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# Democrats' drug plan takes a hit

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate parliamentarian on Saturday dealt a blow to Democrats' plan for curbing drug prices but left the rest of their sprawling economic bill largely intact as party leaders prepared for first votes on a package containing many of President Joe Biden's top domestic goals.

Elizabeth MacDonough, the chamber's nonpartisan rules arbiter, said lawmakers must remove language imposing hefty penalties on drugmakers that boost their prices beyond inflation in the private insurance market.

Those were the bill's chief pricing protections for the roughly 180 million people whose health coverage comes from private insurance, either through work or bought on their own.

Other major provisions were left intact, including giving Medicare the power to negotiate what it pays for pharmaceuticals for its 64 million elderly recipients, a longtime goal for Democrats. Penalties on manufacturers for exceeding inflation would apply to drugs sold to Medicare, and there is a \$2,000 annual out-of-pocket cap on drug costs and free vaccines for Medicare beneficiaries.

Her rulings came as Democrats planned to begin Senate votes Saturday on their wide-ranging package addressing climate change, energy, health care costs, taxes and even deficit reduction. Party leaders have said they believe they have the unity they will need to move the legislation through the 50-50 Senate, with Vice President Kamala Harris' tiebreaking vote and over solid Republican opposition.

"This is a major win for the American people," Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer,



**PATRICK SEMANSKY, ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., talks with reporters Saturday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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## 185TH AIR REFUELING WING



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Col. Sonya Morrison succeeds the outgoing wing commander, Col. Mark Muckey, at right, who is moving on to Iowa National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters. Iowa Air National Guard Brig. Gen. Shawn D. Ford, far left, oversaw the transition.

# A first for the 185th

## Col. Sonya Morrison installed as wing commander

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SIOUX CITY — The timing couldn't have been much better. Twenty-nine years and one day after she first enlisted with the U.S. armed forces, Col. Sonya

Morrison obtained the highest rank of her career on Saturday when she was officially installed as the first female commander of the Iowa Air National Guard's 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City.

At the ceremony, which began at noon in the base's fuel cell hangar, Morrison participated in the change of command with outgoing leader Col. Mark Muckey, a Sioux City native who

occupied the post for more than three years and has served for 38 years in total.

Just after 12:30 p.m., Morrison finally got to speak as the 15th commander of the Air Refueling Wing.

"I will always strive to be the best commander I'm capable of being to you," Morrison told the crowd of more than 200 service members.

In taking over a unit that's

won more than a dozen Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards for exceptionally meritorious service,

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**WATCH:** Col. Sonya Morrison talk about being named the new commander of the 185th, point your smartphone camera at the QR Code and tap the link. **NEWSVU**

## Iowa's laws impede treatments for fentanyl

Fentanyl drove most of Iowa's overdose deaths in '21

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As Iowa grapples with a dramatic increase in overdose deaths involving fentanyl, some experts and activists say the best-proven solutions are currently criminalized in the state.

Advocates of harm reduction — a set of strategies to reduce the negative effects of ongoing drug use — say Iowa's laws are counterproductive to the goal of

lowering overdose deaths and getting people with substance use disorders into treatment.

Democratic Attorney General Tom Miller threw his voice into the discussion last month, when he called on the Iowa Legislature to legalize fentanyl test strips, which can test drugs for fentanyl, and expand access to naloxone, a medication that can reduce the effects of a drug overdose.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is used in medical settings, often for the treatment of severe pain. It can be up to 100 times stronger than morphine, meaning it takes a much smaller amount to cause an overdose. The presence of illicit fentanyl,



**Miller**

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**THE MINI:** Musicians who were told they were too loud are now being inducted in the Iowa Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. If you wait long enough, everything changes. Congratulations to the new inductees.  
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# Veterinary ART

Morningside professor participates in first-ever artist residency at Louisiana veterinary school

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Shelby Prindaville spent two months of the summer painting on mosquito ovipositioning paper, sculpting AstroTurf with a heat gun, and taking reference photographs of a brown thrasher nestling, during the inaugural artist-in-residence program at the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine.

“Every single piece that I made has one, if not multiple, things from the vet school,” said Prindaville, an associate professor and head of the Visual Arts Department at Morningside University. “It spans chemicals, like stains, and medicines, as well. Betadine has been surprisingly useful, because it’s basically iodine plus a little bit of extra other stuff. Iodine has long been used as a wood stain.”

Prindaville, who received her master’s degree from LSU in painting and drawing, was contacted by a former professor about serving as a consultant, as the School of Veterinary Medicine embarked on a venture that has never been done at a veterinary school in the United States before.

She didn’t expect to be offered the first artist residency of its kind or think that she would have the availability in the near future to do it. The school initially planned to run the residency for six months to one year in the fall.

But, when they proposed a two-month residency to Prindaville during the summer, she jumped at the opportunity.

“My work is about the sort of fragility and resilience of the natural world. It’s about ecology and the human — nature balance seen through the lens of the fauna a flora, not through the lens of humanity,” Prindaville said by phone from Baton Rouge. Just moments earlier, she was photographing a diagnostic scan of a Magnificent Frigatebird, a large black bird with a wingspan of over seven feet. “The opportunity to get really close, especially to the animals from the wildlife hospital, which are species that I would have a very hard time, just as a general citizen, getting that type of close proximity access to — that was really appealing.”

Prindaville said artist residencies are “exciting opportunities” for her. She enjoys the pressure that comes along with having a deadline to complete artwork for an exhibition.

“For me, it kind of combines a vacation with guilt-free productivity,” said Prindaville, whose artist studio was in a study room in the bustling vet school. “I really like all my bodies of work at residencies to connect to the site. I was excited to see what materials I might be able to incorporate from the vet school itself.”

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Shelby Prindaville, an associate professor and head of the Visual Arts Department at Morningside University, paints the background of an artwork with Eosin Y stain from the Clinical Pathology Department at the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine in Baton Rouge.



Shelby Prindaville, an associate professor and head of the Visual Arts Department at Morningside University, holds Lurch, a baby Nigerian Dwarf goat that was delivered via C-section, at the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine in Baton Rouge.



ARTWORK SHELBY PRINDAVILLE

**Top:** *Lineage*, mixed media painting of a Nigerian Dwarf goat incorporating Large Animal’s goat halter rope, debudding tool marks, and acrylic on panel 2022

**Above:** Shelby Prindaville *Vulture Sculpture*, mixed media sculpture of a black vulture including QuickCure Clay and ZooMed’s artificial turf 2022

**Left:** *Seeing Double*, mixed media relief of a Kunekune pig including Dremel counter relief, QuickCure Clay, and acrylic on a used pig board / sorting panel 2022



*Fortification*, mixed media painting of a Mississippi kite including ZooMed’s PVP Prep Solution, Integrative Medicine’s AcuZone smokeless moxa-rolls, cornstarch, and acrylic on panel 2022

# Cities face crisis with shrinking schools

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Associated Press/Chalkbeat

CHICAGO — On a recent morning inside Chalmers School of Excellence on Chicago’s West Side, five preschool and kindergarten students finished up drawings. Four staffers, including a teacher and a tutor, chatted with them about colors and shapes.

The summer program offers the kind of one-on-one support parents love. But behind the scenes, Principal Romian Crockett worries the school is becoming precariously small.

Chalmers lost almost a third of its enrollment during the pandemic, shrinking to 215 students. In Chicago, COVID-19 worsened declines that preceded the virus: Predominantly Black neighborhoods like Chalmers’ North

Lawndale, long plagued by disinvestment, have seen an exodus of families over the past decade.

The number of small schools like Chalmers is growing in many American cities as public school enrollment declines. More than one in five New York City elementary schools had fewer than 300 students last school year. In Los Angeles, that figure was over one in four. In Chicago, it has grown to nearly one in three, and in Boston it’s approaching one in two, according to a Chalkbeat/AP analysis.

Most of these schools were not originally designed to be small, and educators worry coming years will bring tighter budgets even as schools are recovering from the pandemic’s disruption.

“When you lose kids, you lose resources,” said Crockett, the Chalmers principal. “That im-

pacts your ability to serve kids with very high needs.”

A state law prohibits Chicago from closing or consolidating schools until 2025. And across the U.S., COVID-19 relief money is helping subsidize shrinking schools. But when the money runs out in a few years, officials will face a difficult choice: Keep the schools open despite the financial strain, or close them, upsetting communities looking for stability for their children.

“My worry is that we will shut down when we have all worked so hard,” said Yvonne Wooden, who serves on Chalmers’ school council. Her children went to the pre-K through eighth-grade school, and two grandchildren attend now. “That would really hurt our neighborhood.”

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Laiah Collins, 4, center, creates artwork during a class July 13 at Chalmers Elementary school in Chicago. Some American cities are seeing their schools shrink, with more and more schools serving small numbers of students. Those small schools are expensive to run and often still can’t offer everything students need.



