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High court could give immigration agents broad power

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WASHINGTON

This year's most far-reaching immigration case is likely to decide if immigration agents in Los Angeles are free to stop, question and arrest Latinos they suspect are here illegally. President Trump promised the "largest mass deportation

operation" in American history, and he chose to begin aggressive street sweeps in Los Angeles in early June.

The Greater Los Angeles area is "ground zero for the effects of the border crisis," his lawyers told the Supreme Court this month. "Nearly 2 million illegal aliens — out of an area population of 20 million — are there unlawfully, encouraged by sanctuary-city policies and local

officials' avowed aim to thwart federal enforcement efforts."

The "vast majority of illegal aliens in the (Central) District (of California) come from Mexico or Central America and many only speak Spanish," they added.

Their fast-track appeal urged the justices to confirm that immigration agents have "reasonable suspicion" to stop and question Latinos who work in



CARLIN STIEHL Los Angeles Times

U.S. Border Patrol personnel — including El Centro sector's Chief Patrol Agent Gregory Bovino, background center — gather in downtown Los Angeles while Gov. Gavin Newsom holds a news conference earlier this month.

businesses or occupations that draw many undocumented workers. No one questions that U.S.

immigration agents may arrest migrants with criminal records

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Sage Noelle Tellez Ortiz, a member of the Lone Band of Miwok Indians, participates in the 30th annual Sacramento Contest Powwow at O'Neil Park earlier this month. Tellez Ortiz said that dancing helps her cope with mental health and brings her closer to her community.

Area Native American youth use dance for mental health

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Under a scorching August sun, Sage Noelle Tellez Ortiz danced for her ancestors.

Clad in a handmade pink and black dress adorned with hundreds of metal cone-shaped bells, her feet sidestepped in a circle. The jingle bells on her

dress gleamed in the beating sun and rang out as she danced with dozens of others.

Native people from across Sacramento and beyond, all dressed in Indigenous regalia, came to O'Neil Park on Broadway for the 30th annual Sacramento Powwow on Aug. 10. Even in the sweltering 100-degree heat, they danced as drummers beat their wooden

drumsticks and singers chanted.

"I feel rejuvenated," said Ortiz, 22. "Even though it's hot, I feel good. It feels good to dance."

For Ortiz, who is Northern Sierra Miwok and an enrolled member of the Lone Band of Miwok Indians, jingle is more than just a dance. It's a healing ceremony.

Like many Native people, Ortiz uses traditional practices to reclaim her Indigenous identity — and to reduce stress, face fear, and calm her mind.

Suicide and mental illness are prevalent among Native Americans in California and nationwide. In California, Native youth ages 10 to 25 had the

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Ukraine hit Russian nuclear power plant, Moscow says

BY DANIEL ORTON
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Russia accused Ukraine on Sunday of carrying out overnight drone attacks that ignited a fire at a nuclear power plant in the western Kursk region, as Kyiv marked 34 years of independence.

Multiple energy and power facilities were targeted in the strikes, according to Russian officials. A transformer at the Kursk nuclear facility was damaged, sparking a blaze that was quickly extinguished, the plant's press service reported on Telegram. No casualties were reported, and radiation levels remained within normal limits.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said it was aware of reports that the transformer fire was linked to "military activity" but had not independently confirmed the incident.

Elsewhere, firefighters responded to a separate blaze at the port of Ust-Luga in Russia's Leningrad region, home to a key fuel export hub. Regional officials said debris from downed Ukrainian drones sparked the fire, which followed reports that 10 drones had been intercepted in the area.

Russia's Defense Ministry said its air defenses destroyed 95 Ukrainian drones overnight across Russian territory. Meanwhile, Ukraine's air force reported that Moscow launched 72 drones and decoys, along with a cruise missile, into Ukrainian airspace, of which 48 drones were intercepted or jammed.

Critics say California's cannabis packaging rules failing

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When California legalized recreational cannabis in 2016, voters were promised a safe, regulated market that would

prioritize child safety.

Nearly a decade later, a lack of clear state regulations and insufficient enforcement from the Department of Cannabis Control created a system that critics say is failing to protect the state's most vulnerable.

Public health experts are saying the problem starts with packaging. Brands mimicking candy is just the start of a broader trend where a business can market an increasingly potent substance unchecked. "Cannabis is not strawber-

ries," said Lynn Silver, senior advisor at the Public Health Institute. "It's a product that has some additional uses, but it also has significant health harms and generates dependency. It's the most frequent cause of people needing substance abuse support."

The lack of state enforcement, combined with an increasing THC potency is at the heart of a growing public health crisis that has seen child cannabis poisonings surge by 469% since legal-

ization.

UCSF researcher Laura Schmidt said cannabis product packaging that looks similar to candy brands is in part to blame for the increase in accidental child cannabis consumption. She and a team of UCSF researchers found that almost 17% of California's pediatric cannabis exposures reported to poison control required critical care.

The study published in June

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