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## California Governor Easily Defeats Recall Effort



**STICKING AROUND:** Gov. Gavin Newsom spoke in Sacramento late Tuesday, after polls closed in a recall election. California voters rejected a bid to oust the Democrat, which was sparked by anger over his handling of the pandemic. **A3**

## Facebook Knows Instagram Is Toxic For Teen Girls, Its Research Shows

Internal documents show a youth mental-health issue that Facebook plays down in public

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Second in a series

About a year ago, teenager Anastasia Vlasova started seeing a therapist. She had developed an eating

By Georgia Wells,  
Jeff Horwitz and  
Deepa Seetharaman

disorder, and had a clear idea of what led to it: her time on Instagram.

She joined the platform at 13, and eventually was spending three hours a day

entranced by the seemingly perfect lives and bodies of the fitness influencers who posted on the app.

"When I went on Instagram, all I saw were images of chiseled bodies, perfect abs and women doing 100 burpees in 10 minutes," said Ms. Vlasova, now 18, who lives in Reston, Va.

they felt bad about their bodies, Instagram made them feel worse," the researchers said in a March 2020 slide presentation posted to Facebook's internal message board, reviewed by The Wall Street Journal.

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## Amazon Plans to Hire 125,000, Add 100 Facilities

By SEBASTIAN HERRERA

Amazon.com Inc. said it plans to add 125,000 employees in the U.S. and has lifted its average starting wage as it continues to rapidly expand its vast warehouse operations in a tight labor market.

The tech giant said Tuesday it has opened more than 250 facilities this year and plans to open an additional 100 across the country in September, deepening its pool of locations used to store, sort and ship its packages.

It said it has lifted pay for workers in such facilities to an average of \$18.32 an hour as it seeks to fill those locations and replace workers who leave existing jobs. That follows a move in April to increase wages between 50 cents and \$3 an hour for more than 500,000 employees.

Already growing quickly, Amazon's business has boomed since the start of the pandemic as people shopped more online and business flocked to its cloud-computing services. To keep up, it has increased its global workforce by about two-thirds since the end of 2019 to about 1.34 million global employees in June.

Like other major retailers, Amazon is preparing for the holiday shopping period during a season in which the labor

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## Inflation Erases Low-Wage Workers' Gains

By SARAH CHANEY CAMBON  
AND GWYNETH GULFORD

This should be the best of times for low-wage workers, as pandemic-induced labor shortages force employers to sharply raise pay. Yet for many, it doesn't feel that way, because those same disruptions have pushed inflation to near its highest rate in over a decade.

Troy Sutton, age 61, lost a job as a custodian at the start of the pandemic in 2020 that paid \$12 an hour, and he spent more than a year unemployed. This past summer, he landed a job as a custodian at the University of Pennsylvania he said pays \$18 or more an hour.

But Mr. Sutton's water, electricity and cable bills are



higher than a year ago, he said. He is shelling out more for veterinary checkups and dog food for his two Chihuahuas, Princess and Precious. At the supermarket near Mr. Sutton's house in Philadelphia, eggs climbed from about \$2 a dozen in 2019 to \$3.69 during the pandemic.

He and his wife started shopping more at supermarket chain Aldi this year, where many groceries are cheaper, he said. But the longer drive and higher gas prices have eaten up some of the savings. He has also cut out brand-name cereals, rice, oatmeal, ketchup and mustard.

"I'm making more money. I should be able to see it," Mr. Sutton said. "But I don't see it because I'm paying more money for stuff now."

Overall consumer prices rose 5.3% in August from a year earlier, a slightly slower

pace than in June and July but still near a 13-year high, said the Labor Department.

That means that for the lowest-earning tier of workers, "real" wages—pay adjusted for inflation—fell 0.5% in August from a year earlier, according to data from the Atlanta Fed and the Labor Department. That contrasts with 2.1% annual growth in the two years before the pandemic.

The combination of strong wage gains and high inflation reflects the unusual nature of the current economic recovery. State reopenings, vaccination

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## Who Owns This Dog? Fight Erupts Over Crypto Name

Digital currency designed as a joke vaulted into stardom, now worth billions

By CAITLIN OSTROFF

A dogfight is breaking out over who has claim to the dogecoin name.

Dogecoin is a digital currency made famous for its satire of the cryptocurrency universe. Originally designed as a joke in a handful of hours, dogecoin pays homage to a 2013 viral



Doge days

internet meme of a Shiba Inu dog with bad spelling habits (thus doge instead of dog).

Meant by its creators to be worthless, dogecoin vaulted into crypto stardom this year thanks to a push from Tesla Inc. CEO and digital currency

tailisman Elon Musk. At its May peak, dogecoin, a coin that has an unlimited supply and no

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## Haiti Prime Minister Tied to Assassination

By JOSÉ DE CORDOBA  
AND DAVID LUHNOW

A leading Haitian prosecutor asked a judge to charge Prime Minister Ariel Henry in connection with the July assassination of President Jovenel Moïse. The prime minister, meanwhile, fired the prosecutor, the latest twists in an unresolved murder drama likely to deepen the country's political chaos.

The prosecutor, Bed-Ford Claude, told Judge Garry Orélie in a letter that there was

enough evidence to order the immediate indictment of Mr. Henry. He also asked immigration authorities to keep the premier from leaving the country. "There are sufficient compelling elements...to prosecute Mr. Henry and to demand his outright indictment," Mr. Claude wrote.

Hours later, the prime minister's office released a letter from the prime minister to the prosecutor, dated the day before, relieving him of his duties on the basis of "serious

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## Incomes Declined Last Year As Virus Took Toll

Aid tied to pandemic kept millions from falling into poverty, Census data show

By JOHN MCCORMICK  
AND PAUL OVERBERG

Americans last year saw their first significant decline in household income in nearly a decade, government data showed, with economic pain from the Covid-19 pandemic prompting government aid that helped keep millions from falling into poverty.

An annual assessment of the nation's financial well-being, released Tuesday by the Census Bureau, offered insight into how households fared during the pandemic's first year. It arrives as Washington debates how much more to spend to bolster the economy during the worst public-health crisis in a century.

Median household income was about \$67,500 in 2020, down 2.9% from the prior year, when it hit an inflation-adjusted historical high. It came as the U.S. last year saw millions lose their jobs and national unemployment soar from a 50-year low to a high of 14.8%.

The last time median household income fell significantly was 2011, in the aftermath of the 2007-09 recession.

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# China exploits anti-fraud app to trail readers of foreign news

- Police say overseas scams are rising
- Visitors to financial sites questioned

SUN YU — BEIJING

Chinese police are using a new anti-fraud app installed on more than 200m mobile phones to identify and question people who have viewed overseas financial news sites, according to individuals summoned by the authorities.

The app was launched in March by the public security ministry's National Anti-Fraud Center and blocks suspicious phone calls and reports malware.

Police said that it was needed to combat a surge in fraud, often perpetrated by overseas operations managed by Chinese and Taiwanese nationals.

The ministry recommended that the app be downloaded but numerous local government agencies made it mandatory for their employees and individuals with whom they work, such as students and tenants.

One Shanghai-based user told the Financial Times he was contacted by police after visiting a US financial news service. He was asked whether he had contacts abroad and used foreign websites.

The user, said police seemed genuinely concerned by foreign scams. "But the questions they raised about whether I have contacted foreigners made me feel like they don't want me accessing foreign websites," he added. "I deleted the app after the meeting."

A second user in eastern Shandong province said that police called him on four consecutive days after the app showed he had visited what it labelled "highly dangerous" overseas information providers, including Bloomberg.

"They said they would remove the 'dangerous' label on Bloomberg but nothing happened," the user said. "The authorities also don't disclose how they determine whether an overseas website is fraud-related."

The app has also generated thousands of privacy-related complaints online from people who said that they had to download it in order to rent apartments or enrol their children in schools.

A dozen individuals told the FT they were uncomfortable giving the app 29 permissions, including live monitoring of call logs, text messages and conversations, in order to install it on a phone.

"I am not going to give the authorities access to every aspect of my life in order to fend off scams," said a Shanghai-based marketing manager who has ignored requests to install the app.

Parents said they had to download the app before they were allowed to enrol their children in school. In Shenzhen, some tenants have been required to install it before signing rental leases.

According to official data, China arrested 361,000 people for wire or online fraud last year, compared with 73,000 arrests in 2018.

The app offers dozens of courses on fraud prevention. "It has played a significant role in fighting scams," said Jiang Guoli, a senior public security official, in June. The ministry of public security and the National Anti-Fraud Center did not respond to a request for comment.

Additional reporting by Nian Liu  
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## Lady in red Ocasio-Cortez shows up at Met Gala in 'tax the rich' ball gown



Marko Aronovitch/Reuters

New York congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez posed with fashion designer Aurora James at the Met Gala on Monday evening.

The Democratic politician, known for railing against American inequality, stunned the star-studded red carpet event — where tickets cost up to

\$35,000 — by wearing a white gown daubed with a red "tax the rich" logo.

"The medium is the message," she wrote on Instagram. "The time is now for child-care, healthcare and climate action for all. Tax the Rich."

Ocasio-Cortez defended accusations of hypocrisy for appearing at the exclusive ball,

which had been delayed by the pandemic, saying that New York City-elected officials were "regularly invited to attend the Met due to our responsibilities in overseeing our city's cultural institutions".

James, founder of the luxury brand Brother Vellies, thanked Ocasio-Cortez for helping her "lick open the doors".

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## Madrid aims to claw back €3bn from power groups

Pedro Sánchez, Spain's prime minister, has announced a €3bn raid on utility groups' profits in an attempt to stem the political fallout from rising energy prices. The move prompted an angry response from Iberdrola, the renewable energy group. Soaring power prices have become the most pressing issue for Sánchez's leftwing minority government, with consumer bills rising 35 per cent in the year to August.

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# Chevron triples clean energy pledge to \$10bn but sets no new net zero targets

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Chevron will spend \$10bn over the next seven years boosting its renewable energy production and cutting its carbon pollution, as pressure mounts on US oil producers to clean up their operations.

The clean energy spending pledge is more than three times the amount previously committed but on an annual basis amounts to less than a tenth of its planned capital spending of about \$15bn a year between now and 2025.

"Chevron intends to be a leader in advancing a lower-carbon future," Mike Wirth, its chief executive, said yesterday. "Our planned actions target sectors of the economy that are harder to abate and leverage our capabilities, assets and customer relationships."

The US group's move comes as investors and campaigners ratchet up the pressure on oil producers to help tackle global warming. Chevron shareholders filed management in May and voted for a resolution demanding the company set targets for so-called scope 3 emissions, or the pollution from the hydrocarbon products it sells.

Chevron said it would increase production of hydrogen, renewable natural gas — derived from organic material — and renewable liquid fuels for use in transport, and capture or offset 2.5m tonnes of carbon a year by 2050. Last year Chevron's emissions from operations amounted to 54m tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent.

It has announced small-scale low carbon-focused deals recently, including agreements to supply biofuels to Delta Air Lines. It has also set up hydro-

gen-based heavy industry projects, including a train, with Caterpillar.

Yesterday's announcement did not include new net zero targets or a fresh commitment to cut its scope 3 emissions, which exceeded 580m tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent last year.

While European supermajors such as BP and France's TotalEnergies have set out plans to build large solar and wind segments, Chevron and Exxon have resisted calls to follow suit.

Wirth said bumper profits in the coming years from Chevron's "base business" would help it finance the extra spending to clean up operations.

Analysts at RBC Capital Markets said Chevron was "leaning into" the energy transition but were "surprised" by the absence of longer-term net zero targets.

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## World Markets

STOCK MARKETS					CURRENCIES					INTEREST RATES				
	Sept 14	prev	%chg		Sept 14	prev	Sept 14	prev		price	yield	chg		
S&P 500	4462.96	4468.73	-0.13	\$ per €	1.182	1.181	€ per \$	0.722	0.722	US Gov 10 yr	1.49	1.4	-0.04	
Nasdaq Composite	15142.12	15105.58	0.24	\$ per £	1.385	1.385	£ per \$	1.172	1.173	UK Gov 10 yr	0.65	-0.01		
Dow Jones Ind	34955.41	34889.63	-0.19	€ per ¥	0.953	0.953	¥ per €	128.834	129.821	Ger Gov 10 yr	-0.34	-0.01		
FTSEurofirst 300	1801.68	1801.56	0.01	¥ per \$	109.660	109.925	£ index	82.082	82.039	Japan Gov 10 yr	115.73	0.04	0.00	
Euro Stoxx 50	4188.60	4189.53	-0.02	\$ per ₹	151.901	152.340	\$ per £	1.274	1.275	US Gov 30 yr	117.61	1.85	-0.05	
FTSE All-Share	4056.45	4075.27	-0.46	₹ per \$	1.067	1.068				Ger Gov 30 yr	105.34	-0.71	0.00	
CAC 40	6952.97	6978.93	-0.36											
Nikkei 225	15722.99	15701.42	0.14											
Hang Seng	30670.10	30447.37	0.73											
Shanghai Comp	29592.23	29573.81	-0.21											
MSCI World \$	3128.18	3122.07	0.13	Oil WTI \$	70.49	70.45	Oil Brent \$	73.59	73.51	0.11				
MSCI EM \$	1301.54	1308.94	-0.57	Gold \$	1793.90	1794.60	-0.04							
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Across California on Tuesday, including at the Huntington Beach Central Library, voters decided the fate of Gov. Gavin Newsom.

## In California, Reconsidering Recall Process

This article is by **Thomas Fuller**, **Maggie Astor** and **Conor Dougherty**.

SACRAMENTO — As Californians went to the polls on Tuesday to determine whether Gov. Gavin Newsom would be removed from office, the recall election had already spawned another campaign: to recall the recall.

In a state famous for its acts of direct democracy, whether banning affirmative action or legalizing cannabis, detractors of this year's special election say the recall process is democracy gone off the rails, a distraction from crises that require the government's attention, and a waste of hundreds of millions of dollars.

California's forests are on fire, with the smoke sending thousands of residents fleeing. Towns are running out of water from severe drought. And some rural hospitals are packed with coronavirus patients.

Many voters who went to the polls on Tuesday said the election was an unwelcome distraction that preoccupied Mr. Newsom and, some critics said, might have prevented him from taking on tough decisions.

"This recall is so dumb," said Frankie Santos, a 43-year-old artist who voted in Hollywood on Tuesday. "It's not a good use of resources." She said that if she could have scrawled "absolutely no" to recalling Mr. Newsom without invalidating her ballot, she would have.

Anthony Rendon, the speaker of the State Assembly, and other legislative leaders have already said discussions were underway to place a constitutional amendment regarding recalls before voters in 2022.

"This is a system that was put in place 100 years ago," said Mr. Rendon.

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## Democrats Eye Tilting New York's Political Map

By **NICHOLAS FANDOS** and **GRACE ASHFORD**

Seven years ago, New Yorkers voted decisively to empower a new bipartisan commission to do what self-interested politicians could not: draw new congressional district lines that were not gerrymandered to favor a particular party.

But as the panel prepares to unveil its proposed maps for the first time on Wednesday, Democratic lawmakers in New York and Washington are already laying the groundwork to cast them aside — plotting to use their supermajorities in Albany to draw new district boundaries for the next decade that might eliminate as many as five Republican-held seats.

## G.O.P. Could Lose Up to 5 House Seats in Redistricting

The end result could drive one of the most consequential shifts in power in the country this redistricting cycle, the first since New York voters approved a 2014 ballot measure to curb gerrymandering.

Under the most aggressive scenarios, Democrats could emerge from 2022's midterm elections with control of as many as 23 of New York's 26 House seats in an all-out effort to prop up their chances of retaining control of Congress. For the first redistricting cycle in decades, Democrats

control the Legislature and governor's office, giving them the freedom to reshape districts without having to compromise with Republicans, who had long held a lock on the State Senate.

"New York might be the biggest redistricting weapon for either party in the country," said Dave Wasserman, a national elections analyst with the Cook Political Report.

Wielding it will almost certainly raise howls of protest from Republicans and expose Democrats to legal challenges and political charges that they are hypocritically turning their backs on the party's promise to end gerrymandering, the practice that allows politicians to draw legislative lines in their party's favor.

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## Something to Sing About

A dress rehearsal of the musical "Six." Lights went back on for many Broadway shows on Tuesday.

## Kenosha Community, Scarred by Unrest, Still Waits to Rebuild

By **JULIE BOSMAN**

KENOSHA, Wis. — In August last year in Kenosha, on the second night of protests after the police shooting of Jacob Blake, Sheriff David G. Beth had his eyes trained on the city's downtown.

Protests were raging in front of the city's limestone courthouse and steps from the county jail,

where the sheriff worried about protecting hundreds of inmates. Bistros and jewelry shops along the lakefront downtown had been boarded up with plywood, as if braced for destruction. Demonstrators were lobbing projectiles at police officers, who fired back with canisters of tear gas.

Then Sheriff Beth learned that the unrest was shifting to another

## For Some, Protests Led to Little Change

pocket of the city, a mile away from the chaos downtown. Uptown, an economically depressed neighborhood where many Black and Latino families lived, was

burning.

The neighborhood was woefully unprotected. Uptown had a small, pedestrian-friendly business district with a mattress store, a Mexican restaurant and a camera repair shop. It was surrounded by worn century-old houses, some divided into apartments.

Soon its main commercial corri-

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## U.S. Poverty Rate Falls To a Record Low as Aid Helps Offset Job Losses

### Success of Pandemic Relief Could Bolster Democrats' Bid for an Expansion

By **BEN CASSELMAN** and **JEANNA SMIALEK**

The share of people living in poverty in the United States fell to a record low last year as an enormous government relief effort helped offset the worst economic contraction since the Great Depression.

In the latest and most conclusive evidence that poverty fell because of the aid, the Census Bureau reported on Tuesday that 9.1 percent of Americans were living below the poverty line last year, down from 11.8 percent in 2019. That figure is the lowest since records began in 1967, according to calculations from researchers at Columbia University.

It is based on a measure that accounts for the impact of government programs. The official measure of poverty, which leaves out some major aid programs, rose to 11.4 percent of the population.

The new data will almost surely feed into a debate in Washington about efforts by President Biden and congressional leaders to enact a more lasting expansion of the safety net that would extend well beyond the pandemic. Democrats' \$3.5 trillion plan, which is still taking shape, could include paid family and medical leave, government-supported child care and a permanent expansion of the Child Tax Credit.

Liberals cited the success of relief programs, which were also highlighted in an Agriculture Department report last week that showed that hunger did not rise in 2020, to argue that such policies ought to be expanded. But conservatives argue that higher federal spending is not needed and would increase the federal debt while discouraging people from working.

The fact that poverty did not rise more during an enormous economic disruption reflects the

Poverty rate accounting for government aid programs\*



Official poverty rate

\*Includes noncash and after-tax government aid.

Sources: Census Bureau; Columbia University

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## For Democrats, A United Push On Vote Rights

By **CARL HULSE**

Senate Democrats united on Tuesday around a pared-down voting rights bill, escalating their efforts to build a case for aggressive action by Congress to push past Republican opposition and counter a rash of new G.O.P.-written ballot restrictions in states around the country.

The measure, the product of painstaking negotiations to bring progressives and moderates together on legislation that Democrats regard as crucial to preserving voting access and their own political competitiveness, faces steep odds in the Senate. The changes are highly unlikely to persuade Republicans to drop their opposition to legislation they have argued is an egregious overreach and a threat to their party.

But it represents a bid by leading Democrats to demonstrate to holdouts within their ranks that Republicans will never accept any measure to protect ballot access, and that the party's only option for doing so is to weaken the filibuster so that a new law can be rammed through without Republicans.

"Republicans formed a wall of total opposition against any progress on voting rights in the United States Senate," said Senator Chuck Schumer, the New York Democrat and majority leader, who began the process on Tuesday.

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## Fighting Back From Jungles Of Myanmar

By **HANNAH BEECH**

The Myanmar soldiers attacked the village of Yay Shin, deep in the furrows of the Himalayan foothills, just after dusk, descending with flamethrowers and heavy weapons.

Clutching aging AK-47s smuggled from India and Thailand, members of a self-proclaimed People's Defense Force returned fire, so the rest of the villagers could scramble into the hills, several residents said by phone.

Eight bodies of villagers were later found, along with those of eight soldiers who were killed in battle. By the time the 77th and 99th Battalions left Yay Shin this month, little of the village in northwestern Myanmar remained, just smoldering ruins of a hamlet that had dared to take up arms against the military's February coup.

Seven months after ousting Myanmar's elected government, the country's fearsome army, known as the Tatmadaw, is ramping up attacks on a largely improvised armed resistance, and on the villages where its members live. It is a pattern of slaughter that the Tatmadaw has inflicted for decades on various ethnic minorities, such as the Rohingya, whose forcible expulsion from the country the United States considers to be ethnic cleansing.

Now, the Myanmar army is tar-

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## NEWSOM PREVAILS

### Californians overwhelmingly reject Republican-led recall effort



GOV. GAVIN NEWSOM acknowledges supporters with his daughter Brooklynn after speaking to campaign volunteers in San Francisco.

#### ANALYSIS

### Will bid to oust governor change him?

BY JOHN MYERS

SACRAMENTO — Twenty-six days before his 54th birthday, California voters gave Gov. Gavin Newsom the early gift of a second chance.

Their refusal Tuesday to remove him from office brings to an end a dramatic and disagreeable chapter in the state's political history, though the clashes sparked by the recall election will surely persist into next year and beyond.

But while Newsom can rightly boast that a sizable majority of voters want him to finish the term to which he was elected in 2018, the election returns offer no such mandate for his style of governing.

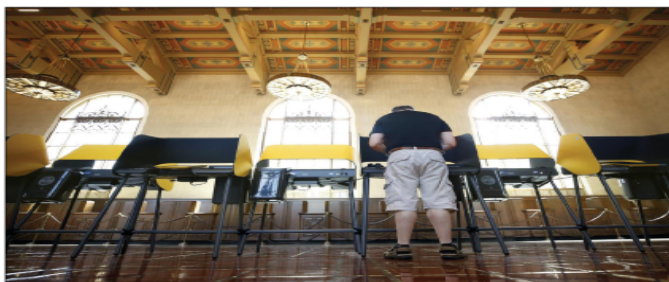
The governor's anti-recall campaign rarely mentioned his accomplishments. Instead, it relied on the political equivalent of a screaming security alarm, warning that voters should take a good look at the Republicans whose special election amounted to attempted theft, the Democrat's campaign insisted.

Newsom's political team didn't stop there. Its closing argument was that a dystopian future was on the horizon should any of the GOP hopefuls — most notably conservative talk radio host Larry Elder — take the oath of office and dismantle California's efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

In some ways, the anti-recall campaign borrowed from the bruising fight Newsom waged against then-President Trump during [See Analysis, A7]



LARRY ELDER greets supporters at his election night party in Costa Mesa. A GOP activist calls him "the leader of the resistance in California."



NOT WAITING until the last minute, Josh Hodas casts his ballot Monday morning in the historic Union Station Ticket Hall in Los Angeles.

### An electorate that's fueled by vastly different realities

BY RUBEN VIVES, PRISCILLA VEGA, MELISSA GOMEZ AND JOE MOZINGO

To hear many at the polls on Tuesday, the effort to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom was just another political end run by Trump supporters to bypass the normal election process when they didn't have majority support.

"I thought all this was going to end after Trump lost," said Terry Lee, a 78-year-old San Bernardino resident voting against the recall Tuesday. "He argued voter fraud, and [the votes] were re-

counted and recounted and it changed nothing. But that's not good enough, is it?"

To hear others, Newsom failed spectacularly in overreacting to the pandemic and is driving California into the dumps.

"I want a change," said Eliza Boucher, 50, of Santa Ana, after voting for talk show host Larry Elder. "I'm tired of all the closings and wearing the masks. I want the freedom we had before."

From Los Angeles to Bakersfield, Fresno to the North Coast, Californians turned out to [See Voters, A6]

### Elder emerges as face of GOP in state

BY JAMES RAINEY

Although the effort to recall California Gov. Gavin Newsom failed, the lightning two-month campaign appears to have had at least one clear beneficiary: Larry Elder.

The conservative talk radio host jumped to the front of the pack of 46 recall challengers soon after he entered the race on July 12, enhancing his brand as a media provocateur and potentially paving the way for a future run for office.

His showing Tuesday, when he led the challengers by a wide margin, could establish him as the putative leader of the state's Republican party.

Some of his most ardent followers have said they hope Elder will run next year, to challenge Newsom for a second time.

Asked about a 2022 run, Elder told KMJ radio in Fresno on Tuesday: "I have now become a political force here in California in general and particularly within the Republican party. And I'm not going to leave the stage."

But his path to a victory would be even more difficult then, when he would have to receive a majority of the vote in a state where Democrats outnumber Republicans nearly 2 to 1.

Tuesday's results represented a stark dichotomy for Elder: The L.A. native, making his first run for office at 69, rocketed past more experienced candidates to become the darling of conservatives. That put him tantalizingly close to becoming the first Black governor in the state's 17-year history. [See Elder, A7]

### Race was seen as battle against far right

BY PHIL WILLON, TARYN LUNA AND JULIA WICK

California Gov. Gavin Newsom survived a historic recall election Tuesday, winning a major vote of confidence during a COVID-19 pandemic that has shattered families and livelihoods and tested his ability to lead the state through the largest worldwide health crisis in modern times.

The recall offered Republicans their best chance in more than a decade to take the helm of the largest state in the union. But the effort was undercut when Newsom and the nation's leading Democrats, aided by visits to California by President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, portrayed the campaign to oust the governor as a "life and death" battle against "Trumpism" and far-right anti-vaccine activists.

Conservative talk show host Larry Elder led the 46 candidates on the second question on the ballot hoping to become governor, but that became meaningless after a majority of California voters decided to keep Newsom in office.

Moments after national television networks called the election for Newsom, the governor walked into the California Democratic headquarters in Sacramento to talk with reporters, forgoing a victory celebration as is commonplace in traditional campaigns.

Appearing resolute, Newsom cast the rejection of the [See Recall, A6]

#### Results

66% of the estimated vote count

#### For recalling Gov. Gavin Newsom

No	Yes
5,764,234	3,090,269
65.1%	34.9%

#### Top vote-getters for replacing Newsom

Elder — 2,199,287

45.7%

Paffrath — 489,127

10.2%

Source: Associated Press

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Takeaways from the election and what to expect in state politics. A5

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Will the GOP be any wiser? Don't count on it, Steve Lopez writes. A12

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#### Gulf Coast drenched

Downgraded Nicholas brings rain to Texas, Louisiana. NATION, A4

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Turning sunny. L.A. Basin: 79/58. B6







## New book details Milley's secret calls

BY ISAAC STANLEY BECKER

Twice in the final months of the Trump administration, the country's top military officer was so fearful that the president's actions might spark a war with China that he moved urgently to avert armed conflict.

In a pair of secret phone calls, Army Gen. Mark A. Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, assured his Chinese counterpart, Gen. Li Zuoqiang of the People's Liberation Army, that the United States would not strike, according to a new book by Washington Post associate editor Bob

General tried twice to assuage China during the final Trump months



Army Gen. Mark A. Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Woodward and national political reporter Robert Costa.

One call took place on Oct. 30, 2020, four days before the election that unseated President Donald Trump, and the other on Jan. 8, 2021, two days after the Capitol siege carried out by his supporters in a quest to cancel the vote.

The first call was prompted by

Milley's review of intelligence suggesting the Chinese believed the United States was preparing to attack. That belief, the authors write, was based on tensions over military exercises in the South China Sea, and deepened by Trump's belligerent rhetoric toward China.

"General Li, I want to assure

you that the American government is stable and everything is going to be okay," Milley told him. "We are not going to attack or conduct any kinetic operations against you."

In the book's account, Milley went so far as to pledge he would alert his counterpart in the event of a U.S. attack, stressing the rapport they'd established through a back channel. "General Li, you and I have known each other for now five years. If we're going to attack, I'm going to call you ahead of time. It's not going to be a surprise."

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## Gov. Newsom projected to win in Calif.

BEATS BACK GOP-LED RECALL EFFORT

Early results show large lead in deep-blue state

BY SCOTT WILSON

LOS ANGELES — Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) was projected to defeat a recall campaign against him Tuesday thanks to a large Democratic turnout and broad fears within the state over the surging coronavirus pandemic.

Newsom rode a large Democratic turnout, which he and his proxies worked on ensuring for months in this very blue state. Even more important were public fears over the rise again of the pandemic. He has been among the most aggressive governors in the nation in demanding vaccinations and mask-wearing, policies his Republican rivals opposed.

Newsom will stay in office for

another year; he is expected to seek reelection in 2022.

The final results may not be known for days, even though the ballot comprised just two questions. The first was whether Newsom, elected with nearly 62 percent of the vote in 2018, should be removed from office a year early. If he had failed to gain 50 percent of the vote on that question, the candidate with the most votes seeking to replace him would have headed to the governor's mansion. Forty-six people are on that list.

But the "no" vote against recalling Newsom was ahead by more than 20 percentage points as polls closed. Many of those votes were early mail-in ballots, which heavily

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"These killings were a message to everyone."

Shvan Selmo, a commander of the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces



PHOTOS BY NICOLE TUNG FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

## In Syria, ISIS militants surge anew

A bang on the door. A violent abduction. And a twin murder in the desert night.

BY LOUISA LOVELUCK

DASHISHA, SYRIA — The pair of young women had been missing for hours when troops searching for them heard gunshots in the desert night. Two quick booms, then two again. They found the bodies by the roadside.

Staring down at them, soldiers from the Syrian Democratic Forces had no doubts about who kidnapped the women, both local government workers, and shot them dead. "These killings were a message to everyone," the SDF commander, Shvan Selmo, recalled thinking.

The murders near the remote, sun-scorched village of Dashisha bore the hallmarks of the Islamic State.

Two and a half years after its self-declared caliphate was extinguished amid a blitz of U.S.-led coalition airstrikes in the palm groves of Baghouz, further to the south, the militants in northeastern Syria are down but not defeated.

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TOP: Rusli Latif al-Khadir, 4, and Hiyam Latif al-Khadir, 22, the daughter and sister, respectively, of Hind Latif al-Khadir, who was killed in January, stand under a portrait of her at their home in Dashisha, Syria. ABOVE: Recruits to the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces take part in basic training at a base in Raqqa, Syria.

## Stimulus efforts lifted millions from poverty

BY HEATHER LONG AND AMY GOLDSTEIN

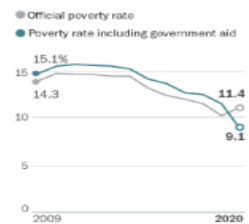
U.S. poverty fell overall in 2020, a surprising decline largely due to the swift and substantial federal relief that Congress enacted at the start of the pandemic to try to prevent widespread financial hardship as the nation experienced the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression.

The U.S. Census Bureau reported poverty fell to 9.1 percent in 2020 after accounting for all the government aid — the lowest rate on record and a significant decline from 11.8 percent in 2019.

Nearly 8.5 million people were lifted out of poverty last year, an unprecedented change in a single year that was largely attributed to the stimulus payments. Poverty in the United States is defined as a family of four living on less than about \$26,250 a year.

"This is a really phenomenal

U.S. poverty rate in 2020



Source: U.S. Census Bureau result," said Elaine Waxman, a senior fellow at the Urban Institute. "But a lot of the aid that made a difference, including for families with children, won't be extended." As the economy recovers from

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## U.S. has weighed vaccine rule for international fliers

BY ANNIE LINSKEY AND YASMEEN ABUTALEB

As White House officials rushed to shape last week's sweeping new vaccine mandates, they debated the idea of requiring international air travelers to be vaccinated before boarding a plane, as part of a larger effort to persuade more Americans to get immunized, according to two people familiar with the plans.

Some aides argued that other countries already require vaccinations to fly and that the United States should join their ranks, according to an administration official. But others said mandates

work best when they require people to prove they are immunized only once — like at work — rather than repeatedly, like every time they board a plane.

The idea was shelved, but top White House officials say that proposal and similar ones are still under consideration — including, potentially, a broader vaccine mandate that would include domestic air travel.

"We're discussing it," Anthony S. Fauci, President Biden's chief medical adviser, said about the

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"Living with the virus": Britain to begin booster shot campaign. A18

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and a whistleblower tentatively agreed to settle a \$256 million fraud judgment against a nursing home chain for \$4.5 million. A25  
**THE WORLD** Before the recent evacuation, an earlier wave of Afghan migrants to Europe received an unwelcome reception. A10  
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**A top Haitian prosecutor** sought charges

against the prime minister in connection with the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse. He was fired. A21

**THE ECONOMY** An unorthodox mix of would-be explorers will make history as early as this evening as the first all-civilian group of astronauts on SpaceX's Inspiration4. A22  
**Apple unveiled** the latest iPhones, iPads and Apple Watches. A25

**THE REGION** A hospital set to open in 2024 will provide pediatric and maternal care to D.C.'s Ward 8 residents for the first time since 2017. B1

**Metro didn't follow** safety procedures during an overhaul of rail cars, an audit shows. B1  
**A.D.C. day health** facility for older adults with memory issues or other disabilities is the first of its kind east of the Anacostia River. B1  
**Virginia Tech** broke ground in Alexandria on its 3.5-acre Innovation Campus, a graduate school meant to help expand the workforce for Northern Virginia's booming tech sector. B1  
**D.C. officials** are trying to prepare for a demonstration related to the Capitol riot that comes on a weekend already busy with festivals and sporting events. B5

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## A Boca no le sirvió el empate en la Bombonera

Igualó 0-0 con Defensa y Justicia y el equipo de Battaglia quedó a 8 puntos de la cima del torneo. **Deportes**



## EL FILM MÁS CENSURADO DE LA HISTORIA LLEGA A LOS CINES PORTEÑOS

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*El imperio de los sentidos*, de Nagisa Oshima, hoy es considerado una obra maestra, pero pocas veces pudo ser exhibido completo por sus escenas explícitas de sexo. **Página 6**

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## Fernández prepara medidas y el kirchnerismo insiste en cambios en el gabinete

**ANUNCIOS.** El Presidente busca inyectar recursos para intentar revertir la derrota electoral

El presidente Alberto Fernández anunciará mañana una serie de medidas destinadas a inyectar recursos a diferentes sectores sociales, en un intento de revertir los resultados adversos de las primarias.

El Gobierno aceleró los anuncios en un contexto de creciente presión del kirchnerismo para que el Presidente instrumente cambios en el gabinete. "Tenemos que elegir si seguimos paveando o reaccionamos", dijo ayer Andrés "Cuervo" Larroque, uno de los jefes de La Cúmpora, que sugirió reemplazos

de ministros. Lo mismo hicieron la senadora María de los Ángeles Sacnun, el diputado Hugo Yasky y el dirigente social Juan Grabois.

Las medidas en discusión en el oficialismo incluyen un complemento de las jubilaciones, créditos productivos, un refuerzo para la AUH y el traspaso de planes sociales a puestos de trabajo. En cambio, en la Casa Rosada desmentían ayer que el paquete incluyera una extensión del Ingreso Familiar de Emergencia (IFE), como pide un sector del kirchnerismo. **Página 8**

### EL ANÁLISIS

## La guerra interna ha comenzado

Joaquín Morales Solá

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**E**stá en marcha lo que enseña el primer tomo de lecciones para una campaña electoral, sobre todo si esta fue perdidos y si quienes

perdieron controlan el Estado. Distribuir dinero, aunque el dinero provenga de una emisión descontrolada de pesos espurios. Continúa en la página 12

## Dan más beneficios fiscales a Cristóbal López

**AFIP.** Podrá pagar la deuda de \$12.700 millones en 97 cuotas y con una tasa baja

Hugo Alconada Mon  
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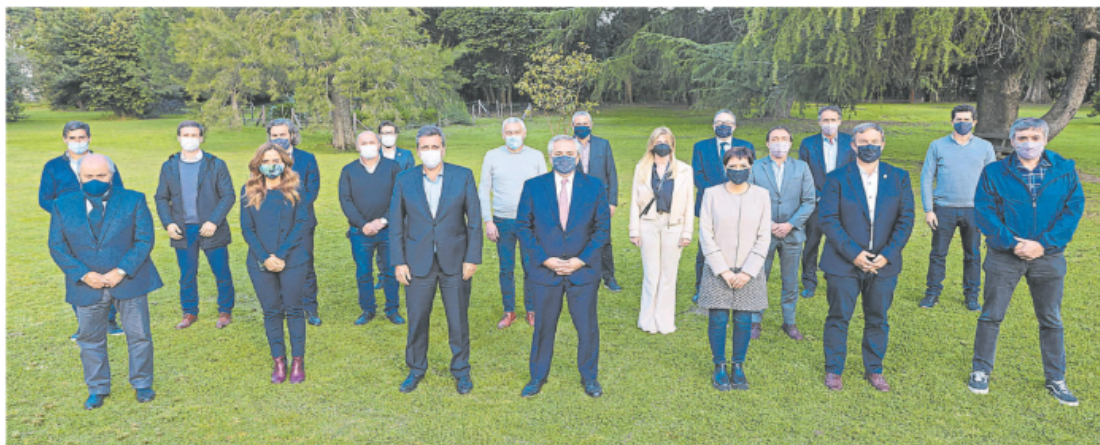
Mientras la AFIP le informaba a la Justicia Penal que retiraba su acusación contra Cristóbal López y Fabián de Sousa, los empresarios patagónicos dieron otro paso en los tribunales comerciales. Comunicaron que consolidaron su deuda fiscal con dos planes de pagos que suman más de \$12.700 millones y que deberán devolver durante los próximos años, con una tasa de interés fijada por debajo de la inflación. Continúa en la página 17

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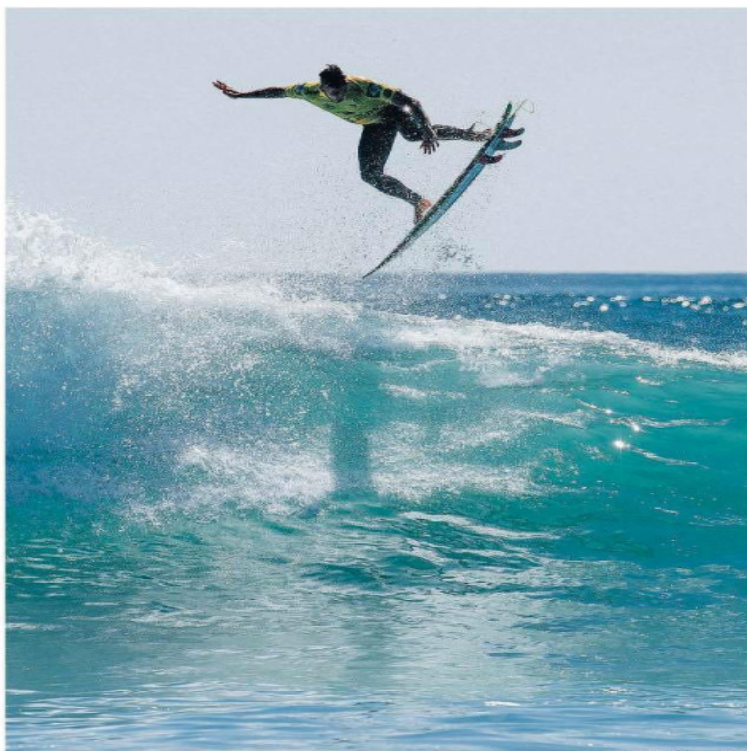
João Gomes e Mari Fernandez renovam forró eletrônico após prisão de DJ Ivis

### Avião cai em SP e mata acionista da Cosan e família

Uma aeronave King Air 360 caiu ontem em Piracaba, a 160 km da capital. Além do piloto e do copiloto, o avião, que ia para Belém, levava o acionista da Cosan Celso Silveira Mello Filho, sua mulher e os três filhos. Não houve sobreviventes. Cotidiano B2

### Temperatura na capital despenca após calor forte

Cotidiano B1



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### GABRIEL MEDINA É TRICAMPEÃO DA LIGA MUNDIAL

Em final interrompida por aparição de tubarão, ele bateu Filipe Toledo; Italo Ferreira fechou o pódio brasileiro e, no feminino, gaúcha Tatiana Weston-Webb foi vice-campeã. Esporte B6

### Nova secretária de Cultura paulistana critica polarização

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### Gregorio Duvivier A paternidade me fez marqueteiro

De todos os ofícios que a paternidade impõe, nunca pensei que teria que me transformar em marqueteiro. Não me contaram que passaria dias e noites quebrando a cabeça para envelopar experiências banais em narrativas épicas — e mentirosas. Ilustrada B14

### ATMOSFERA

São Paulo hoje



### Pacheco devolve MP das fake news editada antes de 7/9

O presidente do Senado e do Congresso Nacional, Rodrigo Pacheco (DEM-MG), decidiu ontem devolver ao governo a MP editada por Jair Bolsonaro que limita a remoção de conteúdo publicado nas redes sociais. Trata-se de mais uma derrota para o chefe do Executivo.

Assinada por Bolsonaro na véspera dos atos de raiz golpista do feriado de 7 de Setembro, a medida alterava o Marco Civil da Internet para impedir que redes decidam sobre a exclusão de contas ou perfis apenas com base nas próprias políticas de uso. Poder A4

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Lula e a economia Acerca de incerteza gerada por idas e vindas do PT.

### ANÁLISE Mauro Zafalon Apoio do agro ao governo se esfale rapidamente

O agronegócio está desembarcando do governo Bolsonaro, com deserções de peso entre produtores. Em logística, industrialização e comércio exterior, a paciência acabou. Mercado A24



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**Pabellón Covid del HNI está libre de pacientes**



**Buena noticia.** A 18 meses de la pandemia, en el Hospital Nacional de Itauguá por segundo día consecutivo no se tuvo un solo enfermo Covid en sala.

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## « Dune » : Timothée Chalamet, la French touch de Hollywood



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À 25 ans, l'acteur franco-américain est à l'affiche d'une grosse production pour la première fois, après s'être imposé avec des films indépendants. Adulé depuis ses débuts, il est devenu la voix et le visage du Hollywood des millennials. Et démontre avec son rôle dans le film de Denis Villeneuve que le terme de superstar a encore de l'avenir au XXI<sup>e</sup> siècle. PAGES 28 ET 29

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## La main de fer de Xi

**D**u point de vue chinois, la prophétie du timonier Xi Jinping, sur le déclin de l'Occident a commencé à se réaliser en Afghanistan. En pliant bagage dans le chaos sous la menace des islamistes, la puissance américaine a subi un revers qui dépasse largement l'enclos de l'aéroport de Kaboul. Le très officiel *Global Times* a déjà prévenu les Taïwanais que ce retrait préfigurerait leur propre « abandon » par les États-Unis. Joe Biden assure le contraire, invoquant des « situations fondamentalement différentes ». Mais la tentation chinoise n'en sera que plus forte de tester la résolution américaine sur cet enjeu majeur de souveraineté.

Dans la formidable compétition géopolitique qui les oppose, les deux géants mondiaux prennent des trajectoires opposées : au repli et aux divisions internes qui affaiblissent l'Amérique répondent le nationalisme autoritaire et le durcissement centralisateur de Pékin. Non content de s'être donné les moyens de régner à vie, Xi Jinping n'a de cesse de consolider son pouvoir personnel, endoctrinant de ses « pensées » (déjà inscrites dans la Constitution) les jeunes générations dès l'école. Son

dernier tour de vis, à gauche, emprunte à Mao le concept de « prospérité commune », qui avait présidé à la collectivisation des terres dans les années 1950. Voyant le nombre de milliardaires s'envoler et les inégalités se creuser, l'« empereur rouge » a mesuré le potentiel de déstabilisation intérieure des défis sociaux. Il y répond par la mise au pas de l'économie privée, la chasse aux influences occidentales et le « recadrage moral » de la société.

### Pékin et Washington sur des trajectoires opposées

Son impérialisme agressif, renforcé par un militarisme croissant, n'annonce rien de bon quand, de l'autre côté du Pacifique, l'effacement stratégique et la cacophonie politique diluent l'autorité de la Maison-Blanche. Xi Jinping tient la Chine d'une main de fer, la préparant à un affrontement des blocs que beaucoup jugent inéluctable. Joe Biden, en voulant mobiliser les forces de l'Amérique pour la même cause, projette une image de faiblesse et d'ambiguïté. Espérons que cela ne débouche pas sur un terrible malentendu. ■

# En Chine, l'inquiétante dérive maoïste de Xi Jinping

Le président chinois renforce son emprise en s'inspirant des principes du « Grand Timonier » : mise en coupe réglée de l'économie, soumission à la ligne idéologique du Parti communiste et « corsetage » moral de la société.

Le numéro un chinois a lancé ouvertement la bataille politique en vue du prochain congrès, prévu à l'automne 2022, en donnant un coup de barre à gauche. Xi Jinping a pour ambition d'accentuer son emprise

sans partage lors d'un troisième mandat consécutif. Le 17 août, il a lancé une « chasse aux riches » dans le secteur privé et a brandi le slogan de « la prospérité commune », remettant au goût du jour une

expression datant de la collectivisation des terres des grands propriétaires privés dans les années 1950, à l'aube de la Chine maoïste. Ce tour de vis étatique a semé l'inquiétude chez les investisseurs.

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## Macron multiplie les promesses pour répondre au malaise des policiers

À sept mois de la présidentielle, le chef de l'État a annoncé mardi à Roubaix les réformes qu'il souhaite mener en matière de sécurité. Doublement des effectifs, augmentation du

budget, simplification de la procédure... Au cours d'un discours très politique, Emmanuel Macron a détaillé ses engagements pour bâtir la « police de 2030 ». PAGE 4

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# Act urgently or face up to 7,000 a day in hospital, scientists tell PM

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Heather Stewart

Between 2,000 and 7,000 people a day could be hospitalised with Covid in England next month unless the government urgently implements a "basket of measures", government scientific advisers have warned as Boris Johnson made clear he hopes to avoid fresh restrictions.

The prime minister confirmed yesterday that Covid passports, the return of mandatory mask-wearing

and advice to work from home would be kept in reserve as the government's "plan B", to be introduced if the NHS is at risk of being overwhelmed.

But newly published modelling from experts on the Sage advisory committee warn the government not to wait too long, with cases, hospitalisations and deaths all higher than a year ago despite the success of the vaccination programme.

Speaking alongside Johnson at a Downing Street press conference, the chief medical adviser, Sir Patrick Vallance, also said experience of battling

the virus showed "you have to go earlier than you think you want to, you have to go harder than you think you want to". He said the UK was now at a "pivot point" where, if the situation worsens, it could do so rapidly.

Modellers on the Sage committee expect cases to rise in the coming months after almost all restrictions were lifted this summer, documents show. Daily hospitalisations could plausibly peak at 7,000 in England next month, far surpassing the winter peak which reached 4,500 UK-wide, according to the updated modelling.

**'People still need to take this disease very seriously'**

Prof Chris Whitty  
Chief medical officer, England

Currently about 1,000 people with Covid are being admitted to UK hospital wards each day.

But if enacted early enough, before a rise in cases becomes sustained,

even light-touch measures could be sufficient to keep infections flat and prevent a damaging fresh wave of hospitalisations, the Sage documents say. "With the current levels of high prevalence combined with unknown behaviours, the burden on health and care settings could rise very quickly," the scientists warn. They say "it could be a very difficult winter ahead" if acute Covid combines with other pressures such as long Covid, other infections like flu, or co-infection to cause more serious illness.

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## Helmand chief: war is over, now give us aid

Emma Graham-Harrison  
Lashkar Gah



Helmand's new Taliban governor, who spent years as a commander fighting the British in Sangin, welcomes visitors with an assault rifle lying on his desk. Yet he insists the time for fighting is over.

He has a message for the British, and the rest of Nato: recognise the Taliban as Afghanistan's legitimate leaders and then come back, but with money not guns.

"We faced each other in battle, we didn't get to know each other in normal times," said Talib Mawlawi, a Helmand native who fought for the Taliban the first time the group controlled Afghanistan. "Now you can win our hearts and make us happy if you recognise this government."

Now that the Taliban have taken control of Lashkar Gah, the capital of Helmand, the fighting has stopped for the first time in two decades. The vast majority of the 457 British soldiers who died in the long war perished here in this

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## Back in fashion ... Billie Eilish lights up Met Gala

The most glamorous and outrageous event of the fashion world returned on Monday night with the annual fundraiser at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. **Eyewitness** Pages 22-23 →

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