anormal n'est à constater dans le suivi de son dossier.

Invoqué à l'envi, l'État de droit a bon dos. Que vaut cette formule lorsque, précisément,

ce droit n'est plus adapté, qu'il ne protège plus ; pire, qu'il crée des désordres ? Face à l'explosion des violences et de l'immigration, le maquis de nos lois, normes et jurisprudences est souvent dépassé, quand celles-ci ne sont pas contradictoires ou incohérentes.

Alors que 15 % seulement des expulsions de clandestins prononcées en France sont effectives, il serait temps, par exemple, de reconsidérer nos règles du jeu.

Idem pour l'évaluation de la responsabilité pénale des personnes souffrant de troubles divers et variés. Au lieu de renvoyer l'opinion à sa supposée ignorance - posture aussi détestable qu'improductive -, pouvoir exécutif et autorité judiciaire feraient bien de reconnaître l'évidence : l'urgence des mesures à engager pour plus de clarté et d'efficacité. Un peu de bon sens ne nuirait pas. C'est sur le terrain de l'incompréhension et de la défiance que prospèrent les démagogues de tout poil. ■

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## Gap widens between private and state schools

Record-breaking A-level results as nearly 45% awarded top grades

**Richard Adams**  
Education editor

The gap between private and state school A-level grades has grown to its widest in the modern era as part of a record-breaking set of results that also saw black pupils and male pupils outperformed by their peers.

After a year of disruption and school closures during the pandemic, nearly 45% of A-level entries across England, Wales and Northern Ireland were awarded top grades of A or A\*, up from 38% in 2020 and 25% in 2019.

But teacher-assessed grades, which replaced exams across the UK, disproportionately benefited those at independent schools, where the proportion of top grades rose nine percentage points to 70%, compared

with six percentage points elsewhere. The gender gap also reached its widest in 10 years with the rate of A\* and As standing at 46.4% for girls versus 41.7% for boys - a reversal of the situation in 2017 and 2018, when boys last outperformed girls in exams.

In maths, female students overtook their male peers for the first time in the proportion of A\*s as the gap overall widened across all subjects other than Spanish and German.

Jill Duffy, the chief executive of OCR exam board, said "girls tend to perform better in more continuous assessment" but added: "We also know the pandemic has had wider impacts not just on education but also on mental health, and recent reports have suggested that has hit young men more than females."

As school leavers celebrated the results and secured university places - or entered clearing - in record numbers, the interim chief regulator of the exam regulator Ofqual vowed that formal exams would return next year. Simon

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▲ Twins Kehinde (left) and Deborah Sowole open their A-level results at Ark Globe academy in London IAN WEST/PA WIRE

## Brexit emergency lorry powers to be permanent

**Exclusive**  
**Rowena Mason**  
Deputy political editor

Emergency powers to handle post-Brexit queues of lorries heading for France are being made permanent, signalling that the government expects further cross-Channel disruption. Operation Brock, a traffic management system designed to

cope with queues of up to 13,000 lorries heading for mainland Europe across Kent, was meant to end by October 2021, after being extended once when the Brexit transition period ended in December 2020.

But ministers are planning to make the provisions indefinite by removing "sunset clauses" from legislation setting out when the powers expire, the Guardian has learned.

It means the emergency

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## Hunted by the Taliban

### 'All I can do is keep running'

**A young female journalist describes the panic and fear of being forced into hiding as cities across Afghanistan fall**

Two days ago I had to flee my home and life in the north of Afghanistan after the Taliban took my city. I am still on the run and there is no safe place for me to go.

Last week I was a news journalist. Today I can't write under my own name or say where I am from or where I am. My whole life has been obliterated in just a few days.

I am so scared and I don't know what will happen to me. Will I ever go home? Will I see my parents again? Where will I go? The highway is blocked in both directions. How will I survive?

My decision to leave my home and life was not planned. It happened very suddenly. In the past days my whole province has fallen to the Taliban. The only places that the government still controls are the airport and a few police district offices. I'm not safe because I'm a 22-year-old woman and I know that the Taliban are forcing families to give their daughters as wives for their fighters. I'm also not safe because I'm a news journalist and I know the Taliban will come looking for me and all of my colleagues.

The Taliban are already seeking out people they want to target. At the weekend

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