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Texas officials celebrated end of abortion rights after cutting back postpartum Medicaid extension

By Lomi Kriel, The Texas Tribune and ProPublica



Connie Bunch with her 6-month-old son Aiden in her home in Austin on July 6. Photo/Credit: **Montinique Monroe** for ProPublica/The Texas Tribune

"Texas officials celebrated end of abortion rights after cutting back postpartum Medicaid extension" was first published by The Texas Tribune, a nonprofit, nonpartisan media organization that informs Texans — and engages with them — about public policy, politics, government and statewide issues.

While celebrating last month's U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning the constitutional right to an abortion, Gov. Greg Abbott pointed to the millions of dollars in spending that state lawmakers approved during the 2021 legislative session to help pregnant women and new mothers.

touted was a law that extended Medicaid health care coverage for pregnant women until six months after they give birth or miscarry, exceeding the federal government's requirement that states provide at least two months of the benefit.

"Texas is a pro-life state,

Among the measures he

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Sesame Place apologizes after Black girls snubbed at parade



Photos Screenshot/WFAA TV

By NARDOS HAILE/AP

A Sesame Street-themed amusement park has apologized and promised more training for its employees after a video showing a costumed character waving off two 6-year-old Black girls during a parade went viral online.

The nine-second video, posted to Instagram on Saturday by Jodi Brown, the mother of one of the girls, showed the character Rosita high-fiving a white child and woman, then gesturing "no"

and walking away from the two girls who had their arms stretched out for a hug and high-five during the parade at Sesame Place in Langhorne, outside Philadelphia.

"I will never step foot in @sesameplace ever again," Brown said online.

The family's lawyer, B'Ivory LaMarr, told the Associated Press on Tuesday that the family is appalled and disturbed by the incident and "the injuries propagated

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CDC endorses more traditional Novavax COVID shot for adults

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

U.S. adults who haven't gotten any COVID-19 shots yet should consider a new option from Novavax -- a more traditional kind of vac-

accine, health officials said Tuesday.

Regulators authorized the nation's first so-called protein vaccine against

COVID-19 last week, but the final hurdle was a recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"If you have been waiting for a COVID-19 vaccine built on a different technology than those previously available, now is the time to

join the millions of Americans who have been vaccinated," Dr. Rochelle Walensky, CDC's director, said in a statement, endorsing an earlier decision from an influential advisory panel.

Most Americans have gotten at least their primary COVID-19 vaccinations by now, but CDC officials said between 26 million and 37 million adults haven't had a single dose -- the population that Novavax, for now, will be targeting.

"We really need to focus on that population," said CDC adviser Dr. Oliver

Brooks, past president of the National Medical Association. Hopefully, the vaccine "will change them over from being unvaccinated to vaccinated."

While it's unclear how many will be persuaded by a more conventional option, "I'm really positive about this vaccine," agreed fellow adviser Dr. Pablo Sanchez of Ohio State University.

THE NOVAVAX DIFFERENCE

All of the vaccines used in the U.S. train the body to fight the coronavirus by

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PRESS ROOM: First Retail Production Escalade-V Raises \$500,000 at Barrett-Jackson to Benefit Pensole Lewis College of Business & Design (PLC)

Cadillac and PLC aim to make design a more accessible and inclusive field, build pipeline of talent



2023 Cadillac Escalade-V on the auction block at the Barrett-Jackson auction in Las Vegas. Pre-production model shown. Actual production model may vary. Available Summer 2022.

DETROIT — The first retail production 2023 Cadillac Escalade-V’s sale at the Barrett-Jackson Las Vegas Auction raised \$500,000 for the Pensole

Lewis College of Business & Design, Michigan’s only historically Black college and university and the nation’s first HBCU to reopen. An additional

\$25,000 was donated by a patron for a grand total of \$525,000.

Reestablished in 2021 under the leadership of its founder and prominent

footwear industry designer, Dr. D’Wayne Edwards, Pensole Lewis College is the pipeline HBCU for career education and professional development in

the design industry. PLC offers programs in design, sustainability, business, STEM and more to serve young Black creatives across industries.

“Cadillac champions big dreams and bold ambitions, and we are thrilled with this auction result,” said Global Cadillac Vice President Rory Harvey. “We are grateful to Barrett-Jackson for providing a platform that will help make a difference for the next generation of creatives in Cadillac’s hometown of Detroit.”

PLC offers students the opportunity to grow their knowledge and skills through intensive curriculums aimed at providing real-life experiences relevant to their disciplines. PLC’s financial approach lowers the barrier to entry for all students interested in receiving an education, as corporate collaborators, like Cadillac, fund masterclasses, tuition and housing for students.

“We are both grateful to Cadillac for its contribution toward diversifying the design industry and for providing support to the next generation of creative talent,” said Dr. Edwards. “In a city well known for both design and automotive manufacturing, we are proud to have Cadillac as a supporter in this incredibly important effort that will literally change the face of the entire design industry.”

“Raising awareness for creative careers, from early education, to colleges and universities, is a key focus for General

Motors’ Design team,” said Crystal Windham, GM executive director, Industrial Design. “In particular, initiatives like today’s sale will strengthen our pipeline of diverse talent, whose unique perspectives will help drive the future of Cadillac and GM design. Personally, I know the importance of HBCUs and their powerful impact, making our work with institutions like PLC, and individuals like D’Wayne Edwards, especially meaningful as we build a more accessible path for more students to creative careers in the automotive industry.”

The full hammer price for the 682-horsepower Escalade-V VIN 001 — the industry’s most powerful full-size SUV — goes to PLC as Barrett-Jackson waived all fees and commissions as they historically have done with all charity cars at their auctions.

The winning bidder will have the opportunity to design a pair of custom sneakers with Dr. Edwards that will be manufactured as a one-of-one run and will also receive an exclusive signed and framed 12 x 18-inch design-studio theme sketch of the 2023 Cadillac Escalade-V by Robert Hunwick, the lead exterior designer for the Escalade-V.

The 2023 Escalade-V is the third Cadillac V-Series auction at Barrett-Jackson since 2021. Previous auctions include the first production Cadillac V-Series Blackwing sedans and the CT5-V Blackwing 120th Anniversary edition.

Rihanna Listed by Forbes as World’s Youngest Self-Made Billionaire

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent@StacyBrownMedia



The singer and entrepreneur, whose Fenty Beauty line counts among the most popular in the world, is the only billionaire under 40 on Forbes’ list.

In 2021, Rihanna achieved billionaire status.

In 2022, Forbes acknowledged that the Barbadian beauty now counts as the youngest self-made billionaire in America.

The 34-year-old, who recently gave birth to her first child, ranked 21st overall in the latest Forbes list of billionaires.

The singer and entrepreneur, whose Fenty Beauty line counts among the most

popular in the world, is the only billionaire under 40 on Forbes’ list.

Earlier this year, reports noted that Rihanna’s Savage X Fenty lingerie planned an initial public offering valued at about \$3 billion.

The megastar owns 30 percent of Savage X Fenty and 50 percent of Fenty Beauty, reportedly generating \$550 million in revenue in 2020.

The nine-time Grammy

Award winner has stated that she intends to increase her philanthropic efforts around the globe.

“My money is not for me; it’s always the thought that I can help someone else,” she told the New York Times in 2021. “The world can really make you believe that the wrong things are priority, and it makes you really miss the core of life, what it means to be alive.”

In 2021, Forbes estimated Rihanna’s net worth at \$1.7 billion, trailing only Oprah Winfrey as the world’s richest entertainer.

“A lot of women felt there were no lines out there that catered to their skin tone. It was light, medium, medium-dark, dark,” Shannon Coyne, co-founder of consumer products consultancy Bluestock Advisors, told Forbes about Rihanna’s successful beauty products.

“We all know that’s not reality. She was one of the first brands that came out and said, ‘I want to speak to all of those different people.’”

Born Robyn Rihanna Fenty on February 20, 1988, in Saint Michael, Barbados, the tantalizing starlet delivered hit after hit with songs like “Umbrella,” “Rude Boy,” and “Diamonds.”

With over 100 million social media followers, Rihanna’s fans have pleaded with their idol to deliver new music.

But with her Fenty and Savage X Fenty business white-hot, Rihanna appears to have settled in as an entrepreneur and business magnate.

Cutting deals with Puma in 2014, Dior in 2016, Fenty Beauty in 2017, Savage X Fenty in 2018, and Fenty Skin in 2020, Rihanna kept her business focused.

Forbes writer Madeline Berg described Rihanna’s rise this way:

“When Robyn Fenty, known to the world as Rihanna, launched Fenty Beauty in 2017, she sought to create a cosmetics company that made “women everywhere (feel) included.” A perhaps unintended consequence: The beauty line has helped her enter one of the world’s most exclusive ranks: Billionaire.”

Berge concluded by providing commentary from Coyne, the consultant.

“She is creating a brand outside of herself. It’s not just about Rihanna. Even if you don’t like her music, she’s created a real style in the fashion and beauty space.”



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ACTS 16:1-40

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith



As chapter 15 concluded, we discover that Paul and Silas “went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches” (v. 40). From Syria and Cilicia, they will go up into Galatian country. Paul will visit the Galatian churches because of the problem that had arisen with the Judaizers. Paul will address this problem of the Judaizers in the book of Galatians because the Judaizers were leading the Galatian believers astray by trying to put the Galatian believers under the Mosaic system. In the book of Galatians, Paul will unfold a sturdy defense of the doctrine of justification by faith. In other words, a man is justified solely by grace through faith without the keeping of the Law! Grace is a way to life and a way of life!

As chapter 16:1-2 opens, Paul arrives at Derbe and Lystra, and at Lystra, he meets Timotheus (Timothy). Timothy is now with the missionary team of Paul and Silas. In verse 3, Paul has Timothy circumcised because Paul didn’t want any degree of offense, or argument as Timothy carried the gospel to Jewish synagogues. There was simply no merit in circumcision but Paul didn’t want an issue! Paul had Timothy circumcised so that Timothy’s ministry among the Jews would not be handicapped.

As the missionary team of Paul, Silas, and Timothy traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:23-29). As they visited the churches, Paul and his team had tremendous spiritual success (vv. 4-5). After Paul had gone through Phrygia and the

region of Galatia, Paul was forbidden of the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia (v. 6). After Paul goes to Mysia, he was forbidden to go Bithynia but goes to Troas (vv. 7-8). From Troas, Paul will receive his Macedonian call, for the gospel is going across from Asia into Europe (v. 9). From verse 10, Dr. Luke joins the missionary team of Paul, Silas and Timothy. Leaving Troas, the team came to Samothracia, Neapolis and then to Philippi (vv. 11-13). In Philippi, Paul and his team came into contact with Lydia, the first convert to Christ in Europe. Her whole household was saved (vv. 14-15).

From verses 16-24, Paul and his missionary team encountered a demon possessed girl who had brought her masters much gain. Paul cast out the demon in the girl, resulting in Paul and Silas being severely beaten. From verse 25, Paul and Silas are in jail at midnight, engaged in “prayer and singing praises unto God.” As Paul and Silas were rendering praises unto God, suddenly the earthquake shakes the jail, the doors were opened, and the jailer opens his heart to receive Christ as Saviour (vv. 26-31). The Philippian jailer’s household was also saved (vv. 32-34). Chapter 16 closes with the magistrates apologizing to Paul and Silas for severely beating them (vv. 35-40).

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to their children."

In an initial statement Sunday, Sesame Place said the park and its employees stand for "inclusivity and equality in all forms." The statement also noted that performers sometimes miss requests for hugs because the costumes they wear make it difficult to see at lower levels.

"The Rosita performer did not intentionally ignore the girls and is devastated by the misunderstanding," the statement said. However, many people expressed outrage online and some called for a boycott of the amusement park.

The park issued a second statement Monday, apologizing again and promising that it was "taking action to do better." Among those efforts would be inclusivity training for employees.

Both statements and the video triggered a stark response on social media, which LaMarr said helped shed a light on "the existence of these issues."

"A lot of African Americans tend to become very passive because we unfortunately are accustomed to dealing with this type of racism in various spaces," he said.

Sesame Place has been the official "Sesame Street" theme park for more than four decades. It opened in 1980.

"You would expect a reputable organization the one as well revered as Sesame Street and Sesame Place to stand on those principles and values in which they portray," LaMarr said. "Instead, what this family saw was a company that comes out and they're very dismissive of the harms that were caused."

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recognizing its outer coating, the spike protein -- and the first three options essentially turn people's cells into a temporary vaccine factory. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines deliver genetic instructions for the body to make copies of the spike protein. The lesser-used Johnson & Johnson option uses a cold virus to deliver those instructions.

In contrast, the Novavax vaccine injects copies of the spike protein that are grown in a lab and packaged into nanoparticles that to the immune system resemble a virus. Another difference: An ingredient called an adjuvant, that's made from the bark of a South American tree, is added to help rev up that immune response.

Protein vaccines have been used for years to prevent other diseases including hepatitis B and shingles. **HOW WELL IT WORKS**

Large studies in the U.S., Mexico and Britain found two doses of the Novavax vaccine were safe and about 90% effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19. When the delta variant emerged last summer, Novavax reported a booster dose revved up virus-fighting antibodies that could tackle that mutant.

Typical vaccine reactions



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were mild, including arm pain and fatigue, but regulators did warn about the possibility of a rare risk, heart inflammation, that also has been seen with the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, mostly in teen boys or young men.

But early on, manufacturing problems delayed the Novavax vaccine — meaning the shots were studied long before the omicron variant hit, so it's not clear how well they hold up against the immune-evading mutant.

Still, Novavax points to lab testing that shows the first two shots do spur production of virus-fighting antibodies that are cross-protective against omicron, including the BA.5 subtype that's currently the nation's top threat. A booster dose further revved up cross-protective antibodies.

HOW TO USE NOVAVAX SHOTS
 The CDC's advisers unanimously endorsed the

two-shot primary series. But several noted that it was important for regulators to clear a booster by the time, five or so months after their last dose, that Novavax recipients will need one.

Also, the two doses typically are given three weeks apart. But CDC officials said that like with other COVID-19 vaccines, it's possible to wait up to eight weeks for the second dose — except for people at the highest risk, who need protection quickly.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT
 Walensky signed off on recommendations for adults to get the first two Novavax doses. In its first purchase, the U.S. government bought 3.2 million doses and vaccinations are expected to begin in the next few weeks.

The Novavax vaccine also is used in Europe, Canada, Australia, South Korea and other countries. Many allow booster doses, and European regulators recently cleared the shots to given as young as age 12.

The Maryland-based company likewise expects U.S. authorization of a booster dose and teen vaccinations to follow fairly soon. And like other vaccine makers, Novavax is testing shots updated to better match the newest omicron subtypes -- in anticipation of another round of boosters this fall and winter.

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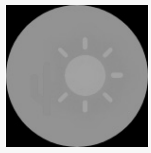


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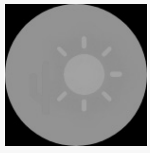
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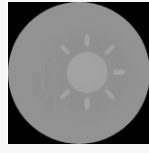
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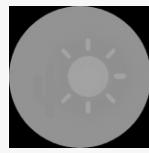
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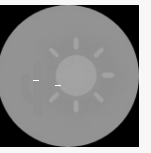
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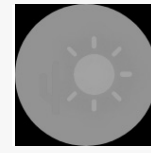
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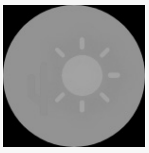
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Griner lawyer: WNBA star had doctor's note for cannabis use

By JIM HEINTZ



WNBA star and two-time Olympic gold medalist Brittney Griner holds up a photo of players from the recent all star game wearing her number, sitting in a cage at a court room prior to a hearing in the Khimki district court, just outside Moscow, Russia, Friday, July 15, 2022. Griner was arrested in February at the Russian capital's Sheremetyevo Airport when customs officials said they found vape canisters with cannabis oil in her luggage. She has been jailed since then, facing up to 10 years in prison if convicted. (AP Photo/Dmitry Serebryakov)

KHIMKI, Russia (AP) — A lawyer for WNBA star Brittney Griner at her drug possession trial in Russia on Friday gave the court a U.S. doctor's letter recommending she use medical cannabis to treat pain. Griner, a two-time Olympic gold medalist and standout for the Phoenix Mercury, was arrested at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport in February after customs officials said they found vape canisters containing cannabis oil in her luggage. She faces up to 10

years in prison if convicted on charges of transporting drugs. In court last week, Griner pleaded guilty and acknowledged possessing the canisters but said she had no criminal intent and said they were in her luggage because she packed hastily in her return to Russia to play for the UMMC Ekaterinburg basketball team during the WNBA's offseason. In Russia's judicial system, admitting guilt doesn't automatically end a trial.

Since that plea, her court sessions have focused on in-person and written testimony to her good character and athletic prowess. Griner wore a Nirvana T-shirt as she sat inside the defendant's cage that is customary in Russian courtrooms. At one point, she held up a photo of fellow WNBA players wearing her name and No. 42 on their uniforms in tribute during part of Sunday's All-Star Game in Chicago. "The attending physician gave Brittney recommenda-

tions for the use of medical cannabis," said her lawyer, Maria Blagovolina. "The permission was issued on behalf of the Arizona Department of Health." Medical marijuana is not legal in Russia. The defense on Friday also submitted tests she underwent as part of an anti-doping check, which didn't detect any prohibited substances in her system. The next hearing of Griner's case was scheduled for July 26. U.S. President Joe Biden

and Secretary of State Antony Blinken have said they are doing all they could to win her release, as well as that of other Americans the U.S. considers "wrongly detained" by Russia, including former Marine Paul Whelan who is serving 16 years on an espionage conviction. Washington may have little leverage with Moscow, though, because of strong animosity over its military operation in Ukraine. "In the hearings yesterday and today what became very clear is the tremendous amount of respect and admiration both in the United States and here in Russia where Miss Griner has been playing basketball for seven years, not only for her professional achievements but for her character and integrity," U.S. Embassy charge d'affaires Elizabeth Rood said outside the courthouse in the Moscow suburb of Khimki, where the airport is located. The director and team captain of UMMC Ekaterinburg testified on her behalf on Thursday. Russian media have speculated that Griner could be swapped for Russian arms trader Viktor Bout, nicknamed "the Merchant of Death," who is serving a 25-year sentence in the U.S. after being convicted of conspiracy to kill U.S. citizens and providing aid to a terrorist organization. Russia has agitated for

Bout's release for years. But the wide discrepancy in the seriousness of their cases could make such a trade unpalatable to Washington. Others have suggested that Griner could be traded along with Whelan, who is serving 16 years in Russia on an espionage conviction that the U.S. has described as a setup. The State Department's designation of Griner as wrongfully detained moves her case under the supervision of its special presidential envoy for hostage affairs, effectively the government's chief hostage negotiator. The classification has irritated Russia. Asked about the possibility of Griner being swapped for a Russian jailed in the U.S., Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov, the senior Russian diplomat, has noted that until her trial is over "there are no formal or procedural reasons to talk about any further steps." Ryabkov warned that U.S. criticism, including the description of Griner as wrongfully detained and dismissive comments about the Russian judicial system, "makes it difficult to engage in detailed discussion of any possible exchanges." Griner's detention has been authorized through Dec. 20, suggesting the trial could last months. Griner's lawyers, however, said they expect it to conclude around the beginning of August.

Continued Texas Page 1 and we have taken significant action to protect the sanctity of life," the Republican governor said in a June 24 statement. "Texas has also prioritized supporting women's healthcare and expectant mothers in need to give them the necessary resources so that they can choose life for their child." Abbott's statement neglected to mention that Texas lags behind at least 33 states, including 11 led by Republican governors, as well as the District of Columbia, all of which have already expanded or are working with the federal government to extend postpartum Medicaid benefits for a full year after giving birth. In 2021, the Texas House passed a measure that would have lengthened that coverage to 12 months, but

during the waning days of the legislative session one of the senators who co-authored the state's restrictive abortion law halved the time period. Texas is among a dozen states that have also declined to expand broader Medicaid coverage under the Affordable Care Act to additional people with low incomes, leaving it with some of the strictest eligibility requirements in the country. For example, single parents with one child must earn \$196 or less a month to qualify. "It is such hypocrisy," Adrienne Lloyd, a senior health policy associate for the Children's Defense Fund Texas, said about the contrast between state legislators' battle against abortion access and the services they provide to pregnant people. "If you really care about that

health and safety, then the pregnant person and baby will have so much better outcomes if they're covered long before and after giving birth." The state's Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee recommended extending postpartum Medicaid to one year in a 2020 report that showed cardiovascular and coronary conditions, along with mental disorders, were the leading causes of deaths related to pregnancy. Nearly a third of 54 deaths determined to be directly tied to pregnancy occurred between six weeks and 12 months after birth, the committee found as part of an analysis of 2013 data, the most recent available. Medicaid is the most comprehensive federal- and state-funded health coverage offered to pregnant people and new parents. The

assistance, which is generally available to people with low incomes or with disabilities, has higher income thresholds for those who are pregnant. Medicaid covers hospital visits, specialist care and X-rays that are not provided by other Texas programs. Extending the eligibility period is critical, said Dr. Carla Ortique, a gynecologist and vice chair of the review committee, because treatments for many of the primary causes of pregnancy-related deaths, such as postpartum depression and cardiomyopathy, take time to work. "It makes a difference in your outcomes and has been shown to make a difference for future pregnancies," Ortique said. Continue Texas in edition July 28, 2020

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EDITORIAL PAGE

Are You Raising One of the Next Generation of Hoodlums:

Provide a spiritual Base

By Dr. Joyce Teal



Dr. Joyce Willard Teal

There are thousands of black men in the Criminal Justice System, and seemingly we forget that each man was once a precious, sweet and innocent baby, a handsome little mischievous boy; and for them to attain such infamous distinction means that numerous things have gone seriously awry in many of their lives.

The question I pose frequently to individuals who are in the process of rearing black boys is this: "Are you raising one of the next generation of hoodlums?" And

though it is asked repeatedly in this column, it is never asked lightly. And make no mistake about it: the next generation will have its share of hoodlums, but please, know that your son does not have to be numbered among them. Recall that hoodlums are made, not born. What takes place in your sons' lives during the course of their growing up years will determine whether or not they emerge as hoodlums or upright citizens.

The experiences, exposures, the contacts and interactions to which your son is exposed between the ages of birth and twelve will determine, to a large degree, what he will become. This is why it is so important to make sure that he is involved in healthy pursuits and is being raised in a wholesome environment. These are things that must be important to a boy's parents, and they

must be important enough that they are given priority.

Just as you don't get a second chance to make a first impression, and most people will readily agree and acknowledge that this is so, considerably fewer people seem to recognize and acknowledge that they won't get a second chance to raise their sons in such a way that they internalize a strong spiritual base which will dictate, for the rest of their lives, the important decisions that they will make throughout their lives. There comes a point in our sons' lives when they must make their own decisions, no matter how strongly we'd like to make them for our children. But we can't! What we can do, however, is assure that they are privileged to a strong spiritual base so that the decisions they make pass through what I will term the God filter.

God is the source of all

good things. Consequently, if you want your precious son to make good decisions, you must take him to Sunday School and church regularly, and while sending him is obviously better than allowing him not to get there at all, sending him does not transmit the message that it is important to you. Taking him will transmit this message, and ultimately, what is important to you becomes important to your child. And please, know that you must do it while he is receptive to the teachings. Between the ages of birth and eight or nine, he will be receptive. He will not resist the ideas and the values instilled in him during this time period in his life. PARENTS: give your son the gift of a strong spiritual base! You won't regret doing so!

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The Needs of American Citizens vs. Support for Ukraine

By **Dr. John E. Warren**, Publisher
 The San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper



Dr. John E. Warren

There is no question that the United States and its allies around the world are committed to supporting the Ukraine people. We have demonstrated this by the amount of aid and relief already sent, and that which the American people collect and send daily. But while we help our friends and neighbors abroad, we must not neglect the needs here at home. To this end, let this be a reminder to the members of the U.S. Senate and the Congress who voted to send \$40 billion dollars to

support Ukraine in its fight against Russia.

We here in America as the taxpaying citizens who provided the dollars being sent to the Ukraine, are still in need of more than \$22.5 billion dollars for COVID relief funds to continue the battle against this virus. The lack of the requested \$22.5 billion dollars means that testing and treatment sites have closed and are closing; it means that Personal Protective Equipment (EPP) will not be available in the amounts needed for the coming surge this fall and winter; it means that those American businesses that responded to the call to produce much needed supplies and equipment here at home instead of imports from China and abroad, now find themselves without government contracts and supplies needed to stay in business; it means that the much

anticipated need for vaccines will be delayed because the funding is not there to continue production. All these things are as well known to the members of the U.S. Senate and the Republican resistance in the House of Representatives as the crisis in the Ukraine. The "We don't need to fund, now" attitude of these people is reinforced by those American people who have taken off their masks in the midst of growing numbers of infections and what appears to be a general "Its over" attitude. Once again we are being put on a crisis collision course with a disease that has already claimed more than one million American lives and is set to take more.

Once again, this is a reminder that all these issues come down to whether you Vote or don't Vote.

The Republicans and the Conservative Right

who have overturned Roe and wiped out other Constitutional guarantees at the Supreme Court level and legislated voter suppression laws at the State level, are counting on the masses of the poor, people of color, and that young vote of Whites and others not coming out to vote in the Midterm elections in four months, Or, the 2024 general election, for which the Midterm is a dry run test to retake government and complete the death of Democracy as we know it.

The only question is what will you do now in terms of pressuring the Senate to pass COVID Relief funding, and will you work to find additional candidates for the Senate that will allow us to end the Filibuster? It's up to all of us. If a Senate seat is not up for election in our state, let's find one that is, connect, and support those in such states that agree with our desire for change.

By **DEEPTI HAJELA**

Funeral held for Ivana Trump; ex-president pays tribute

NEW YORK (AP) — Ivana Trump, the 1980s style icon and businesswoman who helped Donald Trump build the empire that put him on a road toward the White House, lived a "beautiful life," the former president recalled as loved ones paid

final respects to her Wednesday.

Trump's family announced Thursday that the 73-year-old had died at her Manhattan home. Authorities said the death was an accident, with blunt impact injuries to her torso as the cause.

Tiffany Trump, the

daughter of the former president and his second wife, Marla Maples, also attended the service, as did family friends including Jeanine Pirro, co-host of Fox News' "The Five," and Charles Kushner, a real estate developer and the father of Ivanka Trump's husband, Jared Kushner.

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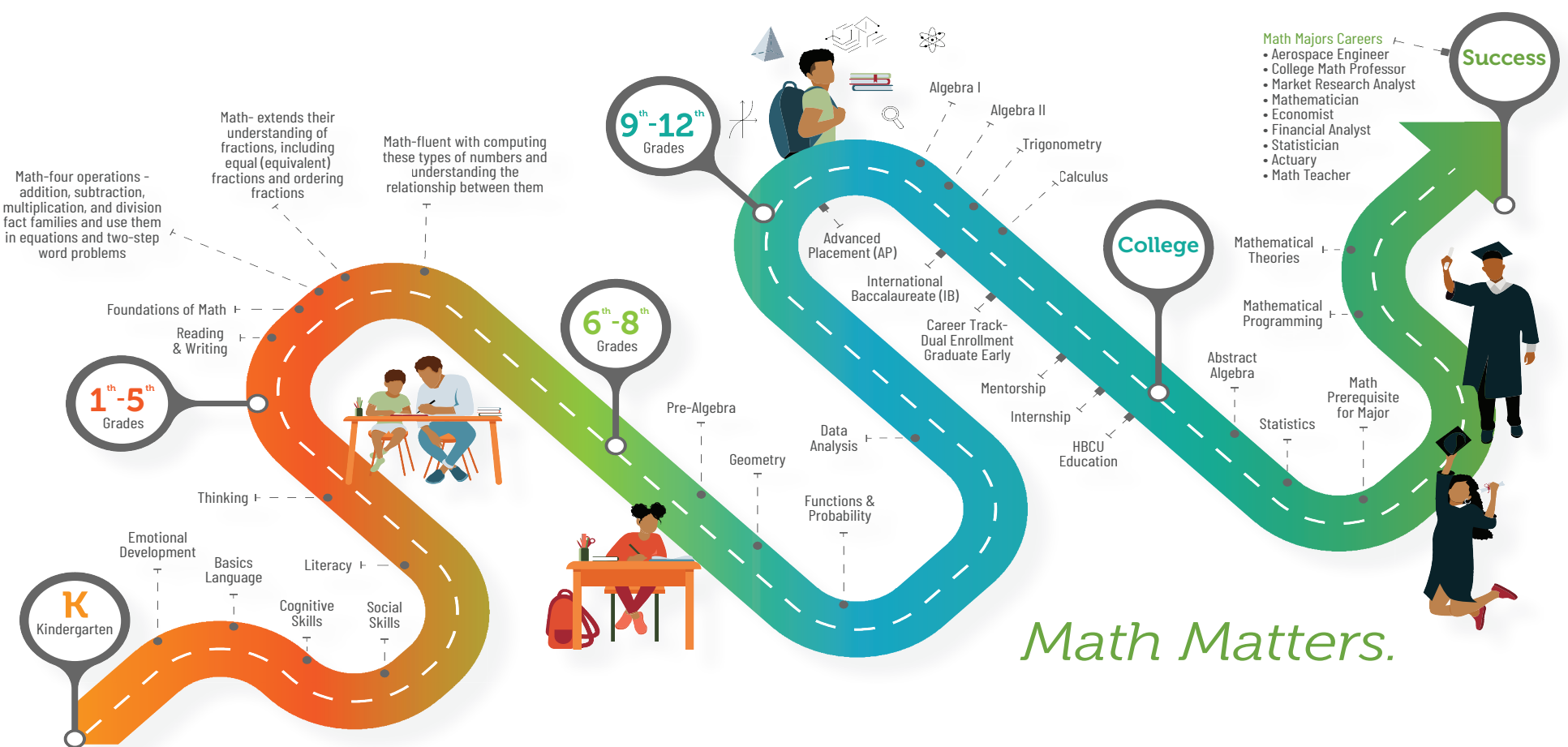
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BILL & MELINDA GATES foundation

Gates Foundation to Spend Additional \$3B Each Year on Several Causes

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent@StacyBrownMedia

Bill Gates insists he's optimistic about the future.

One of the wealthiest men in the world said he sees incredible heroism and sacrifice all over the globe, especially as the Covid-19 pandemic continues.

"Medical workers put in unbelievable hours at great risk to themselves to help people infected with COVID. Incredible efforts are taking place to help refugees from the Ukrainian war and to help those caught in battle zones," Gates wrote on his personal blog.

"Activists are courageously protesting and often risking their lives to protect people's rights. People on the front lines inspire me to do whatever I can. Although each of us can only do so much, when lots of people join in, we will resume progress."

This week, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced it would significantly increase its already

robust philanthropic efforts in areas including global health, economic development, gender equality, and education.

The world's largest charitable foundation will increase the rate of its grant-making from nearly \$6 billion to \$9 billion each year by 2026.

Among its many efforts, the foundation sponsors the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) education program.

"We need all sectors of society — government, the private sector, and the non-profit sector, including philanthropy — to engage on these issues," Gates insisted. "Philanthropy is the smallest of these sectors, but it is unique in its ability to try risky ideas that can have a large impact if they succeed and are scaled up."

Despite the 2021 announcement that Gates and his wife, Melinda French Gates, were divorcing, the

couple has continued to make the foundation and charitable giving a primary focus.

"I am putting a lot of my energy and resources into innovators working on pandemic prevention, global health, climate mitigation (including getting rid of dependence on hydrocarbons) and adaption, education, improvement (including remediation), and food costs.

"When I say 'innovation,' I'm referring to new products and services as well as new ways of delivering them to those in need — including by strengthening local leaders and institutions," Gates continued.

"These innovations will not come in time to avoid the problems altogether, but the faster we move, the less people will suffer. For many people, including myself, this is the most concrete way of contributing, even when it seems modest compared to

the scale of the problems. Focusing on being part of the solution is better than giving up in despair."

According to the New York Times, Gates and French Gates promised to inject an additional \$15 billion in funds into the foundation a year ago. Gates said that as part of that commitment, he planned to give \$20 billion to the foundation this month.

"As I look to the future, my plan is to give all my wealth to the foundation other than what I spend on myself and my family," Gates wrote this week.

"I will move down and eventually off of the list of the world's richest people," added Mr. Gates, who, along with French Gates, has already given \$39 billion to the foundation since 1994.

"My giving this money is not a sacrifice at all. I feel privileged to be involved in tackling these great challenges," Gates insisted.

Superintendent Dr. Elizalde's welcome back message

BY THE HUB

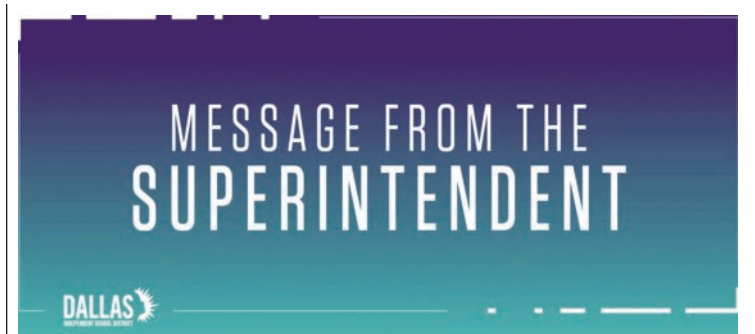


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As we prepare for the start of an exciting new school year, which begins in just a few weeks, it is my privilege to welcome you to the start of the 2022-2023 school year and officially introduce myself. I consider this a true honor to have been selected as your new Superintendent of Schools. For those who don't know me, I am a native Texan and third-generation educator, and I'm excited to be back. Being selected by the Dallas ISD Board of Trustees to serve our community is a dream come true. This city is a place that I called home for many years and there is something truly satisfying and uplifting about returning home to the people and places that have remained near and dear to my heart.

I'm particularly excited to rejoin a community that is so deeply focused on providing excellence and equity in education for

every student. Much has been accomplished in Dallas ISD, and there is still work to be done. From principals leading and supporting teachers, to engaged parents who are involved in their child's education, and community members invested in building better neighborhoods and educating the workforce of tomorrow — together we will ensure a school community of high expectations of all children with high outcomes for every student.

Please know you have my commitment that Dallas ISD will not stop. We will serve you and your family with confidence, compassion, and courage. Join me in the most important work of our time. Together, we can do this because parents are teachers too!

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