

Feds sue registrar in O.C. to access records

The U.S. Department of Justice seeks details about noncitizens taken off voter rolls.

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Federal authorities sued Orange County's top elections official, alleging the county registrar violated federal law by refusing to disclose detailed information about people who were removed from the voter rolls because they were not citizens.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court, alleges that Orange County Registrar Bob Page is "concealing the unlawful registration of ineligible, non-citizen voters" by withholding sensitive personal information such as Social Security and driver's license numbers.

The 10-page lawsuit does not allege that any noncitizens voted in Orange County.

"Voting by noncitizens is a federal crime," said Harmeet Dhillon, the assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. "States and counties that refuse to disclose all requested voter information are in violation of well-established federal elections laws."

The lawsuit Wednesday stems from a June 2 letter from the Justice Department to Orange County election officials, seeking information on people who had been removed from the county's voter rolls because they weren't eligible to vote. According to the lawsuit, federal officials were acting on a complaint made by the relative of a noncitizen who received a mail-in ballot.

Over a five-year period, Orange County identified 17 noncitizens who had registered to vote, Page told the federal agency in a June 16 letter, sent in response to the June 2 request. Those people either "self-reported" [See **Noncitizens**, A6]



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PASTOR Carlos Rincon, clockwise from top, and wife Amapro livestream a service. Robb Smith of Alley Cat Deliveries says some people are afraid to leave their home. Doña Chela now rarely goes anywhere.



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Immigrants go dark or online

WASHINGTON — An undocumented man from Guatemala who has leukemia postponed chemotherapy because he was afraid to go to the hospital.

A Mexican grandmother packed most of her belongings into boxes, in case she is deported.

A Pentecostal church in East Los Angeles has lost nearly half of its in-person membership.

Across California and the U.S., immigrants are responding to the Trump administration's unrelenting enforcement raids by going into lockdown. Activities that were once a regular or even mundane part of life

Some access class, services, church virtually to avoid ICE. Others fear doing that too.

By Andrea Castillo and Queenie Wong

— taking kids to school, buying groceries, driving — have become daunting as immigrants who lack legal authorization grapple with how to avoid arrest and deportation.

To stay safe, some immigrants have swapped in-person activities with digital approximations. Others are simply shutting themselves away from society.

"It's a harmful form of racial profiling combined with the suspension of constitutional rights and due process. That's why many families are staying at home," said Victor Narro, a professor and project director for the UCLA Labor [See **Hidden**, A6]

Troubling deployment for some

Some Guardsmen and families are agonizing over the operations in L.A., advocates say.

By HAILEY BRANSON-POTTS AND PHI DO

Ever since President Trump seized control of the California National Guard and deployed thousands of troops to Los Angeles, calls from distressed service members and their families have been pouring in to the GI Rights Hotline.



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A MARINE stands guard outside the Wilshire Federal Building in Los Angeles on Monday.

Some National Guard troops and their loved ones have called to say they were agonizing over the legality of the deployment, which is being litigated in federal court, according to Steve Woolford, a resource counselor for the hotline, which provides confidential counseling for service members.

Others phoned in to say the Guard should play no part in federal immigration raids and that they worried about immigrant family members who might get swept up.

"They don't want to deport their uncle or their wife" [See **Troops**, A7]



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ARTIST Sloe Motions in front of his mural of Kobe Bryant, left, and Snoop Dogg.

Graffiti mars Kobe tribute

Just days after being restored, a mural of the Lakers legend and his daughter Gianna was tagged again

By HANNAH FRY AND NATHAN SOLIS

Weathered and bumpy, the wall hidden among the surplus clothing stores of the Fashion District was hardly the perfect canvas.

But artist Sloe Motions' vision for the memorial mural in honor of Kobe Bryant and his daughter Gianna following their deaths in 2020 brought the stretch of Main and 14th streets to life with

vibrant hues of purple and gold.

One of the most well-known Kobe murals across Southern California, the art piece — outside Jimmy Jam T-Shirts — was the backdrop for a commercial for Super Bowl LVI featuring Vanessa Bryant and has drawn fans from near and far.

For years, the mural remained untouched — an unspoken mark of respect for the artist and the subject

but one that abruptly ended this year.

In late March, someone tagged the artwork with large bubble letters outlined in black and filled in with white — a similar style to other street tagging visible across the city.

Sloe Motions went back to work, painstakingly restoring the mural. There was much fanfare in downtown when the new mural made its debut in late May. But [See **Kobe**, A8]

Justices rule Medicaid can exclude Planned Parenthood

By DAVID G. SAVAGE

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Thursday that states may exclude Planned Parenthood clinics from providing medical screenings and other healthcare for women on Medicaid.

The court's conservative majority cast aside the long-standing rule that said Medicaid patients may obtain medical care from any quali-

fied provider.

In a 6-3 vote, the justices ruled the Medicaid Act does not give patients an "individual right" to the provider of their choice.

The dispute turned on abortion, even though federal funds cannot be used for the procedure.

Medicaid is funded by the federal government and the states. For decades, conservative states have sought to "defund" Planned Parenthood and argued they did

not want to subsidize a leading provider of abortions.

But until recently, the federal government and most courts had held that Medicaid patients may go to any qualified provider for healthcare.

The legal battle hinged on whether the Medicaid Act gave patients a right that could be protected in court. The answer was no, said Justice Neil M. Gorsuch, speaking for the majority [See **Justices**, A7]

CalGuard crews at 40% capacity

Newsom says crucial firefighting units have been diverted to L.A. for federal immigration actions. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Price at the pump to rise in summer

California's sales tax on gasoline and the Low Carbon Fuel Standard program will take effect in July. **BUSINESS, A11**

Weather
Mostly sunny.
L.A. Basin: 83/62. **B6**



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FEAR FOR FEAR'S SAKE

A tenuous ceasefire between Iran and Israel is allowing President Trump to exploit Americans' anxiety, Anita Chabria writes. **PERSPECTIVES, A2**