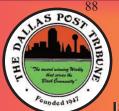
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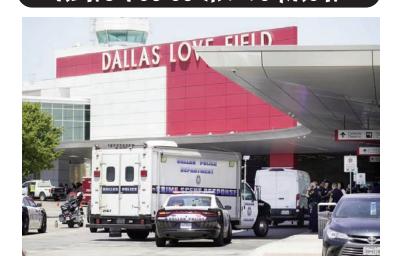
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## NEWS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW



A crime scene response vehicle arrives at Dallas Love Field in Dallas, Monday, July 25, 2022. (AP Photo/**Tony Gutierrez**)

Dallas airport faces a charge of aggravated assault of a

## Police: Woman who opened fire at Dallas airport shot at cop

who was taken to a hospital after a disturbance before she shouted, "I'm attorney who is representing Monday's shooting at Dallas' Love Field Airport.

Odufuwa, who had no luggage, DALLAS (AP) — A allegedly fired one round entered the ticketing area, then went woman accused of firing toward a police officer, into a restroom, emerging with her several gunshots inside a according to an arrest war- hands in the pockets of a hooded sweatshirt, according to the arrest war-The officer shot and rant. She then went toward a ticket public servant because she wounded Portia Odufuwa, counter and witnesses reported hearing

going to blow this (obscenity) up!" and her on the charge. pulled a handgun.

She fired two rounds in the ceiling and as she was confronted by a police officer, she fired in his direction, the arrest warrant said. The officer was not struck. Police were set to give a Tuesday afternoon news conference on the shooting. Jail records do not list an

Dallas police Chief Eddie Garcia has said Odufuwa was shot in her "lower extremities." He said no one else was injured.

Airport operations at Love Field, one of the Dallas-Fort Worth-area's

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## Neighbors complained about grass before Texas fire disaster

BALCH SPRINGS, Texas (AP) — Neighbors of an open field from which a grass fire spread into their suburban Dallas subdivision, destroying nine homes, had complained that the field's owner wouldn't mow the grass, officials said Tuesday.

The owner had the area in Balch Springs cut Monday after inaction following two city requests prompted a citation for a code violation, said city Fire Marshal Sean Davis.

That was when Davis said a spark from the mower ignited the tinder-dry grass, and a fire sped into the adjacent subdivision, damaging 26 homes, destroying nine of them.

Damage estimates topped \$6 million, according to a city statement.

Field-mowing crews had been urged to have a spotter watch for sparks and ignitions, Davis said.

North Texas has been vulnerable to explosive wildfires for at least two weeks with temperatures topping 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius) with 20-mph (32-kph) wind gusts and 20% humidity.

Fire crews working a 10 1/2-squaremile (27-square-kilometer) wildfire

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Fred Jackson, 67, checks the mailbox at his burned down home, Tuesday, July 26, 2022, in Balch Springs, Texas. A grass fire apparently sparked by a mower swept about 300 yards across a tinder-dry open field to a suburban Dallas subdivision Monday, burning through wooden fences and torching as many as 20 homes, officials said. (Elias Valverde II/The Dallas Morning News via AP)

## 102-year-old WWII veteran from segregated mail unit honored

By JAY REEVES

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Millions of letters and packages sent to U.S. troops had accumulated in warehouses in Europe by the time Allied troops were pushing toward the heart of Hitler's Germany near the end of

World War II. This wasn't junk mail it was the main link between home and the front in a time long before video chats, texting or even routine long-distance phone calls.

The job of clearing out the massive

backlog in a military that was still segregated by race fell upon the largest all-Black, all-female group to serve in

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the war, the 6888th Central Postal Romay Davis, 102, speaks during an interview at her home in Montgomery, Ala., Monday, July 25, 2022. (AP Photo/Jay Reeves)





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## **BREAKING NEWS**

## In rare contact, US offers Russia deal for Griner, Whelan

By MATTHEW LEE and ERIC TUCKER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. has offered a deal to Russia aimed at bringing home WNBA star Brittney Griner and another jailed American, Paul Whelan, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Wednesday. In a sharp reversal of previous policy, Blinken also said he expects to speak with his Kremlin counterpart for the first time since before Russia invaded Ukraine.

The statement marked the first time the U.S. government has publicly revealed any concrete action it has taken to secure the release of Griner, who was arrested on drug-related charges at a Moscow airport in February and testified Wednesday at her trial.

details on the proposed deal, which was offered weeks ously asserted his innoago, and it is unclear if it will be enough for Russia to release the Americans. But the public acknowledgment the U.S. has otherwise shunned Russia, reflects the mounting pressure on the administration over Griner and Whelan and its determi-



WNBA star and two-time Olympic gold medalist Brittney Griner is escorted to a courtroom for a hearing, in Khimki just outside Moscow, Russia, Monday, July 25, 2022. (Evgenia Novozhenina/Pool Photo via AP)

nation to get them home.

Whelan, a corporate security executive from Michigan, was sentenced in 2020 to 16 years in prison Blinken did not offer on espionage charges. He and his family have vigorcence. The U.S. government has denounced the charges as false.

Griner, in Russian cusof the offer at a time when tody for the last five months, acknowledged in court that she had vape cartridges containing cannabis oil in her luggage when she arrived in Moscow in

February but contends she had no criminal intent and packed the cartridges inadvertently.

At her trial Wednesday, Griner said she did not know how the cannabis oil ended up in her bag but explained she had a doctor's recommendation for it and had packed in haste. She said she was pulled aside at the airport after inspectors found the cartridges, but that a language interpreter translated only a fraction of

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## 102-year-old WWII veteran from segregated mail unit honored

Directory Battalion. On Tuesday, the oldest living member of the unit is being honored.

Romay Davis, 102, will be recognized for her service at an event at Montgomery City Hall. It follows President Joe Biden's decision in March to sign a bill authorizing the Congressional Gold Medal for the unit, nicknamed the "Six Triple Eight."

Davis, in an interview at her home Monday, said the unit was due the recognition, and she's glad to participate on behalf of other members who've already passed away.

"I think it's an exciting event, and it's something for families to remember," Davis said. "It isn't mine, just mine. No. It's everybody's."

won't be ready for months, but leaders decided to go ahead with events for Davis and five other surviving members of the 6888th given their advanced age.

Following her five brothers, Davis enlisted in the Army in 1943. After the war the Virginia native married, had a 30-year career in the fashion industry in New York and retired to Alabama. She earned a martial arts black belt while in her late 70s and rejoined the workforce to work at a store grocery Montgomery for more than two decades until she was

While smaller groups of African American nurses served in Africa, Australia and England, none matched the size or might of the

The medals themselves 6888th, according to a unit Cross club and hotels, as a motor pool driver. Military Park at Fort history compiled by the Pentagon.

> Davis' unit was part of the Women's Army Corps created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1943. With racial separation the practice of the time, the corps added African American units the following year at the urging of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights leader Mary McLeod Bethune, according to the unit history.

> More than 800 Black women formed the 6888th, which began sailing for England in February 1945. Once there, they were confronted not only by mountains of undelivered mail but by racism and sexism. They were denied entry into an American Red

according to the history, and a senior officer was threatened with being replaced by a white first lieutenant when some unit members missed an inspec-

"Over my dead body, Sir," replied the unit commander, Maj. Charity She wasn't Adams. replaced.

Working under the motto of "No Mail, Low Morale," the women served 24/7 in shifts and developed a new tracking system processed about 65,000 items each shift, allowing them to clear a six-month backlog of mail in just three months.

"We all had to be broken in, so to speak, to do what had to be done," said Davis, who mainly worked

"The mail situation was in such horrid shape they didn't think the girls could do it. But they proved a point."

A month after the end of the war in Europe, in June 1945, the group sailed to France to begin working on additional piles of mail there. Receiving better treatment from the liberated French than they would have under racist Jim Crow regimes at home, members were feted during a victory parade in Rouen and invited into private homes for dinner, said Davis.

"I didn't find any Europeans against us. They were glad to have us," she said.

The 6888th previously was honored with a monument that was dedicated in 2018 at Buffalo Soldier Leavenworth, Kansas. But immediately after the war, members returned home to a U.S. society that was still years away from the start of the modern civil rights movement with Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955.

U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran of Kansas helped shepherd the bill to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the unit.

"Though the odds were set against them, the women of the Six Triple Eight processed millions of letters and packages during deployment in Europe, helping connect WWII soldiers with their loved ones back home, like my father and mother," Moran said in a statement earlier this year.



In this image provided by courtesy of the National Archives, members of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, an all-female, all-Black unit formed during World War II, sort mail in an undated Department of Defense photo. Surviving members are being recognized following President Joe Biden's decision to sign a bill authorizing the Congressional Gold Medal for the unit. (Courtesy of National Archives via AP, File)



Romay Davis, 102, poses with a photo showing her during World War II, at her home in Montgomery, Ala., Monday, July 25, 2022. Davis is being honored for her service with the all-female, all-Black 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, which got mail to U.S. troops in Europe during the war. (AP Photo/Jay Reeves)



In this image provided by courtesy of the National Archives, members of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, an all-female, all-Black unit formed during World War II, are shown during an inspection in an undated Department of Defense photo. (Courtesy of National Archives via AP, File)

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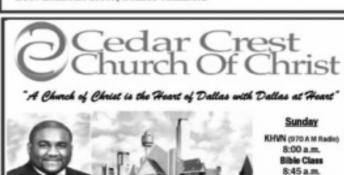
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## THE SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL THESSALONICA, BEREA, ATHENS

ACTS 17:1-34

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith



continue the thrilling Second Missionary Journey of Apostle Paul. Having traveled to Philippi in chapter Paul goes to Thessalonica Berea. Using the synagogue as a springboard to get into a city or community, Paul arrives in Thessalonica, preaching the gospel (vv. 1-3). ing.

In chapter 17, we Paul was only in Thessalonica for three sabbaths, however, a local church was organized, and Paul taught them. Notice that Paul presented the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a message prominently preached by Peter and Paul. The resurrection of Christ is the basis of New Testament preach-

In verses 4-9, Paul's preaching resulted in some believing, and some not believing, and his preaching will bring about an uproar. Paul had to leave Thessalonica, and he and Silas journeys to Berea by night (v. 10). In verse 11, the Berean church is described as a church that searched the scriptures. This church

had a genuine appetite the Greek philosopher for the word, eager to hear and heed the word (v. 12). Having ministered in Berea, and leaving there because of began to preach his conflict, Paul goes to Athens, a city "given to idolatry" (vv. 15-16). Athens was the cultural around. Paul began to center of the world, but talk to the Athenians it was filled with idolatry, and Paul made his

place (v. 17). Athens, Paul comes into contact with some philosophical groups call the Epicureans and Stoics, and these philosophers called Paul a babbler (v. 18). From verses 19-21,

agogue and market-

wanted to gain more knowledge about the doctrine that Paul was preaching. Then, Paul famous message on Mars' Hill, observing the Athenians' idols all about this "unknown God". Paul went on to presentation in the syn- tell them about the God

whom they didn't know (vv. 22-31). revealed God in the past as Creator (v. 24), in the present, God is revealed as the Redeemer (v. 30), and in the future, God is revealed as Judge (v.

After listening to Paul's message, the Athenians were filled with mockery because of their denial of the resurrection (v. 32). However, as Paul departed from the Athenian philosophers, there were some converts in the city of Athens that believed (vv. 33-34).

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that destroyed 16 homes and damaged five others turned their attention Tuesday toward hot spots inside the fire footprint, officials said.

In a statement, the Southern Area Blue, Type-I Incident Management Team said "significant hotspots" throughout the Chalk Mountain Fire involved unburned and partially burned fuels.

Fire crews are performing grid searches throughout the fire zone 50 miles (80 kilometers) southwest of Fort Worth, with particular emphasis given near homes within the fire zone.

With the fire 20% contained, crews also are working to secure fire lines around the fire zone.

And fire crews are standing down on the western shore of Possum Kingdom Lake after a fire that destroyed five homes was declared 100% contained.

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## Back-to-school vaccinations more important than ever, Parkland experts say

Parkland health centers offer immunizations 'Walk-inat Wednesday' clinics

DALLAS — Even though summer is in full swing, educators across Dallas County are preparing for students to return to the classroom in August. Topping the list of preparations is ensuring that children have the proper immunizations before the class bell chimes.

"Vaccines are one of the most important steps you can take to protect the health of your child," said Cesar Termulo, MD, Associate Medical Director for Community Oriented Primary Care's central and east regions. "I understand that since the pandemic started there is vaccination fatigue, and the uptake of certain vaccines seems to have decreased. But vaccines keep children healthy by preventing infectious diseases. Children miss fewer days of school and parents miss fewer days of work. When parents do not vaccinate their children, they put everyone at risk – their own children, their classmates and their teachers for diseases that are easily prevented but that can be devastating."

In Texas, before entering kindergarten, children are required to have vaccinated been for Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis; Polio; Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR); Hepatitis B; Varicella; and Hepatitis A. Children in daycare must also be vaccinated. For older students, a

Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis booster and Meningococcal vaccines are required for school.

If they haven't done so already, Parkland providers are also urging parents to make sure their children are vaccinated against COVID-19.

"A vaccination is still the best way to prevent an individual from getting a severe case of COVID-19 and to help reduce the spread of the virus," said Joseph Chang, MD, Parkland's Chief Medical Officer.

By logging in to the MyChart account, parents can schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment for their children at one of the COPC vaccine sites. Individuals who do not have a MyChart account can either sign up for one online at http://mychart.parklandhealth.org or call 214-590-7000 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday – Saturday to schedule an appointment. COVID vaccinations are not available in the Parkland ER.

Parents can bring their children for immunizations on Wednesdays without having to make an appointment to one of Parkland's COPC health centers or Youth & Family centers located throughout Dallas County to take advantage of convenient access to immunizations on "Walk-in Wednesdays." Immunizations during Walk-in-Wednesdays are available at Parkland's network of COPC health centers from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4

p.m., except for the following loca-

tions:

- · Bluitt-Flowers Health Center, 303 E. Overton Road, Dallas, 75216, from 9 to 11 a.m., and 1 to 3:30 p.m.
- Southeast Dallas Health Center, 9202 Elam Road, Dallas, 75217, 9 to 11 a.m., and 1 to 3

Parents can still walk in with their children for vaccinations on other days, but appointments are recommended. To schedule an appointment for your child at a Parkland COPC health center, please call 214-266-4000. To schedule an appointment at a Youth & Family Center, please call 214-266-1257.

Parkland accepts Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP and most major insurance plans. If you do not have insurance, Parkland can provide financial screening to determine if patients qualify for financial assistance. In addition, the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program may be able to help. The VFC program provides vaccines for children ages 18 years and younger, who are uninsured or underinsured, Medicaid-eligible, or American Indian or Alaska Native.

For more information about services available at Parkland, visit www.parklandhealth.org. For more information on the VCF program visit www.cdc.gov/features/vfcpro-





## Day Weather Forecast for DFW

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## **Shameless Golf Stars and** Donald Trump are Accepting 'Blood Money' to Align with Saudi-backed League

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



Observers said the recent decisions of prominent and wealthy stars like Phil Mickelson, Dustin Johnson, Sergio Garcia, and Brooks Koepka to play on LIV Tour is as selfish as the sports world has ever seen.

Critics of a new golf league backed by the oppressive Saudi Arabian government and supported by former President Donald Trump have decried the actions of players who have bolted the PGA TOUR, taking millions of dollars to participate.

Observers said the recent decisions of prominent and wealthy stars like Phil Mickelson, Dustin Johnson, Sergio Garcia, and Brooks Koepka to play on LIV Tour is as selfish as the sports world has ever seen.

"As far as ... the players who have chosen to go to LIV and to play there, I disagree with it," Tiger Woods said this month. "I think that what they've done is they've turned their back on what has allowed them to get to this position."

Harold Varner III credited, among others, retired NBA Superstar Michael Jordan with his decision not

to join LIV. "I'm obviously not going," Varner said matterof-factly about leaving the PGA Tour for LIV Golf. "I've spoken with (PGA Tour commissioner) Jay (Monahan), I've spoken with a lot of people I look up to, and it just wasn't worth it to me for what it was worth. So that's pretty simple," he said, according to Sports Illustrated.

According to Golf.com, Trump's LIV has presented itself as a beacon for golf improve-

"To a man, every member of the new league has in some way referenced 'positive change' as a justification for delving into the morally murky waters surrounding its financiers," James Colgan wrote for Golf.com.

This, Woods said, is LIV's greatest failing.

Golf isn't stronger for the competition, and neither are its players. Nobody is, the legend stated.

"I just don't see how that move is positive in the long term for a lot of these players," Woods stated.

Moreover, the upcoming LIV Golf Series, hosted by Trump at his National Golf Club Bedminster in New Jersey, threatens to detract from the PGA TOUR's Rocket Mortgage Classic in Detroit.

According to CNBC, Trump's decision to align with LIV highlights his close ties to Saudi Arabia; he made his first foreign visit there as president, and its wealth fund injected \$2 billion into his son-in-law's company last year.

"The Trump-LIV partnership also represents a measure of paybacks. The PGA Tour and PGA of America yanked tournaments from

Doral and Bedminster clubs respectively, following bigoted remarks he made on the campaign trail in 2016 (the PGA Tour said the move was financially motivated after losing the sponsorship for the event), and then his role in inciting the mob that ransacked the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021," CNBC report-

Former President Donald Trump is backing the controversial LIV Golf that most critics say is giving blood money to shameless defectors from the PGA TOUR. (Photo: Stacy Brown / NNPA)

Trump sued PGA of America and the case was settled in December.

"Trump is loving this. He's loving the revenge. He's loving the attention. He's loving the money," said Gary Williams, a golf analyst with the marketing firm Signature Golf and a former host of an NBC-owned Golf Channel show who played with Trump at Doral in

"Trump had a seat at the table in the professional golf world and lost it, and now he found this sort of rogue organization in the golf world that's an existential threat to the establishment," Williams told NBC. "And he cannot get enough of it."

Critics have also said what's ignored is that through the world of golf, the PGA TOUR drives positive impact at unprecedented levels to support and improve local communities.

Nonprofit tournaments under the PGA TOUR umbrella donate their net proceeds to support local organizations, totaling more than \$3.37 billion in donations.

When players, fans, and businesses support a PGA TOUR event, they contribute to countless philanthropic organizations in and around communities where events are held.

Before the July 28 to July 31 Rocket Mortgage Classic, officials announced the return of THE JOHN SHIP-PEN National Golf Invitational presented by Rocket Mortgage – an event designed to provide opportunities for Black men and women amateur and professional golfers.

Additionally, THE JOHN SHIPPEN Sports Business Summit will return for its second year to address the lack of representation in business and leadership roles in golf and across professional sports for people of color.

"So, not only do these defections to LIV pose a threat to the PGA TOUR, but it also jeopardizes these amazing programs for Black and Brown people, and it doesn't help the advancement the TOUR and golf overall had made when it comes to inclusion," said Peter Bassett, a golf pro in

Washington, D.C. "I'd say these athletes are not only spoiled, but they are showing their true colors as the most selfish humans on earth," Bassett asserted.

Bassett asked what others had wondered. "Have these guys considered that they are receiving blood money?" he

Survivors and families of Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist

attacks have protested LIV Golf events because of the involvement of the Saudi government in that unforgettable assault and murders of Americans on U.S. soil.

"Some of your fellow PGA Tour members have traded their dreams of earned success for easy money indeed, blood money whether they need those funds or not," family members of 9/11 victims wrote in a passionate letter to the PGA TOUR.

"They include some of the cials wrote. richest in the field, who justify their roles in Saudi Arabia's efforts to sportswash by simply, and astoundingly, looking the other way. They do so casually when asked the hard questions or are faced with the uncomfortable truth: That they are helping one of the world's worst regimes paper over its crimes."

The families have made clear that they hold Saudi Arabia accountable for its role in the attacks which killed nearly 3, 000 people at the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Washington, and Pennsylvania.

The letter cited FBI reports about Saudi Arabia's involvement in the attacks.

The families applauded golfers who have turned down the eye-popping checks some have accepted to play for LIV.

"To those of you who have chosen what is right over blood money from a corrupt, destructive sports entity and its Saudi backers, please continue to stand strong," the families wrote.

"You inspire hope and conviction that our long journey to accountability and justice is in reach. We deeply value your integrity and your willingness to stand up for principle. Thank you for standing up for decency."

Amnesty International listed the top 10 ways Saudi Arabia continues to violate human rights.

The organization noted that the government still uses torture for many offenses. Amnesty officials often said, following unfair trials, the government resorts to corporal punishment like flogging, amputations, and cross amputations where the opposite hand and foot are removed for individuals found guilty of robbery.

Amnesty said Saudi Arabia stands among the world's top executioners, with dozens of people executed yearly – many in public beheadings. Saudi Arabia also opposes free speech,

with activists jailed simply for exercising their rights to freedom of expression, association, and assembly.

The country also doesn't allow protests, and women face broad discrimination.

"Women and girls remain subject to discrimination in law and practice, with laws that ensure they are subordinate citizens to men – particularly concerning family matters such as marriage, divorce, child custody, and inheritance," Amnesty offi-

"Women who supported a campaign against a ban on women drivers face the threat of arrest and other harassment and intimidation," they stated.

Further, torture in police custody remains common, and authorities don't need reasons to detain individuals. Also, according to Amnesty officials, members of the Kingdom's Shi'a minority, most of whom live in the oilrich Eastern Province, continue to face entrenched discrimination that limits their access to government services and employment.

According to the Interior Ministry, a crackdown on irregular foreign migrant workers in November 2013 led to the deportation of more than 370,000 people. Some 18,000 were still being detained as of March 2020, and thousands of people were summarily returned to Somalia, Yemen, or other states where they could face human rights abuses on

Authorities in Saudi Arabia have continued to deny access to independent human rights organizations, officials said.

"Maybe Phil Mickelson will stand at a podium and demand the Saudis give a full accounting of what happened to Jamal Khashoggi, the Washington Post journalist brutally murdered by henchmen on orders, the Central Intelligence Agency has said, from Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman," Journalist Kurt Streeter wrote for the New York Times.

"Yes, the same Prince Mohammed is now using the LIV Golf series to distract from the truth about his homeland," Streeter continued.

"Don't hold your breath. None of the golfers who signed on to the LIV tour in exchange for staggering sums will speak up. They are too spineless and too compromised, working as they do for a tour funded by a government that tramples human rights."

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two major airports, weresuspended for hours and dozens of flights were can-

Authorities have not released a motive for the shooting, but Odufuwa has been arrested several times

in recent years and has been found incompetent for trial more than once.

A judge last year found her incompetent to stand trial after she was charged with making a false report, court records show. The judge found that she wasn't a danger to others and

referred her to outpatient mental health services.

In that case, she was accused of pulling a fire alarm at a hotel after the clerk refused to extend her stay, The Dallas Morning News reported, citing police. Records show the charge was dismissed.

In 2019, she was found incompetent to stand trial after she was accused of robbing a bank in the Dallas suburb of Wylie. She underwent treatment, and court records show the case was eventually dismissed.

Also that year, she was arrested for arson after telling a police officer who had responded to a house fire in the Dallas suburb of Mesquite that she started it and was "God's prophet," according to a police report. She also told police she was married to singer Chris Brown, the police report said. The Dallas County

district attorney's office said that charge was rejected for lack of scientific evidence to support a convic-

On Monday at the airport, she also was heard making comments about Brown, according to the arrest warrant.



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## THE FANNIE LOU HAMER **STAGE PLAY**

My Day

By Dr. J. Ester Davis



Dr. J. Ester Davis

Fannie Lou Hamer (1917 1977) occupies a very unique space in our history and represents thousands of women born and raised in this time and space in our history. Her story is riveting because your imagination is supporting vivid thoughts combined with similar stories from family members we have heard before. For eighteen (18) years she worked as a sharecropper and timekeeper for a Mississippi Delta plantation She was the owner. youngest of twenty (20) children with an 8th grade education. Fannie Lou Hamer was in today's language an in-demand public speaker. It all started when she attempted to vote but failed the required literacy test. Of course, she was fired and forced to move

from place to place for protection. Her husband was fired immediately because he was a tractor driver and needed to get the crops in on time.

Mzuri Moya Aimbaye, an award winning artist, presents an amazing academia One Woman Show. As actress, writer, makeup artist, producer, wardrobe mistress, assistant director, digital editor and more titles I do not have time to list, her performances have been sold out across the nation, recognized as the BEST SOLO Performance at the Black Theatre Festivals and so much more. Now . . . she is coming to Dallas compliments of the Dallas Chapter of the NAACP.. because our history is priceless. We have the baton now.

The best way to describe the "new" Dallas NAACP is in a basic line: "...his truth

is marching on". Dr. Middlebrooks, President, is lighted grew up in the 'country spotlight of the club' unscripted civil rights era; .. meaning there were people working in concert at the top-and-bottom of the civil rights spectrum while gerry-

mandering was looking for a home, scripted, written, passed and executed into law. She grew up careerwise in a very fortunate position, working for one of the most powerful African American Statesman in our nation. Dr. I. H. Clayborn was listed for more than twenty(20) years as one of America's Most Influential Leaders by Ebony Magazine. He was the Grand Sovereign Commander of the Prince Hall Masons. We should know and always remember that this group built low income housing, under the watchful eye of Sam Pierce, Undersecretary of Housing, (Jimmy Carter Administration) across the State of Texas. That is truly another unprecedented historic story.

I would be out-of-etiquette-order without mentioning three other states-Sharon man-in-our-nation, a perfect fit for this role. Middlebrooks pathway of Spaces, 816 Montgomery This Madame President knowledge, experience and protocol. What is important here is all roads lead to Clayborn's office because he was a phone call away from Thurgood Marshall, Benjamin Hooks, John Johnson, mayors, athletes,

influencers and entertainers. At the top of the Dallas chart with devoted limitless to the Dallas hours NAACP's truth Attorney Fred Finch, Legal Redress, Ted Watkins, the World Champion NAACP Memberships and Pastor Rhett James, who organized the boycott on H.L. Green and in the mixof-the-lite-riot-to-demonstrations at Piccadilly's Downtown Cafeteria. Bill Blair, Founding Publisher, of the Elite Newspaper did not really want to talk to you, and would advise you of same, if you did not have a NAACP membership. What an ideal job for a young professional afforded to our present president.

The Fannie Lou Hamer Stage Play is where you want to be on Sunday, July 31, 2022 at 1:00 PM. Just like Fannie Lou Hamer, the 'fight for your life' continues. Bring the young with you. The place is Lofty Street, Dallas, Texas. The heat is on in more ways than we can count.

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Had the state's lawmakers heeded recommendations to extend the eligibility period beyond six months, Texas could have led the nation in expanding postpartum Medicaid for pregnant people instead of trailing behind, said Diana Forester, director of health care policy at Texans Care for Children,

an advocacy group. "Why wouldn't we want to manage those chronic conditions for that first year postpartum so that they can focus on getting healthy and getting back to work and ensuring their kid has what they need to succeed? It just seems like a no-brainer," Forester said.

A spokesperson for Abbott did not respond to questions about Legislature's decision or whether the governor supports the longer coverage period.

As it stands now, people who are eligible for Medicaid during their pregnancies are allowed to stay on the program indefinitely under federal pandemic rules. But that extended

coverage could end as soon as this fall if President Joe administration Biden's allows the emergency declaration to lapse, making states' Medicaid eligibility decisions critical for new parents in need of health care coverage.

To qualify for pregnancyrelated Medicaid, single people having their first child need to make \$3,022 or less a month, compared to a \$196 monthly income cap otherwise.

Connie Bunch, a single mother from Abilene, understands the consequences of losing health care coverage too soon after giving birth.

Bunch received Medicaid in 2013 while pregnant with her first child at age 28, marking the first time she had health care coverage as an adult. At the time, Texas had not yet passed any legislation that exceeded the federal government's requirement, so she lost the benefits two months after giving birth.

The new mother couldn't manage the cost of private insurance through the Affordable Care Act. And the \$600 average monthly

income Bunch received from her part-time job, child support and disability assistance for her daughter's cerebral palsy kept her from qualifying for Medicaid under Texas' income requirements once her postpartum benefits expired.

As a result, Bunch could no longer pay for doctors' visits and treatment related to the high blood pressure, hypertension and gestational diabetes that doctors had diagnosed her with during her pregnancy. Diabetes affects about one in 10 pregnant people across the country, and two of the top six causes of maternal mortality in Texas are related to high blood pressure.

Without medication, Bunch said, she suffered debilitating headaches, exhaustion and a loss of appetite.

Once Bunch became pregnant with her second child last year, she again qualified for Medicaid. Her extended coverage has allowed her to once more have access to hypertension and diabetes medications. She said her headaches have disappeared, she's no longer tired all day and her blood

pressure has stabilized.

Now living closer to family in Austin, Bunch said she hasn't been able to work because she cannot afford child care. Her monthly income shrunk to \$350 from the child support and disability payments receives. But it is still too much to qualify for Medicaid coverage, except for that specifically provided to people after they give birth.

This means that as soon as the federal freeze ends, Bunch will lose coverage.

"That's really scary," Bunch said. "That's something that I really worry about."

"Philosophical" resistance to Medicaid

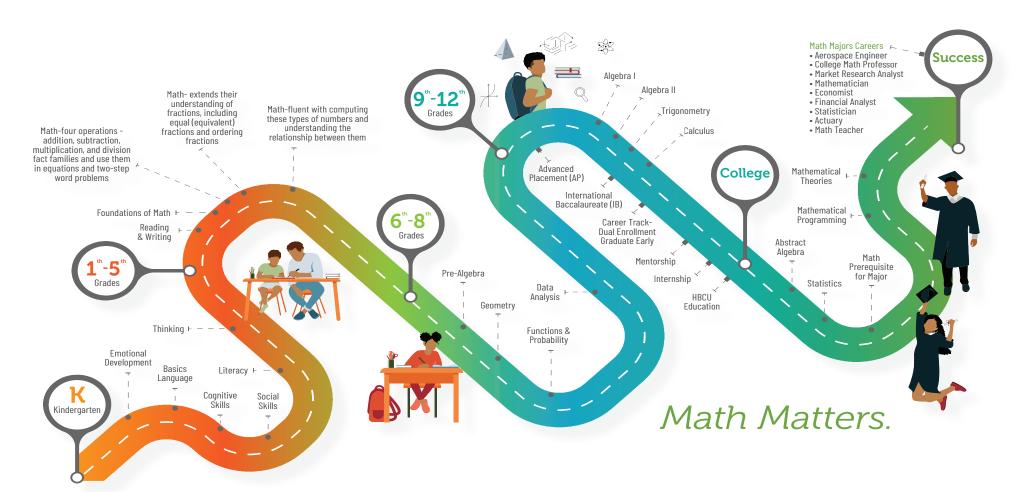
In April 2021, Toni Rose, a Democratic state representative from Dallas, went before the 150-member Texas House to lay out her bill to expand Medicaid to a full year after pregnancy. Within three minutes, the bill passed the chamber with bipartisan support. Some lawmakers applauded its passage.

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## Clear or mesh backpacks required for all secondary students

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The safety of our students and staff is our top priority, and the district has taken several steps to ensure schools are safe learning environments. Starting in the 2022-2023 school year, students in sixth through 12th grade will be required to use clear or mesh backpacks. Other bags will no longer be allowed.

Students will be able to carry in their backpack a non-clear pouch no larger than 5.5 inches by 8.5 inches

to hold personal items, such as cellphones, money, and hygiene products.

Our decision stems from safety recommendations made by the district's Safety Task Force and Internal Task Force as well as feedback from students, parents, and the community.

clear or mesh backpacks alone will not eliminate safety concerns. This is merely one of several steps in the district's comprehensive plan to better ensure student and staff safety.

The district has purchased and will distribute a free clear backpack to secondary students before the start of the school year.

All backpacks not meet-

om students, parents, and ing the criteria outlined above will be collected and kept in the school office ear or mesh backpacks where the student's parent or one will not eliminate guardian can pick them up.

For frequently asked questions, see below or visit dallasisd.org/backpacks

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what was said during her questioning and that officials instructed her to sign documents without providing an explanation.

Griner faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted of transporting drugs.

The U.S. government has long resisted prisoner swaps out of concern that

it could encourage additional hostage-taking and promote false equivalency between a wrongfully detained American and a foreign national regarded as justly convicted. But an earlier deal in April, in which Marine veteran Trevor Reed was traded for jailed Russian pilot, Konstantin Yaroshenko, appeared to open the door

to similar resolutions in the future and the Biden administration has been hounded with political pressure to bring home Griner and other Americans designated as unjustly detained.

There was no indication that Blinken and Lavrov had communicated to secure Reed's release.

# Jackie Robinson Museum opens after 14 years of planning

By RONALD BLUM



NEW YORK (AP) — Long dreamed about and in development for longer than the big league career of the man it honors, the Jackie Robinson Museum opened Tuesday in Manhattan with a gala ceremony attended by the widow of the barrier-breaking ballplayer and two of his children.

Rachel Robinson, who turned 100 on July 19, watched the half-hour outdoor celebration from a wheelchair in the 80-degree Fahrenheit (27-degree Celsius) heat, then cut a ribbon to cap a project launched in 2008.

Her 72-year-old daughter, Sharon, also looked on from a wheelchair and 70-year-old son David spoke to the crowd of about 200 sitting on folding chairs arrayed in a closed-off section of Varick Street, a major thoroughfare where the 19,380-square-foot museum is located. It opens to the public on Sept. 5

"The issues in baseball, the issues that Jackie Robinson challenged in 1947, they're still with us," David Robinson said. "The signs of white only have been taken down, but the complexity of equal opportunity still exists."

Rachel Robinson announced the museum on April 15, 2008, the 61st anniversary of Jackie breaking the big league color barrier with the Brooklyn Dodgers Ebbets Field. Robinson became NL Rookie of the Year, the 1949 NL batting champion and MVP, a seven-time All-Star and a World Series champion in 1955. He hit .313 with 141 homers and 200 stolen bases in 11 seasons and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1962.

A gala dinner was held Monday night to preview the museum.



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