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**King Charles III** spent his first day as monarch reaching out to the British public, unexpectedly meeting mourners in front of Buckingham Palace and delivering a heartfelt address to the nation, paying tribute to his mother. **A1, A8**

◆ **Ukrainian forces** advanced on a strategic city in the country's east, threatening to isolate thousands of Russian troops after four days of rapid gains that caught Moscow off guard and have altered the momentum of the war. **A1**

◆ **Ukraine is considering** shutting down the sole remaining reactor at the embattled Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant, the IAEA said. **A6**

◆ **Lawyers for Trump** said they wanted an independent arbiter to review all of the documents the FBI seized from Mar-a-Lago, including those marked classified, rejecting a compromise arrangement the DOJ had offered the court. **A4**

◆ **European energy** ministers backed sweeping interventions in the continent's energy markets to tamp down soaring electricity and gas prices. **A6**

◆ **Premiums for many ACA** health-insurance plans are set to rise sharply next year, a sign of how rising costs are starting to ripple through the healthcare economy. **A3**

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◆ **U.S. stocks rose** Friday and posted their first weekly gains in a month, offering a reprieve to a market that had been weighed down by fears over monetary policy. The S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow climbed 3.6%, 4.1% and 2.7%, respectively, for the week. **A1**

◆ **This summer's movie** season started with a bang, but ended with a whimper, running out of hit movies well before its traditional Labor Day conclusion. **A1**

◆ **Tesla is looking into** constructing a battery-grade lithium hydroxide refining facility that could support its electric-vehicle battery production. **B1**

◆ **A lawyer for Musk** argued in a letter to Twitter that a payment it made to a whistleblower gives Musk more ammunition to walk away from his deal to buy the firm. **B3**

◆ **Robinhood unveiled** an index designed to track the performance of the 100 investments most popular among its user base. **B1**

◆ **Amazon appears to be** fine-tuning its distribution strategy as it pauses its warehouse expansion across the U.S., logistics experts say. **B3**

◆ **The Treasury will lay** out the risks that it perceives cryptocurrencies pose in a series of reports set to become public this month. **B11**

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King Charles III returned to Buckingham Palace on Friday, pausing to view an impromptu memorial to his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, and greet people in the crowd. The new monarch, in a heartfelt TV address, paid tribute to the late queen.

## King Charles III Mourns Queen, Vows to Carry on Her Legacy

LONDON—King Charles III spent his first day as monarch on Friday reaching out to the British public, unexpectedly meeting mourners in front of

By Max Colchester,  
David Luhnow  
and Caitlin McCabe

Buckingham Palace and delivering a heartfelt address to the nation, paying tribute to his mother and pledging to serve the country for the rest of his life.

In his first address to the nation, King Charles III, the country's longest-serving monarch who died Thursday in Scotland.

"To my dear mama as you begin your last great journey to join my dear late papa, I simply want to say this: thank you," King Charles said. The king, quoting Shakespeare's Hamlet, concluded by saying "Flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."

Sitting in the room where his mother had once recorded Christmas messages to the nation, and wearing a black tie with a picture of Queen Elizabeth next to him, King Charles pledged to both respect the traditions of Britain while embracing those from different backgrounds, recognizing that the country had changed dramatically since the time his mother ascended to the throne.

"Our values have remained and must remain constant," he said. "Whatever may be your

background or beliefs, I shall endeavor to serve you with loyalty, respect and love, as I have throughout my life."

The king paid tribute to his family. He said that his heir, Prince William, would become Prince of Wales, a title that Charles himself held for many years and is traditionally held

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## Stocks Post First Weekly Advance In a Month

By AKANE OTANI  
AND JOE WALLACE

U.S. stocks rose Friday and posted their first weekly gain in a month, offering a reprieve to a market that had been weighed down by fears of

Stocks began the week lower but then made up ground over the following days, with shares of banks, manufacturers and consumer-discretionary companies helping lead the charge. Analysts said at least some of the recovery seemed to be fueled by investors looking for bargains after three consecutive weekly losses that had wiped out much of the market's summer rally.

Investor sentiment has reached extremely negative levels, Bank of America said in a report Friday. One measure of investor sentiment tracked by the bank, based off hedge-fund positioning, flows into credit and equity funds and other factors, has hit rock bottom—an indication that markets look oversold and investors should start buying again, analysts said.

Moreover, earnings results have largely pointed to resilience among U.S. corporations. "I don't see an earnings collapse," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer of Gresset Capital. "Obviously, if we go into a recession, it's a different

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## EXCHANGE



**HOT SEAT**  
Occidental Petroleum's chief executive trades Carl Icahn for Warren Buffett. **B1**

## In Speaker Bid, McCarthy Walks Precarious Path

Congressman makes alliances, takes few policy stands

By NATALIE ANDREWS

Kevin McCarthy is closer than ever to becoming Speaker of the House, a job he has wanted for years. The path he's taken is a risky one.

In his second bid to lead the House, the California Republican has tied his fortunes closely to former President Donald Trump. He has allowed wide latitude to the most outspoken conservatives in his caucus, while largely avoiding being overly identified with any particular policies or ideological wing of the party.

That has so far allowed him to maintain broad support in a GOP increasingly populated by energetic and unruly pro-Trump

lawmakers, according to lawmakers and current and former congressional aides.

Many nonpartisan analysts and most polls suggest that Republicans will win control of the House, though some recent polls have shown Democrats' fortunes improving.

If Republicans take control, Mr. McCarthy's high-wire act will be tested. The members on his right flank have a list of demands and will be watching to make sure he doesn't try to hold them back or compromise too much with Democrats. Similar pressures hampered his two predecessors as GOP leader, Paul Ryan and John Boehner.

Mr. McCarthy has started having conversations with lawmakers to head off future

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## Energy-Short Europeans Wonder, Is a 5-Minute Shower Too Brief?

Dutch impose limits to save natural gas, find that for some it's too much to ask

By ELIZA COLLINS

NOORDWIJK, Netherlands—Carla General used to spend 15 minutes in the shower, slowly raising the temperature as the minutes passed. Her boyfriend, who takes one-and-a-half-minute cold showers, couldn't fathom how she could be so wasteful. He bought her a five-minute sand-filled timer. "Sometimes I used it a bit to relax," she said of her extended shower routine. She

would often daydream and lose track of time. "I think I'm probably not the only person in the world" doing that, she added.

Now the Dutch government is trying to get the Noordwijk resident, a 37-year-old executive for an online retailer, and others like her to save some of that hot water and help build the Netherlands' energy reserves, following Russia's squeeze on gas supplies in response to West-

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## Summer Films Fizzle, And Fall Looks Dim

By ROBBIE WHELAN

This summer's movie season started with a bang, but ended with a whimper, running out of hit movies well before its traditional Labor Day conclusion.

Hollywood movies earned \$3.43 billion at theaters in North America this summer, defined as the period between the first Friday in May and Labor Day, according to box-office tracker Comscore.

That haul was 21% lower than summer 2019, the last year untainted by the pandemic and 19% lower than the average summer gross between 2005 and 2019. It was the lowest haul since 2001, when summer movies earned \$3.34 billion at

domestic theaters. The summer season typically accounts for about 40% of annual box-office receipts, Comscore says.

The reason, Comscore said, is there simply weren't enough movies. The film industry is still suffering from a hangover caused by the pandemic, which delayed hundreds of productions and forced distributors to shuffle release schedules, say movie studios, theater owners and analysts. Studios gave wide release—defined by Comscore as those that show on at least 2,000 screens—to only 22 movies this summer.

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## 'I shall endeavour to serve with loyalty, respect and love'



The new monarch greets well-wishers at Buckingham Palace

Charlie Babbitt

◆ King Charles addresses the nation ◆ Tribute to mother's love and devotion ◆ Crowds greeted at Buckingham Palace

GEORGE PARKER, JIM PICKARD AND JASMINE CAMERON-CHILESSE

King Charles III addressed the nation for the first time yesterday, vowing to emulate his late mother Queen Elizabeth's "life-long service", as Britain began a 10-day period of national mourning.

The new monarch's words came at the end of a day of parliamentary tributes, gun salutes and raw emotion, as thousands gathered, some in tears, at the gates of Buckingham Palace to leave floral tributes to Elizabeth II.

"Queen Elizabeth was a life well lived, a promise with destiny kept and she is mourned most deeply in her passing," the King said in his first national address.

"Whatever may be your background or beliefs I shall endeavour to serve you with loyalty, respect and love."

The King said that he was bestowing the title of Prince of Wales on his son and

heir, William, and expressed his profound sense of loss following the death of his "darling mama" at Balmoral Castle in Scotland on Thursday.

"Thank you for your love and devotion to our family and to the family of nations you have served so diligently all these years," he said of his mother. "May 'flights of angels' see thee to thy rest."

Charles III will be officially "proclaimed" king today at an Accession Council in London, a constitutional formality to recognise his sovereignty attended by members of the privy council, which includes senior politicians and clergy.

King Charles arrived in London from Balmoral in the early afternoon and ordered his car to stop outside Buckingham Palace. He shook hands and exchanged words with scores of his new subjects to cries of "God Save the King". The new king, heir to the throne for 70

years, is now at the centre of a painstakingly choreographed series of events, encompassing 10 days of national mourning and the funeral for the Queen, widely expected in Whitehall to be held on September 19.

After arriving in London he held his first audience with Liz Truss, Britain's new prime minister, who arrived in black at Buckingham Palace.

Truss became Queen Elizabeth's 15th prime minister only three days ago, succeeding Boris Johnson; Charles had been monarch for less than 24 hours.

Parliament gathered at noon for MPs to pay their respects to the Queen while bells tolled at St Paul's Cathedral, at Windsor Castle and at Westminster Abbey.

Truss told MPs that the Queen was "one of the greatest leaders the world has ever known", while Sir Keir Starmer, Labour party opposition leader, said

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**Simon Schama:**  
'It was the deep personal steadiness beneath the bright hats that fortified everyone else'

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that her death "robs our country of its stillest point, its greatest comfort". Truss's predecessor Boris Johnson said that the Queen was "as radiant, knowledgeable and fascinated by politics" as he could remember during their final meeting on Tuesday, when she "saw off her 14th prime minister and welcomed her 15th".

Later a service of prayer and reflection was held at St Paul's Cathedral in London where mourners delivered the first official rendition of God Save the King.

The new monarch said that he would now step back from the many charities and causes that he had supported as Prince of Wales, an acknowledgment that as King he will have to steer clear of politically contentious issues.

Elsewhere, plans were made for the new monarch's features to appear on the nation's coins, stamps and post boxes;

Queen's Counsel at the bar will now become King's Counsel.

Some sports events, including Premier League football matches and Test cricket, were cancelled as the period of national mourning began.

The next meeting of the Bank of England's monetary policy committee, which was set to be held next Thursday, has been postponed until the following week.

London retailers Selfridges and Liberty closed their doors, music was stopped in Wetherspoons-owned pubs, and corporate events were cancelled across Britain as businesses paid their respects to the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

On a day of tributes, Emmanuel Macron, France's president, captured a global sense of loss: "To you, she was your Queen. To us, she was The Queen. To us all, she will be with all of us forever."

## Dignified and diverse, Britain remembers its strengths

Henry Mance  
Jennifer Williams

Shortly before 12.30pm yesterday, a policeman announced to the crowd at Buckingham Palace that the gates were full, that all floral tributes should be laid elsewhere. But the queue silently ignored him. They moved on, clutching their roses, their sunflowers, their marigolds – some homegrown, some with the price tags recently peeled off.

They were determined to go home empty-handed and full-hearted.

These are the days that Britain does well, when the nation shakes off its self-doubt and pulls itself to attention. The

mood outside the palace was not distraught – there were few tears – it was dignified. The crowd was strikingly diverse. People arrived in black ties and in baseball caps, from all social classes, from Britain and from overseas.

"I don't think I was prepared for the quiet," said Bob, a former stock trader from north London. He had laid roses together with a note. "The head says it's futile, yet the heart wants to have its say."

In truth, everything that could be said about Queen Elizabeth II had probably been said, but it still had to be felt and shared. People took selfies and posed for pictures. Was this the done thing? Who knew? The last time a monarch had died few of them were alive and camera-phones were decades away from being invented.

The events following the Queen's passing had been meticulously planned but the public's reaction could never be

In 1997 the monarchy underestimated public grief at the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Last year the BBC overestimated it following the death of the Duke of Edinburgh when it received more than 100,000 complaints for interrupting its schedules with extended coverage.

Many of those paying their respects yesterday had not even predicted their own reaction to the Queen's death. They had not planned to come to central London, but had ended up there, swept along by their need to mark the moment, to be reassured that others felt as they did. The written messages overwhelmingly expressed not so much sadness as thanks for Elizabeth II's service. "I was born in 1952, you had been there all my life," said one.

It was the Queen's steadfastness, continuing royal duties until the day before her death, that most resonated with her

subjects. "There have been times this week when I've had toothache and thought – I don't want to get up. Can you imagine the amount of times she felt 'I don't want to do that'?" Without fail, she showed up," said Jane Greig, a business analyst from Essex.

It was scarcely believable that, on the same spot 97 days earlier, crowds had been celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with performances from Elton John and Diana Ross, and a charming video of the monarch and Paddington Bear.

By mid-afternoon, the mourning had turned to well-wishing, with the arrival of King Charles III's motorcade. At first, there were just a few shouts of "God Save the King". Then the palace lowered its Union flag at half-mast, and raised a royal standard, indicating the monarch's presence. That won applause. England cricketers, their Test against South Africa

postponed out of respect, mingled.

The pictures that will endure are those of Charles greeting members of the public, as he has done hundreds if not thousands of times before, but never as King. "My mother would have been so touched," he told one well-wisher. "Thanks for coming." He clearly felt as humbled as many in the crowd.

From abroad, Britain's relationship with monarchy can seem cringingly deferential. Up close, it feels less cultish and more logical. The monarchy provides a link to the past and the future. It encapsulates how individuals come and go, but the collective remains.

Of course, this being 2022 and a moment of political and economic malaise in Britain, there was anxiety too.

"It's the end of a chapter – an old-fashioned England that is ceasing to exist," said Charlie Barker, a tiler from



Americans mourn passing of a much-loved matriarch  
Held in awe • PAGE 2

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In bus-window reflections, students were pouring out of Educational Institute Oholei Torah in Crown Heights, Brooklyn.

## Failing Schools, Public Funds

Hasidic Students in New York State Are Deprived of Basic Skills

By ELIZA SHAPIRO  
and BRIAN M. ROSENTHAL

The Hasidic Jewish community has long operated one of New York's largest private schools on its own terms, resisting any outside scrutiny of how its students are faring. But in 2019, the school, the Central United Talmudical Academy, agreed to give state standardized tests in reading and math to more than 1,000 students.

Every one of them failed.

Students at nearly a dozen other schools run by the Hasidic community recorded

similarly dismal outcomes that year, a pattern that under ordinary circumstances would signal an education system in crisis. But where other schools might be struggling because of underfunding or mismanagement, these schools are different. They are failing by design.

The leaders of New York's Hasidic community have built scores of private schools to educate children in Jewish law, prayer and tradition — and to wall them off from the secular world. Offering little English and math, and virtually no science or history, they drill students relentlessly, sometimes brutally, during hours of religious

lessons conducted in Yiddish.

The result, a New York Times investigation has found, is that generations of children have been systematically denied a basic education, trapping many of them in a cycle of joblessness and dependency.

Segregated by gender, the Hasidic system fails most starkly in its more than 100 schools for boys. Spread across Brooklyn and the lower Hudson Valley, the schools turn out thousands of students each year who are unprepared to navigate the outside world, helping to push poverty rates in Hasidic neighborhoods to some of the highest

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## Roe's Reversal Changes Ways Doctors Work

By KATE ZERNIKE

In Wisconsin, a group of doctors and lawyers is trying to come up with guidelines on how to comply with a newly revived 173-year-old law that prohibits abortion except to save the life of a pregnant woman. They face the daunting task of defining all the emergencies and conditions that might result in a pregnant woman's death, and the fact that doctors could be punished with six years in prison if a prosecutor disagrees that abortion was necessary.

A similar task force at an Arizona hospital recommends having a lawyer on call to help doctors determine whether a woman's condition threatens her life enough to justify an abortion. Already, the hospital has added questions to its electronic medical forms so they can be used to argue that patients who had abortions would have died without them.

And in Texas, oncologists say they now wait for pregnant women with cancer to get sicker before they treat them, because the standard of care would be to abort the fetus rather than allow treatments that damage it, but a state law allows abortion only "at risk of death." Some hospitals have established committees to evaluate whether a pregnancy complication is severe enough to justify an

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## The U.S. Open Champion, and the Ruler of Her Sport

Iga Swiatek, the world's top-ranked player, became the first Polish woman to win the U.S. Open singles title when she defeated Ons Jabeur in straight sets. The victory solidified Swiatek's lead for the top spot over Jabeur, who will be No. 2 when the new rankings come out on Monday. Page 28.

## Trump's Lawyers Seek Legal Aid for Themselves

By MICHAEL S. SCHMIDT  
and LUKE BROADWATER

A dark joke has begun circulating among lawyers following the many legal travails of former President Donald J. Trump: MAGA actually stands for "making attorneys get attorneys."

Over six years and nine major

investigations by Congress, the Justice Department and local prosecutors, as Mr. Trump has managed to avoid removal from the presidency and indictment, it has become clear that serving as one of his lawyers is a remarkably risky job — and one that can involve considerable legal exposure. Time after time, his attorneys have been asked to testify as

witnesses to potential crimes — or come under scrutiny as possible criminal conspirators themselves.

While the consequences his lawyers faced were extraordinary when Mr. Trump was in the White House, the dangers have only intensified since he left office and have become increasingly acute

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## UKRAINE RECLAIMS KEY EASTERN CITY, RESHAPING BATTLE

A Setback for Putin  
on Several Fronts

Izium Falls in Rapid  
Military Offensive

By ANTON TROIANOVSKI

As Russian forces hastily retreated in northeastern Ukraine on Saturday in one of their most embarrassing setbacks of the war, President Vladimir V. Putin was at a park in Moscow, presiding over the grand opening of a Ferris wheel.

"It's very important for people to be able to relax with friends and family," Mr. Putin intoned. The split-screen contrast was stunning, even for some of Mr. Putin's loudest backers. And it underscored a growing rift between the Kremlin and the invasion's most fervent cheerleaders.

For the cheerleaders, Russia's retreat appeared to confirm their worst fears: that senior Russian officials were so concerned with maintaining a business-as-usual atmosphere back home that they had failed to commit the necessary equipment and personnel to fight a long war against a determined enemy.

"You're throwing a billion-ruble party," one pro-Russian blogger wrote in a widely circulated post on Saturday, referring to the Putin-led celebrations in Moscow commemorating the 875th anniversary of the city's founding. "What is wrong with you? Not at the time of such a horrible failure."

Even as Moscow celebrated, he wrote, the Russian Army was fighting without enough night vision goggles, flak jackets, first-aid kits or drones. A few hundred miles away, Ukrainian forces retook the Russian military stronghold of Izium, continuing their rapid advance across the northeast and setting off a dramatic new phase in the war.

The outrage from Russian hawks on Saturday showed that even as Mr. Putin had succeeded

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By THOMAS GIBBONS-NEFF  
and MARC SANTORA

KYIV, Ukraine — A lightning Ukrainian offensive in the country's northeast has reshaped what had become a grinding war of attrition. In a matter of days, Russian front lines have buckled, Moscow's troops have fled and one village after another has come once more beneath Ukraine's yellow and blue banner.

Ukrainian officials said on Saturday that their troops had taken the eastern city of Izium, a strategically important railway hub that Russian forces seized in the spring after a bloody, weeks-long battle.

"Izium was liberated today," the city's mayor, Valeriy Marchenko, said in an interview.

Russia's Ministry of Defense — which a day earlier had said it was moving to reinforce its defensive positions in the region — confirmed on Saturday that it had pulled its forces out of Izium to "regroup." While the statement sought to portray the withdrawal as a preplanned move, the military equipment left scattered about pointed to a hasty retreat to avoid encirclement.

While the 12,000 remaining residents of a prewar population of 40,000 celebrated Izium's liberation from Russian control, their joy was tempered by the destruction wrought over the past six months.

There's no single residential building that wasn't damaged, Mr. Marchenko said. "Heating is the biggest problem. I doubt whether we would be able to restore the heating system before winter."

The loss of Izium could mark a turning point in the war, dwarfed only by Russia's humiliating defeat around the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, in the spring.

The successful Ukrainian offensive, which began last week near

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## In Bidding Farewell to Queen, Britain Grapples With Identity

By MARK LANDLER

LONDON — No sooner had the long-anticipated news broken — Queen Elizabeth II was dead — than Britain activated Operation London Bridge, the painstakingly choreographed funeral plan that guides the country through the rituals of tribute and mourning that culminate with her burial 10 days later.

But the plan, with its metro-nomic precision, masks something far messier: a rupture to the national psyche. The queen's death last week, at 96, is a genuinely traumatic event, leaving many in this stoic country anxious and unmoored. As they come to terms with the loss of a figure who embodied Britain, they are unsure of their nation's identity, its economic and social well-being, or even its role in the world.

To some, it almost seems as if London Bridge really is down.

Such trauma was not wholly unexpected: Elizabeth reigned for 70 years, making her the only monarch that most Britons ever knew. Yet the anxiety runs even deeper, scholars and commentators say, a reflection not only of the



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Prince William, Prince Harry and their wives on Saturday.

queen's long shadow but also of the unsettled country she leaves behind.

From Brexit and the coronavirus pandemic to the serial scandals that recently drove Prime Minister Boris Johnson from office, the end of the second Elizabeth age has been a time of unending turmoil for Britain.

In just the two months since Mr. Johnson announced he would step down, inflation has soared, a re-

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SIX YEARS after legalization with the idea of crippling the outlaw pot trade, illicit farms abound in Mount Shasta Vista, Calif.

# PROMISES UP IN SMOKE

California has done little to address its explosion of illegal cannabis farms

Story by Paige St. John | Photographs by Brian van der Brug

At sunset from atop Haystack Butte, the desert floor below shimmered with a thousand lights.

Illegal cannabis farms. At this hour and distance, serene hues cloak the rugged enclave of Mount Shasta Vista, a tense collective of seasonal camps guarded by guns and dogs where the daily runs of water trucks are interrupted by police raids, armed robberies and, sometimes, death. So many hoop houses pack this valley near the Oregon border that last year it had the capacity to supply half of California's entire legal cannabis market.

Proposition 64, California's 2016 landmark cannabis initiative, sold voters on the promise a legal market would cripple the drug's outlaw trade, with its associated violence and environmental wreckage.

Instead, a Los Angeles Times investigation finds, the law triggered a surge in illegal cannabis on a scale



SAMPLES from a seized marijuana crop are bagged after a 2021 raid on an illegal site in Siskiyou County.

## A view from space

The Times draws upon satellite imagery to map how many operations there are, and where. CALIFORNIA, B1

California has never before witnessed. Rogue cultivation centers like Mount Shasta Vista now engulf rural communities scattered across the state, as far afield as the Mojave Desert, the steep mountains on the North Coast, and the high desert and timberlands of the Sierra Nevada.

Residents in these places describe living in fear next to heavily armed camps. Criminal enterprises operate with near impunity, leasing private land and rapidly building out complexes of as many as 100 greenhouses. Police are overwhelmed, able to raid only a fraction of the farms, and even those are often back in business in days.

The raids rip out plants and snare low-wage laborers while those responsible, some operating with money from overseas, remain untouched by the law, hidden behind straw buyers and fake names on leases.

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## USC scandals shake up race for mayor

Bass and Caruso, both Trojan alumni, attack each other's roles in university misdeeds.

By MATT HAMILTON, JULIA WICK AND BENJAMIN ORESKES

At USC's commencement ceremony in 2019, Rep. Karen Bass and Rick Caruso marched across campus in crimson gowns, beaming at the thousands of soon-to-be graduates and their families.

Both alums of the private university, the congresswoman and the developer sat side by side onstage, laughing and flashing the two-finger salute known to USC's legion of proud fans.

"We raise our two fingers whenever and wherever we see another Trojan," Bass told the audience after receiving an honorary degree, while Caruso, chair of the university's board of trustees, looked on. "USC Trojans fight on until we change the world."

Now, less than two months until election day, Bass and Caruso are waging a bitter and personal fight to become L.A.'s mayor, attacking each other's character and ethics, particularly when it comes to their alma mater.

Caruso has labeled his opponent "corrupt" for accepting a \$95,000 scholarship from USC before pushing favorable legislation for the university. Bass has countered by tarring the businessman, a longtime trustee, for not being transparent about the findings of an internal investigation into a gynecologist charged with sexually abusing female students. [See Mayor, A12]

## Slaying points to risks of reporting

Jeff German's killing in Las Vegas highlights the ongoing threats to journalists in the U.S.

By JAMES RAINEY AND BRITTNEY MEJIA

Jeff German's articles exposed allegations of bullying and favoritism within Clark County's government, and as he expected, they had an immediate impact.

The work of the Las Vegas Review-Journal investigative reporter was widely viewed as contributing to the June election loss of Robert Telles, whose office oversaw the estates of people who died without estate plans. But that sort of work was nothing extraordinary for German, who for decades had taken on police, judges, casino executives and mob bosses.

That's why German's murder over the Labor Day weekend — committed, police say, by the slight, unimposing man German had been reporting on — resonated profoundly with the [See Journalists, A6]



RICARDO Tepale Arévalo rests with his grasshopper net at sunrise in Huejotzingo in central Mexico. In four hours of hunting, he says, he can make \$50.

## COLUMN ONE

# Crunchy, spicy grasshoppers

As insect dishes gain popularity in Mexico, hunters grab nets.

By LEILA MILLER REPORTING FROM SANTA MARIA SACATEPEC, MEXICO

The men and boys gathered in the early morning darkness outside an Oxxo convenience store, eyeing a stretch of damp fields behind it. They passed out cigars,

rettes, laughing as they tied plastic trash bags around their legs, pulled on their headlamps and grabbed long, oval green nets from a car. Six of them set off for the farmland. Two stayed behind.

A teenager hooted, "Woo!" as he rushed forward, grabbing his net and sweeping it from side to side. His companions spread out quickly, plowing through stalks that scraped their shoulders.

The group was foraging for grasshoppers in the municipality of Huejotzingo

in central Mexico's Puebla-  
Tlaxcala valley, where hundreds of people these days go hunting every night — with or without the blessing of the fields' owners. "If someone gets mad, we deal with it," said Felipe Garcia Perez, 33, who was out with the group. "If not, it's all calm."

Garcia and his companions are members of Mexico's unofficial army of grasshopper hunters, an innumerable number of people working to feed a growing market for the [See Mexico, A14]

## Russia announces retreat from 2 areas

'It's a good decision for them to run,' Ukraine's leader says after his forces' gains.

By KARL RITTER AND JOANNA KOZLOWSKA

KYIV, Ukraine — Russia's Defense Ministry announced Saturday that it was pulling back troops from two areas in Ukraine's northeastern region of Kharkiv, where a Ukrainian counteroffensive has made significant advances in the last week.

The news came after days of apparent advances by Ukraine south of Kharkiv, the country's second-largest

city, in what could become the biggest battlefield success for Ukrainian forces since they thwarted a Russian attempt to seize the capital, Kyiv, at the start of the 6-month-old war.

"The Russian army in these days is demonstrating the best that it can do — showing its back," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in a video released by his office Saturday night. "And, of course, it's a good decision for them to run."

Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said troops would be regrouped from the Balakliya and Izum areas to the eastern region of Donetsk. [See Ukraine, A4]

## Charles is officially proclaimed king

Heir apparent for seven decades becomes monarch as Britons mourn Queen Elizabeth II. WORLD, A3

## Rain spurs flood concern, outages

Storms, expected to continue, have wiped out power lines and broken records. CALIFORNIA, B1

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## Economic despair starts to fade

Easing inflation and lower gas prices boost consumer sentiment

BY ABHIA BHATTARAI

After months of gloom, Americans are finally starting to feel better about the economy and more resigned to inflation.

Consumer sentiment, which hit rock bottom in June, has begun inching up in recent weeks. Gas prices are down. Decades-high inflation appears to be easing. And at the same time, Americans are making small changes — buying meat in bulk, for example, or shifting more of their shopping to discount chains — suggesting that many families are learning to deal with higher prices.

"While consumer sentiment is still fairly low by historic standards, we're starting to see pretty dramatic improvements," said Joanne W. Hsu, an economist at the University of Michigan and director of its closely watched consumer surveys. "It's very much being driven by a slowdown in inflation, particularly with the decline in gas prices."

That's particularly good news for the White House, which has been hammered by criticism that it hasn't done enough to address inflation.

Gas prices, which peaked at more than \$5 a gallon in June, are down to about \$3.74 a gallon nationwide. That 25 percent drop in costs has been substantial for many Americans, particularly those in lower-income households where gas costs make up a larger share of weekly expenses.

Overall, inflation, meanwhile, has eased slightly — prices remained flat in July, though they're still up 8.5 percent from a year ago — as a result of aggressive interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve.

Even so, the impact on both pocketbooks and psyches has been swift. Measures of business conditions, short-term financial prospects and purchasing plans all improved in August, according to key metrics from the Conference Board. Consumer confidence increased that month after falling for three straight months, and the number of Americans reporting

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## Ukraine's push forces Russian retreat



A Russian military vehicle sits destroyed in Balakliya in Ukraine's Kharkiv region. Advancing Ukrainian troops regained lost territory with shocking speed, liberating Balakliya and raising their blue-and-yellow flag over the city of Izium.

### KEY STRATEGIC AREAS LIBERATED

Jubilant residents see shift in momentum

This article is by Steve Hendrix, Robyn Dixon, Liz Sly, Serhiy Korolchuk and Mary Ryushina

**CHUHUV, UKRAINE** — After months on the edge of Russian occupation, and two days of heavy bombardment, residents of this beleaguered town came out Saturday to clean up — and celebrate — as a fast-moving Ukrainian counteroffensive pushed Russian forces into a stunning retreat from key strategic areas in the northeast Kharkiv region.

As the advancing Ukrainian troops regained lost territory with shocking speed, liberating the town of Balakliya and raising their blue-and-yellow flag over the city of Izium, jubilant Ukrainians and officials in Kyiv and Western capitals indulged in a daring hope: maybe the grinding, stalemated war was swinging their way.

"Everything is going to be

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## Charles officially proclaimed king

Princes William, Harry reunite as Britain continues to mourn

BY ADELA SULIMAN, LOUISA LOVELL, KARLA ADAM AND WILLIAM BOOTH

**LONDON** — Charles III was formally proclaimed king on Saturday in a ceremony dating to the 15th century — and for the first time the ritual was performed live on TV, perhaps another sign of a new era.

The ceremony was followed by an announcement from Buckingham Palace that the funeral for Queen Elizabeth II will be held at Westminster Abbey on Monday, Sept. 19, at 11 a.m. London time. President Biden and other world leaders will attend.

And, in what BBC commentators called an "extraordinary mo-



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The first British monarch to be proclaimed on television, King Charles III arrives Saturday at Buckingham Palace in London.

ment," Charles's estranged sons William and Harry went for what the English call a "walkabout" among the crowds gathered at Windsor Castle, accompanied by their wives, Catherine and

Meghan.

The event was "slightly surprising," reported the BBC. "Nobody had seen this coming..." The family reunited in grief. The brothers

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## Britons face uncertainty after long, steady reign

Queen's death has many struggling with questions about country's identity

BY KEVIN SULLIVAN AND ANTHONY FAIOLA

**LONDON** — In 1953, Eve Pollard's parents bought a tiny black-and-white TV so the family could watch Queen Elizabeth II's coronation. Pollard was 7, and she remembers neighbors piling into her house, all dressed up for the telecast — men in ties, women in smart outfits and Pollard in a frilly, checked dress.

"That's how innocent we were," said Pollard, a longtime journalist and author in London. "We had just won a war, a great victory, and the queen was so glamorous. Now, we wonder, 'Who are we? And

where are we going?'"

With the queen's death on Thursday, Britain's new Elizabethan age is over, replaced by a moment of uncertainty and questions about the future.

Her passing comes as this island nation of 67 million was already mired in dire and complicated times, with the question of national identity — fraught and unanswered since the end of World War II — blurred and divisive.

The prideful proclamations of the Brexiters — who heralded a new era of "Global Britain" in the

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## GOP changes the playbook ahead of midterm elections

Officials focus on crime, work on fundraising and try to quell internal fights

BY MICHAEL SCHERER, JOSH DAWSEY, ISAAC ARNSDORF AND JEFF STEIN

Republican leaders are scrambling to shore up their chances to win back both the House and Senate as inflation concerns fade, Democratic enthusiasm for protecting abortion rights surges and new fundraising challenges emerge in the crucial final months of the campaign.

GOP officials have been mixing up their advertising spending, with a new focus on issues like crime, plans for a major policy rollout meant to reclaim voter attention and moves to send rein-

forcements for struggling Senate candidates. Leaders have also been working, with mixed success, to cool down intraparty squabbles over their own strategic missteps and the quality of candidates in pivotal Senate races.

"I don't think anybody sees it as particularly productive, unless it's for the Democrats, for there to be a lot of internal conflict among Republicans," said Sen. John Cornyn (Tex.). "But I think everybody's goal is the same, and that is to get the majority back in the Senate. If we do, I think everybody will sort of settle down. If we don't, then I think the blame game starts."

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (Ky.) put out calls for his fellow GOP senators to unify and focus on fundraising, after spending much of the last month on the phone with donors at

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## Threats exact a mental toll on congresswoman

Pramila Jayapal is forced to alter her life after being targeted

BY RUBY CRAMER IN SEATTLE

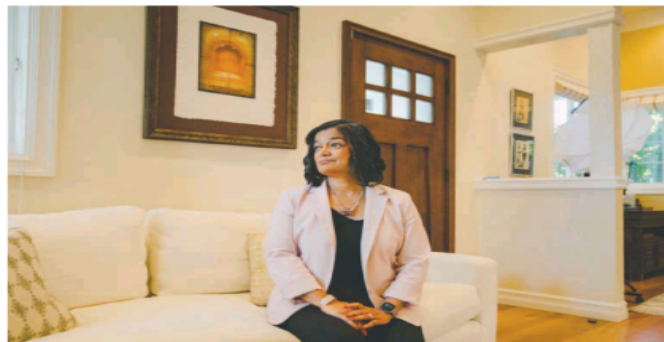
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Everyone could hear the men on the street. The car, a black Dodge Challenger with gold rims, sped down the block, just past the congresswoman's house. Two voices shot through the dark. "HEY, PRAMILA," the first man shouted. "F— YOUUUUU." Then came the second: "F— you, c—!"

The neighbors knew the car. It was the same Dodge Challenger they had seen several times that summer. But Pramila Jayapal didn't know this yet.

She was on the couch, watching the psychological thriller "Mindhunter" with her husband, Steve Williamson. It was July 9 in Arbor Heights, a West Seattle neighborhood laid out in neat sweeps of grass and pavement. They paused the show. Williamson got

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Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.) was yelled at by a man twice late on the night of July 9 at her West Seattle home. She's still dealing with the psychological fallout.

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## Her reign has ended

UK's oldest and  
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Queen Elizabeth II wears some of the crown jewels for a portrait in 1954, two years after ascending to the throne of the United Kingdom. ULLSTEIN BILD VIA GETTY IMAGES



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While cost of goods has fallen, areas such as housing and medical services see surges. **In Money**

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Reporter Nate Davis ranks, from least likely to most, 2021 non-playoff qualifiers and their odds. **In Sports**

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## Un testigo declaró que Sabag Montiel intentó recargar el arma tras fallar

ATAQUE A CRISTINA. Un militante que estaba al lado del agresor le dijo a la PSA que quiso corregir su accionar, pero justo le quitaron la pistola

Después de fallar el primer disparo, Fernando Sabag Montiel manipuló la corredera de su pistola para colocar una bala en la recámara y volver a disparar contra Cristina Kirchner. El intento quedó frustrado porque en ese momento le quitaron el arma.

Así lo declaró ante la PSA un militante que estaba al lado del atacante, y su efecto es judicialmente clave. De este modo quedaría anulada la estrategia de la defensa para alegar que no puede ser condenado por intentar un delito imposible. Página 12

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El impacto de una bala que no salió

Martín Rodríguez Yebra  
—LA NACION—

¿Quién me quiere ver muerta?" Cristina Kirchner se hizo esta pregunta retórica ante al menos dos de los dirigentes peronistas a los que les abrió su intimidad después del atentado fallido del jueves 1° frente a su piso de Recoleta. Ella y su entorno le dan vueltas al episodio como si se resistieran a aceptar plácidamente que el ataque haya sido pensado y ejecutado por un par de marginales desequilibrados. Continúa en la página 16

## EL ANÁLISIS

Del atentado al culto a la personalidad

Joaquín Morales Solá  
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Un atentado fallido es un atentado fallido. No fue el primero ni será el último. Sin embargo, el kirchnerismo está buscando obsesivamente estirar hasta el infinito lo que pudo ser una tragedia. Esa decisión política se tomó dos horas después de que Cristina Kirchner ni siquiera se enterara de que un loco suelto, un lumpen que vivía de la caza y de la pesca, había intentado matarla con tan poco profesionalismo que ni el tiro le salió. Continúa en la página 39

## La despedida a Isabel II acerca a la familia real



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el mundo — LONDRES (De una enviada especial).— Mientras Carlos III fue oficialmente proclamado rey de Gran Bretaña en una solemne ceremonia, la muerte de su madre, Isabel II, generó reencuentros dentro de la familia real. Tras dos años de distanciamiento, los príncipes Guillermo y Harry, acompañados por sus mujeres, Kate y Meghan, se mostraron en las afueras del castillo de Windsor, donde saludaron a los británicos. Página 8

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## La tragedia educativa. No saben leer e igual pasan de grado

Micaela Urdinez  
LA NACION

Los resultados de las pruebas Aprender 2021 dan cuenta de un deterioro

de los aprendizajes en todo el país, especialmente en los sectores más vulnerables. La pandemia profundizó una desigualdad que ya era palpable. LA NACION recorrió algunas de las

zonas más olvidadas del país y se encontró con las caras de esta tragedia: chicos y adolescentes que no saben leer y tienen dificultades para escribir, y lo mismo pasan de grado.

## Directores del secundario: el 75% son suplentes

Esa es la situación en las escuelas estatales; surge de un informe sobre la enseñanza media. Página 27

## Una ofensiva de Ucrania obliga a Rusia a replegarse

INVASIÓN. En un giro, las fuerzas de Kiev retoman bastiones claves

KIEV (AP).— En un sorpresivo giro en la invasión a Ucrania, Rusia abandonó ayer su principal bastión en el noreste del país europeo, Izium. La estratégica ciudad fue recapturada junto a otras localidades, en un repentino colapso de una de las principales líneas del frente ruso. La caída de Izium es considerada la peor derrota del Kremlin desde que sus tropas se vieron obligadas a retroceder de las puertas de Kiev, en marzo pasado. Página 4

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VICENTE LÓPEZ. Nuevos elementos vinculan a Martín Del Río con la escena del crimen. Página 32



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## GASTO COM OBRAS DE EDUCAÇÃO INFANTIL CAI 80% NO GOVERNO BOLSONARO, E SÓ 12 CRECHES SÃO ENTREGUES NO PAÍS

Thalia Santos sai de madrugada para deixar filha em outra casa e trabalhar, no DF; em 2021, MEC deu R\$ 101 mi a prefeituras para projetos de educação infantil, ante R\$ 495 mi em 2018. Cotidiano B1

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## Bolsonaro é quem mais ataca mulheres, diz eleitor

No Datafolha, presidente também é apontado como mais hostil à democracia

Jair Bolsonaro (PL) é percebido como o candidato que mais ataca as mulheres, o que mais ataca a democracia e o que mais mente na campanha, segundo o Datafolha. Em relação às mulheres, ele é visto como hostil por 51%, e à democracia, 45%.

Seu principal oponente e líder das preferências até agora, Luiz Inácio da Silva (PT), é considerado nessas mesmas posições por 12% no caso das mulheres e por 26% no da democracia. O eleitorado feminino tem sido refratário ao mandatário.

Para 40%, o presidente lidera em mentiras na corrida ao Planalto. Nesse caso, a diferença em relação a Lula, citado por 31%, é menor. Os dois adversários empatam, com 29% cada um, quando se questiona quem mais ataca os cristãos.

Na pesquisa, feita nos dias 8 e 9 e com margem de erro de dois pontos a mais ou a menos, 48% dizem dar muito peso à Igreja ou à liderança religiosa ao definir o voto. Cresceu desde 2018 a fatia para a qual o noticiário é relevante na escolha. Política A4

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### Charles 3º é proclamado rei dos britânicos

Ao lado da rainha consorte, Camilla, e do filho William, Charles 3º tornou-se rei em cerimônia no palácio de Saint James, Londres, repleta de ecos medievais, relata Ivan Finotti. A Coroa confirmou que o funeral da rainha Elizabeth 2ª acontecerá no próximo dia 19. Mundo A13



Rei Charles 3º firma juramento à Igreja; atrás, o filho William e a mulher, Camilla Victoria Jones/AFP

### Ex-presidente liga morte de eleitor em MT a adversário A8

### Investimento sobe com setor privado, mas não supera pico

Puxada pelo setor privado, a taxa de investimento da economia brasileira passou de 14,3% do PIB no segundo trimestre de 2017 para 18,7% no mesmo período de 2022, com destaque para construção e softwares.

O indicador, porém, está há nove anos abaixo do recorde de 21,5% em 2013, quando o motor eram os recursos estatais. O empresário diz que, sozinho, o mercado de capitais privado não é suficiente. Mercado A17

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### Veneza dá Leão de Ouro a zebra e coroa figurões

O longa "All the Beauty and the Bloodshed", de Laura Poitras, foi o grande vencedor do Festival de Veneza de 2022. Cate Blanchett foi eleita a melhor atriz por sua atuação em "Tár". Foi a premiação menos previsível em anos. Ilustrada A16

### Influencers contam a 'vida real' de um imigrante nos EUA

De forma amadora e com pouca edição de vídeo, expatriados brasileiros começaram a se tornar influenciadores de "vida real" ao mostrarem a rotina de quem trabalha nos EUA de faxineiro, babá ou na construção. Mercado A22

### Marcos Lisboa Política nacional sofre cartelização

A concessão de privilégios a grupos organizados foi retomada com vigor e tudo indica que veio para ficar. O Executivo foi conveniente com a captura da gestão pelo Congresso, que encampou a agenda patrimonialista. Mercado A24



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Charles III : « Je m'engage à servir le peuple »

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## Adieu vieille Europe

L'émotion est unanime. Des anonymes aux puissants, des dirigeants de la Chine communiste à l'empereur du Japon, les témoignages de sympathie ont afflué de partout ; on pourrait presque parler d'amour. Le président kényan a salué une « immense icône du service désintéressé ». Des larmes ont coulé, des compétitions sportives ont été suspendues, les cloches de toutes les cathédrales du Royaume-Uni ont sonné. Des enfants terribles du rock - dont certains anoblis - ont exprimé leur sentiment d'être devenus orphelins. La vieille dame qui vient de s'éteindre à 96 ans dans la pénombre du château de Balmoral était probablement la personnalité la plus mystérieuse et la plus admirée de la planète. Qu'avait-elle que les autres n'ont pas ? Elle était reine et a su le rester jusqu'au bout.

Les tentations furent pourtant nombreuses d'adopter une posture contemporaine. Sa propre famille en a fourni de multiples exemples : trahisons, divorces, scandales, rien ne lui a été épargné. Face à ces épreuves, et à celles qu'a traversées son pays, Elizabeth II n'a jamais dérogé à la règle : tenir et

se tenir. Fine mouche, elle a su s'adapter, agiter la main comme pour, passer à la télévision, payer des impôts. Mais elle n'a jamais cédé au conformisme ambiant. Unique dans ses tenues flashy que le plus iconoclaste des créateurs de mode oserait à peine porter, elle demeure un modèle inimitable. Refusant de mettre un genou à terre - sauf devant Dieu -, elle a maintenu sans faillir l'illusion de l'Empire, fui les réseaux sociaux, repoussé les demandes d'interview. Nul ne saurait dire ce qu'elle pensait, ce qu'elle confiait aux uns ou aux autres lors de leurs tête-à-tête, ce qu'elle ressentait. Elle s'est effacée d'elle-même. Le paradoxe - et il est de taille - est que cette souveraine, que le monde entier applaudissait, incarnait précisément ces valeurs qu'il ne sait plus ou ne veut plus défendre : la dignité, la fidélité à l'histoire, une vision à long terme. Et, nec plus ultra, le refus de gouverner, et de se laisser gouverner, par ses émotions. Avec Elizabeth II, c'est bien plus qu'une vieille dame qui disparaît, c'est la vieille Europe. ■

Elizabeth II n'a jamais dérogé à la règle : tenir et se tenir

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