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NO END IN SIGHT FOR INCREASING RENT COSTS IN COUNTY

Demand pushing prices up not only locally, but in metro areas nationwide

BY PHILLIP MOLNAR

On her laptop at her parents' home in New Jersey, Sophia Sumaray is in a panic.

The third-year student at UC San Diego has been looking for a rental since March and has seen prices rise while available units get snatched up before she can apply. Sumaray, 22, is sharing the cost of housing with her parents, but \$2,100 a month for a studio is way outside the budget.

Time is running out before school starts in September. Her parents are considering putting her up in a hotel long-term, and Sumaray isn't picky about where she ends up anymore.

"At this point, I just need a place to live," she said. "As long as it has transit and has a bed, I want to live there."

Despite a patchwork of eviction
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Dr. James Garvey (left) walks into a room to help Victoria Askaryar, a registered nurse, tend to a patient at Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas. The hospital saw a total of 176 patients in the emergency department Thursday when they typically see about 140.

ERs STRUGGLE TO KEEP UP WITH INFLUX OF PATIENTS

S.D. County facilities say that COVID-19 is not the only cause of surge

BY PAUL SISSON

Emergency departments across San Diego County are reporting significant and sustained levels of patient traffic in the midst of COVID-19.

From inland communities to the coast, hospital managers are describing the current situation

as unprecedented, with a wide range of illnesses arriving daily in numbers not usually seen in the summer months.

In a recent email, Dimitrios Alexiou, director of the Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties, confirmed that recent overall emergency volumes have been "higher than we have seen in previous years."

The trend is "especially concerning," he said, because emergency use tends to be less robust in July and August, normally increasing when flu season arrives

in the fall. And the trend is not confined to San Diego County alone, added Jan Emerson Shea, vice president of external affairs at the California Hospital Association.

"We're seeing similar situations all across California and the nation," Emerson Shea said.

While the number of coronavirus-positive patients seeking emergency attention has increased significantly since mid-July as the more-contagious Delta variant spreads, the demand has so far been signifi-

cantly less intense than it was in late 2020 and early 2021. The current onslaught under way in emergency departments has a broader base.

Hospitals report increased visits by those with chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart failure. They come alongside a significant increase in broken bones, sprains and other types of injuries that seem to be occurring as the population started recreating again, flooding beaches, going to concerts and generally hav-
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AFTER RACIAL INCIDENTS, HOW ARE SCHOOLS REACTING?

Cathedral Catholic High reflects on insensitive posts, moves to improve

BY KRISTEN TAKETA

It was last spring during Easter break, and Cathedral Catholic High School President Kevin Calkins was looking forward to going back to school.

Then Calkins got a call with bad news: a Cathedral football player had made a racially insensitive social media post that appeared to compare Cathedral's opponent, Lincoln High School — a mostly Latino and Black school — with convicts. That post came on top of a photo days earlier when the Cathedral team posed using hand signs that was interpreted by some as gang signs.

Cathedral, a private Catholic school that charges \$20,000 yearly tuition, was all over the news for the social media posts. Calkins said he got calls from the Catholic bishop of San Diego and outside groups with no ties to Cathedral,
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AFTER CROSSING THE BORDER IN TEXAS, MIGRANTS FLOWN TO S.D. THEN EXPELLED

BY KATE MORRISSEY

In the middle of the tarmac at San Diego International Airport, dozens of parents slowly climbed down from a plane, many of them with children in their arms.

Rather than join passengers from other flights in the terminal, they were loaded onto white prison buses. Some of the small children gripped the bars across the windows and pressed their faces to the glass.

They were soon taken to the San Diego-Tijuana border, where they were handed off to Mexican immigration officials and sent to a city that most had never seen.

The scene that unfolded Wednesday afternoon is a familiar one, first reported by The San Diego Union-Tribune in April, when the Biden administration began using flights to transport Central American asylum-seeking families from where Border Patrol apprehended them in Texas to other



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Migrants arrive at Templo Embajadores De Jesus on Thursday in Tijuana and request help from Pastor Gustavo Banda (right).

parts of the border. Those families were then expelled to Mexico under a Trump administration pandemic policy known as Title 42 that President Joe Biden has

continued to use despite growing criticism.

Title 42, which cuts off access to the U.S. asylum system, puts
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SYCUAN ASKS FOR STREET, BUILDING AT UCSD TO BE RENAMED

Critics say Dr. Osler marginalized people of color, took native skulls

BY JOHN WILKENS

Alec Calac is a fourth-year medical student at UC San Diego, the second person ever from his Native American band, Pauma, to go to med school. His father was the first.

As proud as he is of that lineage, and as happy as the 26-year-old Escondido native says he is to be studying close to home, there is something about the campus that Calac finds disturbing.


Two things, actually — a street and a parking garage.

Both are named after Dr. William Osler, a Canadian physician sometimes called "the father of modern medicine." Dead for more than 100 years, his legacy is coming under increased scrutiny because of certain words and actions — including the taking of four indigenous skulls Osler gifted to a mentor in Germany in the 1880s.
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Today's newspaper contains the 2021 edition of the U-T Community Almanac. Discover the most recent data about different neighborhoods across the county. It also features stories about San Diegians who made a difference in their communities during some of the worst days of the coronavirus pandemic. Their creative acts aided and/or entertained their neighbors during a trying time. **Inside**

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