

Agents pile on bystander, who then convulses

The chaotic scene in downtown L.A. highlights the risks of Trump’s sweeps.

By BRITTNY MEJIA AND RACHEL URANGA

On a crowded downtown street, four masked, plain-clothes agents push Luis Hipolito to the pavement, piling on top of him against a curb. One hinges his arm around the 23-year-old’s neck. Hipolito seems to struggle to breathe on his stomach as the agents attempt for more than two minutes to cuff him.

“You gonna let him die?” one bystander screams as other agents pushed back the crowds.

Moments later they pull him up. Hipolito’s legs shudder and buckle. His head swings back and his body shakes violently. The sudden convulsions look like the beginning of a seizure.

The moment, captured on multiple videos on Tuesday morning and shared on social media, enraged immigrant advocates, family members and residents who witnessed it. It has raised questions about the risks of the Trump administration’s crackdown in Los Angeles, where agents are carrying out immigration sweeps on busy streets without clear targets.

“This points to the inherent danger of at-large arrests,” said Deborah Fleischer, a former acting chief of staff for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement who reviewed some of the video. “They should be avoided as much as possible. You can’t control for everything. The risk of violence, someone being hurt or having a medical incident is high. And that goes for offi-

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Vets hail psychedelic treatment for PTSD

By CLARA HARTER

For years after his service in Afghanistan and Iraq, U.S. Army Special Forces veteran Joe Hudak fought a daily battle against a voice inside his head screaming anxious, dark and dangerous thoughts.

He lost team members in combat during his two-decade career in the Green Berets and tried everything he could to treat his post-traumatic stress disorder — talk therapy, group therapy, medication and even swimming with dolphins.

But the voice only grew louder, leading Hudak to attempt to take his own life. He survived, but many service members do not. An average of 17.6 veterans died by suicide each day in 2022, the latest year for which data are available.

“I couldn’t be happy. I was angry and fearful all the time, white-knuckling it through life,” he said. “Then, out of the blue, a buddy from the counterterrorism unit called me up one day and was like, ‘Hey would you be interested in trying psychedelics?’”

A few weeks later, Hudak was en route from San Diego to Mexico to participate in a Stanford observational study using a psychedelic called ibogaine to treat post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and depression among Special Forces veterans.

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JUSTICES ruled that lower courts overreach by issuing broad nationwide orders beyond their authority.

Supreme Court limits blocks on Trump’s citizenship order

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Friday sharply limited the power of federal district judges to issue nationwide orders that block new rules or policies coming from the White House or federal agencies.

The 6-3 ruling was a procedural victory for President Trump and a setback for advocates who seek to block his executive orders in federal district courts, a tactic that has been exercised frequently to check his sweeping use of presidential power.

But the court’s conservative majority did not answer the question that triggered three nationwide orders: Can Trump limit birthright citizenship, which is set out in the 14th Amendment?

“The birthright citizenship issue is not before us,” said Justice Amy Coney Barrett, a former Notre

The 6-3 ruling does not decide constitutionality but further curbs the power of district judges to issue nationwide injunctions

By David G. Savage and Andrea Castillo

Dame law professor who taught legal procedure.

She said the court’s decision would not take effect for 30 days.

Hours after the decision was released, the American Civil Liberties Union filed a nationwide class-action lawsuit challenging Trump’s order restricting birthright citizenship. More lawyers and state attorneys may soon file additional suits seeking a broad shield from other executive orders.

Some legal experts feared that such a ruling could lead to a “patchwork” under which all newborns in some states would be citizens but not those in other states.

Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh said the justices would not allow that to happen.

“In my view, there should be a na-

[See Birthright, A7]

Parents granted religious opt-outs

Families can pull kids from LGBTQ+-themed lessons, court rules. California must revise policy after decision.

By DAVID G. SAVAGE, HOWARD BLUME AND JAWEED KALEEM

The Supreme Court ruled Friday that parents have a right to opt their schoolchildren out of lessons that offend their religious beliefs, a decision expected to compel a major shift in California education policy, which mandates curriculum that is inclusive of the LGBTQ+ community.

“A government burdens the religious exercise of parents when it requires them to submit their children

to instruction that poses a very real threat of undermining the religious beliefs and practices that the parents wish to instill,” wrote Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr., speaking for the conservative majority.

The court was split 6 to 3, with the more liberal justices dissenting.

Parents in Montgomery County, Md., sued over new LGBTQ+-themed storybooks that were used in kindergarten and elementary school classes. And, although the immediate ruling applied only to their case, the court majority made clear where it stood, opening the door to further

legal challenges for any jurisdiction that does not fall into line.

In California, the law requires age-appropriate instruction at all grade levels on the “role and contributions” of, among others, “lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans.”

State education officials said they are reviewing the decision and had no immediate comment.

In some important respects, the goals of California on LGBTQ+ inclusion may survive untouched. In representing the parents before the Supreme Court, Eric Baxter, an at-

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‘Inflection point’ for LGBTQ+ rights

Movement’s leaders search for lessons a decade after victory on marriage equality.

By KEVIN RECTOR AND MICHAEL WILNER

When the Supreme Court ruled in the landmark Obergefell vs. Hodges case 10 years ago that same-sex couples have a right to marry nationwide, the sense of triumph was palpable. Celebrations broke out in the streets, and courthouses were flooded with newlyweds.

But that wasn’t the only response.

Opponents of LGBTQ+ rights immediately began implementing new strategies to limit the decision’s reach and reverse the broader momentum toward LGBTQ+ acceptance, including by casting a small,

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THE WHITE HOUSE is aglow in 2015 after same-sex weddings were legalized.

Newsom sues Fox, saying he was defamed

Governor alleges that the news network manipulated a video about Trump call.

By TARYN LUNA

California Gov. Gavin Newsom is suing Fox News for defamation, alleging that the news outlet intentionally manipulated its coverage to give the appearance that the governor lied about a phone call with President Trump.

The governor’s demand for \$787 million in punitive damages escalates his aggressive effort to challenge misinformation. The lawsuit, announced Friday, places Newsom at the forefront of the political proxy war between Democrats and Republicans over the press by calling out an outlet that many in his party despise.

“By disregarding basic journalistic ethics in favor of malicious propaganda, Fox continues to play a major role in the further erosion of the bedrock principles of informed representative government,” the suit states. “Setting the record straight and confronting Fox’s dishonest practices are critical to protecting democracy from being overrun by disinformation and lies.”

Newsom, a potential 2028 presidential candidate, said he decided to sue in part because Fox News failed to change after settling a different lawsuit, in 2023. Fox admitted as part of that settlement that it had spread falsehoods about the 2020 presidential election.

In response to Newsom’s lawsuit, Fox criticized the governor, accusing him of undercutting the 1st Amendment.

“Gov. Newsom’s transparent publicity stunt is frivolous and designed to chill free speech critical of him. We will defend this case vigorously and look forward to it being dismissed,” Fox News said in a statement Friday morning.

The case stems from comments Trump made about a phone call with Newsom as tensions heated up between the two leaders over immigration raids and the president’s decision to deploy the National Guard to the streets of Los Angeles.

Trump told reporters on June 10 that he spoke with Newsom “a day ago.”

“Called him up to tell him, got to do a better job, he’s doing a bad job,” Trump said. “Causing a lot of death and a

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