

Justices to rule on teen hormone therapy

Transgender rights are at stake, with court to decide whether states or families have a say on such treatment.

By David G. Savage

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Monday that it will hear a major case on transgender rights and decide whether states may prohibit the use of puberty blockers and other hormones for teens who suffer from gender distress.

The justices have not ruled on whether discrimination based on gender identity is unconstitutional.

In the last three years, however, many Republican-led states have enacted laws that forbid medical treatments intended to help youths under 18 transition to what the measures describe as a “purported identity inconsistent with the minor’s sex.”

The Biden administration, the ACLU and Lambda Legal urged the court to hear cases from Tennessee and Kentucky and to rule that discrimination against transgender youth violates the Constitution’s guarantee of equal protection of the laws.

They argued that a law “targeting transgender individuals for disfavored treatment” is a form of sex discrimination and should be struck down as unconstitutional.

The court said it would hear arguments in the fall in the Tennessee case.

“We are grateful that transgender youth and their families will have their day in the highest court,” said Tara Borelli, senior counsel at Lambda Legal. Without action from the court, “these punitive, categorical bans on the provision of gender-affirming care will continue to wreak havoc on the lives of transgender youth and their families.”

Parents played a lead role in the legal challenges. Samantha Williams and her husband, Brian, had sued in Nashville on behalf of their transgender daughter, who was identified as L.W.

“It’s hard to overstate the difference that our daughter’s medical treatment has made in her life and our family’s life,” Samantha Williams said when the appeal went to the Supreme Court.

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PRO-PALESTINIAN protesters clash with initially outnumbered L.A. police outside Adas Torah synagogue in Pico-Robertson on Sunday.

As jobs disappear, Hollywood is seeing an exodus out of L.A.

Dreams dashed by high rents and low production are fueling the flight. Three in the biz reflect on their decisions to rewrite their lives and careers.

By Josh Rottenberg

Los Angeles has long been a magnet for those chasing their big break in film and TV, drawn by the allure of creative fulfillment and fame. But conversations about a growing exodus are getting louder, as escalating housing costs and dwindling career opportunities push many to pursue their dreams elsewhere.

The city’s entertainment industry workforce has been rocked by a series of unprecedented shocks, from a global pandemic to last summer’s double labor strikes by writers and actors. As the streaming boom has faded, entertainment companies have hemorrhaged jobs, and networks, studios and streamers have pared back their programming slates. With the industry in the grips of a slowdown and the cost of living in L.A. still high, the motto for those struggling to remain in the city has become “Survive till ‘25,” in hopes of a rebound next year.

But many have simply been unable, or unwilling, to continue to tough it out in a city where rents have risen and home prices linger at an all-time high, up 6% over last year alone. With a potential strike of 60,000 people in the crew members’ union keeping the industry on edge, not to mention the existential threat of artificial intelligence to creative jobs, the uncertainty has driven a growing number of film and TV workers to seek stability elsewhere.

Some have left for work in places like Atlanta and New Mexico, which have lured productions out of L.A. with generous tax incentives. Others have given up on the entertainment business altogether and are trying to forge new careers. Whether they’ve moved out of choice or desperation, uprooted Hollywood workers have inevitably coped with unexpected challenges, both financially and emo- [See Hollywood, A10]

VIOLENT TEMPLE CLASH SPARKS REBUKES

LAPD had to call in reinforcements after protest got out of hand at Adas Torah synagogue on Sunday.

By Nathan Solis, Richard Winton and Hannah Fry

A violent protest outside a Los Angeles synagogue sparked condemnation from President Biden and others Monday and prompted new debate over what some consider escalating behavior during demonstrations over the war in Gaza.

The protest began Sunday afternoon at the Adas Torah synagogue in the heavily Jewish Pico-Robertson neighborhood but eventually spilled into nearby areas over several hours, with fights breaking out between pro-Palestinian demonstrators protesting a real estate event and supporters of Israel.

Law enforcement sources said more than 150 people converged on the temple on West Pico Boulevard, and it took time for the Los Angeles Police Department to get enough personnel to the scene. The LAPD eventually deployed 60 officers and got the protesters and counterprotesters to clear the area, according to the sources, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

The demonstration was criticized by Biden, Gov. Gavin Newsom and Mayor Karen Bass, who ordered the LAPD to beef up patrols in the area and at some religious venues.

“Intimidating Jewish congregants is dangerous, unconscionable, anti-semitic, and un-American. Americans have a right to peaceful protest. But block- [See Synagogue, A7]

Doubt cast on Gaza truce deal

Hostage families lash out after Israeli leader says he is willing to agree only to a partial cease-fire. **WORLD, A3**

Police warn of thieves’ cameras

Burglars are stashing surveillance devices in yards. Here’s how to protect your home. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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HIS DREAM JOB

JJ Redick, the new coach of the Lakers, says of his hiring: “I’ve got to do some amazing stuff in my life. This might be the best.” **SPORTS, B10**

Kennedy pledges outreach to addicts

The independent presidential candidate, who has a new documentary out, draws on his own past.

By James Rainey

Is America ready to elect a recovering addict as president? How about one who wants to hold 12-step recovery meetings in the White House?

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. hopes to be that president,

the onetime heroin user saying he long ago left behind his dependency on “drugs, sex, alcohol or extreme behavior” to balm a wounded psyche. Thanks in large part to more than 40 years of 12-step meetings, Kennedy says, “I don’t have a big empty hole that I’m trying to fill with things outside of me.”

The independent presidential candidate in recent days has said he wants to use his own 14-year addiction to heroin and more than four decades of recovery to help bring a new level of attention [See Kennedy, A5]



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