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Allen West, Texas GOP gubernatorial hopeful, has COVID-19



GARLAND, Texas (AP) — Tea party firebrand Allen West, a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of Texas, said Saturday that he has received monoclonal antibody injections after being diagnosed with COVID-19 pneumonia.

The antibodies are used to treat those in the early stages of a coronavirus infection.

“My chest X-rays do show COVID pneumonia, not serious. I am probably going to be admitted to the hospital,” West wrote. “There’s a concern about my oxygen saturation levels, which are at 89 and they should be at 95.”

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Social Security COLA largest in decades as inflation jumps



By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR and
CHRISTOPHER RUGABER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of retirees on Social Security will get a 5.9% boost in benefits for 2022. The biggest cost-of-living adjustment in 39 years follows a burst in inflation as the economy struggles to shake off the drag of the coronavirus pandemic.

The COLA, as it’s commonly called, amounts to \$92 a month for the average retired worker, according to estimates released Wednesday by the Social Security Administration. That marks an abrupt break from a long lull in inflation that saw cost-of-living adjustments averaging just 1.65% a year over the last 10 years.

With the increase the estimated average Social Security payment for a retired worker will be \$1,657 a month next year. A typical couple’s benefits would rise by \$154 to \$2,753 per month.

“It goes pretty quickly,” retiree Cliff Rumsey said of the cost-of-living increases he’s seen. After a career in sales for a leading steel manufacturer, Rumsey lives near Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. He cares at home for his wife of nearly 60 years, Judy, who has advanced Alzheimer’s disease. Since the coronavirus pandemic, Rumsey said he has noted price increases for food, wages paid to caregivers who occasionally spell him and personal care products for Judy, not to mention energy costs.

FILE - In this Dec. 21, 2020, file photo people watch as the sun sets from the Presidio in San Francisco. Rising inflation is expected to lead to a sizeable increase in Social Security’s annual cost-of-living adjustment, or COLA, for 2022. Exactly how much will be revealed Wednesday morning after a Labor Department report on inflation during September, a data point used in the final calculation. (AP Photo/Jeff Chiu, File)

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A Final Farewell to *Eva Catherine Partee McMillan*

Eva Catherine Partee McMillan was born May 7, 1921, five minutes before her twin, Neva Partee, and was the seventh of eight children born to Joseph Chavis Lee Partee, Jr. and Mary Rebecca Sowell Partee in Bradford, Tennessee. Her parents were descendants of the former enslaved who reconstructed the farming community after the Emancipation Proclamation. Their mother died several months after

the twins were born and their dad lovingly raised his children as a single parent. She attended Mt. Zion Elementary School and Mt. Zion Colored Methodist Episcopal Church.

On January 1, 1930, the family moved to the White Rock community, in Far North Dallas, and joined Christian Chapel Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. She attended local public schools and graduated from Vickery High School on Coit Road, in

1938. After graduation, they moved to the city of Dallas in Freedman’s Town, where she attended Phillips Business School.

On May 15, 1941, she married Marion E. McMillan, Sr., in Dallas, and later moved to Rolla, Missouri where he was stationed in the U.S. Armed Services. When the couple returned, he became pastor of St. Luke Methodist Episcopal Church, now St. Luke United Methodist “Community” Church.

They were proud parents of four children: Karen, Marion Ernest, Jr., Jacqueline, and Katherine. The family worshipped at St. Paul Methodist Episcopal Church, now St. Paul United Methodist Church, and other churches her husband pastored.

As a young wife and mother during the early 1940s, she was affiliated with Dallas’ social, civic, political, church and school

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Mrs. Eva Catherine Partee McMillan
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EDITORIAL PAGE

“We The People”: The Solution To Our Problems

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

While a great deal of time and attention is being given to the many sins and acts of evil by Republicans and the Ultra Right who believe that their privileges are greater than our democracy, it is important to remember that “We the People” hold the keys to our own deliverance. There are more of us than them as evidenced by the last election which placed President Joe Biden in the White House instead of a second term for Trump. The Bible says “we have not because we ask not, and when we ask, we ask for the wrong things”.

Lawrence O'Donnell, an MSNBC Commentator, recently pointed out that “we” are responsible for Donald Trump being able to appoint three judges to the U.S. Supreme Court. As he indicated, it started when we, the democrats, didn't bother to vote in

past presidential elections that allowed the Reagans, the Bushes and the Trumps to be in position to stack the Court with conservative right wingers.

You will remember that when Trump was running against Clinton, the Christian Right and Ultra Conservative Right were not concerned with his sexual sins, only having him in position to appoint judges to the Highest Court in the land because it would influence policy for decades to come.

Now the ball is back in the court of “We the people”, if we choose to take it. We the people outnumber the conservative Ultra White element that would end democracy. We the people, whether Democrat or Independent, have sufficient numbers to out vote any conservative wave and laws of voter suppression are now being put on

the books. It was this kind of voter turnout that elected two Democratic U.S. Senators from the State of Georgia, in spite of the Trump effort to undermine the voter turnout of the state.

When we look at the characters that are holding the U.S. Senate hostage and refusing to live up to their oath to “Protect and Defend the Constitution of the United States”, then we have an obligation to organize and vote them out of office.

When we see the U.S. Supreme Court set on rolling back Civil Rights gains, Roe vs. Wade, gun control and a host of other issues that will be before this Court this term, we have the right to petition the Congress to pass legislation to overturn the Supreme Court decisions, which is the check and balances guaranteed by the



Dr. John E. Warren

Constitution. We have options that represent an alternative to the suppression and undermining of democracy by the Ultra Right. We must find candidates to run against those who are opposed to democracy and refuse to work with the very people they are elected to represent.

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He also said his wife, Angela West, also tested positive and has received monoclonal antibodies. According to his Twitter account, Allen West did not get vaccinated against the virus, but his wife did.

Allen West on Thursday said he had attended a “packed house” Mission Generation Annual Gala & Fundraiser in Seabrook, Texas. On Saturday he tweeted that he is “suspending in-person events until receiving an all-clear indication.”

West is a former Texas Republican Party chair and Florida congressman. He announced in July that he would challenge Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, who is running for a third term and has been endorsed by Donald Trump.

West's announcement came a month after he resigned as chair of the Republican Party of Texas.

West won a U.S. House seat in Florida in 2010 and quickly became a tea party favorite and lightning rod, at one point accusing Democrats of having as many as 80 communists in their House caucus. He failed to win reelection in 2012.

He later moved to Texas and largely stayed out of the spotlight until running for chairman of the state GOP party last year.

West then began criticizing Republicans as much as Democrats, calling the GOP speaker of the Texas House a “traitor” for working across the aisle, then leading a protest outside Abbott's mansion over coronavirus restrictions.

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Judge bars United from putting unvaccinated workers on leave



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FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A federal judge has extended a ban on United Airlines putting employees on unpaid leave for seeking a medical or religious exemption from the airline's requirement to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

U.S. District Judge Mark Pittman in Fort Worth, Texas, granted a restraining order Tuesday in favor of employees who are suing the airline over the mandate.

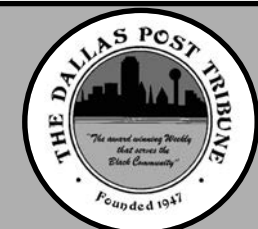
Lawyers for the employees and the airline agreed last month that United wouldn't put the workers on unpaid leave, but the judge wrote that the agreement will expire before he can rule on the merits of the matter. That would leave "hundreds of workers" at risk of being put on indefinite unpaid leave or forced to get a vaccination that violates their religious beliefs or medical restrictions.

The restraining

order expires Oct. 26.

The suing employees are seeking to turn the case into a class-action lawsuit. United says about 2,000 of its 67,000 U.S. employees asked for exemptions from vaccination.

A United spokeswoman said Wednesday that the company was working with vaccine-exempt employees on safety measures including testing, face masks and temporary job reassignments.



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Social Security COLA largest in decades as inflation jumps

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This Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021, photo shows a Social Security card in Tigard, Ore. Millions of retirees on Social Security will get a 5.9% boost in benefits for 2022. The biggest cost-of-living adjustment in 39 years follows a burst in inflation as the economy struggles to shake off the drag of the coronavirus pandemic. (AP/Photo/Jenny Kane)

The COLA affects household budgets for about 1 in 5 Americans. That includes Social Security recipients, disabled veterans and federal retirees, nearly 70 million people in all. For baby boomers who embarked on retirement within the last 15 years, it will be the biggest increase they've seen.

"It's going to be welcome," said analyst Mary Johnson of the nonpartisan Senior Citizens League advocacy group. "But what we are hearing is that even with the COLA, buying power will still be eroded because price increases are still going up."

Policymakers say the COLA was designed as a safeguard to protect Social Security benefits against the loss of purchasing power in an ever-changing economy, and not a pay bump for retirees. About half of seniors live in households where Social Security benefits provide at least 50% of their income, and one-quarter rely on their monthly payment for all or nearly all their earnings.

"Regardless of the size of the COLA, you never want to minimize the importance of the COLA," said retirement policy expert Charles Blahous, a former public trustee helping to oversee Social Security and Medicare finances. "What people are able to purchase is very profoundly affected by the number that comes out.

We are talking the necessities of living in many cases."

This year's Social Security trustees report amplified warnings about the long-range financial stability of the program, but there's little talk about fixes in Congress with lawmakers' attention consumed by President Joe Biden's massive domestic agenda legislation and partisan machinations over the national debt. Social Security cannot be addressed through the budget reconciliation process Democrats are attempting to use to deliver Biden's promises.

But Social Security's turn will come, said Rep. John Larson, D-Conn., chairman of the House Social Security subcommittee and author of legislation to tackle looming shortfalls that would leave the program unable to pay full benefits in less than 15 years. His bill would raise payroll taxes while also changing the COLA formula to give more weight to health care expenses and other costs that weigh more heavily on the elderly. Larson said he intends to press ahead next year.

"This one-time shot of COLA is not the antidote," he said.

Although Biden's domestic package includes a major expansion of Medicare to cover dental, hearing and vision care, Larson said he hears from constituents that seniors are feeling neglected by the Democrats.

"In town halls and tele-town halls they're saying, 'We are really happy with what you did on the child tax credit, but what about us?'" Larson added. "In a midterm election, this is a very important constituency."

The COLA is only one part of the annual financial equation for seniors. An announcement about Medicare's Part B premium for outpatient care is expected soon. It's usually an increase, so at least some of any Social Security raise goes for health care. The Part B premium is now \$148.50 a month, and the Medicare trustees report estimated a \$10 increase for 2022.

Economist Marilyn Moon, who also served as public trustee for Social Security and Medicare, said she believes the current spurt of inflation is an adjustment to highly unusual economic circumstances and the pattern of restraint on prices will reassert itself with time.

"I would think is going to be an increase this year that you won't see reproduced in the future," Moon said.

Policymakers should not delay getting to work on retirement programs.

"We're at a point in time where people don't react to policy needs until there is a sense of desperation, and both Social Security and Medicare are programs that benefit from long-range planning rather short-range machinations," she said.

Texas governor orders ban on private company vaccine mandate

By JIM VERTUNO

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott issued an executive order Monday to prohibit any entity, including private business, from enforcing a COVID-19 vaccine mandate on workers and called on state lawmakers to pass a similar ban into law.

The move comes as the Biden administration is set to issue rules requiring employers with more than 100 workers to be vaccinated or test weekly for the coronavirus. Several major companies, including Texas-based American Airlines and Southwest Airlines, have said they would abide by the federal mandate.

"No entity in Texas can compel receipt of a COVID-19 vaccine by any individual, including an employee or a consumer, who objects to such vaccination for any reason of personal conscience, based on a religious belief, or for medical reasons, including prior recovery from COVID-19," Abbott wrote in his order.

Abbott, who was previously vaccinated and also later tested positive for COVID-19, noted in his order that "vaccines are strongly encouraged for those eligible to receive one, but must always be voluntary for Texans."


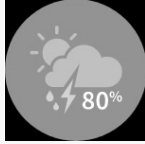

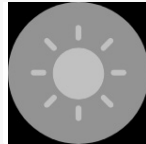
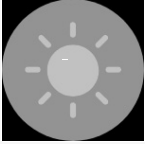


Texas has seen a recent decrease in newly reported COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. But a rising death toll from the recent surge caused by the delta variant has the state rapidly approaching 67,000 total fatalities since the pandemic began in 2020.

The governor added the issue to the agenda for lawmakers to address during the ongoing special session Abbott called for redrawing voting maps and new restrictions on transgender student athletes. Montana has passed a law preventing employers from mandating workers get vaccines, and a number of states have explicitly said schools cannot require vaccinations.

Abbott previously barred vaccine mandates by state and local government agencies, but until now had let private companies make their own rules for their workers.

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Influenced by his dad and Tiger Woods, Wyatt Worthington II Hopes His Success Opens More Golfing Opportunities for People of Color

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

Wyatt Worthington II got his start in golf as a young teen growing up in Ohio.

To hear Worthington tell his uplifting story, his ascension up the leaderboard was both a product of his father's commitment to the game and a chance meeting with Tiger Woods.

"I was 13 when I met Tiger," Worthington recalled. "But [before that meeting], I would watch my dad hit balls. I didn't think much of it at the time because no one I grew up with at the time knew anything about the game."

Worthington remembers picking up one of his father's golf clubs and swinging.

"I got the ball up in the air, and I was hooked," he exclaimed.

Worthington's career has soared.

This summer, he won the 76th Southern Ohio PGA Professional

Championship in Columbus, shooting 10-under-par.

"It is historic," Worthington said, noting the rarity of an African American topping the leaderboard.

Worthington credits his father and Tiger Woods, a 15-time major champion, for his success.

As a young teen, Worthington met Woods during a First Tee and Woods Foundation event. Woods helped the young man with his swing and provided the kind of confidence that helped Worthington qualify to play for the PGA Championship in 2016.

Only the second African American in nearly a quarter-century to qualify for the PGA Championship, Worthington barely missed qualifying a year earlier.

Despite his success –



Wyatt Worthington II says he hopes his success will help the game build on its diversity, equity, and inclusion mission. (Photo: PGA of America)

or, perhaps, because of it – Worthington advocates for more African American participation.

"This beautiful, amazing, and majestic game needs more representation and more people who look like me and you involved," Worthington declared.

"Hopefully, that can change," he said.

"I think I was the first African American to win

a Section Championship in Ohio. I'm one of just a handful of African Americans to tee it up in a major championship, and that's a jaw-dropping stat that is the history of golf."

Continuing efforts to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within the sport, the PGA of America and the PGA Tour have entered into a memorandum of under-

standing with the National Newspaper Publishers Association, the trade association that represents the Black Press of America.

Worthington added that he hopes his success will help the game build on its diversity, equity, and inclusion mission.

"We [African Americans] don't have the support, access, and opportunity, that most of

our peers are fortunate enough to have," Worthington continued.

"It's tough. As African Americans, we don't have the type of social network our peers have to get that help and support. I hope I can have some type of exposure to the people who may not be introduced into the sport, and hopefully, that can change because this is an amazing game."

How a Black high school principal was swept into a "critical race theory" maelstrom in a mostly white Texas suburb

By **Brian Lopez**/Texas Tribune

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Whitfield and his lawyer, David Henderson, said they don't know what will happen Monday when the school board meets. One thing they don't expect — but hope will happen — is that the school board acknowledges that he did nothing wrong and can get back to work.

Jorge Rodríguez, GCISD school board president, released a statement Aug. 6 acknowledging that Clark broke the meeting's rules, that he wouldn't let it happen again and that he had reached out to Whitfield after the meeting.

But the fight over critical race theory in Colleyville shows no sign of abating. This summer, Shannon Braun was elected to the

GCISD school board. She promised during her campaign to remove critical race theory from the district.

Braun was endorsed by Allen West, former chair of the Republican Party of Texas and now candidate for governor of Texas. West has been a vocal opponent of critical race theory in schools and has called on conservative families to take over school boards.

Braun did not respond to an interview request.

The school district said in a statement that Whitfield was not put on administrative leave because of the accusations or because of the photos on his social media account that were brought to the district's attention in 2019.

"We understand that members of our community have questions, but the District does not resolve personnel matters in the media," district officials said. "We have established procedures for that which we are following."

Monica Martinez, a University of Texas at Austin history professor, said the law is almost being implemented by parents, who are misinformed on what critical race theory is and are being asked to "hunt it out" in schools by different groups.

"What unfortunately can result is that accusations are made and different school districts are being pressured to act quickly," Martinez said. "My concern is that

these laws are going to be interpreted by parents or they're going to be encouraged to interpret it."

School boards across the country are being bombarded by parents who are fearful of this theory being taught in schools, Martinez said. The vagueness of Texas' law also doesn't help educators and school administrators who will scramble to not get in trouble.

In Dallas, a group called Save Texas Kids is calling for parents or anyone with knowledge of critical race theory being taught in schools to report it. The group is headed by Natalie Cato, a former Trump campaign field organizer.

Clay Robison, Texas State Teachers Association

spokesperson, said teachers are going to suffer if cases like Whitfield's keep arising in Texas. Going into election years, this debate has and will continue to become political and will be heavily discussed in school board elections, Robison said.

"It's a shame that our teachers are put in this position of being careful that they don't step on some kind of political landmine when all they're trying to do is teach history, and teach the truth about our history," Robison said.

As Whitfield's fate is close to being decided, the prospect of not having a job isn't keeping him awake at night. Instead, he said what's making him lose sleep is that children are

watching his case and that other educators could be next, especially educators of colors who are already scarce in Texas.

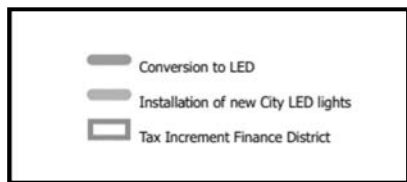
"Right now they're experiencing firsthand and seeing with their own eyes what it can be like to be a Black man in America," Whitfield said. "And you know what might be the long-term impact on these children? Do we have children that would have chosen to go into a career in education but see this and they're like, 'No, I certainly do not want to go down that path.'"

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James Whitfield - Photo Credit Ben Torres/Texas Tribune

South Dallas to receive lighting boost under mayor's public safety plan



DALLAS — South Dallas will receive \$500,000 in lighting improvements under a new public safety plan proposed by Mayor Eric Johnson.

The City Council on Wednesday unanimously approved the proposal, which previously won the support of the Grand Park South Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District's advisory board. As a result, the Grand Park South TIF will set aside the funds to pay for the new public infrastructure.

In total, 76 new lights will be installed in the area along key corridors in the neighborhood.

TIF Districts, which reinvest 90% of the new property tax revenue generated in a designated area, are traditionally used in Dallas to support developers pursuing specific economic development projects. But in January, Mayor Johnson asked his TIF board chairs to consider using their available funds to instead pay for blight

remediation and lighting improvements. Both are public safety programs recommended by the Mayor's Task Force on Safe Communities.

"We are putting public safety first and getting back to basics in Dallas — and to do so, we are leaving no stone unturned," Mayor Johnson said. "These lighting upgrades can help make our wonderful South Dallas community safer while also creating the conditions necessary for our residents and businesses to thrive in the years ahead."

"I greatly appreciate the City Council's support for this plan and for backing the Mayor's Task Force on Safe Communities programs," Mayor Johnson added. "We must continue to support these critical initiatives, which build safer neighborhoods while addressing longstanding inequities in our city."

Mayor Johnson called on other city TIF boards to follow the Grand Park South TIF District's exam-

ple, if possible.

The mayor previously worked with the Office of Integrated Public Safety Solutions and the Child Poverty Action Lab to create overlay maps that showed TIF board chairs where their funding support could make a difference.

Grand Park South was the first TIF District to take up the proposal. The plan also had the backing of City Councilmember Adam Bazaldua, who represents the area and has strongly advocated for the Mayor's Task Force on Safe Communities programs.

The TIF District — which is composed of neighborhoods south of Fair Park — was created in 2005, but had yet to help fund a single project. According to its 2019-2020 annual report, the TIF District "exhibits deteriorated structures, inadequate sidewalks and streets, faulty lot layouts, unsanitary or unsafe conditions,

and deteriorated site improvements." Those issues, the report continues, "substantially arrest or impair the sound growth of the City and property within the area."

But the area also includes assets such as its strong historic neighborhoods, the MLK Library and Community Center, a Dallas Area Rapid Transit light rail station, and its proximity to Fair Park, which is undergoing a revitalization.

"Exciting things are happening in South Dallas, and these lighting improvements will add to that momentum. This is a major investment in public safety, economic development, and basic infrastructure in an area that City Hall has historically neglected," said Councilmember Bazaldua. "I am grateful to Mayor Johnson for proposing this innovative strategy and to my City Council colleagues for supporting our efforts to make Dallas safer and more vibrant."

Trisha Yearwood's recipe for fried apple fritters

By TRISHA YEARWOOD

This cover image released by Mariner Books shows a recipe titled "Jack's Fried Pies," from the cookbook "Trisha's Kitchen: Easy Comfort Food for Friends and Family" by Trisha Yearwood. (Ben Fink/Mariner Books via AP)



My dad, Jack, used to reminisce about small fried apple fritters that his mother, Elizabeth, would make for him when he was a kid. Of course, like many passed-down family recipes, this one wasn't written down anywhere, so Mama went to work, trying to figure out how to make them just like his mama had. That's never an easy job, because our childhood memories often make those original flavors impossible to replicate. Beth and I remember those premade dough pockets sitting on the kitchen counter, and Mama frying them up in a cast iron skillet. We also remember how happy Daddy was with the result. We're not surprised she got it right! Grandma Yearwood always fried with lard, but if that scares you, vegetable oil is perfectly fine!

JACK'S FRIED PIES

Makes 10 pies

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
 - 2 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, and diced in 1/2-inch pieces
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - Pinch of freshly grated nutmeg
 - Pinch of ground ginger
 - 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
 - 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 - 2 pounds lard or
 - 1 1/2 quarts vegetable oil, for frying
 - 1 box (2 crusts) refrigerated pie crusts (I like Pillsbury)
- Special Equipment:
- 4 1/2-inch round cookie cutter

DIRECTIONS

1. In a small sauté pan, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the apples, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, brown sugar, salt, and 1/4 cup water, stir, and cover to bring to a simmer, 5 to 7 minutes, then cook, uncovered, until the apples are slightly softened, about 4 minutes.
2. In a small bowl, stir together the cornstarch and 1 tablespoon water until combined and pourable. Stream the cornstarch slurry into the apple filling and cook on a low simmer for 2 minutes more, or until the liquid has thickened.
3. Pour the apple mixture into a shallow bowl (a pie plate works great) and cool in the fridge, stirring occasionally, for 25 minutes.
4. Put the lard or vegetable oil in a deep Dutch oven. Clip a deep-fry thermometer to its side and heat the lard over high heat to 360°F.
5. Lay out both rounds of pie dough and use a 4 1/2-inch round cookie cutter to cut four circles from each of them. Gather the scraps, roll out again, and cut out 2 more circles.
6. Fill each round of dough with a heaping tablespoon of the apple filling, then, using a little water on your fingers, wet the edge of the dough and press together into a half-moon. Crimp the edges with the tines of a fork to seal.
7. When all the pies are assembled and the oil is to temperature, fry 3 or 4 pies at a time for 4 to 5 minutes. Transfer the pies to a paper towel-lined tray to drain and cool slightly, then repeat to fry the remaining pies, letting the oil come back up to 360°F between batches. Enjoy warm.

Trisha's Tip: The apple filling can be made the day before and stored in the refrigerator until ready to use.

Dallas ISD and UT Southwestern partner to open a new kind of school

BY THE HUB

Science starts here for the next generation of students entering a PK-8 biomedical school in the heart of Dallas' medical district. Dallas ISD and the UT Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW) together will launch a new transformation school slated to

open its doors next fall.

The Medical District PK-8 Biomedical School will start by serving scholars in prekindergarten through first grade, expanding one grade level each year up to eighth grade.

The curriculum will immerse students in science,

technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) by introducing real-world experiences in biomedical science. These daily explorations, centered on a STEM-based curriculum, will also provide firsthand exposure and direct access to innovative field trip opportunities.

The unique partnership is one of the first in the nation to focus on biomedical science for elementary students at a medical institution.

"This school model is another game-changer for students as the district joins hands with an incredible partner to reimagine learning," said Michael Hinojosa, superintendent of Dallas ISD. "It also highlights how science continues to evolve in a unique, relatable, and innovative way with students as young as three years old. This partnership will help connect students with cutting-edge resources that develop them into the next generation of scientists and medical profes-

sionals."

The Medical District PK-8 Biomedical School will have no academic requirements or attendance boundaries. Enrollment offers are generated at random, through a lottery system, based on the number of seats available in each grade coupled with the student's priority group.

"This exciting endeavor underscores what it takes to build and inspire the next generation of physicians and scientists — instilling a love for science in children at an early age," said W. P. Andrew Lee, M.D., Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost, and Dean, UT Southwestern

Medical School. "Our hope is that the added hands-on experiences and education they will gain during their years at the Medical District PK-8 Biomedical School will be the beginning of a lifelong connection to math, science, and discovery.

Fifty percent of the seats are reserved for economically disadvantaged students and 50 percent are offered to non-economically disadvantaged students.

The school will be located on the UTSW campus at 6516 Forest Park Road. Families may apply during the application period from Nov. 1 to Jan. 31, 2022.

Tribute to my Granny

Eva Catherine Partee McMillan

She is, was, my favorite person.

One tough cookie with a righteous bite, who also oozed extraordinary sweetness. Granny was a Bradford, Tennessee and White Rock country girl at heart, shaped by a loving community of extended family and friends. It was here, in these all Black segregated spaces, she first witnessed the tenets that would be the guidepost for her life.

She is, was, an intellectual who in some other dimension is a fierce attorney or Supreme Court judge flexing her wit and wisdom, while dismantling oppression.

With the hand dealt in this life, however, she made the most of her gifts. In this realm, we were privileged to witness her activism and compassion propel her onto frontlines and into courtrooms, church pews, boardrooms, soup kitchens, voting booths, and messy streets to raise HELL & HOPE!

All of this for her people, for women, for children, for all who found themselves facing cruelty, inhumanity, and evil.

She belonged to many in her 100 years yet

somehow still managed to be momma, gran gran, Aunt Eva, granny, and Iii' sis to her family; ATTENDING graduations, weddings, recitals, sports games, plays, birthdays, and anniversaries; CONDUCTING our family's genealogy; EXTENDING so many words of encouragement and support and correction; DISTRIBUTING so many hugs, kisses, and the best hot water cornbread; all while UPLIFTING others, coming face to face with the Klan, FEEDING the hungry, writing articles, LEADING social justice organizations, BUILDING bridges between communities, REGISTERING people to vote, SPEAKING up for the incarcerated, and FOSTERING literacy.

- *I will miss her so much.*
- *She taught me how to love beyond myself and family.*
- *She taught me how to live a life of purpose.*
- *She taught me how to fight injustice and for my own life.*
- *She taught me how to lead and learn. She taught me how to choose joy.*

Eva Catherine Partee McMillan was my family matriarch, my granny, my hero, my reading, news and chocolate candy buddy, my guidepost, my oldest friend, and now, my

newest ancestor.

I am filled with tremendous gratitude to God for the family I was born into. Her family. I am grateful for the inspiring legacy she leaves behind that is already resonating within me and others.

I am comforted in this moment knowing that she is finally basking in the full light and love of God AND is in the presence of the mother she never knew, her Pops, twin sister Neva, big sisters Mildred, Gracie, and Faye, and her big brothers Clifton and Cecil.

Thank you, Granny, for teaching me how to be a woman, a warrior, a mother, an activist, a friend, a comrade, and good human.

I look forward to your continued guidance and wisdom through your loving spirit and every cherished memory.

You've earned your rest and fought many a good fight.

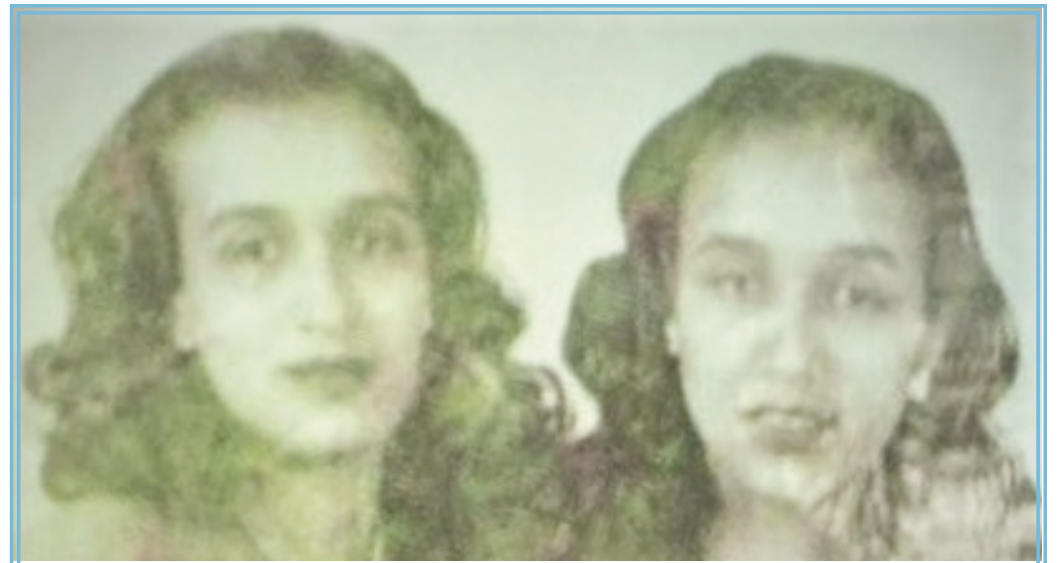
I stand today, in gratitude, in awe, and empowered by your love, light, and life.

-- Pooh Bear

PRECIOUS MEMORIES



At Mrs. McMillan's Centennial Birthday Celebration on May 7, 2021, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson presented a 'Birthday Milestone Resolution,' now entered into the U.S. House of Representative Congressional Record.



Mrs. Eva Catherine Partee McMillan with twin sister, Neva Partee

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activities. In the North Dallas Freedman's Town, her brother "A.C." was Executive Director of the Dallas Progressive Voters League. Under his supervision, Mrs. McMillan began her work as an election clerk who also registered voters and collected poll tax.

During the 1960s and 1970s, she became an activist and an organizer in the Civil Rights movement and served on city, county, state, and national boards, where she was fondly referred to as "Mama Mack". With others, she co-founded the Dallas Black Women United Front (BWUF), the BWUF Food Co-Op, People United for Justice for Prisoners (PUJP), the Anti-Klan Network, the Dallas Anti-Apartheid Coalition; the Anti-Death Penalty Coalition; and participated in other civil rights organizations.

In 1975, Mrs. McMillan was elected and served two terms as President of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), in Louisville, Kentucky and in

Atlanta, Georgia. She also served on several other national boards and was a member of the American Women's Delegation to the People's Republic of China in 1975.

For sixty years, as a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, she served on many boards and committees. In 1995, she was honored with the Community Service Award.

From 1990 to 1994, she served on the Dallas Citizen's Police Review Board. From 1994 to 1998, she was a member of the Dallas Municipal Library Board. In 1991, the Junior Black Academy of Arts and Letters (TBAAL) presented her with the Distinguished Dallas Black Living Legend award. She served as Executive Director and writer of family history for Black Dallas Remembered, Inc. for several years, and was the recipient of the National Council of Negro Women Minnie H. Goodlow Award for Civic and Social Service in 2003. In 2004, she was honored by the Third Eye Conference. In 2013 she received the Dallas Peace

Center Award for Lifetime Achievement. She was affiliated with the Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) and the African American Genealogical Interest Group, (AAGIG).

In 2005, Mrs. McMillan reunited with the church of her childhood, Christian Chapel Temple of Faith.

Mrs. McMillan was preceded in death by her parents; brothers: Arlyn Clifton Partee and Cecil Partee; sisters; Eunice Grace Partee, Mildred Partee Taylor, Faye Partee Wells, Neva Partee, and a stillborn sister. She is survived by her four children; Karen McMillan of Austell, Georgia; Marion Ernest McMillan Jr. of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Jacqueline McMillan Hill, and Katherine McMillan (Edward) of Dallas, Texas.

Ten grandchildren; Angela Fikes, Los Angeles, California; D'Andra Newman (Paul), Cedar Hill, Texas; Ernest Ohene McMillan (Chaka DeSouza) of Dallas, Texas; Marcus Wesson (Josianne), Los Angeles, California; Anyika McMillan-

Herod (Christopher) of Richardson, Texas; Nicole "Bahati" Wesson, Austell, Georgia; Chavis Hill, (Jameka), Sunnyvale, Texas; Dafina McMillan, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Ava Katharine Kinsey (Omare) Brooklyn, New York; Alexandria Brady, Los Angeles, California. Fifteen great grandchildren: Arthur McClendon, Jr. and Camryn Gouche, Los Angeles, California; Joshua and Tiffany Newman, Cedar Hill, Texas; Rami "Bamuke" Wesson, Atlanta, Georgia and Imani Moye, Austell, Georgia; Malcolm and Layla Herod, Richardson, Texas; Jamison and Ella Wesson, Los Angeles, California, Dakar McMillan, Dallas, Texas; Zayn, Harper and Lennox Hill, Sunnyvale, Texas; Akineze Kinsey, Brooklyn, New York, and a host of special loving nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends and comrades.

With great pride, she gives thanks to her four children especially for their love and care, and for their contributions to humanity.

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Study Shows How Medical Community Neglected African Americans with Covid

Written by Stacy M. Brown

It's well-documented that the Covid-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc in communities everywhere, but African Americans mainly have borne the brunt of the disease's impact.

Now, a new study published by the University of Michigan delves further into yet another systemic problem.

Findings from the study show that Black patients experienced the lowest physician follow-up post-discharge and the most protracted delays (35.5 days) in returning to work.

More than half of hospital readmissions within the 60 days following discharge were among non-white patients (55%), and the majority of post-discharge deaths were among white patients (21.5%).

"The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected Black and Latinx communities in the United States compared with white communities in both morbidity and mortality," the study authors wrote.

The report noted that hospitalization rates for Black and Latinx patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 are approximately three times higher than those of similar white

patients.

"It is therefore unsurprising that of the 216,635 COVID-19-related deaths in the United States to date for which we have race and ethnicity data available, 29.3% have been Black (34,374) or Latinx (29,063), which correlate with US population norms," the authors continued.

White persons in the United States account for approximately 76% of the population and 61.1% of deaths (132,315).

Notably, Black and Latinx adults have an increased prevalence of comorbid conditions such as obesity, diabetes, and chronic kidney disease, associated with an increased risk of severe illness due to COVID-19.

Further, significant numbers of Black and Latinx adults have occupations considered essential, requiring close contact with others, thereby hindering the ability to effectively socially distance, self-isolate, or work from home, the study revealed.

"Health disparities, or preventable differences in health outcomes, are known to be driven by a variety of economic, environmental, and social factors, including institu-



Findings from the study show that Black patients experienced the lowest physician follow-up post-discharge and the most protracted delays (35.5 days) in returning to work. (Photo:stockphoto / NNPA)

tional or structural racism and bias in health treatment," the authors conceded.

For example, researchers cited a recent study that evaluated patients with COVID-19 among five US emergency departments. That study found that Black patients accounted for the majority (56.7%) of readmissions within 72 hours, whereas white patients only accounted for 16.7%.

The study investigated variation in 60-day post-discharge clinical, financial, and mental health outcomes of diverse patients with COVID-19.

"I think people only think of Covid in terms of death, you know, or having like a mild cold," Dr. Sheria G. Robinson-Lane, a gerontologist and the study's lead researcher,

wrote.

"They don't think about all of those spaces in between where people are having these effects post-Covid."

Robinson-Lane said one of the most surprising findings was the lack of follow-ups with physicians, noting that hospitals need to improve discharge plans to serve patients better. The physician shortage and stigma to going into the doctor's office when infected with Covid might contribute to the lack of follow-ups, Robinson-Lane said.

"So, we need to do a much better job about coordinating care, to find out what it is that people need," she said. "Because we're seeing a significant number of people also that are dying within those 60 days after hospitalization."

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