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Program to house local homeless students spreads statewide

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SMDP Staff Writer

A Santa Monica based program that began to house homeless students at UCLA is expanding into a statewide program providing shelter at multiple campuses including USC, UC Davis and UC Santa Cruz with UC San Diego also considering their own campus shelter.

The volunteer-run Students 4 Students provides housing and support services. The shelters offer a safe place to live, meals and a sense of community. The students also receive a case manager who will help them figure out a savings plan, find employment, find the kind of permanent accommodation that would be suitable for them and also a transition fund to help students who are transitioning out of the shelter into permanent housing with first month's rent and things like that. The program works to help students find their permanent housing within a month or two, but they are allowed to stay up to a full academic year.

The program began when two local students were looking for ways to help.

Back in 2014, three former UCLA PhD students: Lauren Dy, Luke Shaw, and Louis Tse noticed their peers were oftentimes sleeping in their cars or at libraries and figured something must be done.

They were inspired by a project at Harvard, where student volunteers opened a homeless shelter and while that program wasn't specific to homeless students, they took that model and customized it to suit their needs.

The students eventually came to Mt. Olive and told Rev. Eric C. Shafer they'd been turned down by many

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SMPD helping neighborhoods host block parties for National Night Out



SMDP File Photo

SMPD: The annual event is moving into neighborhoods

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On Oct. 5 the Santa Monica Police Department is seeking to revive all the community camaraderie of old-school block parties and will be helping neighbors close their streets to cars in clusters across the City.

The parties are coordinated as part of National Night Out, an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and helps neighbors get to know one another.

The event used to be held in one large venue, but this year SMPD has decided to spread the celebrations across the City in order to encourage all neighborhoods to take part and limit the gathering of a mass crowd. They will be providing around twelve "Block Party in a Bin" kits with street closure permits, chalk, bubbles, glowsticks, games and more.

Residents can register their block or a several blocks together at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z8QL2CK. Winners will be chosen at random as there are a limited number of kits available, but all neighbors are welcome to throw their own block parties.

Throughout the night an SMPD ice cream truck will be driving through the City and giving out free tasty treats at each block party.

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Election Day







Daniel Farr

VOTE: It was quiet at the polls on Tuesday as many voters in the race to recall Gov. Gavin Newsom voted by mail. Visit www.smdp.com for results.


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What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

WEDNESDAY | SEPT. 15

MONTANA BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: THE PLAGUE, 7 - 8:30 P.M.
Read and discuss Albert Camus' iconic novel about an epidemic ravaging the people of a North African coastal town.
To register for this program, email stephanie.archer@santamonica.gov

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH KICKOFF, 6:30 P.M.
Kickoff event with music, dance, art, mercadito, and keynote speakers. While you're at the event, pick up your Hispanic Heritage Month Loteria Cards to help elevate and empower Latino owned businesses, 1300 Block Third Street Promenade (just of Santa Monica Blvd.).

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET, 8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more. Arizona Avenue (between 4th & Ocean)

THURSDAY | SEPT. 16

LANGUAGE & CULTURE WITH DR. AMELIA TSENG, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
Dr. Tseng, Assistant Professor of World Languages and Cultures at American University, discusses how language is shaped by identity across immigrant generations. Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEufu2rqTMiGNX8jqS1Z3JyAux3bjkR603g

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FRIDAY | SEPT. 17

ENGLISH AS S SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Learn more about California adult education at caladulted.org. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at osaucedo@smmusd.org or (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 to enroll. Classes will begin in a virtual format. If live classes become possible, they will take place at Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Register online at https://smmusd.asapconnected.com/ or call 310-664-6222 x76203

SATURDAY | SEPT. 18

COASTAL CLEANUP DAY, 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Join Heal the Bay for Coastal Cleanup Month 2021 in Los Angeles County during September as they embark on Healing Our Watersheds. Visit https://healthebay.org/coastalcleanup-month/ for more information.

OPEN MAIN STREET, ALL DAY
Four weekends this summer, two blocks of Main Street will become a pedestrian plaza where the community can safely enjoy al fresco dining, family-friendly activities, and other fun experiences with local businesses. Main St. between Hill & Ashland and Ashland & Kinney

SELF-CARE SATURDAYS 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Third Street promenade.
Two classes available:
HIIT with Double Ops Santa Monica – HIIT Sessions are a combination of: strength and resistance, functional cardio with some shadow boxing and kick boxing. For more information, see www.doptraining.com. 10 a.m.
Let That S**t Go Yoga with @nafbabes – Kari J. will lead you through a yoga asana voyage that is fun, vibrant and rooted in a deep sense of grounding + awareness to help you shake off the haters & step into your power. ALL ARE WELCOME! You don't already have to be happy, calm, peaceful or flexible to practice with us. Expect laughter and anatomical details & playful movement experience with kick-ass music. When selecting tickets, please choose General Admission 11 a.m. Class. Tickets available online at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/self-care-saturdays-tickets-148069994339

HI DE HO GRAND OPENING
Hi De Ho Comics, LA's oldest comic book store, is celebrating their new location at 1803 Lincoln Blvd. There will be prize raffles, guest signings comic writers/artists and opening day specials. 12 - 7 p.m. https://www.facebook.com/GeoffreysHiDeHoComics/ for more information.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

West L.A. Man Pleads Guilty to Fraudulently Obtaining Approximately $9 Million in COVID-Relief Loans

A West Los Angeles man pleaded guilty yesterday to federal charges stemming from a scheme that used a series of corporations he controlled to fraudulently obtain approximately $9 million in loans from COVID-relief programs, some of which he used on gambling excursions to Las Vegas and transferred to his stock trading accounts.

Andrew Marnell, 41, who resides in the Beverly Grove neighborhood, pleaded guilty to one count of bank fraud and one count of money laundering.

Marnell admitted that he fraudulently obtained Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loans guaranteed by the Small Business Administration (SBA) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Marnell obtained seven PPP loans from financial institutions for corporations he controlled that brought him just under $9 million.

Marnell submitted fraudulent loan applications that made numerous false and misleading statements about the companies' business operations and payroll expenses. Marnell, often using aliases, submitted fake and altered documents, including bogus federal tax filings and employee payroll records.

The PPP program was implemented by the CARES Act, which was signed into law in March 2020 and was designed to provide relief to businesses affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The CARES Act also provided funding to The Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (EIDL) administered by the SBA. Marnell admitted that he fraudulently obtained $170,000 in EIDL loans.

Once the loans were funded, Marnell transferred millions of dollars from the fraudulently obtained loan proceeds to his brokerage accounts to make risky stock market bets, according to court documents, which note that Marnell spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in fraudulently obtained loan proceeds at various gambling establishments.

As part of the plea agreement, Marnell agreed to forfeit items related to the pilfered PPP loan funds, including more than $1.54 million seized from several brokerage accounts, $319,298 in cash recovered from his residence, numerous electronic devices, a Rolex Oyster watch, a Range Rover and a Ducati motorcycle.

As a result of his guilty pleas, Marnell will face a statutory maximum sentence of 40 years in federal prison when he is sentenced by United States District Judge R. Gary Klausner on February 14, 2022. In addition to any prison sentence he receives, Marnell has agreed to pay restitution to the victim lenders to compensate the losses this case, an amount believed to be $7,341,376.

Marnell has been in custody since his arrest in this matter on July 16, 2020.

The Federal Housing Finance Agency's Office of Inspector General, the FBI, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Office of Inspector General, IRS Criminal Investigation, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, and the Small Business Administration's Office of Inspector General investigated this matter. The California Department of Justice's Bureau of Gambling Control provided valuable assistance.

Assistant United States Attorney Kerry Quinn of the Major Frauds Section and Justice Department Trial Attorney Scott Armstrong of the Criminal Division's Fraud Section are prosecuting this case.

In May, the Attorney General established the COVID-19 Fraud Enforcement Task Force to marshal the resources of the Department of Justice in partnership with agencies across government to enhance efforts to combat and prevent pandemic-related fraud. The Task Force bolsters efforts to investigate and prosecute the most culpable domestic and international criminal actors and assists agencies tasked with administering relief programs to prevent fraud by, among other methods, augmenting and incorporating existing coordination mechanisms, identifying resources and techniques to uncover fraudulent actors and their schemes, and sharing and harnessing information and insights gained from prior enforcement efforts. For more information on the department's response to the pandemic, please visit https://www.justice.gov/coronavirus.

Anyone with information about allegations of attempted fraud involving COVID-19 can report it by calling the Department of Justice's National Center for Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721 or via the NCDF Web Complaint Form at: https://www.justice.gov/disaster-fraud/ncdf-disaster-complaint-form.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 269 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 13

Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 12:16 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 100blk Broadway 1:09 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2800blk Main St 1:13 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1800blk 4th St 1:28 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 400blk Georgina Ave 1:51 a.m.
Loud Music 1000blk 2nd St 2:39 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1000blk 20th St 2:54 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 2:54 a.m.
Prowler There Now 2300blk Schader Dr 5:20 a.m.
Encampment 700blk Palisades Beach Rd 5:50 a.m.
Domestic Violence Now 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 6:01 a.m.
Encampment 1000blk Ocean Ave 7:21 a.m.
Encampment 1200blk The Beach 7:23 a.m.
Encampment 1300blk The Beach 7:35 a.m.
Silent Burglar Alarm 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:46 a.m.
General Parking Problem 2400blk Virginia Ave 7:55 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 7:59 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 1400blk Berkeley St 8:29 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 800blk Yale St 8:39 a.m.
Expired Registration 1300blk 9th St 8:48 a.m.
Burglary Report 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:20 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300blk Olympic Dr 9:29 a.m.
Prowler Report 1400blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:30 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Berkeley St / Colorado Ave 9:40 a.m.
Overdose 2200blk 6th St 9:43 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1000blk Harvard St 9:46 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1300blk Ocean Ave 9:53 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk The Beach 10:05 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 900blk 10th St 10:15 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1300blk 2nd St 10:37 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400blk Princeton St 10:37 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300blk 20th St 10:47 a.m.
Expired Registration 1000blk Washington Ave 10:55 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500blk 4th St 10:57 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1300blk 2nd St 11:14 a.m.
Person With A Gun 500blk Broadway 11:24 a.m.
Fight 100blk Colorado Ave 11:27 a.m.
Overdose 1500blk Franklin St 11:31 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 800blk 18th St 12:03 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 12:16 p.m.
Fraud Report 1200blk Hill St 12:19 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 800blk 18th St 12:22 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1700blk Sunset Ave 12:22 p.m.
Expired Registration 1200blk 15th St 12:26 p.m.
Burglary Report 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:36 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 12:36 p.m.
Expired Registration 1400blk Arizona Ave 12:54 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 12:58 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2200blk Montana Ave 1:12 p.m.
Burglary Report 2600blk 3rd St 1:14 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1000blk 4th St 1:20 p.m.
Expired Registration 1400blk 12th St 1:43 p.m.
General Parking Problem 500blk Wilshire Blvd 1:47 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 1:52 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2100blk Oak St 1:54 p.m.
Fight 2300blk Lincoln Blvd 2:30 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 300blk Olympic Dr 2:34 p.m.
Drinking In Public 2000blk Ocean Ave 2:42 p.m.
Fraud Report 2000blk Euclid St 2:52 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2900blk Wilshire Blvd 3:07 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1200blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:07 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 900blk 20th St 3:11 p.m.
Expired Registration 1900blk Washington Ave 3:23 p.m.
General Parking Problem 700blk Wilshire Blvd 3:30 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 18th St / Ocean Park Blvd 3:41 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2000blk Pico Blvd 3:54 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 100blk Esparta Way 4:03 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 4:05 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 3000blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:07 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 3100blk Neilson Way 4:08 p.m.
Fraud Report 1200blk Hill St 4:15 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1200blk 14th St 4:19 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 800blk Colorado Ave 4:24 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 4:49 p.m.
Expired Registration 900blk Michigan Ave 4:52 p.m.
Burglary Report 500blk Wilshire Blvd 5:00 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 32nd St / Pico Blvd 5:05 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2700blk 31st St 5:07 p.m.
Identity Theft 1900blk 17th St 5:23 p.m.
Encampment 1300blk 10th St 5:26 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Princeton St / Wilshire Blvd 5:29 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1400blk 17th St 5:47 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Neilson Way / Bicknell Ave 5:55 p.m.
Loitering 1900blk 6th St 7:51 p.m.
Burglary Report 500blk Wilshire Blvd 7:54 p.m.
Drinking In Public 1600blk 5th St 8:18 p.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 9:03 p.m.
Battery Report 4th St / California Ave 9:17 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1400blk 4th St 9:23 p.m.
Loud Music 2500blk 30th St 9:43 p.m.
Loud Music 2400blk Kansas Ave 10:19 p.m.
Overdose 2200blk 21st St 11:37 p.m.
Loud Music Main St / Pier Ave 11:49 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 400blk Wilshire Blvd 11:58 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 52 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 13

Automatic Alarm 1400blk Ocean Ave 12:34 a.m.
EMS 1900blk 20th St 12:38 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Main St 4:41 a.m.
Wires Down 2300blk Kansas Ave 7:11 a.m.
EMS 900blk 15th St 7:18 a.m.
EMS 2200blk 6th St 9:43 a.m.
EMS 2600blk Centinela Ave 9:47 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 16th St 10:19 a.m.
EMS 2600blk Main St 10:23 a.m.
EMS 500blk Ocean Ave 10:35 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 10:46 a.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 10:53 a.m.
EMS 200blk Santa Monica Pl 11:11 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 14th St 11:19 a.m.
EMS 1500blk Franklin St 11:31 a.m.
EMS 800blk Ocean Ave 11:32 a.m.
EMS 100blk Colorado Ave 11:35 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 11:43 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 3300blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:00 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 11th St 12:09 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Princeton St 12:30 p.m.
EMS 1800blk 17th St 1:17 p.m.
EMS 200blk Ocean Ave 1:55 p.m.
EMS 9th St / Marguerita Ave 1:58 p.m.
Lock In/Out 1100blk Chelsea Ave 2:10 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 400blk 18th St 2:12 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 4th St 2:28 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 2:42 p.m.
EMS 700blk Wilshire Blvd 3:00 p.m.
Wires Down 500blk Euclid St 3:40 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 4th St 3:44 p.m.
EMS 600blk Pico Blvd 4:02 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Princeton St 4:16 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:31 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Ave 4:33 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Main St 4:57 p.m.
EMS 400blk Pier Ave 5:44 p.m.
EMS Centinela Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 6:01 p.m.
EMS 1800blk 9th St 6:16 p.m.
EMS 2900blk 16th St 6:22 p.m.
Smoke Investigation 200blk 20th St 7:10 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 1200blk 14th St 7:15 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Ocean Ave 7:33 p.m.
EMS 300blk Arizona Ave 7:47 p.m.
EMS 1900blk 20th St 8:37 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Main St 8:39 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 5th St 9:48 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Arizona Ave 10:06 p.m.
EMS 900blk 9th St 10:24 p.m.
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Pankow
THINKING BEYOND THE BUILDING

Notice Inviting Bids

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Charles Pankow Builders, Ltd. Will receive bids on behalf of CMPG, County of Los Angeles, California (hereinafter "Owner") will receive electronic bids to rrholke@pankow.com and receive sealed bids at the Charles Pankow Office C/O Ron Rohlke at 199 S. Los Robles Ave., Suite 300, Pasadena, CA 91101, until 12pm on Thursday, September 23, 2021, for **ELECTRICAL, ELEVATORS, CONCRETE, PLASTER & GYPSUM BOARD ASSEMBLIES.**

NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME!

The bid must conform to and be responsive to all the contract documents.

The Contract Documents, including specifications can be obtained by contacting Ron Rohlke by e-mail at rrohlke@pankow.com, or by phone, (626) 304-1190.

This is a Federally-assisted construction project. Federal Labor Standards Provisions, including the prevailing wage requirements of the Davis-Beacon and Related Acts will be enforced. In the event of a labor dispute, when Federal and State wage rates are in conflict, the higher of the two will prevail. This is a HUD Section 3 construction contract and all bidders must commit to employ low-income residents from the local community to achieve the Section 3 goals and to be considered a Section 3 responsive bidder. A bidder who is not responsive to Section 3 requirements shall be considered a non-responsive bidder to this Invitation for Bids.

No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

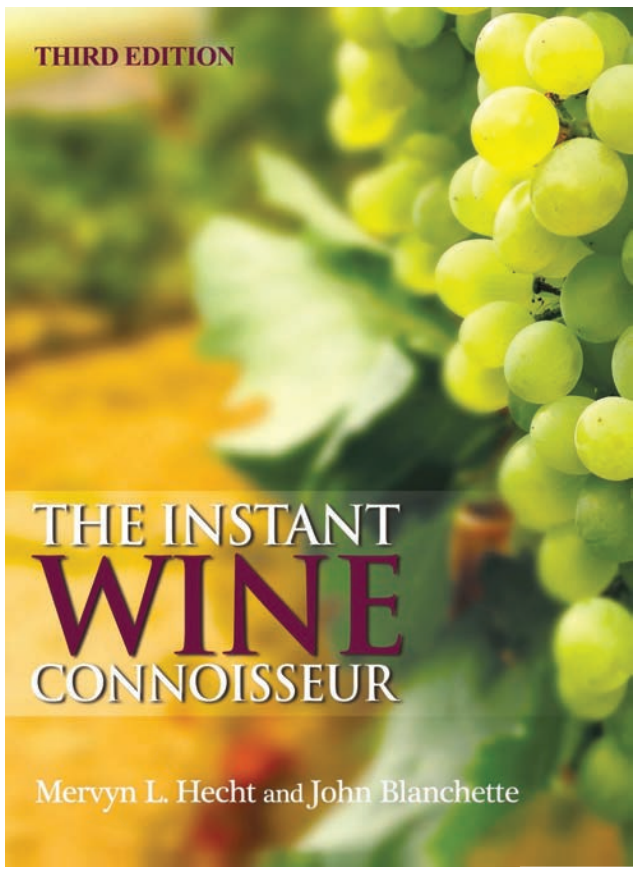
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Census: Relief programs staved off hardship in COVID crash

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Associated Press

Massive government relief passed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic moved millions of Americans out of poverty last year, even as the official poverty rate increased slightly, the Census Bureau reported Tuesday.

The official poverty measure rose 1 percentage point in 2020, with 11.4% of Americans living in poverty, or more than 37 million people. It was the first increase in poverty after five consecutive annual declines.

But the Census Bureau's supplemental measure of poverty, which takes into account government benefit programs and stimulus payments, showed that the share of people in poverty dropped significantly after the aid was factored in.

The supplemental poverty measure was 2.6 percentage points lower than its pre-pandemic level in 2019. Stimulus payments moved 11.7 million people out of poverty, while expanded unemployment benefits kept 5.5 million from falling into poverty. Social Security continued to be the nation's most effective anti-poverty program.

"This really highlights the importance of our social safety net," said Liana Fox, chief of the Census' poverty statistics bureau.

That finding is likely to resonate in a divided Congress, where President Joe Biden's $3.5 trillion "Build Back Better" domestic agenda faces uncertain prospects. Two anchors of last year's COVID response — enhanced unemployment benefits and a federal eviction moratorium — have expired, adding to concerns.

The White House quickly took note.

"The key takeaway from this report is the extremely powerful anti-poverty and pro-middle class income impacts of the government response in 2020," said spokeswoman Emilie Simons. "It isn't enough to temporarily lift people out of poverty, we need to provide opportunities for working Americans and their families to stay there."

The Census reports released Tuesday cover income, poverty and health insurance, and amount to an annual check-up on the economic status of average Americans. They are based on extensive surveys and analysis.

During last year's epic economic collapse, employers shed 22.4 million jobs in March and April, the sharpest decline since records began in the 1940s. Weekly applications for unemployment benefits topped 6 million in a single week in April, by far the highest on record. Since then, the economy has recovered three-quarters of those lost jobs, but the U.S. still has 5.3 million fewer positions than before the pandemic.

A basic indicator of the economic health of the middle class registered the shock.

The median — or midpoint — household income decreased by 2.9% to $67,521 in 2020. The median is a dividing line, with half of American households having lower incomes and the other half, higher. It was the first statistically significant drop in that measure in nearly a decade.

Driving the erosion, the number of people with earnings from work fell by about 3 million and the number of full-time year-round workers contracted by some 13.7 million.

Below those toplines it was a story of haves and have-nots.

People who held on to steady year-round jobs saw an increase in economic well-being, with their median earnings rising 6.9% after adjusting for inflation. People on the lower rungs of the job market, those with part-time jobs or trying to stay afloat in the gig economy, lost ground as median earnings decreased 1.2% for workers overall.

Despite widespread concerns that the pandemic would make millions more Americans uninsured, health coverage held its own in 2020, Census found. More than 91% of Americans had insurance, but 28 million were uninsured.

But Larry Levitt of the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation said the numbers revealed some glaring exceptions. For example, 38% of poor working age adults in the dozen states that have not expanded Medicaid were uninsured. Biden's budget bill would provide a workaround.

"It would be hard to find a group that struggles more to get access to affordable health care," Levitt said.

Congress passed five bipartisan COVID-19 response bills last year, totaling close to $3.5 trillion and signed into law by then-President Donald Trump. This year Democrats pushed through Biden's nearly $1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan on party-line votes. Its effects are not reflected in the Census reports.

Though some of the federal aid last year was delayed for reasons from wrangling over costs to problems with distribution, on the whole it insulated families from economic disaster that would have compounded the public health crisis. Some were left out, such as people not legally authorized to be in the country.

As Americans fought over measures like mask wearing and closing down businesses and community life, lawmakers of both parties were motivated to take dramatic action, said economist Bruce Meyer, a University of Chicago expert on poverty.

"You had Democrats who were very focused on helping those who were unemployed and hurting, and you had Republicans who were willing to do many things to help the reelection of their president, so there was a confluence of incentives, or of desires, by politicians on both sides," he said.

On a historical note, the Census reports documented that government aid was much more effective in preventing poverty last year than in the aftermath of the 2008-2009 Great Recession, a decade earlier. Even after accounting for government programs, the supplemental measure of poverty rose in 2010, while it fell sharply in 2020. That reflects how much more financial juice was provided by Congress and the Trump administration in 2020, compared with President Barack Obama's roughly $900 billion package in 2009.

That's relevant to the current debate over Biden's social infrastructure plan, said public

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

NASCAR shifts season-opening exhibition to L.A. Coliseum

NASCAR will open the 2022 season inside Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in one of the biggest shakeups to its schedule in years.

The annual exhibition Clash, held at Daytona International Speedway since 1979, will shift to Los Angeles next year. The invitation-only race was always the kickoff to competitive NASCAR racing and held the week before the season-opening Daytona 500.

The 2022 race will be held Feb. 6, one week after the Super Bowl and two weeks before the Daytona 500. The race will be inside the stadium on a temporary, quarter-mile, asphalt track. The historic Coliseum is home of the University of Southern California football team and seats 77,500.

The announcement made Tuesday night on Fox Sports precedes the release of the full 2022 schedule.

"Los Angeles is synonymous with major sports and entertainment events, so we seized an innovative opportunity to showcase NASCAR at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum," said Ben Kennedy, NASCAR senior vice president of strategy and innovation. "We're thrilled to have the opportunity to take center stage in this market as we get our 2022 season underway."

NASCAR has run inside stadiums before, including regional events at Bowman Gray Stadium in Winston-Salem and a Cup race at Soldier Field in Chicago in 1956.

Eligibility for The Clash has not been announced, but the drivers will be using the Next Gen cars that are set to debut in 2022.

Tickets for The Clash at Daytona have been on sale for months and the race had been billed as the opener to six days of racing at Daytona. Tickets for "The Clash at the Coliseum" will go on sale Thursday at $65 for adults and $10 for 12 & under.

NASCAR will return to the Los Angeles area after The Clash for its traditional stop at Auto Club Speedway. NASCAR did not race in Los Angeles in 2021 because of the pandemic.

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LOS ANGELES

Feds: Los Angeles bomb technicians caused major explosion

Los Angeles police bomb technicians made major miscalculations in June when they detonated illegal fireworks improperly and caused a massive explosion that rocked a city neighborhood and injured 27 people in June, according to a report by federal investigators.

The 51-page report from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, released Tuesday, ruled out other possible causes, such as an equipment defect, for the June 30 blast in South Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Police Department also issued its own 53-page after-action report.

The technicians overloaded a containment chamber with the illegal fireworks above the equipment's safety rating after authorities were called to a South LA home for a huge stash of fireworks ahead of the Fourth of July. Preliminary findings previously said the bomb technicians' errors were likely to blame.

The vessel exploded, and debris rained down on dozens of residences, businesses and vehicles. The ATF estimates that the catastrophic blast caused more than $1 million in damages to the neighborhood.

Officials revised the injury count to 27 in the newly released reports; authorities previously said it was 17 people. Some victims have filed legal claims – the precursor to lawsuits – against the city.

Many residents in the community remain displaced, and two elderly residents have since died. The Los Angeles Times reported that while officials have attributed their deaths to illness and natural causes, family members and activists contend that the explosion caused them stress that was a contributing factor in their deaths.

Fireworks are illegal to sell or possess in Los Angeles and in unincorporated areas of the county. The illegal fireworks were found at the home of Arturo Ceja III, who pleaded guilty in federal court last month to one count of transportation of explosives without a license. He also faces state charges.

The LAPD report states that the agency's bomb technicians do not undergo formal training to operate the containment vessel and merely have "on the job training" in its use. The technicians never weighed the homemade fireworks with a scale on June 30, and they grossly underestimated how much explosives they contained, investigators found.

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Citywide

Rotary Club of Santa Monica Invites Applications for Community and Youth Grants

The Rotary Club of Santa Monica is currently accepting applications for its Community and Youth Grants program from non-profit organizations serving the Santa Monica community. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 22.

Grants range from $500 to $3,500. Funds may be requested for sustainable projects such as new construction or renovation materials as well as supplies, equipment, and furnishings, including items related to COVID-19 mitigation. Funds are not available for operating expenses, salaries, giving or endowment campaigns, fund-raising or other events, sectarian religious projects, political activities, and foundations that fund other non-profits.

Non-profit organizations may apply annually for funding. Applications and instructions can be obtained by contacting the Rotary Club of Santa Monica at (310) 917-3313, by e-mailing admin@rotaryclubofsantamonica.org, or from the Rotary Club website at www.rotaryclubofsantamonica.org/grants. Organizations must provide proof of non-profit 501(c)(3) status, requested supporting materials, and be able to verify that the funds benefit Santa Monica residents or community and align with Rotary's service mission.

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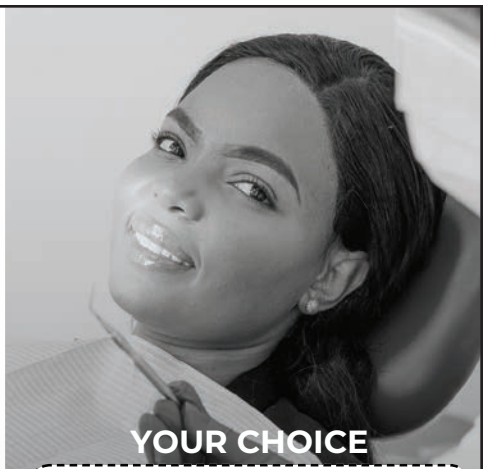
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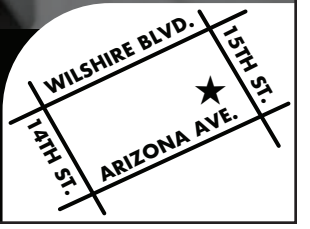
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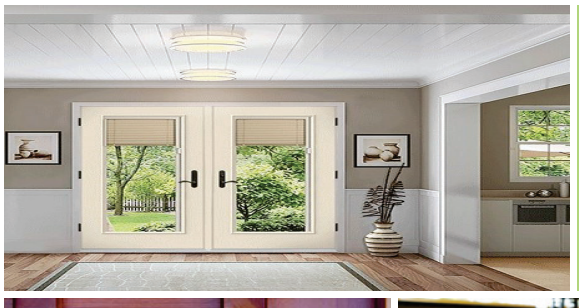


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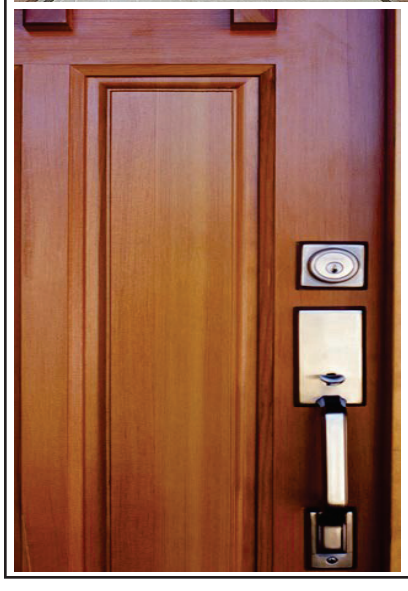
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COVID-19 cases climbing, wiping out months of progress

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COVID-19 deaths and cases in the U.S. have climbed back to levels not seen since last winter, erasing months of progress and potentially bolstering President Joe Biden's argument for his sweeping new vaccination requirements.

The cases — driven by the delta variant combined with resistance among some Americans to getting the vaccine — are concentrated mostly in the South.

While one-time hot spots like Florida and Louisiana are improving, infection rates are soaring in Kentucky, Georgia and Tennessee, fueled by children now back in school, loose mask restrictions and low vaccination levels.

The dire situation in some hospitals is starting to sound like January's infection peak: Surgeries canceled in hospitals in Washington state and Utah. Severe staff shortages in Kentucky and Alabama. A lack of beds in Tennessee. Intensive care units at or over capacity in Texas.

The deteriorating picture nine months into the nation's vaccination drive has angered and frustrated medical professionals who see the heartbreak as preventable. The vast majority of the dead and the hospitalized have been unvaccinated, in what has proved to be a hard lesson for some families.

"The problem now is we have been trying to educate based on science, but I think most of the education that is happening now is based on tragedy, personal tragedy," said Dr. Ryan Stanton, an emergency room physician in Lexington, Kentucky.

In Kentucky, 70% of the state's hospitals -- 66 of 96 -- are reporting critical staff shortages, the highest level yet during the pandemic, the governor said.

"Our hospitals are at the brink of collapse in many communities," said Dr. Steven Stack, Kentucky's public health commissioner.

The U.S. is averaging over 1,800 COVID-19 deaths and 170,000 new cases per day, the highest levels respectively since early March and late January. And both figures have been on the rise over the past two weeks.

The country is still well below the terrifying peaks reached in January, when it was averaging about 3,400 deaths and a quarter-million cases per day.

The U.S. is dispensing about 900,000 vaccinations per day, down from a high of 3.4 million a day in mid-April. On Friday, a Food and Drug Administration advisory panel will meet to discuss whether the U.S. should begin giving booster shots of the Pfizer vaccine.

On a positive note, the number of people now in the hospital with COVID-19 appears to be leveling off or even declining at around 90,000, or about where things stood in February.

Last week, the president ordered all employers with more than 100 workers to require vaccinations or weekly tests, a measure affecting about 80 million Americans. And the roughly 17 million workers at health facilities that receive federal Medicare or Medicaid also will have to be fully vaccinated.

"We read about and hear about and we see the stories of hospitalized people, people on their deathbeds among the unvaccinated over the past few weeks," Biden said in announcing the rules. "This is a pandemic of the unvaccinated."

The requirements have met with resistance and threats of lawsuits from Republicans.

Arizona on Tuesday reported 117 deaths, the most in a single day since last February. Tennessee now ranks first in the U.S. in new cases per capita. Hundreds of students there have been forced to quarantine. Some schools have closed because of staffing shortages. Others have asked to switch to remote learning.

But measures aimed at containing the virus have run into opposition. Last week, a Tennessee high school student who spoke at a school board meeting in favor of a mask mandate was heckled by adults while he talked about his grandmother dying from the virus.

Stanton, the ER doctor in Kentucky, said he has admitted families where the delta variant has swept through generations, especially if the older members are unvaccinated.

"Now in Kentucky, one-third of new cases are under age 18," he said. Some children brought it home from summer camp and spread it to the rest of the family, and now, "between day care and schools and school activities, and friends getting together, there are just so many exposures."

In Alabama, hundreds of COVID-19 patients fill intensive care units, and one hospital contacted 43 others in three states to find a specialty cardiac ICU bed for Ray Martin DeMonia. It wasn't soon enough. The 73-year-old died Sept. 1.

"In honor of Ray, please get vaccinated if you have not, in an effort to free up resources for non-COVID related emergencies," his family pleaded in his obituary.

In Hidalgo County, Texas, along the Mexican border, about 50 patients were in the hospital with COVID-19 on a given day in July. By early August, the number had soared to over 600.

"Back in July we were almost celebrating. Little did we know," said Ivan Melendez, public health authority for Hidalgo County. The situation has improved, with just under 300 people in the hospital as of Monday, but ICUs are still above 90% capacity, Melendez said.

The biggest surge over the summer occurred in states that had low vaccination rates, particularly in the South, where many people rely on air conditioning and breathe recirculated air, said Linsey Marr, a professor of civil and environmental engineering at Virginia Tech. She said states farther north could see upticks as the onset of cold weather sends people indoors.

Vaccination rates are not as low in some Northern states, but "there's still a lot of unvaccinated people out there. Delta is going to find them," Marr said.

Associated Press Writers Ken Sweet, Kimberlee Kruesi, Adrian Sainz and Tali Arbel contributed to this report.

Democrats try delicate tax maneuvers for $3.5 trillion bill

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AP Business Writer

House Democrats on Tuesday began the serious work of trying to implement President Joe Biden's expansive spending plan, but getting there will require remarkable legislative nimbleness, since Biden has said the revenue to pay for it must come only from Americans who earn more than $400,000 a year.

Republicans, who have vowed lockstep opposition to the plan, turned their anger against proposed tax breaks they portrayed as subsidies for wealthy elites rather than help for the poor and middle class. Electric vehicles became a rallying symbol as class-warfare overtones echoed through a committee session.

The Democrats are proposing that the top tax rate rise back to 39.6% on individuals earning more than $400,000 — or $450,000 for couples — in addition to a 3% surtax on wealthier Americans with adjusted income beyond $5 million a year. For big business, the proposal would lift the corporate tax rate from 21% to 26.5% on companies' annual income over $5 million.

"Look, I don't want to punish anyone's success, but the wealthy have been getting a free ride at the expense of the middle class for too long," Biden tweeted Tuesday. "I intend to pass one of the biggest middle class tax cuts ever — paid for by making those at the top pay their fair share."

For middle- and low-income people, tax help, not increase, is on offer as the House Ways and Means Committee digs into debate and drafting of tax proposals to both fund and buttress Biden's ambitious $3.5 trillion rebuilding plan that includes spending for child care, health care, education and tackling climate change.

It's an opening bid at a daunting moment for Biden and his allies in Congress as they assemble the "Build Back Better" package considered by some on par with the Great Society of the 1960s or even the New Deal of the 1930s Depression.

The proposals call for $273 billion in tax breaks for renewable energy and "clean" electricity, including $42 billion for electric vehicles and $15 billion for a "green workforce" and environmental items. Increases in the child tax credit to $300 a month per child under 6 and $250 monthly per child 6-17, which came in coronavirus relief legislation earlier this year, would be extended through 2025.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee, meanwhile, advanced proposals promoting clean electricity, investments in electric vehicles and other climate provisions. The 30-27 vote along party lines sends the energy measure forward as part of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's goal to approve the huge overall package.

The energy panel's $456 billion slice is the most consequential for dealing with climate change and greenhouse gas emissions, along with the tax breaks debated by the Ways and Means Committee.

The Democratic proposals would invest $150 billion in grants to encourage power companies to provide "clean electricity" from renewable sources such as wind and solar. Electricity suppliers would receive grants based on how much clean electricity they provide, as part of Biden's plan to stop climate-damaging fossil fuel emissions from U.S. power plants by 2035.

All GOP lawmakers are expected to vote against the overall legislation. But Republicans are largely sidelined as Democrats rely on a budget process that will allow them to approve the proposals on their own — if they can muster their slight majority in Congress.

Democrats have no votes to spare to enact Biden's agenda, with their slim hold on the House and with the Senate split 50-50, with Vice President Kamala Harris as the tiebreaker, if there is no Republican support.

But one Democratic senator vital to the bill's fate, Joe Manchin of West Virginia, says the cost will need to be slashed to $1 trillion to $1.5 trillion to win his support. And Manchin appeared Tuesday to dig in his heels on insisting that parents meet work requirements to receive the child tax credit.

Manchin also has said he will not support a number of clean energy and climate provisions pushed by Democrats.

A day earlier, Biden appeared to respond to concerns about the plan's size, saying the cost "may be" as much as $3.5 trillion and would be spread out over 10 years as the economy grew.

Republican lawmakers, who have denounced the Democratic spending plan as socialist and job-killing, also went after proposed tax breaks on Tuesday.

The Democrats propose to extend to five years the current $7,500 electric vehicle tax credit for five years, with another $4,500 if a car is made by union workers, and $500 more for a U.S.-made battery. But Republicans painted electric vehicles as a bourgeois-bohemian accessory to be subsidized by taxpayers, the latest symbol of excess.

"Speaking of outrageous green welfare, this bill allows a near-millionaire family to buy a $75,000 Beamer, Jaguar or Benz luxury electric vehicle — and their maid is forced to send them a $12,500 subsidy from her taxes," said Rep. Kevin Brady of Texas, the panel's senior Republican. "Why are blue-collar workers, nurses, teachers and firefighters subsidizing the wealthy and big business with a quarter of a trillion dollars in green welfare checks?"

Hold on, said Rep. Dan Kildee, D-Mich. "We're not going to subsidize the wealthiest buying luxury vehicles." The legislation does impose caps on the sale price of the vehicle ($55,000 for a sedan) and the income of the buyer ($600,000 adjusted gross income for a head of household.)

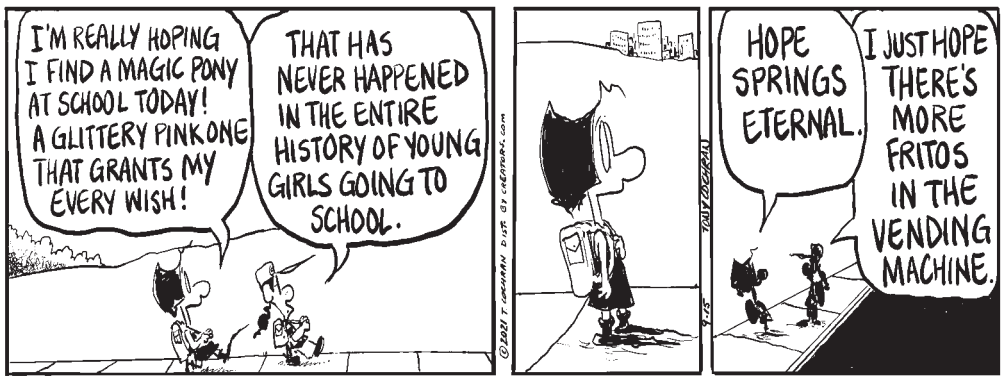
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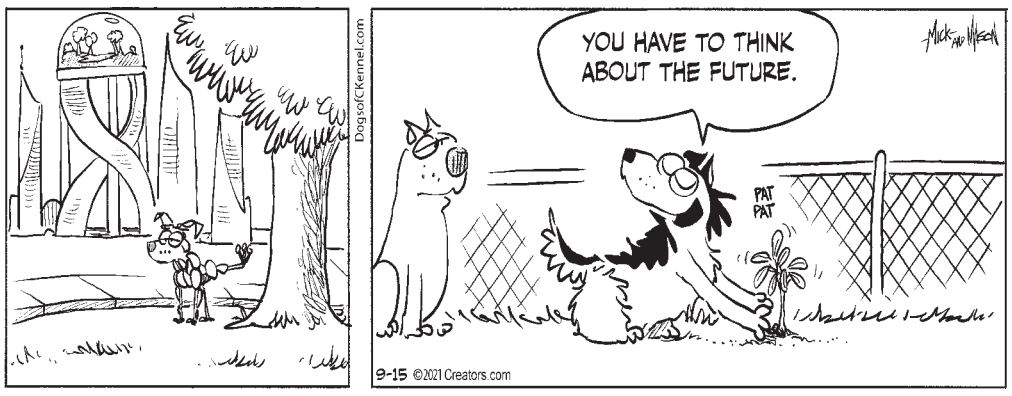
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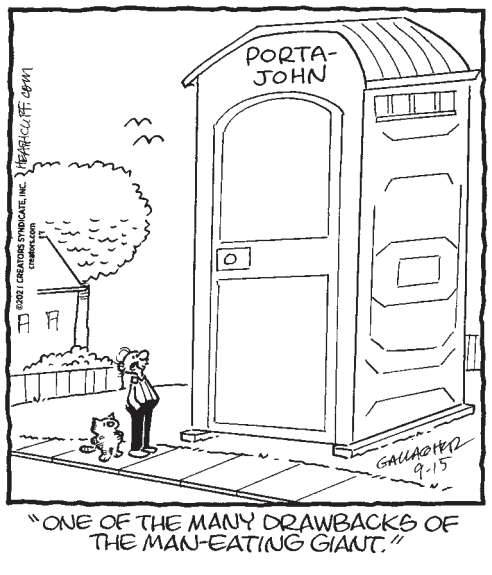
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SURF FORECASTS

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WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 4-6ft Shoulder high to 1 ft overhead
Long-period SSW swell gets a refresh from the S -- more size for focal points west of Dume. Morning looking clean and the afternoon is in play for south facing points. Patchy AM fog.

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-5ft Waist to head high
Decent, easing SSW/S swell -- strongest for focal points west of Dume. NW swell mix drops out. A day to target -- morning looking clean for now.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 67.
Wednesday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 59.
Thursday: \Patchy dense fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 66.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today brings you an abundance of original ideas. Regardless of how good they are, because of the speed by which they pour in, they will be quickly forgotten unless you capture, contain and catalog them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're a natural leader and you'll shine with executive ability, which is to say you're good at running the show. You can be tough, tender, warm or direct as you adapt to the show you're running.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Misreading a situation can cause minor mistakes or major pain. You can avoid any and all trouble with this by paying close attention, and then paying attention from a distance as your awareness grows with every new angle on it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your world is saturated with an overabundance of opinions. Your restraint on the matter will lead to serenity. It will come as a relief to hear to share fewer opinions, and to find that you have fewer of them to share.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have a choice about how to encourage follow-through with the actions that will net a desired result. You can motivate through fear or inspiration. Fear is faster. Inspiration is healthier and more pleasant.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Even though you can't change another person, as you change yourself, if the other person has the least bit of awareness and empathy, a countermove will be made to adapt to yours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Life is the kind of teacher whose lectures seem to drift off-topic, but there's magic in this. You'll get a clue as to your most profitable move -- a sign from the natural world pointing your mind to an answer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Life is a song. Sometimes you dance to it and sometimes you sing along, but right now, you're in the mood to listen, learn and see what happens when others make the moves.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't have to accept what's in your head as the truth. You can change your thought, pick a new one or create one from scratch. Whatever your mood, you are one thought away from lifting it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Love's display isn't always a bouquet of romance or a glamorous foreign holiday. You'll give your love in doses as small as a spoon, as diligent as washed a dish and as moving as a carpool.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Wanting isn't wrong or right. It probably can't even be helped. While you can't effectively command yourself to want what's good for you, you can at least notice what you want and steer your desire toward the best option.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't have to resonate with everything you come across. There are some emotions that are unhealthy to steep in. Your empathetic skills are on point, including the ones that keep you from unhealthy empathy.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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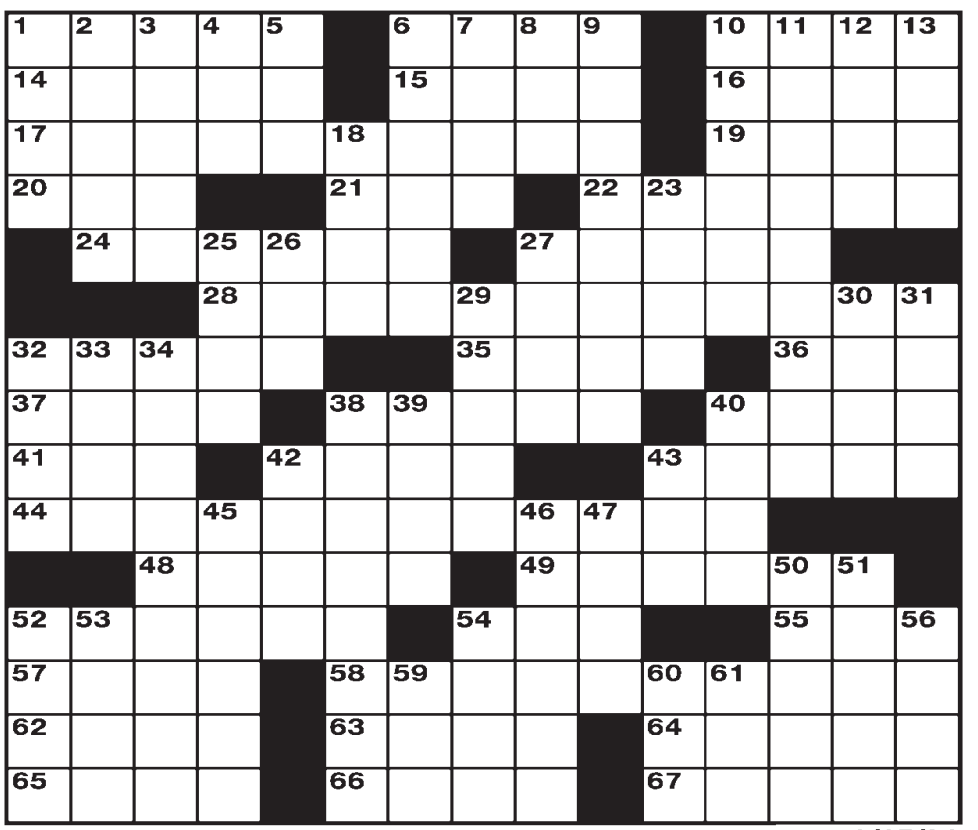
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Newsday Crossword

NOTHING NEW by Fred Piscop
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ACROSS
1 Secret plot
6 Actress Stone or Watson
10 "Shoo!"
14 Show remorse
15 Sound like a lion
16 Had on
17 "Terrible" tot
19 Nickname for Ireland
20 __ Diego, CA
21 Prohibit by law
22 Makes corrections to
24 Begin to blush
27 Pesky flies
28 New Year's Eve party song
32 Where land meets ocean
35 Days before holidays
36 Sunbeam
37 Took one's turn
38 Birds that coo
40 Artist's inspiration
41 Tax agcy.
42 Smallest Great Lake
43 Dads
44 Nashville music show
48 Makes a jump
49 Elevator stops
52 Cooks over boiling water
54 __ carte menu
55 One __ time (singly)
57 Informal "isn't"
58 *Show Boat* song
62 Much-admired celebrity
63 One end of a bed
64 Keep from happening
65 Damp, as a lawn at dawn
66 Firecracker's cord
67 Minimal money

DOWN
1 Leopards and lions
2 Engaged in combat
3 Legendary trailblazer Daniel
4 Whichever
5 Director Spike
6 Quick trip to the store
7 Once in a blue __
8 Prefix meaning "bad"
9 Battle of the Bulge region of Belgium
10 Candies and cookies
11 Sugar substitute in foods
12 Getting little rainfall
13 Cash register compartment
18 Cain's younger brother
23 Issues sold at newsstands
25 Pointy pub game projectile
26 Scheduled to arrive
27 Donated
29 River's flood barrier
30 Rocket launching agency
31 Private __ (detectives)
32 Big gulp
33 Mister, in Munich
34 Store ad phrase
38 Falls asleep
39 Stops, as a squeak
40 Tuna salad ingredient
42 Dutch cheese
43 Paid player
45 In a tidy way
46 Recently
47 Think ahead
50 Poe's black bird
51 Back of a boat
52 Uttered
53 Sand castle's undoing
54 Pop singer Tori
56 Overly stylish
59 Baseball great Gehrig
60 Knock on the door
61 "__ been thinking . . ."



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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School fete

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SMPD

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Officers, both human and canine, will spend time visiting with the different groups.

National Night Out was founded in 1984 and is currently celebrated in over 16,500 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. The evening strives to improve community safety by strengthening connections between neighbors and police personnel.

"The whole point of National Night Out was basically to turn on your outside lights and go out and sit on your porch, and get to know your neighbors," said Sergeant Erika Aklufi. "It kind of turned into more of a festival, and we wanted to bring it back to what it was intended to be as a grassroots type thing."

Aklufi said that block parties felt like the right approach in the current climate, as it will help neighborhoods reconnect after many months of distancing and it will limit the potential for COVID transmission by splitting the event into multiple smaller celebrations.

This year SMPD is putting an emphasis on the role of neighbors in keeping their communities safe and sharing information on how to create neighborhood watch groups.

"The size of the town that we have and the number of residents that we have, we need neighbors to go out and get to know their neighbors," said Aklufi. "It seemed like the perfect way to kick off a long standing Neighborhood Watch program, by doing a neighborhood oriented National Night Out, much like they did back in the '80s."

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HOMELESS

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other churches and synagogues. They said Rev. Shafer was the 51st person approached to help and the church said yes.

Shafer said Mt. Olive is committed to be the "church for the whole community" and as the place of worship had the space to serve, it did so.

That is when Bruin Shelter opened its doors in 2016. It was the first shelter for homeless college students in the United States.

However, the program was almost shut down just after beginning due to zoning problems and complaints from neighbors. The Church was eventually rezoned to allow people to stay overnight on the property. Sprinklers in the dorm room and a shower in the bathroom had to also be placed before the space could house students.

Once that was complete, the Church received strong support from the City Council and the County Supervisors. They also had help from an "angel" as Rev. Shafer described Michael Folonis who provided $150,000 in architectural services for free.

"Students 4 Students is an early intervention, so it is creating an opportunity where a student might otherwise all get into homelessness and fall out of education and fall out of schooling and become, you know, the candidate for chronic homelessness," Shannan VerGow Executive Director, Students 4 Students said. "So it's an intervention that really shores up these young people from falling into chronic homelessness."

The four shelters operate under the fiscal management of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. However, they are funded through philanthropic grants and donations secured by student volunteers.

Students 4 Students had a very difficult time staying open last year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"We had to close the Bruin shelter for the last season. We were unable to reopen in the fall of 2020 so we instead had virtual case management where we were helping students find resources and find them alternative housing," VerGow said. "UCLA health department and health service just did not feel comfortable allowing us to open, even with limited capacity because the COVID was such a raging fire at that point. Trojans Center, which had opened in the fall of 2019, they were able to stay open the entire duration at a slightly smaller capacity so instead of eight students we would have four at a time."

UCLA will reopen on Sept. 27 pending approval from UCLA Health, but the shelter will only be open at half capacity which means five students will be housed. A decision is expected within 1-2 weeks, but all signs indicate the shelter will open on the scheduled date. Trojan Shelter will open with four students instead of eight.

"UC Davis will be opening in October, and we're currently working with UC Santa Cruz to help them get Slug Shelter open, which most likely is going to be in the next year," VerGow said "And I've already heard that we have interest from UC San Diego so we're really spreading the word right now."

Students who need shelter can go online and submit applications. Then they're interviewed by the student volunteers and the case managers, a lot of it is first come first serve. As the applications are received, they're put into the queue and they're interviewed and accepted, or if they aren't a great fit, then we help them find another resource.

For more information on donating or getting a bed visit, https://www.s4sla.org/get-a-bed.

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COVID

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policy analyst Robert Greenstein of the Brookings Institution think tank.

"For people who have a cynical view that nothing much government does works effectively, particularly on the poverty front, it will be harder to maintain that view," said Greenstein, who founded the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a nonprofit advocating on behalf of low-income people.

Among other provisions, the Biden plan extends tax credits for families with children, which is seen as a strategy for reducing childhood poverty and its long-term consequences. The Census reports for 2020 showed that childhood poverty would have increased without the impact of government benefits. Instead it declined.

AP writer Christopher Rugaber contributed to this report.

BUDGET

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unions — by adding incentives for vehicles and batteries manufactured by union workers.

As they slogged through the legislation, members of the majority Democratic committee voted down a series of Republican amendments seeking to tighten the limitations on electric vehicle credits and to eliminate other tax breaks denounced as smacking of progressive Democrats' proposed "Green New Deal."

The House tax proposal is pitched as potentially raising some $2.9 trillion — a preliminary estimate — which would go a long way toward paying for the $3.5 trillion legislation. The White House is counting on long-term economic growth from the spending plan to generate an additional $600 billion to make up the difference.

To reach the Democrats' goal, much of the revenue raised would come from the higher taxes on corporations and the highest earners, increasing the individual tax rate to 39.6% from the current 37%.

Targeting wealthy individuals, the Democrats propose an increase in the top tax rate on capital gains for those earning $400,000 a year or more, to 25% from the current 20%. Exemptions for estate taxes, which were doubled under a 2017 Republican tax law to $11.7 million for individuals, would revert to $5 million.

Associated Press writer Matthew Daly contributed to this report.

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