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Democrats' drug plan takes a hit

ALAN FRAM AND FARNOUSH AMIRI 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 pentheir prices beyond inflation in cap on drug costs and free vacthe private insurance market. cines for Medicare beneficiaries.

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 alties on drugmakers that boost is a \$2,000 annual out-of-pocket

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,

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



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

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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Twenty-nine years and one day after she first enlisted with

when she was officially installed as the first female commander of the Iowa Air National Guard's finally got to speak as the 15th 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City.

At the ceremony, which be-SIOUX CITY – The timing gan at noon in the base's fuel couldn't have been much better. cell hangar, Morrison participated in the change of command with outgoing leader Col. Mark the U.S. armed forces, Col. Sonya Muckey, a Sioux City native who

rank of her career on Saturday three years and has served for 38 years in total.

Just after 12:30 p.m., Morrison 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 185th, point your smartphone members.

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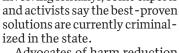
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Morrison obtained the highest occupied the post for more than won more than a dozen Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards for exceptionally meritorious service,

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being named the new commander of the camera at the QR Code and tap



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 over-



dose deaths and getting people with substance use disorders into treatment. Democratic

Miller

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,

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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. - JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD

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Veterinary

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

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helby 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 ing." stain."

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 I was excited to see what materithe availability in the near fu- als I might be able to incorporate ture to do it. The school initially from the vet school itself." planned to run the residency for six months to one year in the fall.

But, when they proposed a twomonth 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 Rogue. 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 appeal-

Prindaville said artist residen-Prindaville, who received her cies 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.

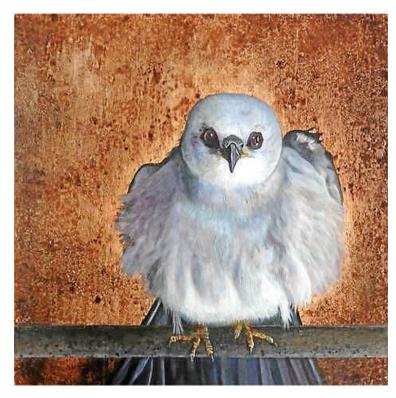
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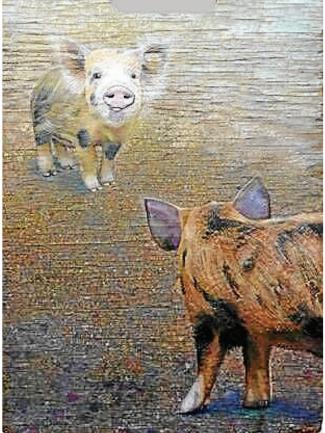
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Shelby Prindaville, an associate professor and head of the Visual Arts Department at Morningside University, paints the background of an artwork with Eosin Y stain from the Clinical Pathology Department at the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary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





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





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

Cities face crisis with shrinking schools

MILA KOUMPILOVA, MATT BARNUM AND COLLIN BINKLEY Associated Press/Chalkbeat

CHICAGO - On a recent Side, five preschool and kindergarten students finished up one in five New York City eledrawings. Four staffers, including a teacher and a tutor, chatted with them about colors and shapes.

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

its enrollment during the pan- years will bring tighter budgets demic, shrinking to 215 students. even as schools are recovering In Chicago, COVID-19 worsened from the pandemic's disruption. declines that preceded the virus: Predominantly Black neigh- resources," said Crockett, the borhoods like Chalmers' North Chalmers principal. "That im-

investment, have seen an exodus with very high needs." of families over the past decade.

morning inside Chalmers School like Chalmers is growing in many of Excellence on Chicago's West American cities as public school enrollment declines. More than mentary schools had fewer than 300 students last school year. In Los Angeles, that figure was over one in four. In Chicago, it has The summer program offers the 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, Chalmers lost almost a third of and educators worry coming

"When you lose kids, you lose

Lawndale, long plagued by dis- pacts your ability to serve kids

A state law prohibits Chicago The number of small schools 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 Please see SCHOOLS, Page D5 offer everything students need.

Art

From D1

The seven paintings, one sculpture and 17 ceramic pieces that Prindaville has completed thus far reflect a number of the school's areas, including pathology, histology, epidemiology, zoological medicine and large animal medicine.

"I've met a number of amazing animals here. The top of the list for me is actually this baby brown thrasher that was here when I arrived. He was just a little nestling," she said. "Because he was a little bit imprinted, he posed for me really well. He wasn't scared of me. He would sit in all these interesting positions. I got to watch him grow up."

Prindaville created two paintings of the brown thrasher, which was eventually released into the wild, painting him three times across those paintings. She also painted a Mississippi kite and a Nigerian Dwarf goat named Morticia. Morticia was slated to deliver her kid via C-section, but she ended up spending roughly six weeks at the school before finally going into labor.

him."

"I got to see her hours-old baby when, finally, it was delivered via C-section. He is the cutest thing," she said of baby Lurch. "I haven't painted him yet, but I will paint tray from the block of ice, they'd



SHELBY PRINDAVILLE

Crèche Chic, mixed media painting of brown thrasher nestlings including Integrative Medicine's Jing Tang Herbal Concentrated Red Lung and Concentrated Prostate Invigorator and acrylic on panel 2022

sort of sluggishly reanimate. If Prindaville found the process they reanimated too much, you'd scoot it back on the ice to chill of photographing mosquitoes them out a little bit more." "fascinating." In order for her to

Prindaville ended up painting a portrait of two female mosquitoes after they had a blood meal, along with three mosquito eggs on the ovipositioning paper, which is the paper used to hatch mosquito eggs for research purposes.

Prindaville's exhibition at LSU opened on July 25. She said her work will also be on display at



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Shelby Prindaville, an associate professor and head of the Visual Arts Department at Morningside University, photographs a brown thrasher nestling, while participating in an artist-in-residency program at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

mid-August and in Town and finish it," she said. "I have a pos-Country, Missouri, in October. She's tentatively planning a show at Morningside University next in very early stages of design going fall.

Lauritzen Gardens in Omaha in more work. I don't know when I'll dency will be even bigger."

sum painting in progress right now; and I have a few other pieces on, too. I do hope the final body of "I'm still trying to create some work connected to this artist resi-

Schools

From D1

The pandemic accelerated enrollment declines in many districts as families switched to homeschooling, charter schools and other options. Students moved away or vanished from school rolls for unknown reasons.

Many districts like Chicago give schools money for each student. That means small schools sometimes struggle to pay for fixed costs – the principal, a counselor and building upkeep.

To address that, many allocate extra money to small schools, diverting dollars from larger schools. In Chicago, the district spends an average of \$19,000 annually per student at small high schools, while students at larger ones get \$10,000, according to the Chalkbeat/AP analysis.

"I love small schools, but small schools are very expensive," Chi-

cago schools chief Pedro Martinez rollment in the district. told the school board recently. "We can get some really creative, innovative models, but we need the funding."

take reference images of the tiny

insects for her paintings, they had

slow their blood down enough so

that they're not going to fly," she

explained. "Then, they gently

tweezed them out onto a metal

tray on a block of ice. Depending

on far away you scooted the metal

"Not to kill them, but to just

to be briefly frozen.

At the same time, these schools are often stretched thin. Very small schools offer fewer clubs, sports and arts programs. Some elementary schools group students from different grades in the same classroom, although Martinez has vowed that won't happen next year.

Manley Career Academy High School on Chicago's West Side illustrates the paradox. It now serves 65 students, and the cost per student has shot up to \$40,000, even though schools like is particularly fraught in Chicago, Manley offer few elective courses, sports and extracurricular activities.

"We're spending \$40,000 per pupil just to offer the bare minimum," said Hal Woods of the advocacy group Kids First Chicago, which has studied declining en-

Small schools are popular with families, teachers and community members because of their tightknit, supportive feel. Some argue districts should pour more dollars into these schools, many in predominantly Black and Latino neighborhoods hard hit by the pandemic. Schools serve as community hubs and points of local pride even as they lose students as is the case in North Lawndale.

Race also looms large. Nationally, schools with more students of color are more likely to be closed. and those in affected communities often feel unfairly targeted.

The prospect of closing schools where 50 schools were shuttered in 2013, most in predominantly Black neighborhoods. The move fraved trust between residents and the district and, according to University of Chicago research, markedly disrupted learning for low-income students.

In Boston, where the district had been losing students well before the pandemic, families are skeptical of closures.

Among the schools most at risk is P.A. Shaw Elementary School in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood. Revived from a previous closure in 2014, the school had just over 150 students last year, down from 250 in 2018. After making plans to eliminate two classrooms earlier this year seen by some as a harbinger of closure – the district faced blowback from parents and teachers.

Parents rallying behind the school included Brenda Ramsey, whose 7-year-old daughter, Emersyn Wise, is entering second grade. When Ramsey became homeless and went to stay with family during the pandemic, teachers from Shaw drove half an hour to deliver schoolwork. Later, the school's staff helped Ramsey find permanent housing.

Ramsey, 32, still remembers the joy she felt when she and her two daughters first visited Shaw.

"The principal looked like them she was a young Black woman who was excited to see them," she said. "They were really big on family engagement, family involvement, and that's just something you don't see that often."

Now, with the school's fate in question, Ramsey is debating whether to keep Emersyn there.

Ramsey's dilemma illustrates what the district calls its "cycle of declining enrollment": Schools' enrollment falls, leading to financial instability – which prompts even more families to leave.

Some urban school districts that are losing students, including Denver, Indianapolis, and Kansas City, Missouri, are considering school closures. Earlier this year, the Oakland, California, school board voted to close several small schools despite furious protests.

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