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Federal Regulators Approve Pfizer Vaccine for Children; Ages 5 to 11 Immediately **Eligible for Shots**

Written by Stacy M. Brown

Children ages 5 to 11 can now receive vaccination against COVID-19.

On Tuesday, November 2, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Rochelle Walensky signed off on a recommendation from the CDC's Advisory Committee Immunization Practices.

Dr. Walensky's authorization allows healthcare providers, pharmacies, and clinicians to commence coronavirus vaccine shots to children ages 5 to 11.

Officials said shots would become available as early as Wednesday.

The Food and Drug Administration had previously authorized the twoshot regimen.

Each vaccine dose for the 5 to 11 age group contains one-third of that used

for adolescents and adults.

White House officials

have determined that there's enough of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for all 28 million children in America who are between the age of 5 and 11.

Pfizer officials said they placed orders for the doses last month, and they've already begun the process of preparing and packing the vaccines.

Dr. Walensky had urged regulators to consider all variables.

"We have been asking when we will be able to expand this protection to our younger children," Dr. Walensky stated during the committee meeting.

"As you review the data today, it will be key to keep in mind the specific risks to children from this

virus and the pandemic, and to put that risk into the context of other vaccinepreventable diseases," she said.

Dr. Walensky added that committee members should recognize that children have historically received vaccinations against diseases like chickenpox, which reportedly kill far fewer children and put far fewer of them

into the hospital than Covid-19.

"As you will all be aware, in this most recent Delta [variant] wave, we saw pediatric admission rates higher than they had in any previous wave of the pandemic, reaching a rate of 25 hospitalizations per 100,000 per year in children between the ages of 5 to 11," Dr. Walensky asserted.



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HBO Documentary Films' presents a SO'B Production BLACK AND MISSING, directed by Geeta Gandbhir, Nadia Hallgren, Samantha Knowles and Yoruba Richen; supervising producer, Julie Anderson; executive producers, Soledad O'Brien, Geeta white woman syndrome." Gandbhir, Jo Honig and Patrick Conway. For HBO: executive producers, Nancy Abraham, Lisa Heller and Sara Rodriguez.

The four-part documentary series BLACK AND MISSING, by multiple Emmy winner Geeta Gandbhir and award-winning documentarian, journalist, author, and activist Soledad O'Brien, follows sisters-in-law and Black and Missing Foundation founders Derrica and Natalie Wilson as they fight an uphill battle to bring awareness to the Black missing persons cases that are marginalized by law enforcement and national media.

The series, which was three years in the making, takes on new urgency given the renewed national conversation on "missing

BLACK AND MISS-

ING debuts back-to-back episodes TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23 (8:00-10:00 p.m. ET/PT), with the final two episodes airback-to-back Wednesday, November 24 at the same time.

All four episodes of the series will debut on HBO and will be available to stream on HBO Max. Haunted by these stories of vanished loved ones and driven by the need for attention and assistance for these forgotten women, former law enforcement officer Derrica and public relations expert Natalie operate a grassroots organization that raises awareness in communities, alerts

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Texas 2021 constitutional amendment election results

KALLEY HUANG, CARLA ASTUDILLO AND ANDREW ZHANG /The Texas Tribune

Texas voters took to the polls Tuesday to decide on eight proposed amendments to the Constitution. These were passed as bills during this year's legislative sessions but require voter approval. Unofficial results show that Texans are poised to approve all eight amend-

ments, including one proposal barring the state from limiting religious services, even during disasters like the coronavirus pandemic, and another changing eligibility requirements for judges. Turnout this year was lower than the last

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"My Day"

By Dr. J. Ester Davis

The Ellis County African American Hall of Fame Museum & Library Annual Induction was held in Waxahachie, Texas, October 23, 2021. The Hall of Fame recognizes all contributions made by African Americans in County and it is an amazing list. `The mission is to expose the world, all students, teachers and citizens of Ellis County to new ideas as they explore their history.

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Coping With Another Supply Chain Shortage as the Pandemic Rolls On

Written By Stacy M. Brown

pandemic, toilet paper, alcohol, napkins, and various food products proved hard to obtain. After a brief restock and less of a rush on supplies, the shortages have resumed.

While many wonder why observers have offered various reasons why the supply chain has broken, others opine that fixing the problem won't prove easy.

"COVID-19 created a domino effect of issues in global shipping. For example, when China closed for months during the end of 2019 to quarantine, many producers were unable to meet export demand," offered Caitlin Murphy, a an and CEO of Global Gateway Logistics.

"When they resumed operations, the U.S. began experiencing its first cases and quickly went into extended quarantine for months," Murphy respond-

"By the time warehouses opened and accepted products again, there was a severe demand for containers so producers could quickly release inventory from their factories. In addition, at this time, many steamship lines were reeling from the effects of the pandemic and began revising global sailing schedules and some completely

During the height of the global transportation veter- removing lanes altogether."

The spike in demand coupled with decreased supply of shipping lanes, containers, and labor added fuel to the engine of chaos, observers noted.

To make matters worse, port closures due to quarantine, the energy crisis in China, and a broken infrastructure at some U.S. ports have led to container ship traffic jams, severe inventory shortages, and higher prices for some commodi-

"The increasing demand for products is quickly draining the supply. In addition, the pandemic caused a lot of people to stay at home, causing them



The supply chain of products like bath tissue, Lysol, and other items are running low again as the pandemic drags on. (Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)

to spend a great deal of their time online, making them prone to shop," stated Ian Sells, co-founder, and of RebateKey.

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media outlets to the plight of thousands of women and children and urges police departments to allocate more resources to this scourge.

Cases of missing Black people remain unresolved four times longer than those of white people. BLACK AND MISSING pulls back the curtain to explore how systemic behaviors and attitudes stem from centuries of deeply rooted racism.

The series also exposes the stark disparity in the media coverage of white and black missing persons.

This intimate look at

Derrica and Natalie's personal crusade to locate missing Black people also highlights stories of hope and closure as the Black and Missing Foundation contributes to the resolution of several high-profile missing persons cases.

The Black and Missing Foundation works in several ways to change the narrative surrounding missing Black people, providing volunteers for work on the ground, and serving as an important advocacy platform to help bring these stories to light.

By keeping these stories and the missing in the news media, Derrica and

Natalie put increased pressure on police departments to keep cases open and active.

BLACK AND MISS-ING includes wrenching testimony from the families and loved ones of missing women, from activists and volunteers with their own stories of loss to law officers and historians with first-hand experience in this field.

Participants include John Walsh, Founder of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children; Vince Warren, Executive Director of the Center for Constitutional Rights; Dr. Renee Murrell, FBI victim specialist; Glenn Kirschner,

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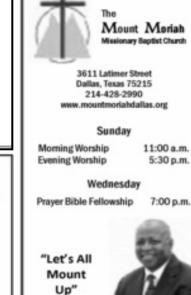
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"THE CLIMACTIC DEPARTURE OF THE RISEN CHRIST"

ACTS 1:9-14

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

Before our Lord made His climactic departure, He gave His disciples indisputable evidence of His resurrection, for verse 3 says – "To whom also He shewed Himself alive after His passion (suffering) by many infallible proofs being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the thing pertaining to the kingdom of God." These curious disciples had readily put together God's teaching of the kingdom with His promise of the Spirit's outpouring as an indication that David's promised kingdom was about to be inaugurated

(vs.4-5). However, Jesus does not rebuke them but instructs them that it was not important for them to know what is a prerogative of the Father (vs. 6-7). Nevertheless, instead of them being so kingdom minded, Jesus does instruct them to be witnesses for Him - "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." From Acts 1:8, one can readily outline Christ's

commission to His disciples, for the geographical witness should start in Jerusalem (chapters 1-7); in Judea and Samaria (chapters 8-12); and unto the uttermost (chapters 13-28).

After forty days of ministering unto them, our blessed Lord ascended to heaven, there to be exalted at the right hand of God the Father (Heb. 1:3). His ascension marked the conclusion of His earthly corporal presence among His disciples. Accompanying His departure from them was the clear promise of His return (Acts 1:9-11). The

angels declared that He shall return bodily, visibly and personally. During His second coming to the earth, our blessed Lord will come in great glory and splendor (Rev. 19:11-16). At the Lord's first coming, He faced untold suffering and disgrace. At His second coming, He will receive honor as King. He came the first time to die as man's substitute for sin; however, during His second coming, He will come as Judge. Yes, the very One that was despised and rejected of men (Isaiah 53:3), will come again in clouds and great

glory to set up His millennial kingdom on earth.

In verses 12-14, the disciples gathered in one place, being united in prayer. These disciples prayed in view of God's promise that the Holy Spirit, the Comforter would come and endow them with power (Acts 1:5, 8). As believers today in this age of grace, we have power to be witnesses for Christ.

If we are satisfied with what Christ has done for us, then we need to tell others about Jesus. Through our faith in the finished work of Christ, Christ has rescued us from the depths of hell and has given us a standing before God - "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). Yes, I am satisfied with Christ because His finished work

on Calvary assures all believers that in the past they have been justified as to position; in the present, they are being sanctified experientially as they yield to the Holy Spirit; and one day they will be glorified.

The hymn writer declares -

I am satisfied with Jesus, He has done so much

for me: He has suffered to

redeem me, He has died to set me free.I am satisfied, I am satisfied,

I am satisfied with Jesus, But the question comes

to me, As I think of Calvary, Is my Master satisfied with me?

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Prosecutor: Ruggs drove 156 mph before fatal crash in Vegas

By KEN RITTER

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Former Raiders wide receiver Henry Ruggs III was driving at 156 mph with a blood-alcohol content twice Nevada's legal limit before his sports car slammed into the rear of a vehicle that burned, killing a 23-year-old woman, prosecutors said Wednesday.

The Raiders released Ruggs late Tuesday, just hours after the crash and shortly after he was released from a hospital and booked into a Las Vegas jail.

The 22-year-old former first-round NFL draft pick remained seated in a wheelchair with a foam brace on his neck and jail guards at his elbows during his initial court appearance Wednesday on pending felony charges of driving under the influence of alcohol resulting in death and reckless driving.

The extent of his injuries was not disclosed, although Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson said outside court that he believed Ruggs suffered a leg injury.

Ruggs' girlfriend, identified by police as Kiara Je'nai Kilgo-Washington, 22, of Las Vegas, was with him in the car and injured in the crash. She underwent surgery Tuesday for a severe arm injury, authorities said.

The Bake with Paris – Fantastic Fig Newtons

Written by Stacy M. Brown

The sweet cookie wrapped around the intensely flavored fig filling was always such a comforting taste.



My goal was to create the perfect balance between the soft cookie and the sticky filling. And I accomplished that if I do say so myself. /Photo By Talia Brown

By Paris Brown

NNPA Newswire Contributor

Hello and welcome back to The Bake! Today's bake is extra special to me because it's a recreation of one of my favorite treatsthe fig newton.

The sweet cookie 1 egg wrapped around

ing was always such a 1 tsp cinnamon comforting taste.

So, I recreated them, ¼ tsp baking soda but better! You see, my only problem with fig newtons is that they were dry and too crumbly.

I enjoyed the filling ½ cups water plus 2 tbsp way more than the actual cookie. So, I made sure my fig newtons were moist and had the perfect texture.

My goal was to create perfect balance between the soft cookie and the sticky filling. And I accomplished that if I do 2. In a large bowl, beat say so myself.

But don't just take my word for it- try out the recipe and have a fantastic bake!

Ingredients:

Dough: ½ cup butter ½ cup brown sugar Zest of 1 lemon or orange

the 1 tbsp vanilla

intensely flavored fig fill- 1 ½ cups wheat flour

1 tsp nutmeg

½ tsp salt

Filling:

2 cups DRIED figs molasses Juice of 1 lemon or orange 1 tbsp honey Dash of salt

Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F

butter, sugar, and vanilla until fully combined and fluffy. Mix in your egg and lemon/orange zest. 3. Mix flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, baking soda, and salt in a separate bowl. Add the dry to the wet and mix thoroughly. Set in the fridge to chill for at least 10 minutes.

4. In a medium saucepan, add figs, water and

molasses mix, lemon/orange juice, honey, and salt. Bring to a near boil over medium heat, or until the figs soften and the water evaporates.

5. Cool, then blend in a food processor until it comes together and forms a ball.

6. Take a spoonful of the cookie dough and flatten it. Place a tablespoon of the fig mix and put it in the middle of the dough. Wrap the dough around the fig mixture and place it onto the prepared baking sheet.

7. Bake for 15-20 minutes, or until they are a light golden color. 8. Enjoy!!

Optional

Brush molasses on fig newtons after they come out of the oven and place in broiler for 1-2 minutes. Watch them carefully; they burn easily.





Day Weather Forecast for DFW

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Heat keep Mavericks from capitalizing on late rally, 125-110

By The Associated Press



DALLAS (AP) — Four Miami Heat players had 22 or more points for the first time in franchise history to hold off a late Dallas rally and beat the Mavericks 125-110 on Tuesday night for their fifth straight win.

Tyler Herro scored 25 points off the bench, 15 alone in the second quarter when the Heat outscored the Mavericks 46-32 to take a 70-62 halftime lead. Jimmy Butler added 23 points, Kyle Lowry had 22 and Bam Adebayo scored

22 and rebounds.

Miami's top scorers did so from all over the court. Butler sank 15 of 17 free throws while Lowry hit six 1 start since the 2012-13 of nine 3-pointers. The Heat shot 52% behind the

"You want to be able to maximize your offense in all the different ways in your menu without feeling like you're taking turns," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra

Luka Doncic scored a

grabbed 13 season-high 33 points for the Mavericks, who lost for the first time in four home

Miami is off to its first 6season, when it won the pulled within 101-95 two second of its three NBA minutes into the fourth championships.

"The Heat, I would consider them the best team in the league right now," Dallas coach Jason Kidd said.

Dallas' Jalen Brunson had a season-high 25 points in his first start of the season, necessitated injuries that have sidelined big men Kristaps Porzingis and Maxi Kleber.

Porzingis missed his fourth straight game with lower back tightness. Kleber, who started Sunday's win over Sacramento in Porzingis' place, left that game late in the first period and will be out 7-10 days with a left oblique strain.

The Mavericks got out to a 20-9 lead seven minutes into the game, hitting four of their first six 3pointers before the Heat pushed back, led by Herro's second-quarter scoring.

Miami led 97-81 with 2:12 to play in the third quarter when Dallas began its run. The Mavericks period before the Heat held them off down the stretch.

Spoelstra said Herro made his largest improvements over the summer.

"People are noticing now from a lot of work that happened behind scenes," Spoelstra said.

Mayor Johnson's State of the City Address rescheduled for November 17

DALLAS — Mayor Eric Johnson's State of the City Address has been rescheduled for 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021.

The speech, which fulfills a requirement of the Dallas City Charter, was initially scheduled for noon on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021, in the City Council chambers at Dallas City Hall.

Mayor Johnson is continuing to recover from a breakthrough COVID-19 case. The mayor plans to return to work Friday in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's public health guidelines that require a 10-day quarantine, the improvement of symptoms, and a lack of fever.

"I greatly appreciate the outpouring of support from the people of Dallas over the past week," Mayor Johnson said. "My symptoms are improving every day, and I look forward to getting back to work so we can discuss our city's needs in the year ahead."

The plan for the speech remains the same: The mayor will speak from a podium in front of the dais.

Dallas City Councilmembers will be invited to sit behind the mayor at their seats at the dais. Media also will be invited, and the speech will be livestreamed and broadcast on the city's public access channel.

Mayor Johnson plans to use the speech to discuss the city's progress including initiatives prioritized in the recently passed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 city budget — and to detail policies needed to help the city get back to basics and build for the future.

Beginning with last year's virtual State of the City Address from Fair Park, Mayor Johnson has made it his goal to deliver the annual remarks in a public way — returning the address to its roots rather than during a private luncheon with business leaders.

City archivist John Slate said the annual event and address has taken numerous forms over the years. While public records are incomplete, references to the State of the City speech and an annual message from the mayor can be found as early as 1875.

Tupac Shakur's life, legacy to be subject of massive exhibit



LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tupac Shakur's handwritten lyrics from classic songs such as "California Love" and "Dear Mama" along with galleries that pay homage to his upbringing and late mother are among the features in a massive touring museum exhibit.

The Shakur Estate announced Tuesday that the

" Tupac Shakur. Wake Me When I'm Free " will open Jan. 21 in Los Angeles. The exhibit is described as a fully immersive, thought-provoking museum experience that explores the life and legacy of the late rapper.

"There are thousands of pieces of paper, handwritten pieces of paper - which is everything from his lyrics to

all of the songs and poetry that you know down to a grocery list for a birthday party," said Arron Saxe, president of Kinfolk Management + Media, who is working with Shakur's estate. Saxe has worked with estates for other iconic music artists including Otis and Redding Donny Hathaway.

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constitutional amendment election in 2019, with only about 9% of registered Texas voters ballot. casting a Turnout in odd-numbered years has always been low.

of 9 a.m. Wednesday, these unofficial results from the Secretary of State include ballots cast in early voting and all election day polling locations.

Proposition 1 APPROVED

For 84% Against 16%

Proposition 2 APPROVED

For 63% Against 37%

Proposition 3 APPROVED

For 62% Against 38%

Proposition 4 APPROVED

For 59% Against 41%

Proposition 5 APPROVED

For 59% Against 41%

Proposition 6 APPROVED

For 88% Against 12%

Proposition 7 **APPROVED**

For 87% Against 13%

Proposition 8 APPROVED For 88%

Against 12%

City of Dallas partnership to bring urgent care clinic to Oak Cliff

DALLAS - A partnership between the City of Dallas and the Advance Community Fund is anticipated to bring the Marsalis Urgent Care Clinic to the Oak Cliff neighborhood of Glendale.

The clinic will provide care to residents in a medically underserved area, as well as senior citizens and those suffering from chronic health conditions.

"The City is committed to its promise to prioritize growth and prosperity to residents in southern Dallas," Economic Development Officer Dr. Eric Anthony Johnson said. "This clinic and the access to health services it will provide is another step forward in helping the city's most underserved populations thrive."

Located in the Glendale Shopping Center, Dr. D.G. Edwards leased the property in June 2020. Construction will be funded by a loan from the Advance Community Fund and a grant from the City of Dallas.

"The addition of the Glendale Medical Center is a

health and welfare of our community- especially in the 75216 ZIP code," District 4 Councilmember Carolyn King Arnold said. "This center will begin to close the gap for medical care that has plagued the community for years. This is a giant step towards Healthcare Equity."

Edwards worked in the Oak Cliff area until he closed his practice in 2001 when he relocated to Lancaster to work in emergency medicine. He later decided to return after seeing a need for resources in the medically underserved

"The Marsalis Avenue Urgent Care Clinic is a move in the right direction for southern Dallas, and I am excited to have a second chance to serve those who need healthcare the most," Edwards said. "By opening an easily accessible, seven days a week clinic we'll be able to improve access for not just the community but working families as well."

In order to help secure full financing for the project, the

tremendous investment in the City connected Edwards with the Advance Community Fund, emerging Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), which assists with economic development in low to moderate-income areas.

The Advance Community Fund is a recent venture by Chairman and CEO Michael Yorba to develop affordable housing, medical clinics, and grocery stores in southern Dallas.

"We are a group of concerned and committed corporate citizens doing our part with the City of Dallas to help cost-burdened citizens find affordable health care," Yorba said. "We endeavor to work with partners like Edwards who have positive intent, integrity and the will to serve the community, in order to create economic mobility and community revitalization that benefits underserved communities."

Construction and renovation on the new clinic is anticipated to start immediately and the grand opening is expected in early 2022.



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