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Modest payments could get thousands off streets

Many need as little as \$750 for housing — far less than costs of other solutions — L.A. academics say.

By DOUG SMITH

A monthly payment of \$750 to \$1,000 would allow thousands of the city's homeless people to find informal housing, living in boarding homes, in shared apartments or with family and friends, according to a policy brief by four prominent Los Angeles academics.

Citing positive preliminary results of pilot studies in several cities, including Los Angeles, the researchers say the income could provide access to housing for a portion of the population who became homeless primarily as the result of economic setbacks.

This could ultimately save millions of dollars in public services, they say, and leave the overstretched and far more expensive subsidized and service-enriched housing for those who have more complicated social needs.

"If the idea is to reduce the number of people on the street, definitely the fastest way to do that is money and not this incredibly complex system that we have built up primarily to help people with serious disabilities," said lead author Gary Blasi, a professor emeritus at UCLA School of Law.

The paper offers no prescriptions for how the payments should be funded or who should receive the money. Instead, the authors, coming from four separate disciplines, contrast the simplicity and documented effectiveness of basic income with the high cost and inadequate results of programs that seek to provide standard housing for every homeless person.

"The truth is, we cannot [See Income, A9]



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POLICE clash with pro-Palestinian protesters Thursday who had set up an encampment at UCLA that officials deemed "unlawful."

UCLA defends dismantling camp

Online sleuths rush to ID those who attacked protest camp

By BRITTNY MEJIA, JESSICA GARRISON AND MATT HAMILTON

The online sleuths got to work within hours of violence sparking at UCLA this week.

They grabbed videos of the mostly masked rioters who attacked the pro-Palestinian student encampment near the quad and tried to zoom in on faces. They pored over each frame, waiting for the moment masks slipped and faces were exposed to take screen grabs. Then they uploaded those faces to X (formerly Twitter), Instagram and other social media platforms and beseeched the internet to do its thing.

From across the country and around the world, people logged on and joined the collective research [See Sleuths, A7]



OF THE 209 people arrested, many were booked on suspicion of failing to disperse, a misdemeanor, a law enforcement source said.

Journalists attacked

Four Daily Bruin staffers are assaulted by pro-Israel counterprotesters on campus. **A6**

An unsettling barrage

Before chaos, pro-Palestinian encampment was hit with light and sound, activists say. **A7**

More than 200 arrested after police clear area of protesters

By MATTHEW ORMSETH, CONNOR SHEETS, RUBEN VIVES, HANNAH FRY AND RICHARD WINTON

More than 200 people were arrested Thursday morning as police moved into the pro-Palestinian encampment at UCLA, dismantling tents and pushing out protesters in a clash that lasted hours.

The operation capped two days of upheaval on the Westwood campus that began when UCLA declared the encampment "unlawful" and continued when a group of pro-Israel counterprotesters attacked the camp Tuesday night, with police taking hours to stop the violence.

Early Thursday morning, officers wearing body armor, helmets and face shields methodically pulled [See UCLA, A6]

U.S. protection of San Gabriels expanded

Biden administration adds to monument established by Obama in 2014

By ALEX WIGGLESWORTH

President Biden on Thursday expanded San Gabriel Mountains National Monument by nearly a third in an action that was widely praised by the Indigenous leaders, politicians, conservationists and community organizers who had long fought for the enlargement of the protected natural area that serves as the backyard of the Los Angeles Basin.

The president also signed a proclamation expanding Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument by adding the 13,696-acre Molok Luyuk, or Condor Ridge, to the 330,000-



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HIKERS STAND next to 50-foot-tall Millard Falls in the San Gabriel Mountains near Altadena.

acre swath of rolling oak woodlands, lush conifer forests and dramatic rock formations along Northern California's inner Coast Range.

Biden's actions put in place stronger federal protections for areas that were left out when each monument was initially set aside by then-President Obama, in 2014 in the case of the San Gabriel Mountains and the following year for Berryessa Snow Mountain. Advocates say the designations will expand underserved communities' access to open space and better preserve sacred and historic Indigenous cultural sites. The move also [See Monument, A12]

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A farmworker's legacy — built on his notebooks

A Mexican migrant's ledgers tell the story of the generational wealth he amassed, penny by penny, toiling on U.S. farms and orchards

By XAVIER MARTINEZ REPORTING FROM HUAJUAPAN DE LEÓN, MEXICO

My grandmother told me about the missing notebook. It had a blue cover, she said, and was unmarked except for "cuaderno de trabajo" written in the italicized superscript taught in elementary schools around Mexico. Kept by my grandfather when he labored on farms and orchards in the United States, the notebook recorded where he had worked, how much money he earned and — most important — where that money went.

The problem, my grandmother said, was that the "notebook of work" probably had been destroyed or thrown out. My grandfather, a man of few words, didn't know where it was either.

But what if that notebook wasn't gone? After graduating from college in 2023, I traveled to the Mexican state of Oaxaca to visit relatives and to report on the effects of remittances to Mexico. I was unable to find old bank records or receipts, but my grandmother mentioned the missing [See Farmworker, A4]

Recalling regret at aiding Trump

Tabloid lawyer testifies about his reaction to 2016 win and realization he might have contributed to it. **NATION, A12**

L.A. seeks to keep tenants housed

Council member wants to prevent displacement at 17 apartments slated to become affordable housing. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Uncertainty this summer for Kings

After a third straight playoff loss to the Oilers, L.A. stands at crossroads while facing many questions. **SPORTS, B10**

Weather

Turning sunny. L.A. Basin: 73/57. **B6**

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