Tracking Lives of Those Who Served

Stability for Chronically Homeless

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An all-time high of older adults in dollar bills, a new federal report says, and the reason is that the average age of the American population is increasing. The report notes that in 2020, the average age of the U.S. population was 39.5 years old, compared to 37.7 years old in 2010. The report also found that the percentage of the population aged 65 and older increased from 14.5% in 2010 to 19.3% in 2020.

The report, "Trends in the U.S. Population, 2020," was released by the U.S. Census Bureau. It is based on data from the 2020 Census and other sources.

In 2020, the population of the U.S. was estimated to be 333.2 million people, which is an increase of 78.3 million people since 2010. The population growth was driven by natural increase and immigration.

The report also found that the U.S. population is becoming more diverse, with the population of non-Hispanic whites declining and the populations of Hispanics and blacks increasing.

In 2020, the population of non-Hispanic whites was estimated to be 203.2 million people, a decrease of 6.4 million people since 2010. The population of Hispanics was estimated to be 57.7 million people, an increase of 25.4 million people since 2010. The population of blacks was estimated to be 41.3 million people, an increase of 12.8 million people since 2010.

The report also notes that the U.S. population is still growing, with the population of the U.S. expected to reach 370 million people by 2030. The growth is expected to be driven by natural increase and immigration.
SWAT arrests neighbor in double shooting

The Times-Union

A father and son are recovering in a hospital and their neighbor is in jail following a double shooting Thursday in their East Arlington subdivision just north of Landmark Middle School, according to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Officers were called about 3 p.m. to the home in the 12000 block of Scott's Cove Court. Arriving officers found two adult victims, one shot in the leg and the other in the chest. Lt. Steve Mullen said. He did not say what may have started the shooting, which apparently occurred inside the garage, police said.

"The shooter was the neighbor. That person went back to the home," he said. "He shut the door and concealed himself in the house. Officers surrounded the house."

SWAT officers were called in and began negotiating with the man. After a brief negotiation, the man came out of his home about two hours after the shooting, Mullen said.

The gunman, who along with the victims were not identified, had been charged with aggravated assault and aggravated battery, Mullen said. He also faces another charge of pointing his weapon at a third person not fitting.

The victims' wounds were not deemed life threatening, Mullen said.

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She cried at the grave site of her son, whom she had raised and watched grow. She pondered the sacrifices made by many.

"I kept on thinking how those Floridians came all the way to this unknown country, in this unknown territory, to fight in such a battle," she said. "I don't know how they made this sacrifice, this ultimate sacrifice, for a country they didn't know, a culture they didn't know, for that ultimate goal of freedom."".Gury was part of a group from UCP that gave a presentation Thursday on the school's collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs. They held it at the St. Augustine National Cemetery on Maine Street, where 2,831 people are buried, a picturesque spot just south of downtown.

Barbara Gurney, an associate professor of history at UCF, told the students that African American service during World War I, the 1920s and the 1930s.

Darnell Smith, market president of Florida Blue.

"Solutions come through partnerships," he said. "It's appropriate to put together solutions that absolutely work."

The study also showed a 65 percent decrease in costs associated with arrests and jail bookings through the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office, as well as a 72 percent decrease in jail costs. In addition, 77 percent of the participants reported improvement in at least one aspect of life, such as improved relationships and psychological health.

"Life was much better," Narwood said. "They're at home, they're getting health care, they're getting jobs."

The individualized support, such as enrollment in Medicaid and Medicare, primary care and specialized health care and transportation and employment services, were key, Muller said.

"You can't just do the housing. You've got to do the services," she said.

Although the Miami-Dade and Pinellas results have not yet been released, she said likely "we're going to be able to tell policy makers that this is truly the solution that save.

Jacksonville City Council President Aaron Bowman said he wasn't surprised by the study results. He said affordable housing and homelessness are already on the minds of some city council members and have been brought up in talks about the upcoming city budget.

"It's good to see the data that supports the idea," he said.

The next step for Ability Housing and its partners in health care, homelessness prevention and other fields will be to educate other elected officials and their staffs about the study results, Narwood said. State lawmakers in particular will be asked to stop diverting money from affordable housing trust funds — expected to collect $300 million this year — to other priorities.

That's ridiculous. This is a growing state," Narwood said. "Help them understand the impact their decisions have.

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