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Bidens honor Pearl Harbor's fallen in visit to WWII Memorial

By AAMER MADHANI



President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden visit the National World War II Memorial to mark the 80th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021, in Washington. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci).

WASHINGTON (AP)

— President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden on Tuesday marked the 80th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor with a somber visit to the World War II Memorial in the nation's capital.

The Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor and other locations in Hawaii killed 2,403 service members and civilians and was a defining moment that led to U.S. entry into World War II.

Joe Biden touched a wreath and saluted. The wreath contained a wild sunflower, the state flower of Kansas, in honor of former Sen. Bob Dole, a war veteran who was a driving force in getting the memorial built on the National Mall and who died Sunday

at age 98.

The first lady laid a bouquet of flowers at the base of the memorial below the New Jersey pillar and softly touched a wall, where she and the president spent a moment. The bouquet was in honor of her father, Donald Jacobs, who served as a U.S. Navy signalman in the war, the White House said.

The Bidens then paused at the Pacific arch on the southern side of the memorial plaza for one last moment of reflection before departing.

Joe Biden, in a White House proclamation issued last week to recognize National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, gave “thanks to the Greatest

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public transportation in our country and the beginning of the modern civil rights movement.

Rosa Parks' lifelong dedication to civil rights played a pivotal role in raising both national and international awareness of the unjust plight of African Americans and the civil rights struggle. During the 87th Texas Legislative Session, DART and its Board of Directors fully supported House Bill 3481, authored by State Representative Toni Rose and sponsored by State Senator Royce West, which officially designates December 1 as Rosa Parks Day in Texas.

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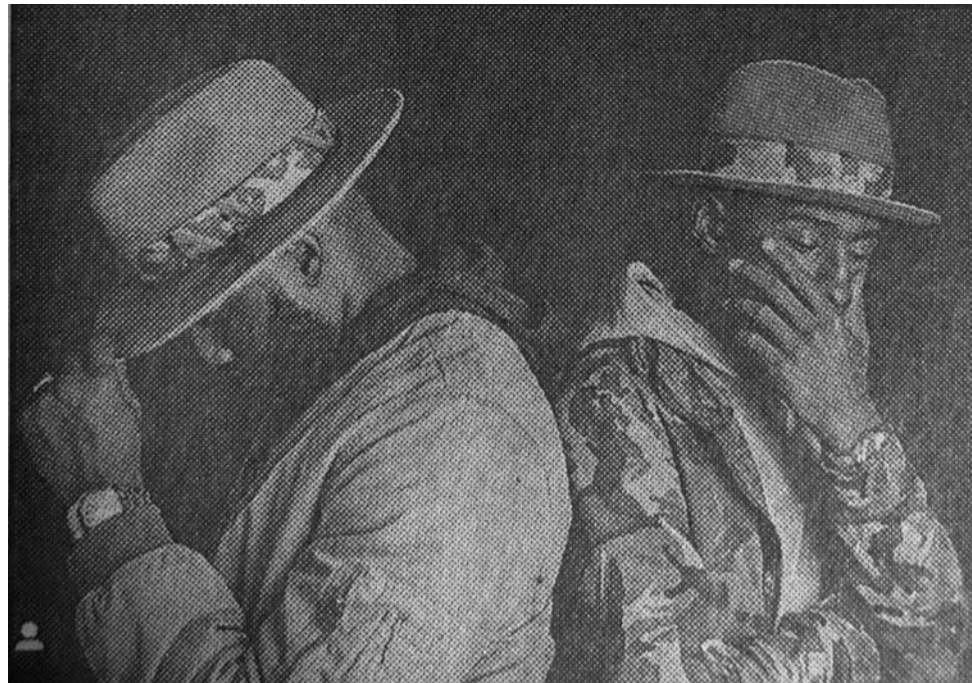
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Black Luxury

“My Day”

By Dr. J. Ester Davis



Say hello to Archie Clay III and Tajh Crutch, two black fraternity brothers who first met in the Spring of 2011 during a new member cluster for Alpha Phi Alpha. First as fraternity brothers, their bond carried them into ambitions as fashion designers and the rest is history.

Black designers have always been in vogue, but most worked behind the scenes in large and small designer fashion houses that we are familiar with, i.e., Pierre Balmain, Coco Chanel, etc. One of the most famous black creators-of-style was Mrs. Ann Lowe, the most recognized, sought after and talented fashion designer who designed Jackie Kennedy’s wedding gown to then Senator John F. Kennedy. Ann

Lowe, an elite couturier of the 1950’s was responsible for generations of New York City’s socialite fashionistas. In the 80’s, I visited the Black Fashion Museum in New York, where several of her entertainer’s costumes and gowns were on display. Today, at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture there is recognition due and given to Ann Lowe. However, to this day, Ann Lowe is left out of the conversations about designers, style, its legacy and history.

Co founders of WEAR BRIMS broke into the fashion industry in 2016 with their “name-on-it” high-end hat line. The company motto is basic principles. . . family, faith and

confidence. Their coming together breaks generational myths, redefining determination and persistence, not to mention securing their family’s future and breaking down barriers. *Wear Brims* is the first black-owned luxury hat brand to be sold in Nordstrom Stores in the United States and online. There is a second partnership in the mix with Neiman Marcus. *Wear Brims* is also sold at Perimeter Mall, Atlanta, Garden State Plaza, New Jersey and New York’s Men’s Store, Manhattan, New York. Speaking briefly to Archie Clay about Nordstrom’s in Dallas. . . “it feels amazing for the brand but most importantly the individuals that support us”. Cedric the Entertainer helped get visibility in Nordstrom. When asked what does a hat do? “It’s debonair and cool”, and there appears to be a broad and waiting clientele that has propelled and created “Black Luxury”.

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Symone Sanders, VP Harris’ Chief Spokesperson and Senior Advisor, Plans to Leave the Administration

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent
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Symone Sanders, Vice President Kamala Harris’ chief spokesperson and senior advisor, plans to leave the administration later this month.

“I’m so grateful to the VP for her vote of confidence from the very beginning and the opportunity to see what can be unburdened by what has been,” Sanders wrote in a letter to Vice President Harris’ staff.

“I’m grateful for Tina [Flournoy] and her leadership and confidence as well,” Sanders continued.

“Every day, I arrived at the White House complex knowing our work made a tangible difference for Americans. I am immensely grateful and will miss working for her and with all of you.”

In November, Ashley Etienne, who served as Vice President Harris’ com-

munications director, also stepped down. Prominent news reports suggested major issues between the White House and Vice President Harris’ staff, but officials have dismissed such claims.

The daughter of Omaha Star Publisher Terri Sanders, Symone Sanders earned acclaim as “a champion for women.”

A seasoned political strategist, Sanders gained national prominence in 2016 as the National Press Secretary for U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders’ then-presidential campaign.

At 25, she became the youngest presidential press secretary on record and was named to Rolling Stone Magazine’s list of 16 young Americans shaping the 2016 election.

Sanders also worked as the principal of the 360

Group LLC, providing strategic communications guidance to organizations, businesses, individuals, campaigns and candidates and helps clients find sound solutions to tough political and social problems.

According to her biography, Sanders counts as “a communicator with a passion for juvenile justice,” and served as the former chair of the Coalition of Juvenile Justice Emerging Leaders Committee and former member of the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice.

She worked diligently to raise the profile of young voices in the fight for juvenile justice reform and bring millennial perspectives to policy conversations.

Sanders, 31, once worked as a political com-

mentator for CNN and served in 2018 and 2019 as a resident fellow at Harvard’s Institute of Politics at the Kennedy School and the University of Southern California’s Center for the Political Future respectively.

“Symone has been working at the highest levels and in an extraordinarily intense environment for three years for Joe Biden and now Vice President Harris,” Anita Dunn, a former top aide to President Joe Biden, said in a televised interview this week.

“When you look at the three years, two on the campaign, one in the White House, nobody can question her decision that she needs a break and it’s time to move on. And she’ll always be a member of the Biden-Harris family,” Dunn asserted.

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"THE HEALING OF THE LAME MAN"

ACTS 3:1-10

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith



We are not told how long after the events of Pentecost that the incident of the text took place. Whatever the amount of time, the believers continued to be active in their faith in spreading the good news. As a part of their religious customs, we find in our text Peter and John engaged in worship in the temple. Our text says that Peter and John entered the temple courts at the

ninth hour which is 3:00p.m. (v.1). As Peter and John entered the temple, a lame man was placed there, who daily asked contributions from the crowd of worshippers. This lame man simply wanted a contribution to supply his needs (vv. 2-3). He sat daily at the gate called beautiful to ask alms of worshippers. The gate called beautiful was a gate that led from

the court of the Gentiles into the temple area limited to Jews. As people poured through the gate, no doubt this lame man became a noticeable object as he sat begging for alms. What a pitiful picture we have of an individual who is both helpless and hopeless. The lame man serves as a portrayal of a lost sinner – one who is helpless and hopeless. As believers, we need to

extend a helping hand, directing the lost to Jesus Christ, the Saviour of mankind (St. John 1:29; 6:35). The lame man of our text, who had a handicap, was instructed by Peter to gaze at both Peter and John (v. 4). Having obeyed Peter's instructions, the lame man was expecting only a contribution (v. 5). This man who had been crippled for over forty years (Acts 4:22), never imagined

that the power of God could bring relief to his crippled condition. To remedy his lame situation, Peter and John did not offer the lame man material substance, but invoked the powerful name of Jesus for verse 6 says, "Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." At the powerful name of Jesus, this once lame man received a cure (v. 7). This man's condition was indeed helpless and hopeless but he received strength to walk because of the power of Jesus! Having been healed, the beggar

expresses jubilation by walking, leaping and praising God (v. 8). The man, who once lay at the gate, is now expressing unusual joy in the temple as he praises God. After one has been healed by Jesus, he or she should have a desire to worship Him where other worshippers go. This miracle of the healing of the lame man was a noteworthy one and it caused amazement among many people, because they knew of the helpless condition of the lame man (vv. 9-10). When God truly heals one, it is truly amazing!

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CNN fires Chris Cuomo for helping brother deal with scandal

By DAVID BAUDER and MICHELLE L. PRICE

NEW YORK (AP) — CNN fired anchor Chris Cuomo on Saturday less than a week after new information emerged about how he assisted his brother, former New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, as the politician faced sexual harassment allegations earlier this year.

The network had suspended its prime-time host on Tuesday to investigate his conduct, after New York's attorney general released details showing he was more involved than previously known in helping to strategize and reach out to other journalists as his brother fought to keep his job.

Justice Department sues Texas over new redistricting maps

By ACACIA CORONADO and NICHOLAS RICCARDI

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Justice Department sued Texas on Monday over its new redistricting maps, saying the plans discriminate against minority voters, particularly Latinos, who have fueled the state's population boom.

The lawsuit claims the Republican-controlled state violated part of the Voting Rights Act in drawing new district boundaries for its congressional delegation and state legislature. It's the Biden Justice Department's first legal action challenging a state's maps since states began redrawing their maps this year to account for population changes.

The lawsuit notes that most of Texas' population growth over the past decade came from Black, Latino and Asian people, but alleges that the new maps scatter these voters across districts, diluting their votes and denying them opportunities to choose their representatives. It also argues the maps pack Black and Latino communities into bizarre-shaped districts — a Dallas-area one is described as "seahorse" shaped — while preserving seats for white Republicans.

"This is not the first time that Texas has acted to minimize the voting rights of its minority citizens," Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta said during a news conference with Attorney General Merrick Garland. "Decade after decade, courts have found that Texas has enacted redistricting plans that deliberately dilute the voting strength of Latino and Black voters and that violate

the Voting Rights Act."

The litigation comes as Republicans and Democrats jockey for an edge in the once-a-decade redistricting process, which has already reached new levels of gerrymandering. The lawsuit also plays out during a changed legal landscape for redistricting challenges. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2019 that it won't referee partisan gerrymandering disputes — maps drawn to benefit a political party.

A spokeswoman for Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, condemned the lawsuit.

"It's no surprise that Democrats in Washington are attacking our state's redistricting plans," Renae Eze said. "We are confident that Texas' redistricting plans will be upheld by the courts, and our office continues working with the Office of the Attorney General to ensure Texans are represented fairly."

Monday's lawsuit, filed in the Western District of Texas, cites several congressional districts in which Republicans drew tortured lines to lower the share of Black and Latino voters in their party's congressional districts.

In west Texas' competitive 23rd District, the map trimmed out areas near El Paso and San Antonio to lower the share of Latino voting-age residents by 9%. In the Dallas area, it pulled Black and Latino residents in the northwest suburbs out of the district of Republican Rep. Beth Van Duyne, who narrowly defeated Candace

Valenzuela, a Democratic Black Latina candidate last year. In the Houston area, where the share of the white population is dwindling, the map kept six of 10 House districts as white-majority or plurality districts.

Texas has had to defend its maps in court after every redistricting process since the Voting Rights Act took effect in 1965. But this will be the first time since a 2013 U.S. Supreme Court ruling gutted a provision of the Voting Rights Act that had required Texas and other states with a history of racial discrimination to have the Justice Department approve the maps before they went into effect.

The case is the second civil rights lawsuit the Biden administration has filed against Texas recently. Last month, it sued to overturn the state's new voting law, part of a wave of GOP-backed voting changes, claiming the new restrictions would disenfranchise citizens in the state.

The lawsuit, and others that civil rights groups and Democrats have previously filed challenging Texas' maps, may not change things before next year's election. Redistricting litigation can take several years and the Biden administration case will be heard in the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, one of the most conservative in the country.

It remains illegal for map-makers to discriminate on the basis of race while drawing legislative lines. Additionally, Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act pro-

hibits line-drawers from diluting the voting power of minorities by scattering them among districts and preventing them from choosing their preferred candidates.

"The Legislature refused to recognize the state's growing minority electorate," the lawsuit alleges. "Although the Texas congressional delegation expanded from 36 to 38 seats, Texas designed the two new seats to have Anglo voting majorities."

The lawsuit notes that Texas' congressional map was drawn with heavy input from its Republican congressional delegation, which is all white except for one Latino representative. Statehouse Democrats at the time objected strongly to the process and the results.

Although the federal lawsuit alleges Black voters are also treated improperly by the map, the bulk of the case centers around the map's treatment of Latinos.

The focus on Latinos could complicate the case. To prove that Latinos were denied their choice, the government has to prove that they vote as a bloc, and not in line with the majority of the voters in the district. While most Latinos in Texas vote Democratic, many have shifted to Republicans recently, with President Donald Trump gaining ground in 2020.

"That does complicate the narrative," said Josh Blackman, a law professor at the South Texas College of Law in Houston, noting that

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Biden made the Tuesday morning visit just hours before he was

to hold a highly anticipated video conference call with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Biden is expected to use the call to express concern about Russia's border buildup near its borders with neighboring Ukraine and to make clear to Putin that an invasion would lead to economy-jarring sanctions against Russia.

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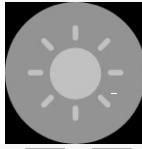
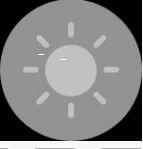


State Representative Toni Rose, who authored House Bill 3481, issued the following statement: "December 1st is a historic day in which we honor a courageous African American woman whose legacy encompasses the everyday acts of resistance that defines America's long fight for

racial equality. Rosa Parks Day allows us and future generations to remember our progress as a nation and continue the movement towards freedom for all Americans."

House Bill 3481 was a bipartisan bill that unanimously passed both the House and Senate chambers and was signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott.

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Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Thursday, Dec. 9	Friday, Dec. 10	Saturday, Dec. 11	Sunday, Dec. 12	Monday, Dec. 13	Tuesday, Dec. 14	Wednesday, Dec. 15
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Center Table Winter Harvest Returns This Christmas Season with Food Drive Event on December 16 & 17 At The Mark Cuban Heroes Basketball Center

Sponsored by The Mark Cuban Foundation, The Dirk Nowitzki Foundation and The Heroes Foundation, Center Table will serve more than 1,000 families and will also include dozens of meal deliveries to senior citizens



AP Photo/Ron Jenkins, File

DALLAS - Dec. 7, 2021 - This Christmas season, the *Center Table Winter Harvest* food drive presented by The Mark Cuban Foundation, The Dirk Nowitzki Foundation and The Heroes Foundation, will host a

two-day event in southern Dallas County.

On Thursday, Dec. 16, Center Table will provide meals from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in conjunction with Dallas County Precinct 1's Government Offices annual Christmas party (8301 S

Polk Street, Dallas 75232). This year, the party will be more than music, fellowship and a complimentary lunch, it will also include a job and social services fair.

On Friday, Dec 17, from 9-11 a.m., Center Table will host a food giveaway at the Mark Cuban Heroes Basketball Center (1800 Bonnie View Rd, Dallas, TX 75216). In partnership with the North Texas Food Bank, this second annual drive-through event will offer free food boxes and chicken vouchers for 500 families. The food drive is open to people who reside in the surrounding neighborhoods of the Mark Cuban Heroes Basketball Center, including Cedar Crest, south Oak Cliff and southern Dallas County.

All food boxes and chicken vouchers are lim-

ited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Volunteers will include first responders, partners, and staff from the Mark Cuban Heroes Basketball Center. Guests are required to wear masks while the food boxes are placed in their vehicles. Pre-registration is NOT required.

"This holiday season, we plan to celebrate the community once again with our *Center Table* event, which was started to not only support our neighbors but also to thank them – many who are frontline workers. As we continue to support our neighbors, we understand the increase in the cost of living continues to impact households, especially our senior citizens," said Trina Terrell-

Andrews, CEO of the Mark Cuban Heroes Basketball Center.

The Mark Cuban Heroes Basketball Center is a multi-purpose facility for youth and families, which provides sports, enrichment, leadership, and community programs. In the past year at the Mark Cuban Heroes Basketball Center, its *Center Table Winter Harvest* program has provided more than 4,000 meals to families, including the distribution of 1,100 turkeys in November and 550 prepared meals during Thanksgiving week. Further, as part of *Center Table Winter Harvest*, free chef-prepared meals will be delivered to senior citizens in the Center's surrounding neighborhoods

on select dates in December. Prepared by *The Bearded Chef* and his team, the meals are customized to everyone's preferences and dietary restrictions and include an entrée, two sides, dessert, and tea.

"We are truly thankful to all of our sponsors and partners for the second year of the *Center Table Winter Harvest* Food Drive events," said Terrell-Andrews. "This year, in particular, we have worked hard to partner with entrepreneurs to provide a great deal of the services for all of our events."

For more information on the second annual *Center Table Winter Harvest*, please visit markcubanheroescenter.org or call 214-379-7451.

Pfizer says COVID booster offers protection against omicron

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

AP Photo/Jae C. Hong, File

Pfizer said Wednesday that a booster of its COVID-19 vaccine may offer important protection against the new omicron variant even though the initial two doses appear significantly less effective.

Pfizer and its partner BioNTech said that while two doses may not be strong enough to prevent infection, lab tests showed a booster increased by 25-fold people's levels of antibodies capable of fighting off omicron. For people who haven't yet had a booster, the companies said two doses still should prevent severe disease or death.

Health authorities in the U.S. and other countries have urged eligible people to get a third dose even before these results.

"Go and get your third boost as soon as possible," Dr. Mikael Dolsten, Pfizer's chief scientific officer, told The Associated Press. "This is comforting and a very positive message that we now have a plan that will induce immunity that is likely to protect from infection, symptomatic illness and severe disease from now across the entire winter season."

President Joe Biden said the Pfizer booster finding is

"very encouraging" although he cautioned, "that's the lab report. There's more studies going on."

Pfizer and BioNTech tested blood samples taken a month after a booster and found people harbored levels of omicron-neutralizing antibodies that were similar to amounts proven protective against earlier variants after two doses. For the lab tests, researchers grew samples of so-called "pseudoviruses" that hold the worrisome new mutations.

Scientists don't yet know how big a threat the omi-



haven't yet undergone scientific review. But they're the first from a vaccine maker examining whether the booster doses that health authorities are urging people to get may indeed make a key difference.

Moderna and Johnson & Johnson also are testing how their vaccines may hold up, but health authorities will be closely watching for real-world evidence of how omicron spreads in highly vaccinated populations.

If it becomes dominant and causes serious illness, then regulators will have to decide whether vaccines should be tweaked to better match omicron — changes to the recipe that manufacturers already are beginning, just in case.

Scientists have speculated that the high jump in

antibodies that comes with a third dose of current COVID-19 vaccines might be enough to counter any decrease in effectiveness.

Despite the large number of mutations that omicron bears, "it is still not a complete escape variant, it is a partial escape variant," BioNTech CEO Ugur Sahin said in a press conference.

Antibody levels predict how well a vaccine may prevent infection with the coronavirus but they are just one layer of the immune system's defenses. Pfizer said two doses of the vaccine should still protect against severe disease, because omicron's mutations don't appear to hamper another defense — T cells that fight the virus after infection sets in.

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the Voting Rights Act claim depends on the group voting as a bloc.

Michael Li, senior counsel at the Brennan Center for Justice in New York, said the legal analysis should consider Latino voting patterns over several elections, not just in 2020. He said he expects Republicans to

argue they are only being partisan, now that the Supreme Court has appeared to greenlight that behavior in redistricting.

"Texas drew a really aggressive map this decade," Li said. "One of the most aggressive maps we have seen so far this cycle and one that heavily targets communities of color."

City Council approves new Commission on Disabilities proposed by Mayor Johnson

DALLAS — The City Council on Wednesday approved the creation of a new Commission on Disabilities, which Mayor Eric Johnson proposed in October.

The 15-member Commission on Disabilities will be responsible for advising and mak-

ing recommendations to the mayor, City Council, city manager, and department directors on issues pertaining to the full spectrum of needs, rights, and privileges of people with disabilities.

The commission passed unanimously as part of the City Council's consent

agenda.

"People who live with a disability face myriad challenges living in a big city — challenges that the rest of us can't fully comprehend or appreciate," Mayor Johnson said. "The Commission on Disabilities will help us build a more inclusive and

equitable city. I am grateful for the advocacy of all of our disability rights groups who helped make this new commission possible, and I look forward to working with the commission to make Dallas a national leader in providing opportunities for all of our residents."

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LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Disney is sprinkling the magic of the holidays throughout its parks, experiences and products this season.

Whether celebrating on the east coast, west coast, on the high seas or enjoying at home, families will find enchanting experiences and merry-making to enjoy this season.

Walt Disney World Resort

As the 50th anniversary celebration of Walt Disney World Resort continues in Florida this holiday season, festive décor can be found throughout the resort. Iconic Christmas trees are on display across The Most Magical Place on Earth, including a 70-foot-tall tree at Disney’s Contemporary Resort.

The EPCOT International Festival of the Holidays presented by AdventHealth runs through Dec. 30 with special live entertainment, Holiday

Kitchens around World Showcase, a Holiday Cookie Stroll and more. The Candlelight Processional, a beloved holiday performance and Disney Parks tradition, returns with a lineup of celebrity narrators telling the Christmas story, a choir of Disney cast members and a live orchestra. Celebrity narrators for this year’s event include actor Courtney B. Vance, actor Blair Underwood and Alton Fitzgerald White from Disney’s The Lion King on Broadway. Also returning this year is “JOYFUL! A Celebration of the Season,” a stirring and uplifting performance of music in celebration of Christmas and Kwanzaa, performing on the World Showcase Plaza Stage.

Disney Springs, the Walt Disney World shopping, dining and entertainment district, is transformed into a winter wonderland full of sparkling lights, enchanting décor and holiday surprises.

A returning favorite, the Disney Springs Christmas Tree Stroll presented by AdventHealth, features 20 elaborately decorated themed trees, including “The Princess and the Frog” and an all-new tree inspired by “Black Panther.”

The holiday spirit can be enjoyed at Disney’s water parks with three refreshing holiday treats available at Blizzard Beach from Dec. 12 to Jan. 7. They include the Orange Bird Holiday Citrus Swirl DOLE Whip, Merry Merry Melon frozen cocktail and Peppermint Milkshake.

Disneyland Resort

Holidays at the Disneyland Resort is the most magical time of the year and the merry festivities take place now through Jan. 9, 2022. The parks are transformed into a magical holiday experience with spectacular décor that includes more than 25,000 poinsettia, cyclamen and flowering plants around the

Resort, adding color, theming and seasonal magic, 50,000 twinkling LED lights that shine on sparkling “icicles” on Sleeping Beauty’s Winter Castle and a magnificent 60-foot-tall Christmas tree on Main Street, U.S.A., decorated with nearly 1,800 ornaments. Guests will enjoy a distinctly Disney holiday experience with beloved traditions that include the return of “A Christmas Fantasy” Parade and “Believe... In Holiday Magic” fireworks spectacular.

Disney Holiday Specials on ABC

A Disney holiday special airing Christmas Morning (10 a.m. – 12 p.m. EST/PST) on ABC will provide families opportunities to experience the magic of Disney right from home, featuring performances from Chance the Rapper, Jimmie Allen and more, along with magic moments for deserving, inspirational individuals.

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A small lab study in South Africa also concluded people may be more susceptible to breakthrough omicron infections after just two Pfizer doses. Scientists from the Africa Health Research Institute in Durban found a sharp drop in antibody strength against omicron compared to other variants — although they didn’t test boosters. Pfizer boosters aren’t yet available in South Africa, but health care workers are being offered extra doses of the single-shot J&J vaccine.

The preliminary South African results suggested people vaccinated after an earlier bout of COVID-19 retained more protection — reflecting that initial shots are known to trigger a huge antibody jump after prior infection.

Even if there are more

breakthrough infections after two doses, most experts believe vaccines will still work against the omicron variant because of the other immune defenses they trigger, said Willem Hanekom, a co-author of the South African study.

“The more antibodies you can have on board, the better you will do, at least in these lab experiments,” Hanekom said. “So booster vaccines might be very important.”

A U.S. expert agreed the preliminary booster findings are encouraging although more information is needed.

But if omicron winds up causing severe disease and becomes common globally, “it may be much better addressed through vaccines that are adjusted to specifically protect against that variant,” said Dr. Jesse Goodman of Georgetown University