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## THANKSGIVING POEM!

By Paul Lawrence Dunbar - 1872 - 1906

The sun hath shed its kindly light,  
Our harvesting is gladly o'er  
Our fields have felt no killing blight,  
Our bins are filled with goodly store.  
From pestilence, fire, flood, and sword  
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And now with humble hearts, O Lord,  
We come to pay our thanks to thee.  
We feel that had our merits been  
The measure of thy gifts to us,  
We erring children, born of sin,

Might not now be rejoicing thus.  
No deed of our hath brought us grace;  
When thou were nigh our sight was dull,  
We hid in trembling from thy face,  
But thou, O God, wert merciful.  
Thy mighty hand o'er all the land  
Hath still been open to bestow  
Those blessings which our wants demand  
From heaven, whence all blessings flow.  
Thou hast, with ever watchful eye,

Looked down on us with holy care,  
And from thy storehouse in the sky  
Hast scattered plenty everywhere.  
Then lift we up our songs of praise  
To thee, O Father, good and kind;  
To thee we consecrate our days;  
Be thine the temple of each mind.  
With incense sweet our thanks ascend;  
Before thy works our powers pall;  
Though we should strive years without end,  
We could not thank thee for them all.

## Democrat Eddie Bernice Johnson ending decades in Congress



FILE - Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Texas, makes comments as she introduces State Senator Royce West at a rally where West announced his bid to run for the US Senate in Dallas, Monday, July 22, 2019. Johnson says she won't seek re-election in 2022 after 30 years in Congress. The 85-year-old trailblazing Black Democrat made her announcement Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021 in Dallas. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez, File)

DALLAS (AP) — U.S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, a trailblazing Black Democrat in Texas who has served in Congress for nearly 30 years, announced Saturday that she will not seek reelection next year.

Johnson, 85, is a political fixture in her hometown of Dallas, where early in her career she became the first Black woman to serve the city in the state Senate since Reconstruction.

She grew up in the segregated South and was elected in 1992 to Congress, where she became the first Black woman to chair the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

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## How COVID shots for kids help prevent dangerous new variants

By LAURA UNGAR

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Cadell Walker rushed to get her 9-year-old daughter Solome vaccinated against COVID-19 — not just to protect her but to help stop the coronavirus from spreading and spawning even more dangerous variants.

"Love thy neighbor is something that we really do believe, and we want to be good community members and want to model that thinking for our daughter," said the 40-year-old Louisville mom, who recently took Solome to a local middle school for her shot. "The only way to really beat COVID is for all of us collectively to work together for the greater good."

Scientists agree. Each infection — whether in an

adult in Yemen or a kid in Kentucky — gives the virus another opportunity to mutate. Protecting a new, large chunk of the population anywhere in the world limits those opportunities.

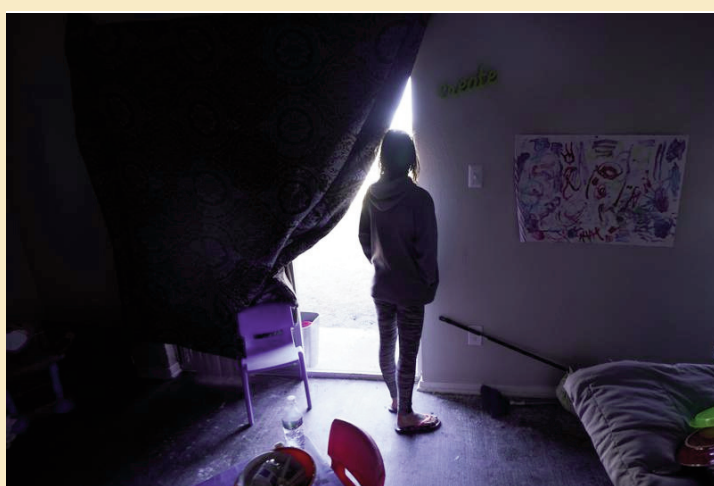
That effort got a lift with 28 million U.S. kids 5 to 11 years old now eligible for child-sized doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. Moves elsewhere, like Austria's recent decision to require all adults to be vaccinated and even the U.S. authorizing booster shots for all adults on Friday, help by further reducing the chances of new infection.

Vaccinating kids also means reducing silent spread, since most have no

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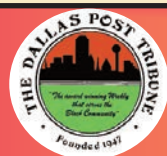
## Report: Texas still at risk of winter power blackouts

By PAUL J. WEBER



FILE - In this Feb. 23, 2021, file photo, Ricki Mills looks out from her home as she waits for a fire hydrant to be turned to get water, in Dallas on Feb. 23, 2021. Texas is again at high risk of power blackouts this winter because of extreme weather like the catastrophic February storm that buckled the state's electric grid and left millions of people without heat for days, regulators said Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021. (AP Photo/LM Otero, File)

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Recognizing #BLACK EXCELLENCE for 74 Years



By Dr. J. Ester Davis



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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## Why We Should Give Thanks Everyday

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

As so many of us in this country pause to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, it seems like a good time to remind all of us that every day should be a day for giving thanks.

We should consider how blessed we are as a nation and as a people. While so many of us struggle with such issues as racism, poverty, sickness, and homes and homelessness, we are still blessed. This is important, in spite of whatever problems we might be facing individually or as a society.

We waste enough food each year to feed 25 percent of the world's hungry people; we have running water; assistance with homelessness and sickness, yet rarely do

most of us pause to say, "Thank You" to the God that makes it all possible. We have had more people die from Covid 19 this year, with the vaccine available, than all of the year 2020 without the vaccine. We see injustice at every turn as innocents are murdered and killers rewarded and praised for their conduct. In the midst of all this, let us not focus on the problems, but thank God for the solutions he has placed before us.

Let's be thankful that we still have choices no matter the circumstances. We can choose not to give up. We can choose how we respond to each crisis facing us individually and collectively. We can remember that for evil to

succeed, all good has to do is nothing.

The writer of the book of Hebrews in the 12th Chapter reminds us: "Wherefore we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, (speaking of those who have come before us) let us lay aside every weight and sin which so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

We have an obligation to make things better for those who come after us, in spite of the obstacles others may put in our path. Our race, be it personal or as a part of the oppressed collective, is not a sprint. It's a marathon. Let us give thanks that it is a marathon because that



Dr. John E. Warren

means that our end is not determined by those seeking to stop or block us. We determine how far we go by the commitments we make to self and others.

Yes, let's make every day a day of Thanksgiving and not be distracted by the food and holiday festivities when there remains so much to be done.

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or mild symptoms when they contract the virus. When the virus spreads unseen, scientists say, it also goes unabated. And as more people contract it, the odds of new variants rise.

David O'Connor, a virology expert at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, likens infections to "lottery tickets that we're giving the virus." The jackpot? A variant even more dangerous than the contagious delta currently circulating.

"The fewer people who are infected, the less lottery tickets it has and the better off we're all going to be in terms of generating the variants," he said, adding that variants are even more likely to emerge in people with weakened immune systems who harbor the virus for a long time.

Researchers disagree on how much kids have influenced the course of the pandemic. Early research suggested they didn't contribute much to viral spread. But some experts say children played a significant role this year spreading contagious variants such as alpha and delta.

Getting kids vaccinated could make a real difference going forward, according to estimates by the COVID-19 Scenario Modeling Hub, a collection of university and medical research organizations that consolidates models of how the pan-



Solome Walker, 9, looks down at her bandage after getting her first Pfizer COVID-19 shot at a vaccination clinic for young students at Ramsey Middle School on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021 in Louisville, Ky. Scientists say vaccinating kids against COVID-19 should not only slow the spread of the coronavirus but also help prevent potentially-dangerous variants from emerging. Each new infection brings another opportunity for the virus to mutate and evolve dangerous new traits. (AP Photo/Laura Ungar)

demic may unfold. The hub's latest estimates show that for this November through March 12, 2022, vaccinating 5- to 11-year-olds would avert about 430,000 COVID cases in the overall U.S. population if no new variant arose. If a variant 50% more transmissible than delta showed up in late fall, 860,000 cases would be averted, "a big impact," said project co-leader Katriona Shea, of Pennsylvania State University.

Delta remains dominant for now, accounting for more than 99% of analyzed coronavirus specimens in the United States. Scientists aren't sure exactly why. Dr. Stuart Campbell Ray, an infectious disease expert at Johns Hopkins University, said it may be intrinsically more infectious, or it may

be evading at least in part the protection people get from vaccines or having been infected before.

"It's probably a combination of those things," he said. "But there's also very good and growing evidence that delta is simply more fit, meaning that it's able to grow to higher levels faster than other variants that are studied. So when people get delta, they become infectious sooner."

Ray said delta is "a big family" of viruses, and the world is now swimming in a sort of "delta soup."

"We have many lineages of delta that are circulating in many places with no clear winners," Ray said, adding that it's hard to know from genetic features which might have an edge, or which non-delta variants might dethrone delta.

"I often say it's like seeing a car parked on the side of the road with racing slicks and racing stripes and an airfoil on the back and a big engine," Ray said. "You know it looks like it could be a real contender, but until you see it on the track with other cars, you don't know if it's going to win."

Another big unknown: Dangerous variants may still arise in largely-unvaccinated parts of the world and make their way to America even as U.S. children join the ranks of the vaccinated.

Walker, the Louisville mom, said she and her husband can't do anything about distant threats, but could sign their daughter up for vaccination at Jefferson County Public Schools sites on a recent weekend. Solome is adopted from Ethiopia and is prone to pneumonia following respiratory ailments after being exposed to tuberculosis as a baby.

She said she wants to keep other kids safe because "it's not good to get sick."

As a nurse leaned in to give Solome her shot, Walker held her daughter's hand, then praised her for picking out a post-jab sticker appropriate for a brave kid who just did her part to help curb a pandemic.

"Wonder Woman," Walker said. "Perfect."

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## "THE BOLD PREACHING OF PETER ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST"

ACTS 2:14-35

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith



Peter, really a coward before the cross because he denied his Lord, is now standing boldly and answers the critics' attack of mockery in saying that the believers at Pentecost were drunk on new wine. Acts 2:14-15 states, "But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as

ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day." Notice quickly that Peter is the main speaker on the day of Pentecost, but he is supported by the other eleven apostles. Dr. Luke mentions the fact that there were eleven apostles who stood with Peter; thus, Dr. Luke considers that fact that Matthias was the replacement for the vacant apostolic position of Judas Iscariot, not the apostle Paul (Acts 6:2; Matthew

19:28). As a further answer for these unbelieving critics at Pentecost, he even quotes from their scripture that says, "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel" (v. 16). Peter is not stating that Joel's prophecy was being fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. However, based on Joel's prophecy that will be fulfilled during the Millennium Kingdom, these critics should not think that the phenomenal operation of the Spirit was

something strange. Peter goes on to quote to these critics in verses 17-21 that there was a great outpouring of God's Spirit and that fact should not be strange to them based on Joel's prophecy. According to verses 22-35, Peter continues his preaching to this audience explaining that Jesus of Nazareth was indeed the Christ who they crucified (vv. 22-24). Peter related to these Jewish leaders that they were responsible

for the crucifixion of Jesus. These leaders were to be blamed for delivering Jesus over to the Roman government to be crucified on a cross of shame. Although the religious leaders plotted the death of Christ, it was a part of God's program that He would be slain and rise again for verses 23-24 say, "Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that He should be holden of it." Peter even related that Christ would be raised

from the dead, quoting from Psalm 16:8-11 to prove it (vv. 25-31). Again, Psalm 16 is a prediction of the resurrection of Christ, for David, the one speaking in that psalm was still in the grave. In verses 32-35, Peter supports his argument for Christ's resurrection by citing proofs of it and he also related that Jesus is exalted, for He is seated at the right hand of God. In conclusion, Peter boldly preached the resurrection of Christ with power and conviction; and we too must declare that same message with power, conviction and love as we serve this present age.

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## Report: Texas still at risk of winter power blackouts

By PAUL J. WEBER

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas is still at risk of power blackouts this winter in the event of extreme weather like the catastrophic February storm that buckled the state's electrical grid and left millions of people without heat for days, the nation's grid monitor said Thursday.

"The concern is certainly sufficient," said John Moura, director of reliability assessment at the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, known as NERC.

The warnings in the annual winter forecast by NERC, which oversees the reliability of the nation's electrical sector, comes as Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and the new leadership of the state's embattled grid signal their confidence that the lights will stay on this time. Energy experts are skeptical that sufficient changes have been imposed on power plants and gas producers in Texas, where the energy industry has a lot of clout.

The February storm led to one of the biggest power outages in U.S. history, knocking out electricity to more than 4 million customers and leading to hundreds of deaths. Some homes were left without heat and water for days.

The projections by NERC show that Texas could have a nearly 40% shortfall in available power to meet demand in the event of another severe winter storm. Moura said that although such an extreme scenario is "not a highly likely event," it cannot be ruled out.

"It is something that we've seen occur, and can occur, if we continue to have that extreme weather," he said.

President Joe Biden's national climate adviser called last winter's storm a "wake-up call" for the United States to build energy systems and other infrastructure that are more reliable and resilient in the face of extreme-weather events. Lawmakers in the GOP-controlled Texas Capitol did not dwell on climate change in the aftermath of the freeze, and instead pushed to make improvements to the grid.

Federal officials have recommended that power providers be required to meet tougher standards for protecting their plants from freezing temperatures.

## Malikah Shabazz, a daughter of Malcolm X, dies at 56

NEW YORK (AP) — Malikah Shabazz, one of six daughters of slain civil rights leader Malcolm X, was found dead in her home in New York City, police said Tuesday. She was 56.

Shabazz was found Monday in her home in Brooklyn, a police spokesperson said. Her death appeared to be from natural causes, he said.

Malikah and her twin sister, Malaak, were the youngest daughters of Malcolm X, who was assassinated on Feb. 21, 1965. Their mother, Betty Shabazz, was pregnant with the twins when their father was killed.

Malikah Shabazz's death comes days after two of the three men who had been convicted of killing Malcolm X were exonerated.

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"There is a good reason I should stay: I am a personal friend to the president, I have gained some respect and influence," Johnson said during her announcement. But she said plans to keep a promise she made after winning the Democratic primary in March that her current term would be her last.

"As of January (2022) I will step down. I will retire," Johnson said.

Although Democrats are in danger of losing

## Richard Knight Jr., first Black City Manager of Dallas dies at 76




Photo Credit/ Joe Laird Dallas Morning News Staff.

Dallas's first Black City Manager, Richard Knight Jr., 76, died on Monday. Marcus, Knight's son, confirmed his father died but did not provide any additional information.

Knight was Dallas' Assistant City Manager for four years before he was hired as the head administrator in 1986. He served in that capacity until 1990.

His son said the family is "very sad that he's no longer with us, but we're grateful and proud of who he was and what he's done for our family and for this community."

Knight was born in Georgia and was an Army veteran who served in the Vietnam war. He earned a bachelor's degree from Fort Valley State College in Georgia, and a master's from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

At the time of his resignation, former City Council member and activist Diane Ragsdale praised him for working to end neglect in Southern Dallas.

During his tenure as city manager, Knight oversaw the completion of the Meyerson Symphony Center in 1989 and expansions of the Cotton Bowl in Fair Park and the Dallas Convention Center, which was renamed after former state senator Kay Bailey Hutchison in 2013.

their House majority next year, Johnson would have been able to keep winning her district under new congressional maps signed by Republican Gov. Greg Abbott in October.

Her retirement is likely to attract a rush of hopeful successors.

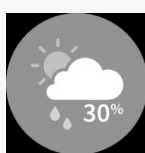


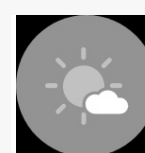



Johnson said she would eventually endorse a successor for her safely Democratic seat, but not yet.

"My goal is to look for a female that is qualified," Johnson said.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

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**Day Weather Forecast for DFW**

Thursday, Nov. 25  H - 54° L - 36°	Friday, Nov. 26  H - 55° L - 42°	Saturday, Nov. 27  H - 64° L - 48°	Sunday, Nov. 28  H - 62° L - 44°	Monday, Nov. 29  H - 64° L - 50°	Tuesday, Nov. 30  H - 68° L - 54°	Wednesday, Dec. 1  H - 67° L - 52°
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**The PGA of America Announces Founding Partnership with FairWays to Leadership to Promote Leadership Diversity in Golf Industry**

Written by Stacy M. Brown



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FAIRWAYS TO LEADERSHIP

*FairWays to Leadership's mission is simple: promote diversity, equity and inclusion in business through golf literacy.*

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLA. (Nov. 18, 2021) – The PGA of America has announced a founding partnership agreement with FairWays to Leadership, a 501(c)(3) that expands diversity in business leadership through access to golf. FairWays to Leadership supports college students from diverse backgrounds by providing leadership training so they can become effective business leaders, and the social skills to help them access opportunities through the game and business of golf. The two-year agreement provides FairWays to Leadership with a grant each year, as well as programmatic support from the PGA, such as giving students and alumni access to PGA Career Services to help them find jobs in the golf industry, and a scheduled speaker series to include PGA of America Members, staff and executives. FairWays to Leadership will also

engage with the industry-wide Make Golf Your Thing movement. FairWays to Leadership's mission is simple: promote diversity, equity and inclusion in business through golf literacy. The idea is using the game to promote social inclusion in the workplace, diversity in business leadership and equitable professional opportunities for underrepresented groups – goals that align with the PGA's inclusion efforts throughout the industry. As part of the agreement, FairWays to Leadership will train two, 10-student cohorts each year. Also, PGA Members and staff will lend their support to appropriate programming and activities. Members will also provide golf instruction for the cohorts. "This partnership was a natural fit for the PGA of America because FairWays to Leadership is aligned with our vision to make all aspects of the

game and industry workforce more welcoming and inclusive," PGA of America Chief People Officer Sandy Cross said. "Committing to support this type of effective grassroots-level organizing and education is critical to developing more representative decision-makers and leaders in the golf industry. And it's already paying dividends as the PGA has hired one student full-time, as well as one intern from the program. We're very excited about that success." "We are excited to have the PGA as a Founding Partner of FairWays to Leadership," said Dr. Eric Boyd, Co-Founder and President of FairWays to Leadership. "The partnership will be instrumental in helping us provide leadership and professional career development training to diverse groups of college students through a digital learning academy, leadership speaker series and golf instruction."

**Musician Jon Batiste leads Grammy Award nominations with 11**

By JONATHAN LANDRUM JR.



needs for its Jan. 31 show. Billie Eilish and Olivia Rodrigo both had seven nods. Along with Batiste's surprise domination, another shock was The Weeknd nabbing three nominations after the pop star claimed he would not allow his label to submit his music. Earlier this year, he angrily slammed the Grammys, calling them "corrupt" after he received zero nominations despite 2020's biggest single, "Blinding Lights." "The voters are truly evaluating music and not getting caught up in the reputations of any other outside noise or any history of artists," he continued. "With that in mind, I think they're voting for things that they are acknowledging as excellence."

"Oh my goodness. I'm still in a state of astonishment and shock," Batiste told The Associated Press moments after learning of the nominations. "I'm just really happy that we were able to make something in complete artistic integrity and have it be recognized." Justin Bieber, Doja Cat and H.E.R. each came away with the second-most nominations with eight by the time the Recording Academy was done announcing its nomi-

**Downtown schools site to be named Nolan Estes Plaza**

BY THE HUB



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At their November board meeting, Dallas ISD trustees voted to name the future site of multiple schools downtown in honor of esteemed educator Nolan Estes, who served as the district's superintendent for 10 years.

"We are going to build three new schools, and you will be able to go from pre-K through a doctorate degree and never leave downtown Dallas," Superintendent Michael Hinojosa said, in discussing the future Nolan

Estes Plaza. Dallas ISD will be in charge of pre-K through 12th grade, Downtown Dallas Inc. will house a Montessori school for pre-K through 8, and Wright Lassiter Early College High School and CityLab will share a high school for grades 9-12. "That will be the start of a renaissance of southern downtown Dallas," Dr. Hinojosa said. "And, Dr. Estes, we just wanted to thank you for your courageous work." As superintendent, Dr. Estes successfully desegregated the school system and established a comprehensive network of magnet schools, charter schools and early childhood centers. He created

business/industry/education partnerships, established district standards, a comprehensive system of accountability, decentralized management and an innovative leadership program, and administered a \$500 million facilities improvement program. Dr. Estes is an internationally known education leader. Appointed Associate U.S. Commissioner of Education during President Lyndon B. Johnson's term, he served as a spokesman for educational policy for elementary and secondary education. While in Washington, Dr. Estes worked with Congress in implementing the historic Elementary and Secondary Education Act.



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