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Powell's age and cancer bout left him vulnerable to COVID



FILE - In this Feb. 15, 2001 file photo, Secretary of State Colin Powell looks on as President Bush addresses State Department employees at the State Department in Washington. Powell, former Joint Chiefs chairman and secretary of state, has died from COVID-19 complications. In an announce ment on social media Monday, the family said Powell had been fully vaccinated. He was 84. (AP Photo/**Kenneth** Lambert)

Despite getting vaccinated against COVID-19, Colin Powell remained vulnerable to the virus because of his advanced age and history of cancer, highlighting the continued risk to many Americans until more of the population is immunized.

Powell, a four-star general who became the first Black secretary of state and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, died Monday from complications of COVID-19. Powell, 84, had been treated over the past few years

for multiple myeloma, a blood cancer that impairs the body's ability to fight infections -- and to respond well to vaccines.

The COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective against hospitalization and death, and the unvaccinated are about 11 times more likely to die from the coronavirus. But they are not perfect, and experts stress that widespread vaccination is critical to give an added layer of protection to the most vulnerable.

"The more people that are vaccinated, the less we have viral spreading in the community, the less chances of people like him getting infected to begin with," said Dr. Mangala Narasimhan, chief of critical care at Northwell Health in New York.

Moreover, people with weakened immune systems because of illnesses like cancer -- or cancer treatments

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IN MEMORIAM: Colin Powell Remembered as a 'Good Man,' and 'Great American'

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

Colin Powell has died from complications from Covid-19, his family members have confirmed. The first Black US sec-

retary of state was 84. "General Colin Powell, former U.S. Secretary of State and Chairman of the Joint



FILE - President George Bush loans his glasses to first lady Barbara Bush as she pins a Medal of Freedom on Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during a White House ceremony, July 3, 1991. (AP Photo/**Doug Mills**)

Chiefs of Staff, passed dency. away this morning due to complications Covid 19," the former General's family wrote on Facebook.

"We have lost a remarkable and loving husband, father, grandfaand a great American," the family wrote.

They reported that Powell had been fully vaccinated.

Powell became the first Black national security adviser during the end of Ronald Reagan's presi-

He also counted as the youngest and first African American chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under President George H.W. Bush.

Powell was thrust into the global spotlight after leading the United States to victory during the Gulf War, with many even considering him as a presidential candidate.

"Laura and I are deeply saddened by the death of Colin Powell. He was a

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Temptations Legend Otis Williams Give Black **Press Unprecedented Access During** 'Ain't Too Proud'

And for those who may have seen the 1998 television miniseries "The *Temptations*" and believe you already know the story – you may have to reconsider and take in the Broadway show that reopened after the *COVID-19* pandemic shuttered production.

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

scintillating The Broadway musical "Ain't Too Proud: The Life and Times of the Temptations" have plenty of highlights – perhaps too many to recount for a review or feature news article.

The two-and-a-half-hour masterpiece provided a microscopic view of the group from the lens of Otis Williams, the founder and only living member of The Temptations.

And for those who may have seen the 1998 television miniseries "The Temptations" and believe you already know the story you may have to reconsider and take in the Broadway show that reopened after the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered production.

Perhaps the one line in the Broadway production that best sums up the global impact of the Temptations Nik Walker, who portrays the legendary Williams, reflects that "The only thing that lives forever is the music."

Indeed, the music has lived on, even as Williams gone through 24 members after the departures and deaths of the Classic Five original members, including Paul Williams, Melvin Franklin, Eddie Kendricks, David Ruffin.

"I hope that the music is the same kind of soothing ointment for people today," Williams, 80, told the National Newspaper Publishers Association

(NNPA) in an exclusive instantly. interview on stage at the Imperial Theater.

"When they gave me the book on the musical, I said, 'Oh, this is getting ready to real," Williams recounted.

"Then when the director said that they were only going to let Otis see the first part and not the second part, I said 'Oh, I'm getting ready to lose people."

Williams spent much of the week with the NNPA, beginning with a star-studded Red-Carpet event on Saturday, October 16.

On Monday, October 18, Williams invited the NNPA for a chat on stage, and on Tuesday, he took in the show seated alongside NNPA staff, including NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.

Williams and Temptations manager Shelly Berger, who has come near the end when been with the group since inception, its shared insights.

The pair shed light on the group's formation and how they became the biggest R&B act in music his-

"I knew what was going happen to the **Temptations** before anyone," stated Berger, who also managed The Supremes.

"I saw them, and I said they were beyond words. They've got to be the biggest stars in this business," Berger recalled.

The Brooklyn, New York-born Berger, and the Texarkana, Texas- native Williams, hit it off almost

Berger remembered that he only received static from David Ruffin.

The musical reveals substance and other problems that sadly would lead to his demise.

Ultimately, the focus is Williams. And if honesty qualifies as a prerequisite for a Tony Award, then 'Ain't Too Proud' should score dozens of more nominations.

Williams opens up about his late son, Lamont, whom he spent little time with because of his dedication to the Temptations.

neglects to spend time with them," Berger stated. Lamont.

cannot be Tragically, Lamont died white. after an accident at the construction site he worked.

Still, it's Temptations' story that night in New York.

an unassuming and dedicated manager, Berger, and he insisted. what Williams called "the came of age during the volatile 1960s.

Berger and recalled how segregated "Not only would the recalled.

Temptations not going on Constantly on the road stage, but the contract stipuand in the studio, Williams lated that you still had to pay

Williams recalled playing When Lamont grows up, in the South circa 1965 or the young man explains to 1966 to a mixed audience. his dad that the time lost Half the crowd is African returned. American, the other half

> A rope separated the crowd, but the music united the them.

packed the Imperial Theater year, and there was no more on an idyllic fall Tuesday rope. Instead, the audience were high-fiving each other With a demanding but and having a great time genius boss, Berry Gordy, together," Williams noted. "That's the power of music,"

On April 4, 1968, the five most singing brothers Temptations prepared to take ever," the Temptations the stage for a concert in Baltimore, Maryland, when the public address announcer Staring down racism, revealed startling news. Williams "Just before we were to go the on, this announcement goes Temptations had written in over the public address systheir contract that they tem that Dr. Martin Luther wouldn't perform to any King Jr. was shot and killed crowds. in Memphis," Williams

"We were like, how in the heck are we supposed to go on? People were crying, we had tears coming down our faces, but we went on. And you know what? It helped take their minds off it at that moment. Music," Williams

Adding to the sting of Dr. King's death was that an assassin murdered the civil rights icon at the Lorraine "We came back later that Hotel in Memphis and in the same room Williams regularly stayed while touring.

> "I saw on television that it was the Lorraine," Williams remarked.

> "We stayed there all the time because it was the only hotel in Memphis where Black people could stay, and that room was where I would stay. We could no longer stay there; we'd only drive by and look."

Throughout their recordsetting career, Temptations released such transformative hits as "My Girl," "Get Ready," and "Just My Imagination."

The musical reveals that

another global hit, "Papa Was A Rolling Stone," hit too close to home for some members.

The Norman Whitfield-Barrett Strong produced song struck a chord, particularly with Dennis Edwards. After a near four-minute instrumental introduction, Edwards sings, "It was September 3/That day I'll always remember/cause that was the day/ that my daddy

Edwards objected because he said his father died on September 3.

Ain't Too Proud handles that scene in a humorous but sensitive manner.

The musical will tour the country, while Temptations have again hit the road with the Four Tops and others to celebrate their 60th anniversary.

And at 80 years old, Otis Williams remains music's dynamic force. He isn't showing signs of slowing, either.

"Let's do it," Williams exclaimed.

Expanding fine arts programs in southern Dallas

BY THE HUB



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Nestled in the heart of southern Dallas is a school community committed to creating an experience that will develop students into 21st-century learners and, ultimately, global leaders. It is what Principal Marquetta Masters calls Heights The Trinity Experience."

Trinity Heights Talented & Gifted, located at 1515 Lynn Haven Ave., recently completed its much-anticipated buildout, which now includes instruction for first through eighth grade. school, currently home to more than 325 scholars, has cultivated a number of programs that emphasize academic excellence, collaboration, communication, and creativity.

"Creativity" is the word of the day, because Trinity

Heights is placing an of its dynamic fine arts department, which will include choir, band, dance, and several forms of art.

"Fine Arts is a great tool to help students connect, mature, and make friends," said Fine Arts teacher Latricia Grayson. "There are few things as rewarding as watching students light up when they create their own things and

pieces." at Trinity Heights will have the opportunity to explore music from different genres and cultures, and will be challenged to create their own pieces and arrangements and watch them come to life. Students in Art 1, 2, and 3 will be able to take advantage of

advanced level art, includemphasis on the expansion ing art history, digital design, pottery and paint-

> Next year, the school is expanding its fine arts offerings to include dance, an art form that introduces students to the kinesthetic arena of art while helping them develop cognitively.

"Fine arts is all about helping students develop and express their own voice," Grayson said.

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St. John 21:15-25

THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN CHRIST AND PETER

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

We are approaching the last section of his grand gospel in which a conversation takes place between Christ and a restored disciple by the name of Peter. This wonderful conversation took place after a marvelous meal of fish and bread that Christ had with seven disciples (St. John 21:1-14). What a great morning breakfast - fish and bread! It is striking to note that our Lord did not begin His question to Peter in verse 15 by rebuking or condemning him, for we

know that Peter greatly failed by denying the Lord

The searching question by the Lord to Peter -"Lovest thou me more than these" - was an opportunity for Peter to revisit his boast of loyalty before his fall in Luke 22:33-34, 61. Thus Peter was given the opportunity to reaffirm his love for his Master, for Peter truly did love Christ. Through Peter's heartfelt confession, he now rests his love, not on his own loyalty, but sorely in the Lord's

knowledge of His love. It is quite possible for us to serve, and not serve in love for Christ's lambs. In verse 16, Peter replies by saying – "Yea Lord; thou knowest that I love thee." Although Peter had failed the Lord in a most miserable way, the Lord gives him another chance to serve Him by issuing the command -"Feed my sheep." Thank God that He will restore His erring ones and supply them with the strength to engage in service one more

With verse 17, we see the love of Peter being challenged the more, for you can remember that Peter denied the Lord three times. Experiencing the transforming power of God's forgiveness and grace, Peter did not avow his loyalty of love, but simply cast himself on Christ's omniscience. Although men could not see any sign of Peter's love for the Master through his denials, Christ knew his heart. Christ knew what was in his heart, although his lips had trans-

After Peter had been fully restored, Christ commends to him those who were the most valued to Him - "His sheep." In verse 18, after Peter had been forgiven, restored and commissioned, he would be given the opportunity to manifest the proof of his love – for he was to die violently for the Lord! Tradition tells us that Peter was crucified in reverse of how Christ died. After giving Peter a prophecy of his death,

Christ advancing words to him was - "Follow me." Instead of focusing Christ's forward words, "Follow me," Peter wanted to know what was going to happen to John (vs. 20-21). Christ replies in verses 22-23 by stating that it was Peter's responsibility to "Follow Jesus" and not be over anxious or curious about the future of John.

The marvelous Apostle of love, John, concludes his presentation by disclosing that human words could not tell out the glory of the central figure of this book – Jesus Christ. To do so, the world would not be able to contain the books that would be written (vs. 24-25).

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great public servant, starting with his time as a soldier during 'Vietnam. Many Presidents relied on General Powell's counsel and experience," former President George W. Bush stated.

"He was National Security Adviser under President Reagan, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under my father and President Clinton, Secretary of State during my Administration."

Bush continued:

Presidents that he earned the Presidential Medal Freedom - twice. He was highly respected at home and abroad.

"And most important, Colin was a family man and a friend. Laura and I send Alma and their children our sincere condolences as they remember the life of a great

National Newspaper **Publishers** Association (NNPA) President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., said the Black Press of America will fondly remember General Powell's contributions.

"We pause to express our profound condolences to the family of The Honorable Colin Powell," Dr. Chavis

remarked. "Secretary Powell to facilitate economic mobilwas America's military general and, at the same time, the nation's conscience as grounds. U.S. Secretary of State."

He continued:

American community mourn his passing and rededicate ourselves to ensure that the live on."

utation for generating bipartisan support, being a trusted military adviser, and putting country over party, added National "He was such a favorite of dent of the Joint Center for Technology Institute." Political and Economic Studies.

> "General Powell was a true leader and a man of many firsts – the first Black U.S. Secretary of State and the youngest officer appointed chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff," Overton reflected.

"We will remember General Powell's commitment to public service and Black communities. General Powell was a friend of the Joint Center and participated in various events.

"He always remembered where he came from and tried to ensure that opportunities would remain open to others – as evidenced by his support of affirmative action and other programs designed ity and the full participation President reflected. of Americans from all back-

"His memory will live on as a testament to the impor-"We in the African tance of working across party lines for Black communities. Our thoughts and prayers go out to General legacy of Colin Powell will Powell's entire family, General Powell had a rep- Powell and son Michael K. Powell, a former FCC Chair, who served as the initial Advisory Spencer Overton, the presi- Committee of its Media and

President Joe Biden remembered Powell as the son of immigrants, born in New York City, raised in Harlem and the South Bronx, and as a graduate of the City College of New York.

Powell believed in the promise of America because he lived it, President Biden asserted, noting that the general devoted much of his life to making that promise a reality for so many others.

"As a Senator, I worked closely with him when he served as National Security Advisor, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and as Secretary of State. Over our many years working together even in disagreement – Colin was always someone who gave you his best and

treated you with respect," the

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"Colin embodied the highest ideals of both warrior and diplomat. He was committed to our nation's strength and security above all. Having fought in wars, he understood better than anyone that military might alone was not enough to including his wife Alma maintain our peace and prosperity," President Biden declared.

"From his front-seat view chair of the Joint Center's of history, advising presidents and shaping our nation's policies, Colin led with his personal commitment to the democratic values that make our country strong. Time and again, he put country before self, before party, before all else – in uniform and out – and it earned him the universal respect of the American peo-

> Above all, President Biden said General Powell was a friend.

"I am forever grateful for his support of my candidacy for president and for our shared battle for the soul of the nation. I will miss being able to call on his wisdom in the future," the President continued.

"Colin Powell was a good man. He will be remembered as one of our great Americans."

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-- don't always get the same level of protection from vaccinations as healthier people. Several studies have found as few as 45% of people with multiple myeloma may develop protective levels of coronavirus-fighting antibodies after getting the vaccine.

Age also is a risk, especially months after someone is first vaccinated. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has tracked dips in protection, especially among older Americans who were among the first peo-

ple vaccinated last winter. The reduced protection is the result of either waning immunity or the extracontagious delta variant.

Dr. Ed Lifshitz, medical director of the Communicable Disease Service at New Jersey's Health Department, took issue with those who might point to Powell's death to argue against getting vaccinated.

"My answer is really just the opposite," he said. "The way that you help those who are most vulnerable is by not letting the virus get to them in the first place, and the best way to do that is to

go out there and get vaccinated." The U.S. government

has authorized an extra dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines for people with weakened immune systems to try to improve their response.

And last month U.S. health authorities urged booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine for everyone 65 and older once they are at least six months past their initial vaccination, along with other people at high risk. Boosters also are being considered for recipients of the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

It was not clear if Powell had received an extra dose.

Kathy Giusti, founder of the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, recalled meeting Powell when he spoke to the advocacy group about his diagnosis in 2019, and he "connected with every patient, caregiver and doctor in the room."

In a statement, she said that in addition to vaccinations, cancer patients should consider other precautions such as sticking with masks and avoiding crowds.



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Young Gifted Black and "Missing" My Day

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Before starting this article, searching for a clearer direction, I made a few phone calls to ordinary people and asked the same question. "If you called your daughter 3x and she did not answer, what would you I was a bit do next". more encouraged by this exercise because 60% of the parents recognized that the laws in place were obsolete and out of date.

First of all, it was called to my attention by one of my peers in the media that Quik Trip Corporation (the service station folks) have been a Safe Place site since 1991 for at risk youth and runaways. At the Chevron Station off I35, between Marsalis and Ewing Streets in Southern Dallas there is a sign in the window about five(5)missing girls under 19 years of age. Bigga Dre, Rapper, is using his music to highlight the growing numbers. And in 2020 The Black Congressional Caucus asked the

Attorney General to look "into the missing cases".

The grim reality is that "missing black girls" in America is teetering crisis mode. The FBI's National Crime Information Center reported 651,000 missing persons in 2017. Nearly 40% of the missing are

people of color and it is maintaining and exceeding that status. Recently, New York City reported 50 "missing black girls" in one day! If Black America makes up only 13% of the population, and plus/minus 40% of the missing are vanishing each year wherein is our existence headed? The internet and social media will give rounds of information, websites, stats by state and statistics, but solves no problems. How do we prevent this disease? What awareness campaigns in the neighborhoods should be ignited? What is your pleasure? More media coverage of the missing or in depth awareness campaigns with grit? Please do not mention 'dispari-



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ties in media coverage". That is such an old movie with such a sad theme song. Our children do not watch television. have cell phones.

One of the stories published by the Black and Missing Foundation (www.bamfi.org) writes about 19 year old Ashanti Billie, who was kidwork in 2017. Authorities recovered her body days later. Ashanti did not qualify for the Amber or

Silver Alert, which notifies the public about missing children and seniors.

The State of Virginia enacted The Ashanti Alert, which bridges the age gap. Ashanti's mother said that action was "not for my children or grandchildren, but for young ones around the world". That is action and napped while heading to a good pro active answer to my opening question. What should be done next? Ester Davis (214.376.9000).

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DALLAS — A Dallas doctor is trying to save a piece of South Dallas his-

It was once the only hospital where Black doctors could practice and Black patients were welcomed. It's been empty for

decades, but now there is a movement to open the hospital doors again.

It was the first Blackowned hospital in Dallas built during the Jim Crow era to serve the Black community.

"The hospitals in Dallas were still segregated. So the doctors didn't have anywhere to practice and the patients didn't have anywhere really good to get caring medical treatment," said Dr. Michelle Morgan, hospital owner.

The outside is adorned

with the paintings of doctors who opened it -- doctors who made little to help many.

"I mean these guys were probably paid with chickens and cornbread but they were happy they were proud of it. It was a big test," said Dr. Morgan.

It opened in the heart of Fair Park and was called the Forest Avenue Hospital but Forest Avenue became MLK Blvd, named after the civil rights leader.

"It has a spirit of it's own on so many levels this is worth restoring and keep it as a part of Dallas histo-

Over the years, the Black-owned hospitals across the state slowly

closed. "At this point all of

those hospitals are closed

and demolished. This is the last one standing to a lot of historical value," said Dr. Morgan.

The hospital sat empty for decades until Dr. Michelle Morgan decided to buy it and fix it. The roof leaks, the inside is demolished and it will take millions to restore, but the foundation is strong.

If the walls could talk they would tell the stories of people who went to the hospital to be treated for everything from tuberculosis to giving birth. And that is the hope that one day this hospital will be reborn.

"We would love to have some type of urgent care type of facility as well."

But, Dr. Morgan says she can't do this alone and needs community help, and that's where NiEtta

Reynolds comes in.

She has her own podcast and is using her voice to help raise money for the hospital through charity events.

"All the funds are going to revitalize this wonderful piece of history," said Reynolds.

She says as a native Dallasite she couldn't let this hospital be torn down.

"This is a big deal to be able to help the community. Everybody deserves equal care. Doesn't matter what your social economics are," said Reynolds.

They want to get the hospital up and running by 2023. They hope by restoring the hospital that history will live on.

On Oct. 22, there will be a Rollathon to help raise funds.

Parkland program helps pediatric patients with asthma management

Asthma a top cause of sickness in Dallas County children

DALLAS – It's difficult to keep Sir Moreland of Mesquite indoors. Like most 12-year-old boys, Sir loves spending time outside with his brother and friends. Playing baseball and basketball is his favorite thing to do but right now his focus is flag football.

"This is the first time I'll be playing for a team," said Sir. "I'm scared, nervous and excited."

Playing sports was not always easy for Sir. At age 5 after running outside with friends, Sir began struggling to breathe and was rushed to the Emergency Department at Children's Hospital. His mother Sheniqua Turner, 36, had no idea the symptoms her son was experiencing at that moment were due to an asthma attack. He was hospitalized for three days.

"I knew of some kids who had asthma, but I'd never seen an asthma attack firsthand," said Turner. "I didn't know what was going on. I was really nervous and didn't know what to do."

According to physicians at Parkland Health & Hospital System, asthma symptoms vary from person to person. The most common include shortness of breath, chest tightness or pain, coughing or wheezing and episodes that worsen with respiratory viruses like the flu. These symptoms tend to appear when exposed to triggers like pet dander, dust, pollen, air pollutants, mold or even cold air. For some, the symptoms might not be conspicuous, such as a mild, prolonged cough.

After her son's discharge from the hospital Turner immediately followed up with Sir's pediatrician at Parkland who educated the worried mother about asthma and potential treatments. She left with a personalized action plan to help manage Sir's asthma.

"I had to learn all his triggers," said Turner. "I think that's the reason he hasn't had an asthma attack since. He's doing really good now."

About 6 million children in the U.S. ages 0 to 17 years have asthma, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The 2019 Dallas County Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) identified asthma as a leading chronic disease among children, particularly in children residing in ZIP codes located in the southeast of Dallas County. Parkland providers

have launched a new program to educate parents and other caregivers and stress the importance of having a personalized action plan to help manage the disease.

"It's a significant problem. Children would visit their nurse at school because they didn't have their asthma under control," said Termulo, Associate Medical Director Parkland's Hatcher Station Community Oriented Primary Care health center. "At times their case would be too severe, and they would need to be taken to the hospital. The majority of these children were not being seen by a primary care doctor to help manage their asthma."

To help families dealing with the condition, six ZIP codes in Dallas County (75210, 75211, 75215, 75216, 75217 and 75241) were identified to target with interventions to improve children's asthma control through Breath for Life & Learn for Life, a collaboeffort rative between Parkland and multiple organizations to address asthma in the community.

Parkland Center Clinical Innovation (PCCI) instituted an educational text

messaging program that focuses on upstream interventions to engage and improve patient care in identified ZIP codes such as patient symptom and medication adherence monitoring. The text messaging program allows for two-way communication. For example, the parent may receive a text message asking, "How is your child's asthma today?" If the response is the child is experiencing some difficulties, PCCI will notify their provider who may recommend the parent to seek

The data-driven model assists with care prioritization by referring patients to their primary care physician for asthma management when indicated. If they do not have a primary care physician, they are referred to Parkland to establish a medical home for primary care to include asthma medical management.

PCCI's asthma risk-prediction model remotely monitors background electronic data of high-risk asthma children, generating a monthly report pinpointing the highest-risk children who are then referred to Dallas County Health & Human Services (DCHHS) for a home visit. DCHHS reaches out virtually to assess their current asthma status and identify environmental factors at home. Based on their findings, DCHHS community health workers recommend changes to the home environment to reduce exposure to asthma triggers and work with Parkland to make a follow up appointment with their primary care provider.

"The pediatric asthma model retains a good prediction ability and provides additional clinical insights not previously available," said Aida Somun, PMP, MBA, Chief Operations Officer at PCCI. "With the addition of electronic health records data, our asthma model can be used for all children, regardless of insurance status, thus expanding the benefits of our program to more vulnerable children asthma."

Positive Breathing, an organization with a mobile bus that has been outfitted to perform advanced asthma spirometry screening, will also provide outreach to hard-to-reach sectors of the community and refer patients who are symptomatic.

There are plans for Dallas Independent School District to also refer students with asthma who do not currently have a primary care physician.

"The goal is to reduce avoidable asthma-related visits to the ED and hospitalizations through community outreach," Termulo said. "We can make a huge difference."

Sir says he feels "really good" now that he has his asthma under control. "I don't have to worry much about it anymore. I can run as fast as I can."

"Asthma is a real monster, but it's possible to overcome it. It's all about educating yourself," said Turner.

If you live in one of the targeted zip codes and would like to enroll in the asthma text messaging program, please text @asthma 844-721-0839. Spanish, please @asma1 to 844-721-0839.To find out about services at Parkland, go to www.parklandhospital.co m. For more information about the 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment go to www.parklandhospital.com/chna.

Authorities: Man shot into apartment, causing explosion



FILE - In this Sept. 29, 2021, file photo, members of Dallas Fire and Rescue work on scene following an apartment explosion and fire on Highland Hills Drive in southeast Oak Cliff. A man faces felony charges after Dallas police say they connected him to an apartment explosion in Oak Cliff last month that injured several firefighters and civilians. Phillip Dankins, faces seven counts of deadly conduct. He has been in the Dallas County jail since early October on other charges; police said they obtained the deadly conduct warrants Tuesday Oct. 19, 2021.

(Tom Fox/The Dallas Morning News via AP, File)

investigators believe a man shot into a Dallas apartment and hit a gas line, causing an explosion that injured seven people, including four firefighters, authorities said.

Police said Tuesday

DALLAS (AP) — Fire that Phillip Dankins, 28, faces seven felony counts deadly conduct, according to the Dallas Morning News. They said in a statement that Dankins was associated with the Sept. 29 explosion but declined to provide details.

Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman Jason Evans said investigators believe Dankins shot into an apartment and damaged a gas line connected to a stove.

Firefighters were in a statement.

investigating a report of a natural gas leak at the two-story complex the next morning, reported smelling gas just before the blast partially collapsed the building, Dallas Fire-Rescue said

One of the firefighters was released from the Dallas County Jail since hospital last week. Two remain hospitalized.

the shooting, but the mother of Dankins' child lived at the complex, according to KTVT-TV.

Dankins has been in early October on other charges. As of Tuesday, It's unclear what led to he was being held on \$100,000 bail. But that does not include the charges of deadly conduct.



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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) pumps his fist towards fans after an overtime win against the New England Patriots following an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021, in Foxborough, Mass. (AP Photo/Steven Senne)

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dak Prescott promised not to miss any time after straining his right calf on the touchdown pass in overtime that gave the Dallas Cowboys their first win at New England since 1987.

The star quarterback believes he can deliver on that vow because the team is going into its open week. Even with the break, recent history with his teammates suggests Prescott's view is optimistic.

Receiver Michael Gallup hasn't played since the opener because of a calf strain. Four-time All-Pro Zack Martin missed the final five games last year after playing through one. He was Prescott says calf injury not an issue as

Cowboys enter bye

By SCHUYLER DIXON

injured in practice and aggravated the strain 10 days later, in the second game since the injury.

Prescott needed help getting to the locker room after the dramatic 35-29 win over the Patriots and wore a walking boot to the postgame meeting with reporters. Coach Mike McCarthy said an MRI confirmed the strain Monday, and he is optimistic about Prescott playing at Minnesota on Oct. 31.

"I've got a lot of confi-

dence in myself and the medical team, and as I said I feel good," Prescott said after the game. "This (the boot) is a precaution. Didn't hurt as bad obviously when you score and win the game."

The injury is in the same lower leg that needed two surgeries after Prescott's season-ending compound fracture of his right ankle in Week 5 last year. Prescott said he didn't know if that was any more reason for concern.

Prescott had 445 yards

passing, the most the Patriots have allowed under coach Bill Belichick, playoffs included. The Cowboys also had the most total yards against New England in the Belichick era with 567.

If there were any lingering questions about whether the Cowboys (5-1) have one of the best offenses in the NFL, there aren't now.

They were playing the same way, but had a losing record when Prescott got hurt last year. The difference for the NFC East leaders, who have five straight victories, is an opportunistic defense that's second in the league with 14 takeaways.

"We know we're for real," said Prescott, the first Dallas quarterback with at least three TD passes in four consecutive games. "I don't think we're out here trying to send a message to anybody, more so than we're showing it to ourselves."

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Author Sharon Jones-Scaife receives Readers Choice Award



Left to Right: Shirley Langley (sister of Jones-Scaife); Author Sharon Jones-Scaife and Rihanna Scaife (granddaughter of Jones-Scaife). Photo provided by Sharon Jones-Scaife



Left to Right: Christopher Scaife (son of Jones-Scaife); Shirley Langley-Henry (sister of Jones-Scaife); Author Sharon Jones-Scaife (center); Brandy Jones (sister of Jones-Scaife); Jeanne Jones-H (sister of Jones-Scaife) and Rihanna Scaife (granddaughter of Jones-Scaife).

(granddaughter of Jones-Scaife).

Photo provided by Sharon Jones-Scaife



The Bible says in Matthew 7:7, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." I requested your support in voting for "I Miss You, Papa" and you gave me your votes and so much more!

On Saturday evening I became the recipient of this year's *Reader's Choice Award* for Joy and Company's Christian Literary Awards for my children's book, *I Miss You*, *Papa*!!! Also, I was a Henri Award Nominee.

Thank God for birthing this vision in me. Thanks to Joy & Company's nominating committee and everyone who took the time to vote for me, shared my posts and emails, and for your many prayers!!! Finally, I want to give a special thanks to my family and friends for supporting me in my endeavors.

Again, thank you sooo much for your continued support!

Author Sharon Jones-Scaile

Removed Robert E. Lee statue now on display at Texas resort

TERLINGUA, Texas (AP) — A statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee that the city of Dallas removed from a park and later sold in an online auction is now on display at a golf resort in

West Texas.

The bronze sculpture, which was removed from the Dallas park in September 2017, is now at the Lajitas Golf Resort in Terlingua, Texas, the Houston Chronicle

reported.

The 27,000-acre resort, which is privately owned by Dallas billionaire and pipeline mogul Kelcy Warren and managed by Scott Beasley, the president of Dallas-based

WSB Resorts and Clubs, received the statue as a donation in 2019.

The 1935 sculpture by Alexander Phimister Proctor was among several Lee monuments around the U.S. that were removed from public view amid the fallout over racial violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2017.

The artwork, which

depicts Lee and another soldier on horses, was kept in storage at Dallas' Hensley Field, the former Naval Air Station, until it was sold in 2019. Holmes Firm PC made the top offer for the sculpture, according to documents from the Dallas City Council.

Terlingua, which is in Brewster County near Big Bend National Park and the Rio Grande, has less than 100 residents and no record of Black residents, according to recent census data. Black people make up just 1.7% of the population of Brewster County, according to census data.

Beasley told the Chronicle the statue serves no intent but to preserve "a fabulous piece of art."



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