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# FDA experts among group opposing US booster shot plan

By LAURAN NEERGAARD and MATTHEW PERRONE

The average person doesn't need a COVID-19 booster yet, an international group of scientists — including two top U.S. regulators — wrote Monday in a scientific journal.

The experts reviewed studies of the vaccines' performance and concluded the shots are working well despite the extra-contagious delta variant, especially against severe disease.

"Even in populations with fairly high vaccination rates, the unvaccinated are still the major drivers of transmission" at this stage of the pandemic, they concluded.

The opinion piece, published in The Lancet, illustrates the intense scientific debate about who needs booster doses and when, a decision the U.S. and other countries are grappling with.

After revelations of political meddling in the Trump administration's coronavirus response, President Joe Biden has promised to "follow the science." But the review raises the question of whether his administration is moving faster than the experts.

The authors include two leading vaccine reviewers at the Food and Drug Administration, Drs. Phil Krause and Marion Gruber, who

recently announced they will be stepping down this fall. Among the other 16 authors are leading vaccine researchers in the U.S., Britain, France, South Africa and India, plus scientists with the World Health Organization, which already has urged a moratorium on boosters until poor countries are better vaccinated.

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# THIS IS HOME

to the Crowder Family



## This Is Home to the Crowders: A Family Legacy of Excellence in Education

By The Hub/Photo Credit Dallas ISD

In its 137 years of existence, the Dallas Independent School District has emerged as one of the country's premiere educational institutions. Innovation, tenacity, vision and equity are key drivers that have distinguished Dallas ISD from other entities and

enabled it to successfully educate millions of students. Throughout its storied history, numerous people have partnered and labored under the banner of Dallas ISD to leave an indelible mark on their generation.

No doubt, woven into the tapestry of the many

educators, administrators, and professionals who have graced the halls of district schools and facilities is the Crowder family. Boasting a combined 94 years of service at Dallas ISD, Willie Crowder, Keisha Crowder-Davis, and Jonica Crowder-

Lockwood have demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to impacting the lives of students and staff members alike.

Willie Crowder, a retired associate superintendent of Human Resources (currently known at Human Capital Management), began her

tenure in Dallas ISD in 1970 – a year fraught with racial tension and social change, including the desegregation of Dallas schools. She began as a history teacher at Boude Storey Junior High School. As her career progressed, a passion for education and an

ability to connect with students and parents paved the way for her to serve in numerous roles, including assistant principal, principal, minority recruiter, policy administrator, and associate superintendent.

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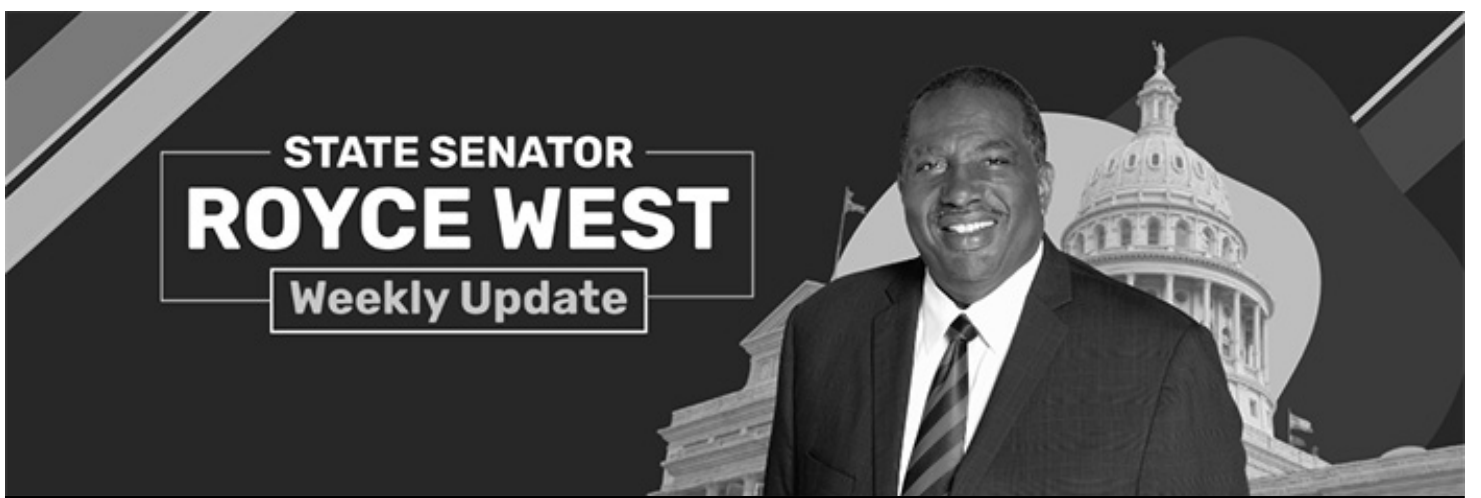
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# EDITORIAL PAGE



Dear Friends,

The first legislative session is done, the second is done and I'm on to the next one. Starting September 20th we begin the third called legislative session.

This third special session will primarily focus on redistricting but will also address appropriations of the American Rescue Plan Act, transgender students' participation in sports, and whether Covid 19 vaccines can be mandated. This third special session is extremely important for it will dictate the redrawing of the state and congressional, state, state board of education and local school board districts. Redistricting will have a significant impact on the political makeup of the state of Texas for at least the next ten years.



Every ten years the Texas legislature and local governments take the census data collected by the federal census bureau and redraw the districts which are supposed to provide the best representation for every Texan at every level of government. As you may already know, the Texas legislature does not have the best track record of drawing maps that fairly and equitably distribute the weight of each vote. Given the current make up of the state legislature and the "fewer restricting safeguards for Texas voters of color" there is only so much we can do to prevent gerrymandering in the state but we will not give up the fight and we need you to do the same.

Here are some ways you can get involved. You can learn about redistricting, you can draw your own maps through the Civil Rights Project, you can participate in public hearings, submit comments and you can follow the redistricting process for more details. There are redistricting public hearings happening now so click here [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUlcuuhDIjHtBgsAtAdYqMZGzA\\_O2Vr-11](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUlcuuhDIjHtBgsAtAdYqMZGzA_O2Vr-11) to sign up and participate.

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Reaching a level of prominence and esteem in a district as large as Dallas ISD is no easy feat. It requires skill, hard work, and even late nights.

"You can't be a clock watcher," Mrs. Crowder said. "You work until the work is done".

Both Keisha and Jonica, Willie's daughters, can attest to that. They recall countless nights at their kitchen table watching their mother prepare lesson plans, manage master schedules, and review large policy binders, even while preparing dinner.

"We were raised like teachers," Jonica said with a laugh. "We were students in the Willie Crowder Training School! Learning and teaching were so much a part of who we were that we played school – my dad installed a chalkboard and the neighborhood kids became students. That's how we learned leadership."

"All of our role models were educators – that's all we saw," Keisha said. "MBH was the standard of our family – 'Make the Best Happen'."

As the old saying goes: "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree." Willie's example rubbed off on her daughters, and they are distinguished educators in their own right. Keisha and Jonica, both alums of Kimball High School, are Dallas ISD through and through. Keisha currently serves as executive director of Centralized Enrollment & Magnet Programs. Jonica is the esteemed principal of D.A. Hulcy STEAM Middle School.

Like their mother, they describe themselves as lifelong learners who are committed to making an impact on the community. They see Dallas ISD as the vehicle they choose to work with young people and assist parents.

"We are Dallas ISD proud," Keisha declared with a smile. This is home.

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boosters later this month, if both the FDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention agree. Advisers to the FDA will weigh evidence about an extra Pfizer shot Friday at a key public meeting.

Georgetown University's Larry Gostin said the paper "throws gasoline on the fire" in the debate about whether most Americans truly need boosters and whether the White House got ahead of scientists.

"It's always a fundamental error of process to make a scientific announcement before the public health agencies have acted and that's exactly what happened here," said Gostin, a lawyer and public health specialist.

The FDA did not respond to requests for comment Monday morning.

The U.S. already offers an extra dose of the Pfizer or Moderna

vaccines to people with severely weakened immune systems.

For the general population, the debate is boiling down to whether boosters should be given even though the vaccines are still offering high protection against severe disease — possibly in hopes of blocking milder "breakthrough" infections among the fully vaccinated.

Last week, CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said new data showed that as delta surged, the unvaccinated were 4.5 times more likely than the fully vaccinated to get infected, over 10 times more likely to be hospitalized and 11 times more likely to die. Still, government scientists are also weighing hints that protection is waning among older adults who were vaccinated early last winter.

The writers of Monday's commentary reported reviewing

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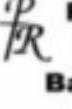
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## "A JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN"

ST. JOHN 20:1-10

CHRIST'S TRIUMPHANT VICTORY OVER DEATH

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the prominent theme in this section of the Apostle John's presentation, for without the resurrection of Christ, the grand Gospel message would indeed be incomplete (I Corinthians 15:1-4). In chapter 20 of John's presentation, he records the various appearances of the Saviour after He was raised from the dead; thus, these appearances confirmed that Christ indeed had emerged from the grave in triumphant glory!

This same theme of Christ's triumphant victory over sin, death, and the grave dominated the powerful preaching of the Apostles in the book of Acts (Acts 2:24-36; 3:15; 4:10; 5:30; 10:40; 13:34). As I contemplated while reading this chapter, one serious prevailing thought brought gratitude to my heart: "I am grateful that all members of the blessed Trinity were engaged in the resurrection of Christ (Romans 6:4; St. John 10:17-18; Romans 8:11). It

is awfully instructive that chapter 20:1 begins with the reference to "the first day of the week". Christ's resurrection on the "first day of the week" marks a new beginning, for Christ had finished His work of redemption, in relation to the Old Testament, as the Sabbath stood as a reminder of God's consummate work in the old creation (Genesis 2:3). In verse 1, the supreme devotion of Mary Magdalene is brought to bear, for she never forgot

the fact that Christ had delivered her from the oppression of being in bondage to Satan. She was not only seen at the cross, but the first at His grave. Her deep and abiding love is displayed, for she never forgot that Christ expelled seven demons from her (St. Luke 8:2). There is an amazing phenomenon that takes place in verse 1: "the stone had been taken from the sepulcher." According to Matthew 28:2, the stone had been removed by an angel; thus, this action

proved that God had intervened. Having perceived that the stone had been removed, Mary Magdalene tells Peter and John (v. 2). In her excitement, she tells others about her discovery! Now, anxious and excited, both disciples went to the sepulcher, with John outrunning Peter (vs. 3-4). In verse 5, we see the anxious expectation of the Apostle John; however, as he inspects, he doesn't immediately go into the sepulcher. On the other hand, as the curious Peter arrives, he goes into the sepulcher (v. 6). In verses 6 and 7, the Apostle John supplies us with ample and sufficient evidence that Christ was victorious over the grave, having left His grave clothes in the sepulcher! With all of the ample

evidence at hand, John could only conclude that Christ had risen from the dead (v. 8). Having heard Christ speak of His resurrection for three years, these disciples did not comprehend the message (v. 9). Having received an eyewitness account of the resurrection, the disciples went to their homes. These disciples went to their physical or earthly homes after receiving the grand message of Christ's resurrection. But, before we go to our heavenly home, we need to spread the message that "Christ lives today." And should someone ask us how we know He lives, we can confidently say – "He lives within my heart."  
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# A Texas school district doesn't require masks. The state is suing the district anyway.

By Joshua Fechter, The Texas Tribune

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has unleashed another wave of lawsuits against school districts over their masking policies — but one of them says it doesn't even require face coverings.

Midway Independent School District is a Waco-area district that sits on a list compiled by the attorney general's office of school districts and counties that have flouted Gov. Greg Abbott's ban and put in place their own mask-wearing orders.

The hitch? Midway ISD doesn't mandate that students, teachers, school staff or visitors don masks while on school premises, a district spokesperson said Wednesday. Midway officials have tried to convince the attorney general's office the district doesn't have a mandate — but to no avail.

"We have not received information of why or how we are considered out of compliance or considered for a lawsuit," district spokesperson Traci Marlin said in an email.

The Midway school district is among nine that Paxton announced on Tuesday that he is suing for allegedly defying Abbott's executive order banning public schools and local governments from enacting local mask mandates.



Students' backpacks sit in their cubbies at a Texas elementary school last month. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is suing several school districts that he says are defying Gov. Greg Abbott's ban on mask mandates. Photo/Credit: Jordan Vonderhaar for The Texas Tribune

Under Midway's virus protocol, campuses can issue 10-day "mask directives" that encourage mask-wearing on the premises if virus transmission reaches a certain level — but doesn't require it. The attorney general's office pointed to that protocol as the basis of its lawsuit against the district but declined to answer other questions from The Texas Tribune.

Those directives are not the same as mandates, Marlin said — and in one case, such a directive successfully cut down the number of active cases on a campus.

"Directives are not enforced," she said. "There are no punishments or repercussions."  
 McGregor Independent

School District, another district near Waco, did require mask-wearing if virus transmission became too severe but, at Paxton's request, did not enforce the mandate, Superintendent James Lenamon said in a statement.

Nonetheless, Paxton sued the district.

"The district is disappointed that the AG has decided to sue anyway," Lenamon said.

In an attempt to slow the spread of the highly contagious delta variant of COVID-19 among schoolchildren too young to get vaccinated, dozens of school districts across the state and several large counties have required mask-wearing in some form despite Abbott's order.

The Texas Education Agency isn't enforcing Abbott's ban — and Paxton and Abbott have argued in court they have no power to punish those who disobey the governor.

In addition to McGregor and Midway, Paxton announced lawsuits against seven other districts Tuesday: Diboll, Honey Grove, La Vega, Longview, Lufkin, Paris and Waco school districts.

Last week, Paxton sued six districts — the first time he had done so since the dispute between the state's Republican leadership and local officials began in August.

"There will be more to come as lawlessness continues across the state," Paxton's office wrote in a tweet Tuesday afternoon.

Already, Paxton has notched at least one temporary victory against a school district — winning an order in Lamar County court blocking Paris Independent School District's mask mandate for the time being.

Paris ISD officials had taken the novel approach of requiring students to wear masks as part of the dress code.

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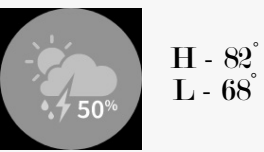
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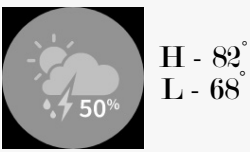
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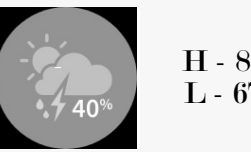
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# Chronicling One African American's Path to the PGA

Written by Stacy M. Brown

*Frazier enrolled in the PGA Golf Management University Program at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), a Historically Black College and University (HBCU). And in June, after hundreds of classroom hours and thousands of on-course hours, he became the newest of fewer than 200 African American PGA Members.*



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Langston Frazier was born hearing impaired in both ears, which nullified any chance of participating in sports like basketball or football

But, in an inspiring story originating from PGA.com, Frazier found golf in the fourth grade in Bowie, Maryland, through an initiative called "First Tee."

The program enables

children to build the strength of character to face a lifetime of new challenges. As noted on the First Tee website, "by seamlessly integrating the game of golf

with life skills curriculum, we create learning experiences that build inner strength, self-confidence, and resilience that kids carry to everything they

do."

"So, I figured if I can play golf and I can be a teacher at the same time, why not?" Frazier, 24, told PGA.com.

"That's really where it started."

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Historically Black College and University (HBCU). And in June, after hundreds of classroom hours and thousands of on-course hours, he became the newest of fewer than 200 African American PGA Members.

The golfing website said Frazier already had put his PGA education to use as an assistant golf professional

at the University of Maryland Golf Course, the same school where he's pursuing a graduate degree in broadcast journalism.

"This membership is much more than an ID number, membership card, a lapel pin, and a fancy piece of paper," Frazier wrote on LinkedIn the day he received Membership. "It's a gateway to so much more. It shows people, especially little kids that look like me, that, 'Hey, if he can do it, I can do it too!'"

The PGA of America, which recently entered into a strategic alliance with the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), said it's making efforts on several fronts to increase African American Membership. Currently, there are 182 Black PGA Professionals well as other underrepresented groups.

That includes 18 accredited PGA Golf Management University Programs like UMES and the funding of 10 annual \$8,000 scholarships for diverse students going through these programs.

According to PGA.com, In 2008, UMES became the first HBCU to earn accreditation from the PGA.

Ventures like PGA VendorMatch and JobMatch, which work with local organizations to attract a diverse workforce for the PGA's Spectator Championships, including the 43rd Ryder Cup, PGA officials have stated.

There's also the PGA WORKS Career Expo, held during the PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship, directly connecting student-athletes from HBCUs, Hispanic-serving institutions, and minority-serving institutions with golf industry employers.

Then there is the PGA LEAD program.

In its sixth year, the program identifies, develops, and mentors PGA Members from diverse backgrounds pursuing leadership positions at the Chapter, Section, and National levels of the Association.

Since 2016, 12 PGA LEAD members have ascended into PGA Section Board positions, and three have become Section Vice Presidents.

Howie Pruitt, an African American Member, even became President of the Pacific Northwest PGA Section.

It's a program Frazier said he plans to participate in soon, with an understanding that getting the PGA of America – and the golf industry as a whole – to look more like the rest of America is critical in introducing the game to new audiences and keeping it thriving.

"It's an issue that needs to be addressed aggressively, and there are programs that can help with diversity and inclusion like the one I went through," Frazier told PGA.com.

"But it starts with the Members. It'll take some time, and it'll mean shaking things up and making some people feel uncomfortable, which is what other minority Members have felt for years.

Being a Black Member is not something I take lightly. It's not something I take for granted. People ask what's the coolest thing I've ever done, and it's this and going to UMES. Because if people don't feel included in this game, then what are we doing?"

*This story originally appeared in its entirety at PGA.com.*

## Dallas Activists commemorate 56th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act

By Kenedi Houston and Ania Jackson  
Texas Metro News

"Until we get justice there will be no peace!" said Minister Dominique Alexander of the Next Generation Action Movement. Recently, on the grounds of the AT&T Discovery Garden in Downtown Dallas, pedestrians saw and heard the demonstrators as they shouted and held Black Voters Matter signs.

"Today's purpose was to commemorate the 56th Anniversary of The Voting Rights Act of 1965. To show and stand in solidarity with people across this country who are assembling around this country

on this historic day," said Alexander.

Data from the National Conference of State Legislatures documents that election-related bills have been filed in all 50 states this year. According to Alexander, over 400 legislations have been introduced across this country to suppress the vote and believes that all backgrounds should assemble across the country to fight for basic fundamental rights as a citizen in America.

"We're seeing a threat to the work of our ancestors- to the work of Fannie

Lou Hamer, Shirley Chisholm Barbara Jordan, and Martin Luther King, and all of the people who have sacrificed the most. And yet at the end of the day, whether you're Black, blue, green, or white, you need to be assembling across this country to fight for the basic fundamental right as a citizen in America," said Alexander.

"This demonstration is to call attention to the importance of the footprint corporate America has on our politicians and our electoral process," said Alexander.

## Nicki minaj, vaccine hesitancy, and misinformation: what we can learn from her story #informuniteheal

Washington, D.C. – Monday, rapper Nicki Minaj expressed hesitancy concerning the COVID-19 vaccine and shared a story on Twitter that included misinformation about the effects of COVID-19 vaccines. Messages concerning COVID-19 shared on the public platforms of celebrities are highly influential. Misinformation shared on massive platforms must be countered with accurate information from reliable sources.

However, issues of public health should not be so easily swayed by celebrity commentary. We need

clear communications from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and government officials that reach Black communities on a personal level. The CDC has miscommunicated key messaging concerning mask usage, vaccinations, and safety. Additionally, various government officials are spreading misinformation about COVID-19. And while vaccine hesitancy is a real issue, vaccine apartheid has also been detrimental.

Instead of placing hyper-focus on celebrities,

we can use this as a learning moment for people and organizations focused on challenging misinformation in Black communities. Black communities have justifiable fears concerning medical racism. The best way to counter these fears is through conversations with trustworthy sources embedded within Black communities. The National Black Cultural Information Trust is currently working with Black content creators as part of our new Inform Unite Heal campaign to share personal stories and narratives that provide reliable sources.

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# Dionne Warwick, star of a new documentary, keeps smiling

By JAKE COYLE

The first standing ovation Dionne Warwick ever received was as a 6-year-old, when her reverend grandfather brought her up to the pulpit of the St. Luke's AME Church in Newark, New Jersey, where she sang "Jesus Loves Me" for a rapt congregation.

Warwick's most recent standing ovation, though, was on Saturday, at the Toronto International Film Festival after the premiere of the documentary "Dionne Warwick: Don't Make Me Over." Though the festival has been a more muted affair this year because of the pandemic, the 80-year-old Warwick has made the most of it. Over the weekend, she took over the festival's official Twitter account and posed with "my Sherlock Holmes," Benedict Cumberbatch.

As the pop-soul legend of songs like "I Say a Little Prayer," "I'll Never Fall in Love Again" and "Walk on By," Warwick has always cut a distantly un-diva path. And, in an interview, Warwick wondered just why she shouldn't exude contentedness.

"I had an incredible childhood," says Warwick speaking by Zoom. "I love God and God loves me, apparently. He's kept me happy and healthy and given me the ability to make other people smile with the gift he gave me, my voice. So what's the reason not to be happy?"

"Dionne Warwick: Don't Make Me Over," which is up for sale at the festival, is directed by her longtime business partner Dave Wooley (who co-authored Warwick's 2010 autobiography) and David Heilbroner ("The Newburgh Sting"). It's an affectionate tribute to the Grammy-winning vocalist that may be light on personal details. (There's little on her two marriages, twice



Dionne Warwick, subject of "Dionne Warwick: Don't Make Me Over," is interviewed at the premiere of the documentary film at the 2021 Toronto International Film Festival, Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, in Toronto. (AP Photo/Chris Pizzello)

divorced, to Bill Elliott, or her relationship with Sammy Davis Jr.) But the documentary delves more fully into Warwick's music, from her collaborations with Hal David and Burt Bacharach to her star-studded recording of "That's What Friends Are For" to benefit AIDS research.

Elton John calls her one of the greatest female singers of all time. Quincy Jones, Alicia Keys and Gladys Knight all pay their respects, as does Snoop Dogg, who recalls when Warwick, a critic of gangsta rap, summoned him, Tupac and Suge Knight to her home at 7 a.m. one morning to talk about violence and misogyny in lyrics. "We got out-gangsta'ed that day," says Snoop.

Perhaps most importantly, the documentary makes the case for Warwick as a pioneering crossover artist. In it, she discusses performing for segregated audiences in Jim Crow South while touring with Sam Cooke in the '60s. In 1969, for "Do You Know the Way to San Jose?" Warwick became the first Black solo female artist to win a pop award at the Grammys.

"I never understood putting people in boxes. I feel so fortunate that that's

something that never happened to me. Music is something universal. It appeals to all kinds of people at all times. The same eight notes in the scale are what we all sing," says Warwick. "Why differentiate me? It was because the color of my skin, nothing more. It never kept me out of the top field."

To the filmmakers, Warwick's legacy is as a trailblazer.

"She left the world a more inclusive place," says Heilbroner. "She left the world with a bunch of artists who rose because of her example."

"She did it with elegance. She did it with class. She did it with integrity," says Wooley, who sat beside Warwick at the premiere. "It's so good to see a woman like Dionne Warwick, 80 years old, get to smell her own flowers, while she's alive and with us. Often these types of docs are made after somebody has left us."

Warwick is not only still around, she's planning to tour this fall.

"This thing called vocal cords? They're muscles. They need exercise," Warwick says, running her hand against her neck. "And I missed my audiences. I hope they missed me."

Warwick's life has lately

taken some unlikely turns. During the pandemic, while stuck at home, she began tweeting regularly, bringing "Auntie Dionne" to a new generation of music listeners and pop stars.

"I'm having the best time," says Warwick. "I've met some very interesting people. I made a lot of wonderful friends. I think I was the answer to what's missing on Twitter: a grown-up."

Her newfound social-media presence has brought her in contact with Chance the Rapper, the Weeknd and Taylor Swift. Those interactions, she says, have opened up "a whole new realm of people." Warwick hopes to record with the Weekend. She already has with Chance.

"I said, 'Well, OK, Chance the Rapper. I am Dionne the Singer,'" says Warwick. "He's a wonderful young man."

For Warwick, the lyric "Keep smiling/ Keep shining" from "That's What Friends Are For" has become something like a mantra.

"Smiling is the true answer. Smiling, you don't get the wrinkles. Frown, you get a wrinkle," says Warwick. "And I am not going to get a wrinkle anywhere. I refuse."

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worldwide studies since the delta began surging, mostly of U.S. and European vaccines. The team concluded "none of these studies has provided credible evidence of substantially declining protection against severe disease."

Because the body builds layers of immunity, gradual drops in antibody levels don't necessarily mean overall effectiveness is dropping "and reductions in vaccine efficacy against mild disease do not necessarily predict reductions in the (typically higher) effi-

cacy against severe disease," they wrote.

The more the virus spreads, the more opportunity it has to evolve into strains that could escape current vaccines. The Lancet reviewers suggest there could be bigger gains from creating booster doses that better match circulating variants, much like flu vaccine is regularly updated, than from just giving extra doses of the original vaccine.

"There is an opportunity now to study variant-based boosters before there is widespread need for them," the scientists wrote.