

## Business as usual at Ariz. abortion facility

After court reinstates 1864 ban, optimism, uncertainty mix as doctors do their work.

By FAITH E. PINHO

PHOENIX — When Anna first read about the Arizona Supreme Court reinstating an 1864 law banning all abortions except when a mother's life is at risk, she sent the article to her partner with an angry text.

"I was like, 'God, this makes me so mad,'" she said.

She also decided to take a pregnancy test, just in case. Her period was a few days late, which she figured was because of her new birth control pills.

"I just want to make sure before anything goes into effect," said Anna, 24, who declined to give her last name. "Thank God I did."

Days later, she found herself at Camelback Family Planning, discussing her options for an abortion.

The April 9 ruling set off a political hurricane, with both President Biden and former President Trump weighing in and Arizona's Legislature devolving into chaos over whether to repeal the ban before it goes into effect June 8. But at a Phoenix abortion clinic, in the eye of the debate, it has been business as usual.

On Wednesday, Dr. Barbara Zipkin breezed into an examination room carrying Scooter, her emotional support dog. Although she lives in Sherman Oaks, Zipkin flies to Arizona most weeks, staying at her sister's house while working three to five days at the Camelback clinic.

The doctor, who said she is "somewhere between 40 and death," recalls the moment in 1973 when Roe vs. Wade took effect: She was on a plane returning to medical school, and she thought, "This is what I'm going to do." She worked for years as an OB-GYN in Los Angeles, specializing in genetics and performing a lot of second trimester abortions.

"But there are enough providers in L.A.," she said. "Arizona is unique."

In the exam room, Zipkin

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**DR. BARBARA ZIPKIN** does an ultrasound at Camelback Family Planning in Phoenix. Zipkin lives in Sherman Oaks but flies in to work at the Arizona clinic most weeks. "There are enough providers in L.A.," she says.

## Trump prosecutor focuses on election interference

Trial's opening statements center on legality of payments

By MICHAEL R. SISAK, JENNIFER PELTZ, ERIC TUCKER AND JAKE OFFENHARTZ

NEW YORK — Donald Trump tried to illegally influence the 2016 presidential election by preventing damaging stories about his personal life from becoming public, a prosecutor told jurors Monday at the start

of the former president's historic hush money trial.

"This was a planned, long-running conspiracy to influence the 2016 election, to help Donald Trump get elected through illegal expenditures to silence people who had something bad to say about his behavior," prosecutor Matthew Colangelo said. "It was election fraud, pure and simple."

A defense lawyer countered by as-

sailing the case as baseless and attacking the integrity of the onetime Trump confidant who's now the government's star witness.

"President Trump is innocent. President Trump did not commit any crimes. The Manhattan district attorney's office should never have brought this case," attorney Todd Blanche said.

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## No cameras in court a disservice

Public is locked out of witnessing a seismic moment in U.S. history because first criminal trial of an ex-president isn't being televised

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If a former president nods off in a courtroom and no cameras are around to see it, did it really happen?

The case of the People of the State of New York vs. Donald J. Trump got underway Monday, and while the fate of the forthcoming election — and perhaps democracy itself — may

teeter on the outcome, the public is locked out of witnessing a seismic moment in American history.

Video and audio feeds are banned from the courtroom, leaving folks to rely on the written and spoken word of reporters covering the trial. It's up to them to tell us if the former president scowled and guffawed like a fearless strongman or fell asleep in his chair like a disaffected juvenile delinquent.

Any entertainment value aside,

the lack of live or recorded feeds may mean that Trump won a huge victory before the first witness even took the stand.

The first criminal trial of a former U.S. president could have been the moment when the cameras didn't embrace Trump the Showman, where his customary angry rhetoric and bluster were muted by the dictates of a controlled courtroom, allowing the public to see what hap-

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## Can Bass pull off her ambitious housing program?

The mayor's plan to use donations to buy real estate is met with hope and skepticism.

By DAKOTA SMITH

Los Angeles has always been a city of extremes, but the homelessness crisis is exposing the divide between rich and poor in startling ways.

A-listers in designer gowns and million-dollar jewels parade down the red carpet blocks from tents where people live in unsanitary conditions. Private jets take off at Van Nuys Airport, soaring over streets lined with RVs and crowded apartment complexes.

Rising housing prices are turbocharging the finances of homeowners while leaving

others unable to afford a roof over their heads.

Now, Mayor Karen Bass is calling on the city's wealthy residents to narrow that economic chasm with an initiative that will rely on private donations and loans to buy apartments for the city's unhoused people, who numbered more than 46,000 at the last count.

Philanthropic and real estate leaders reacted with hope and skepticism to the initiative, LA4LA, which Bass unveiled April 15 during her State of the City address.

LA4LA will solicit funds from corporations and foundations, as well as individuals.

While Bass' allies applauded her work on homelessness, others privately questioned how far donations raised by LA4LA would go,

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**MAYOR** Karen Bass' LA4LA initiative, which will rely on private donations and loans to buy apartments for the homeless, is modeled after a program in Atlanta.

## JUSTICES APPEAR SPLIT ON HOMELESS POLICIES

High court is wary about giving broad power to cities and protected status to unhoused people.

By DAVID G. SAVAGE

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court justices sounded sharply split Monday over whether to give cities in the West more authority to restrict homeless encampments on sidewalks and other public property.

The court's three liberals said they were wary of giving cities a broad and unchecked power to use arrests and fines to punish homeless people who are sleeping outside.

"Sleeping is a biological necessity," Justice Elena Kagan said. It "seems like you are criminalizing the status of homelessness," she told a lawyer representing the city of Grants Pass, Ore.

But conservatives, led by Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., said they were skeptical of treating homelessness as a status that deserves constitutional protection.

People can be homeless for one week and find shelter the next week. "You can move into and out of that status," he said.

He also questioned why judges or the justices, rather than city officials, should decide how to cope with the problem of homelessness.

"Why would you think these nine people are the best people to judge and weigh those policy judgments?" he asked one attorney.

For more than two hours, the justices and attorneys argued back and forth on whether homeless people should be protected from city laws that could punish them because they have nowhere to sleep.

Los Angeles-based attorney Theane Evangelis, representing the Oregon city, said the problem of homelessness has been made worse in the West because of U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Ap-

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### Pro-Gaza rallies sweep campuses

Columbia cancels in-person classes, Yale sees dozens arrested, Harvard closes yard's gates. **NATION, A4**

### Felon is suspect in Bass break-in

Man caught in mayor's house had served time in Massachusetts. His mother speaks out. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

### A UAW victory in the South

The vote by workers at a Volkswagen plant in Chattanooga, Tenn., is a jolt to anti-union states. **BUSINESS, A8**

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