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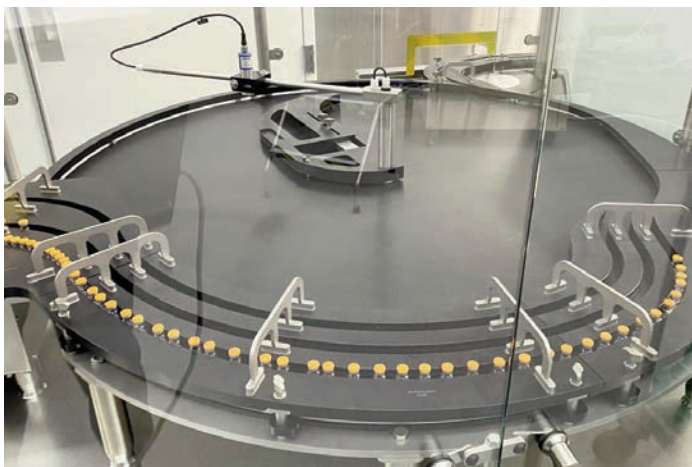
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COVID BOOSTERS

US clears updated COVID boosters for kids as young as 5

By LAURAN NEERGAARD



This provided by Pfizer in October 2022 shows manufacturing of the company's COVID-19 bivalent vaccine for ages 5-11. (Photo/Pfizer via AP)

The U.S. on Wednesday authorized updated COVID-19 boosters for children as young as 5, seeking to expand protection ahead of an expected winter wave.

Tweaked boosters rolled out for Americans 12 and older last month, doses modified to target today's most common and contagious omicron relative. While there wasn't a big rush, federal health officials are urging that people seek the extra protection ahead

of holiday gatherings.

Now the Food and Drug Administration has given a green light for elementary school-age kids to get the updated booster doses, too - one made by Pfizer for 5- to 11-year-olds, and a version from rival Moderna for those as young as 6.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which recommends how vaccines are used, also signed off.

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Photo/Press Release

Scandalized Los Angeles leader resigns City Council seat

By BRIAN MELLEY and DON THOMPSON



Assemblyman Isaac Bryan, right, comforts Los Angeles City Councilman Mike Bonin before a council meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022, in Los Angeles. Bonin's son was the target of racist comments by his colleague Nury Martinez. (Sarah Reingewirtz/The Orange County Register via AP)

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles City Council member whose racist slurs in a leaked recording created an uproar resigned Wednesday hours after the state attorney general announced an investigation into possible criminal charges involving a meeting where she made the remarks.

Former Council President Nury Martinez, the first Latina to hold the seat,

announced her decision in a press release following a groundswell of outrage and calls for the resignations of her and two other council members involved in the conversation recorded last year.

In the conversation, she made racist remarks about the Black son of a white councilman and other crude

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Photo Credit/The HUB

Schools to be closed on election day

BY KAYLEE BOWERS

Several Dallas ISD schools will be polling sites for the Nov. 8 general midterm election. Because community members will be allowed to enter the schools to vote, the Board of Trustees approved establishing Nov. 8 as a professional development day for teachers and a student holiday.

This measure will ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff while the campuses are open to the public for the election. Custodians will be at the schools on Election Day;

however, teachers and other campus-based staff and Student Transportation staff will conduct assigned professional development. The district's administrative offices will remain open and central staff will work a regular day.

Dallas ISD Votes!

District staff who haven't registered to vote or have changed addresses are encouraged to register before the Oct. 11 deadline to vote in the upcoming election. For more information on how and where to

register, visit www.march-tothepolls.org or www.vote411.org.

Early voting begins Oct. 24 and ends Nov. 4. Staff who vote early and show their "I Voted" sticker to their supervisor can wear jeans every Tuesday of early voting through Election Day. Those who wait to vote on Nov. 8 will be able to wear jeans that day or on Friday, Nov. 11 (for those who wait until after the work day to vote). They, too, must show their voter sticker to their super-

visor.

Be a role model

Voting is one of the rights and privileges afforded to U.S. citizens, and it is the way that every citizen is given a voice in choosing a representative government at the local, state and national levels. Show students the importance of voting by sharing your photo with your "I Voted" sticker on social media and using the [#DallasISDVotes](https://twitter.com/TeamDallasISD) hashtag after the work day to vote). If you are sharing on Twitter, tag us @TeamDallasISD.



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EDITORIAL PAGE

Dr. Opal Lee, Nobel Peace Prize Candidate

My Day

By Dr. J. Ester Davis



Dr. Opal Lee

In the world of media, we have turned a deaf ear to "breaking news". But last week, we had breaking news via social media that was a true ray of golden sunshine. Our darling Dr. Opel Lee, a Texas Masterpiece Matriarch, nominated for the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize. That's news worth shouting about. To add worth to significance it was in the midst of her 96th birthday as the "Grandmother of Juneteenth" with a national holiday in her purse from, President Joe Biden. "Just

to be nominated..." said Dr. Opal, was the simple joyous answer about the nomination news.

Thru history of the Nobel Peace Prize Winners, African Americans are few, but brilliantly placed and recognized on the world stage. In 1950, Ralph Bunche, received the honor for his work as mediator in Palestine. In 1964, Dr. King was jubilantly rewarded for his non violent civil rights strategies in America. Of course there was Nelson Mandela in 1993 who received the prize for peaceful leadership of the apartheid regime in Africa. Only one(1) American President (Barack Obama) have received the Nobel Peace Prize and eighteen (18)women worldwide.

Congratulations !!!! Dr. Opal for your fortitude, mission and relentless examples. In the Letter of Nomination to the Chair of

the Norwegian Nobel Committee, the Honorable Marc Veasey, Member of Congress wrote,"...her work to advance understanding and respect between individuals of different backgrounds and socioeconomic levels along with the continuing mission to equality is why we proudly nominate..."

I think the magnificent Opal Lee has a lot of messages to the American public, all in the category of greatness. There is her tireless decades of contribution to the enslaved people in Texas for proper recognition of her beloved "JUNETEENTH". Her childhood survival of white supremacists, her efforts for a Texas Holiday and the ultimate need for a federal holiday. There was service as Precinct Chair for over 30 years, founding member of Citizens Concerned with Human Dignity and many, many more. But the most

important prize of all in my humble opinion, is her Most Valuable Player (MVP) Showmanship of Age. The surety of age is "just a number". That is her profound message to the world. Your health and dedication to movement is the rest of the story. I have been on stage with Dr. Opal Lee as Mistress of Ceremonies, in her presence at events in and around Texas, and she is this full ball of conversation, asking questions and telling stories, knowledge savvy, mobile-without-assistance,etc., etc. You absolutely forget that she is 96 years of age... and still a drum major for change.

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These combination or "bivalent" boosters are designed to broaden immune defenses so that people are better protected against serious illness whether they encounter an omicron relative in the coming months -- or a different mutant that's more like the original virus.

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PAUL'S ARRIVAL TO ROME

ACTS 28:1-31

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith



In the previous chapter, chapter 27, we studied about Paul's tempestuous sea voyage, and how Paul with extreme confidence in God told those two hundred and seventy-six voyage members that everyone would be safe. Thank God that Paul was assured that the Lord would bring them through extreme danger. Listen to Paul's confidence in the Lord: "And now I exhort

you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, Saying, Fear Not Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

Wherefore, Sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe

God, that it shall be even as it was told me" (Acts 27:22-25).

As chapter 28 begins, Paul after the tempestuous voyage finally arrives on the island of Melita, being kindly received by the barbarians (non-Greek speaking people) (vv. 1-2). The two hundred and seventy-six were landed safely and they are welcomed and are kindly received by the people of

the island of Melita. According to verses 3-6, being now cold and rainy, Paul gathers some sticks to start a fire and was bitten by a venomous snake, of which he was miraculously healed. The barbarians or pagans of the island thought Paul would die from being bitten by the venomous snake, but Paul suffered no ill effects from the venom! This miracle of Paul's over-

coming the ill effects of the venom had a profound impression on the pagans of the island of Melita, and it fulfilled God's promise of Mark 16:17-18.

Paul will continue to exercise his apostolic gift in the healing of the father of Publius, and others on the island afflicted by diseases (vv. 7-10). After staying on the island of Melita for three months, Paul and the crew went to Syracuse, Rhegium, and utilizing the south wind, came to Puteoli, and then to Appii forum (vv. 11-15). The storm was over: the tempestuous wind from the north (Euroclydon) is passed! One day, brothers and sisters, the adverse winds of

this life will disappear, and ultimate deliverance will be ours!

In verses 16-31, Paul arrives in Rome, where he preaches the gospel to the Jews, and he explained to them why he had been brought to Rome. Paul was afforded great liberty to share the gospel, but always guarded by a soldier. As usual, in sharing the gospel, there is always a double response to the message! This grand book of Acts concludes with Paul "preaching the Kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him" (v.31).

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The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Hutchins Atwell Public Library, 300 N. Denton St. Hutchins, Texas 75141.

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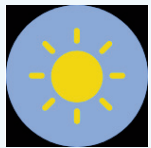
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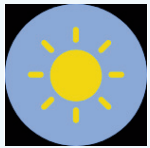
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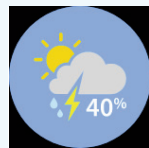
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NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent



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Doncic, Dinwiddie try to build on Mavs' deep playoff run

By SCHUYLER DIXON

DALLAS (AP) — Luka Doncic has a new sidekick — but not a co-star — as the Dallas Mavericks try to build on their first deep playoff run in a decade.

Spencer Dinwiddie, a midseason trade acquisition before the Mavs reached the Western Conference finals, joins the starting lineup after Jalen Brunson chose to run his own show with the New York Knicks.

The return of healthy stars should be a boost for several West contenders, and defending champ Golden State still has Stephen Curry and company after beating Dallas in five games in the conference finals.

The Mavs are sticking with their formula of Doncic and a host of complementary pieces to go with the defensive-minded approach of coach Jason Kidd, who changed that culture quickly in his first season.

Doncic said there were “no expectations” — just the same goal.

“Always the goal is the same for me, for the team,” the three-time All-Star said. “We’re trying to win the championship. That’s the only goal we have. That’s what we’re going to work for.”

The biggest offseason move for second-year gen-



Dallas Mavericks' Spencer Dinwiddie drives to the basket against Oklahoma City Thunder's Aaron Wiggins during the first half of a preseason NBA basketball game in Tulsa, Okla., Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022. (AP Photo/Dave Crenshaw)

eral manager Nico Harrison was a trade with Houston for Christian Wood. Turns out that was just the start of revamping the frontcourt.

The plan for Wood to start changed when free agent center JaVale McGee agreed to a second stint with the Mavs. The three-time champ (two with the Warriors, one with the Lakers) spent last season with top-seeded Phoenix, which was blown out by the Mavs at home in Game 7 in the second round. Dallas opens this season at the Suns on Oct. 19.

At media day before the start of training camp, Wood said that was the first he had

heard of who was starting. Nor did he seem too concerned about it.

“I’m motivated either way, off the bench or starting,” said Wood, a one-time journeyman who blossomed into a 20-point scorer with the Rockets before they wanted to clear the way for younger draft picks.

Brunson played a huge role in Dallas’ first-round victory over Utah when Doncic missed the first three games. During the regular season, Dinwiddie showed he could be a scorer with Doncic out.

Dinwiddie is going into his first full season with the Mavs and is almost two

years removed from surgery for a partially torn ACL. Tim Hardaway Jr. returns after missing most of last season with a broken foot.

The guard-heavy starting lineup includes 3-and-D specialists Dorian Finney-Smith and Reggie Bullock. Together, the foursome knows its supporting role behind Doncic.

“I think what made last year’s team so special was the chemistry it had and how the sum of its parts became better than any individual talent,” Dinwiddie said. “We should be better on paper, but it comes down to how we mesh as a group.”

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Her resignation statement did not mention those remarks, though in words directed at her daughter and said: “I know I have fallen short recently of the expectations we have for our family. I vow to you that I will strive to be a better woman to make you proud.”

The announcement came after Attorney General Rob Bonta said he would investigate Los Angeles’ redistricting process that the three council members were discussing with a labor leader in which they schemed to protect Latino political strength in council districts.

Bonta, a Democrat like the three council members, said the investigation could lead to civil liability or criminal

charges, depending on what is found.

“It’s clear an investigation is sorely needed to help restore confidence in the redistricting process for the people of LA,” he said.

Bonta spoke in Los Angeles while the council itself was trying to conduct business nearby despite the uproar triggered by the recording, which provided an unvarnished look into City Hall’s racial rivalries. Those involved in the closed-door meeting were all Latinos, while Bonta is the first Filipino American to hold the top law enforcement job in the nation’s most populous state.

Three council members — Martinez, Kevin de Leon and Gil Cedillo — faced calls from President Joe Biden and others to resign after the recording surfaced

online.

Martinez had stepped down as council president on Monday while still holding onto her council seat. At the time, she said she was ashamed of her racially offensive language in the recording, and Kevin de Leon included mocking the Black son of a

The council convened Wednesday, possibly to censure the three members, with the minimum of 10 out of 15 members necessary for a quorum but was unable to do business because a crowd of protesters chanted slogans such as, “No resignation, shut it down.” The acting council president eventually announced that there was no longer a quorum and adjourned the meeting.

The council cannot expel the members — it can only suspend a member when criminal

charges are pending. A censure does not result in suspension or removal from office.

Martinez said in the recorded conversation that white council member Mike Bonin handled his young Black son as if he were an “accessory” and said of his son “Parece changuito,” or “he’s like a monkey,” the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday. She also referred to Bonin as a “little bitch.”

At another point on the hourlong recording, Martinez called indigenous immigrants from the Mexican state of Oaxaca ugly, and made crass remarks about Jews and Armenians.

The discussion — which also included a powerful Latino labor leader, who has since resigned — centered on protecting Latino political power during the

redrawing of council district boundaries, known as redistricting. The once-a-decade process can pit one group against another to gain political advantage in elections.

Bonin was among those who had said the three council members should resign.

Black and Latino constituents often build alliances in politics. But tensions and rivalries among groups separated by race, geography, partisanship or religion have a long history in Los Angeles and, indeed, the country. The friction can cross into housing, education and jobs — even prisons — as well as the spoils of political power.

Bonta has roundly condemned the members’ remarks without adding to the calls for them to resign. He said Wednesday that his investigation was “just

starting and we don’t like to make conclusions first and get facts later.”

“It could lead to criminality if that’s where the facts and the law dictate. There’s certainly the potential for civil liability based on civil rights and voting rights laws here in the state of California,” he said, while also noting it could also lead to changes in policy at the state or local level.

Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer has called for creating an independent commission to draw redistricting maps.

The Los Angeles Times reported that the recording was posted on the social media site Reddit by a now-suspended user. It is unclear who recorded the audio, who uploaded it to Reddit and whether anyone else was present.

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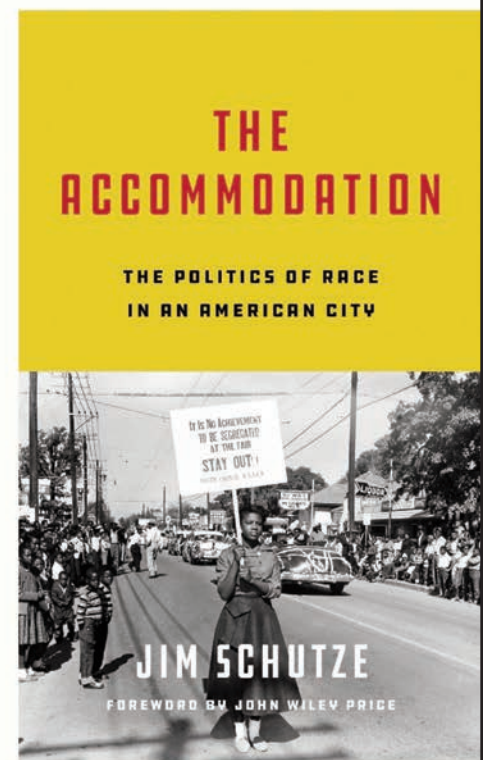


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This year, the American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates that health professionals will diagnose more than 287,850 new cases of invasive breast cancer and 51,400 new cases of ductal carcinoma in situ/stage 0 breast cancer in women in the United States.

While there has been an overall 43 percent decline in breast cancer deaths over the last three decades – thanks to gains in awareness, early diagnosis, and treatment – there remains a persistent mortality gap between Black women and white women.

Succinctly, African American women have a 31% breast cancer mortality rate.

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Awareness Month.

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Actresses Meagan Good, Naturi Naughton, Tichina Arnold, and LisaRaye McCoy serve as specially invited directors.

For McCoy, who slayed in films like “The Player’s Club,” “The Wood,” and “Twice Bitten,” her behind-the-camera directorial skills shined on Oct. 6 with the premiere of “The Pink Fight,” a captivating film about a female boxer diagnosed with breast cancer.

The film follows Tomeka – played by boxing champion Claressa Shields – as she and her wife fight for survival after a devastating breast cancer diagnosis.

“Breast cancer has attacked my family. Some have survived, and some have not,” McCoy said during an appearance on the National Newspaper Publishers Association’s live morning show, Let It Be Known.

“I was an ambassador for Susan B. Komen and ran my first 5K race with them. I didn’t want to be one of those public figures who cut the ribbon and be off. There was a joy that I got when I crossed the finish line that I wouldn’t have gotten if I didn’t participate. You have to walk the walk.”

In “The Pink Fight,” McCoy did just so, helping to bring to the screen the rollercoaster of emotions that come with a breast cancer diagnosis.

“I am absolutely proud to have taken this opportunity,” McCoy said.

The renowned actress described herself as very strict behind the camera.

“My reputation is that I don’t take no stuff,” McCoy asserted. However, tempering that assertion, McCoy noted that she’s a bit of a jokester.

“When I began to realize that I had value from coming from in front of the screen as an actress, I know how it is to have to muster emotions that may not be there because you may not have experienced this in your life,” she said, describing the job of a director.

“I will say that my lead actress, Clarissa Shields, is a powerhouse. She’s a professional boxer and the only male or female boxer to hold four major world championships.”

McCoy continued:

“Clarissa wanted to get her feet wet as an actress,

and she was a little nervous about the emotional part, but that’s the part she did best.”

McCoy said she hopes the film will inspire Black women and their support system not to take any potential health problems for granted.

“As strong as people want to portray Black women, we are still girls,” McCoy insisted.

“We’re still daddy’s girls and momma’s babies. A lot of time we get afraid to go to the doctor and when you don’t have good insurance and you feel they’re not going to pay for this and you don’t have symptoms and then you say ‘I’m ok.’”

That’s where self-examination counts as crucial, McCoy stated.

“I was paranoid,” she declared.

“We are nervous and scared. We say things like if

we don’t know about it, we don’t have to deal with it. But we can head it off. We can have a second chance at life if we get diagnosed before it’s too late.

“We have a good survival rate, and you can live a healthy life. You just can’t act like you don’t know anything about it. Dialogue is so important for us.”

That’s what the “Pink Fight” highlights, McCoy continued.

“Athletes think they are a pillar of health. They eat right, eat salads, and exercise,” she related. “That’s why you need that accountability partner, someone to say, ‘I think it’s worth us going to check this out.’”

“The operative word is ‘us.’ Someone to say they’ll go with you because there’s this rollercoaster of emotions, and you’re wondering if you’ll survive chemo and radiation. You can.”

Alex Jones ordered to pay \$965 million for Sandy Hook lies

By DAVE COLLINS

WATERBURY, Conn. (AP) — Jurors ordered conspiracy theorist Alex Jones on Wednesday to pay nearly \$1 billion to Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting victims’ relatives and an FBI agent, who said he turned their loss and trauma

into years of torment by promoting the lie that the rampage was a hoax.

The \$965 million verdict is the second big judgment against the Infowars host for spreading the myth that the deadliest school shooting in U.S. history never hap-

pened, and that the grieving families seen in news coverage were actors hired as part of a plot to take away people’s guns.

The verdict came in a defamation lawsuit filed by some of the families of 26 people who were killed in

the 2012 shooting, plus an FBI agent who was among the first responders. A Texas jury in August awarded nearly \$50 million to the parents of another slain child.

Robbie Parker, who lost his 6-year-old daughter, Emilie, said outside the Connecticut court that he was proud that “what we were able to accomplish was just to simply tell the truth.”

“And it shouldn’t be this hard, and it shouldn’t be this scary,” said Parker, who became an early target of

conspiracy theorists after he spoke at a news conference the day after the shooting. The jury awarded him the most of any plaintiff: \$120 million.

The lawsuit accused Jones and Infowars’ parent company, Free Speech Systems, of using the mass killing to build his audience and make millions of dollars. Experts testified that Jones’ audience swelled, as did his revenue from product sales, when he made Sandy Hook a topic on the show.

Because he was already found liable, Jones was barred from mentioning free speech rights and other topics during his testimony.

A lawyer for the families in the Connecticut case, Josh Koskoff, said that “if this verdict shuts down Alex Jones, good.”

“He’s been walking in the shadow of death to try to profit on the backs of people who have just been devastated,” Koskoff said. “That is not a business model that should be sustainable in the United States.”