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A sign adorns a hallway as Pamela Young walks the hallway at United Fort Worth, a grassroots community organization in Fort Worth, Texas. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

Pamela Young, lead criminal justice organizer for United Fort Worth, a grassroots community organization poses for a photo in Fort Worth, Texas, Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

A sign adorns a hallway as Pamela Young walks the hallway at United Fort Worth, a grassroots community organization in Fort Worth, Texas. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

# New census data expected to reveal a more diverse America

By NICHOLAS RICCARDI and MIKE SCHNEIDER



Estrus Tucker, 67, poses for a photo in the Como neighborhood of Fort Worth, Texas, Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2021. The Census Bureau is due to release new data on the nation's changing population. The numbers scheduled to come out Thursday, Aug. 12 will show that dozens of counties across 18 states no longer have a majority racial or ethnic group. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

New data from the Census Bureau due to be released Thursday will map the scope of that demographic transformation over the last decade. The numbers are expected to show that dozens of counties across 18 states, largely in the South and Southwest, are now less than 50 percent white, and no racial or ethnic group makes up a majority. The non-Hispanic white population is expected to shrink for the first census on record.

The estimates suggest that about 113 million people — a third of all Americans — now live in a plurality county.

The census figures will make plain the impact of expanding diversity: Virtually all population growth in the U.S. is

among people of color, groups long viewed as racial or ethnic minorities. But when there is no majority, that label is increasing out of date.

How the U.S. handles its increasing diversity, whether new barriers are created or old ones knocked down, “is a hot topic, and it’s going to be a hot topic for some time since it’s how we define equality in America,” said Estrus Tucker, a diversity consultant who is Black and a lifelong Fort Worth resident.

A first batch of census figures released in April showed that U.S. population growth had slowed to a rate not seen since the Great Depression. The numbers released Thursday

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## Margarette Galloway, elected Supreme Basileus of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Incorporated in Little Rock, Arkansas

Margarette Galloway, member of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Incorporated (for educators), was recently elected Supreme Basileus of this organization at the 98<sup>th</sup> Conclave in Little Rock, Arkansas, during the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. She has been a long-standing member of this sorority for 38 years. Soror Galloway served as an educator for 42 years in the Dallas Independent School District while concurrently holding

leadership positions in the sorority to include Minyard’s Educator of the Year, Teacher of the Year, NSPDK National Achievement Award, Basileus of Alpha Rho Chapter, Regional Director of the Southwest Region, and Conclave Coordinator. While attending the Conclave this year, she received from the NAACP “The Silver Life Certificate.”

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## Texas governor tests positive for COVID-19 in ‘good health’

By PAUL J. WEBER

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott tested positive for COVID-19 on Tuesday, according to his office, who said the Republican is in good health and experiencing no symptoms.

Abbott, who was vaccinated in December and has

refused calls to reinstate mask mandates as the highly contagious delta variant surges in Texas, was isolating in the governor’s mansion in Austin and receiving monoclonal antibody treatment, spokesman

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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## On the Need for New Investments & Developments in South Dallas

By Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson



*Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson is in her 15th term representing Dallas in the U.S. House of Representatives. She is Chairwoman of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee and a Senior Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.*

As I drove through the Fair Park Corridor last week, the signs of infrastructure inaction were clear and visible. One, in fact, was quite literal—a sign hanging over an

undeveloped lot that read “Expected Date of Completion: 2017.”

South Dallas has been historically plagued by deteriorating infrastructure and incomplete development. Insufficient plumbing, wiring, pipeline, and transportation systems not only define the current state of the area, but have also prevented new investments and developments from coming in.

That is why this past Thursday, August 12th, at my request, a group that included Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson, Dallas City Manager T.C. Broadnax, key City officials and employees, and several businesspeople met to have a dialogue about the need for increased investment and development in South Dallas and to take a

tour of the Fair Park Corridor.

We spoke openly and candidly for over an hour about the reasons behind the area’s lack of development and what we must do to improve it. Among the concerns raised were claims of bad contracting and partisanship by local officials—but, at the end of the day, we all share the same responsibility to do what our City needs, what our businesses need, and what our citizens need to grow the economy. I am grateful for the participation and for the candor of the respected City leaders, senior staffers, and business owners who took the time to engage in our discussion. And although we were missing the presence of the local elected official who represents the

area, I am hopeful that we had enough decision-makers in the room to inspire action.

What we truly need is a whole-of-industry approach—one that creates public and private sector partnerships to provide robust infrastructure investments; one that builds a long-term blueprint for the future of developments in South Dallas; and one that maximizes the economic prosperity and opportunity for everyone.

Dialogues like the one we had last week are important, and I will continue to hold them to give members of our community a voice. But, more importantly, we must set realistic goals, carefully measure our progress, and ultimately hold our local officials accountable.

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The aforementioned duties and achievements served as steppingstones that led to the highest honor of “Supreme Basileus” in this great

entity. Soror Galloway will reign supreme over 108 chapters including Monrovia, Liberia and 5 different regions in the nation during her tenure through 2021-2025. She will preside over

Centennial Celebrations in 2023 when the sorority turns 100 years old, and she will meet this challenge triumphantly while continually adding to the success of the sorority. Soror Galloway is a

dedicated, committed, and selfless individual whose time has come to share her vision, leadership skills, and intellectual acuity with members and non-members of this organization nationwide.

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Mark Miner said in a statement. He is at least the 11th governor to test positive for the virus since the pandemic began, according to a tally by The Associated Press.

“Governor Abbott is fully vaccinated against COVID-19, in good health, and currently experiencing no symptoms. Everyone that the Governor has been in close contact with today has been notified,” Miner said.

The positive test comes a day after Abbott, who has seldom been seen wearing a mask in public recently, did not wear one while speaking indoors near Dallas to a crowded room of GOP supporters, most of whom were older

and unmasked. Video posted by his campaign shows the governor mingling with attendees as they gathered around him taking pictures.

“Another standing room only event in Collin County tonight,” Abbott tweeted.

The event was held by a group called the Republican Club at Heritage Ranch. Reached by phone Tuesday after Abbott announced he had tested positive, Jack DeSimone, president of the club, said he did not like “to have conversations like this” and declined to comment further on Abbott’s appearance.

Abbott has rebuffed calls to reimpose pandemic restrictions, including mask mandates, as cases

in Texas are again soaring, hospitals are stretched thin and a growing number of school districts defy his orders that prohibit face covering requirements in classrooms. Abbott and Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton are now in court fighting what amounts to many of Texas’ largest school districts, which began classes this week.

More than 12,200 patients in Texas were hospitalized with the virus as of Tuesday, the highest levels since January, and state health officials said this week they had requested five morgue trailers from the federal government as a precaution. But as cases have sharply climbed, Abbott has stuck to a message that the path forward “relies on

personal responsibility.”

Austin Mayor Steve Adler, a Democrat who has sharply criticized the governor over his refusal to give local authorities leeway in allowing masking, said in a tweet that he was “glad the Governor is vaccinated and isn’t experiencing symptoms. I hope he has an easy and quick recovery.”

Miner said the governor’s address to the group was his only public event this week. He said Abbott tested negative Monday and that no one else on staff has tested positive.

Abbott’s wife, Cecilia Abbott, tested negative. The governor had been getting tested daily and Miner said “everyone that the Governor has been in close contact with today has been notified.”



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## "A Journey Through the Gospel of John" ST. JOHN 19:1-11 CHRIST'S TRIAL BEFORE PILATE - PART II

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

In the dramatic confrontation of Christ with Pilate, it was established that Pilate had affirmed on numerous occasions that he "found no fault with Christ" (Luke 23:4, 14; St. John 18:38, 19:4, 6). Pilate even endeavored to induce the Jews to release Jesus; however, the Jews vehemently desired Barabbas' release instead of Christ's (St. John 18:39-40). Yet, in spite of all Pilate's vacillating and indecisive moves in the pre-sentencing of Christ, God had decreed that Pilate should sentence His beloved Son to death, for

no one could thwart the mighty purpose of God Almighty. We must remember that the scripture affirmed that "Christ was delivered up by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God" (Acts 2:23). Oh yes, it was definitely God's will for His Son to die, and be delivered into the hands of vile men, for Acts 4:27-28 says - "Both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, for to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to

be done." Again, Christ had to be sentenced by the vacillating and timid Pilate, because the eternal counsel of Deity had ordained it. In St. John 19:1, we are informed that our Lord is being humiliated and mistreated in a vicious way. When a victim is scourged, his body is beaten and inflicted with severe pain that often the sufferer died before the crucifixion. Pilate, the governor of Judea, thought that if he chastised Jesus severely, the Jews' wrath would be placated and Pilate would be relieved from sentencing

Christ, for Luke 23:16 says - "I will therefore chastise Him, and release Him." However, Pilate's wretched plan did not work! Not only was our Saviour scourged severely in verse 1, but in verses 2 and 3, He was mocked and smitten by the cruel hands of the Roman soldiers. Having interviewed Christ privately, Pilate reaffirmed to the Jews in verse 4 that "he found no fault in Him." In an effort to appease the wrath of the Jewish people, Pilate appeals to the Jews' pity, for Jesus, who had been

severely beaten, is brought before the people (v. 5). However, Pilate's scheme of placating the Jews' hatred of Christ failed greatly, for the chief priests and officers upon looking at Christ, said - "Crucify Him, Crucify Him" (v. 6). In verse 7, we see the murderous insistence of the Jewish leaders in wanting Christ to receive the death sentence. In light of verse 7, however, in verse 8, Pilate was greatly alarmed after hearing the Jewish leaders' declaration that Christ "made Himself the Son of God." Thus, the Jewish leaders affirmed that Christ was guilty of death according to their law (Leviticus 24:16). The question raised by Pilate in verse 9 - "Whence art thou?" indicated that the governor was indeed perplexed and puzzled, for Christ responded to his

question with complete silence. Our Lord did not owe Pilate a reply, for Pilate had every opportunity to vindicate the Saviour; but, instead of being moved by his conscience, Pilate gave into the vile hatred of the Jewish leaders. It is indeed a mockery of justice for Pilate to affirm in verse 10 that he had the power to release Christ, yet he will be the agent to condemn Christ to die! With marvelous majestic dignity, our Lord finally replied in a sublime way by saying - "Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above" (v. 11). By replying to Pilate, Christ affirmed that Pilate had no power; in reality, his power was delegated by the Father, for Christ's Father had absolute power! **May God Bless!**



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## Sudoku maker Maki Kaji, who saw life's joy in puzzles, dies

By YURI KAGEYAMA

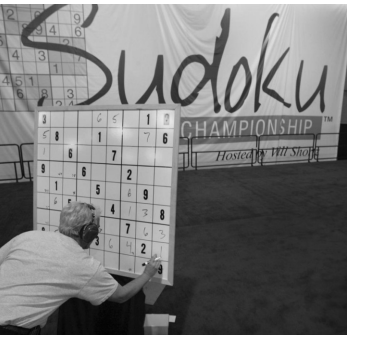
TOKYO (AP) — Maki Kaji, the creator of the popular numbers puzzle Sudoku whose life's work was spreading the joy of puzzles, has died, his Japanese company said Tuesday. He was 69 and had bile duct cancer.

Known as the "Godfather of Sudoku," Kaji created the puzzle to be easy for children and others who didn't want to think too hard. Its name is made up of the Japanese characters for "number" and "single," and players place the numbers 1 through 9 in rows, columns and blocks without repeating them.

Ironically, it wasn't until 2004 when Sudoku became a global hit, after a fan from New Zealand pitched it and got it published in the British newspaper The Times. Two years later,

Japan rediscovered its own puzzle as a "gyakuyunyu," or "reimport."

Kaji was chief executive at his puzzle company, Nikoli Co., until July and died Aug. 10 at his home in Mitaka, a city in the Tokyo metro area.



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will offer details on precisely where white, Asian, Black and Hispanic communities grew.

The data being released this week comes more than four months late due to delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Past census data has shown growth in the U.S. driven by immigration, but that's only one of the factors now. Over the past decade, new arrivals from overseas slowed and then virtually disappeared during the pandemic. Instead, birth rates are driving the change: Hispanic and Asian women's share of births has grown this century while it has declined for white women.

Estimates suggest the new numbers may show fewer than half of U.S. residents under 18 are white, while more than three-quarters of those over 65 are white.

The ripple effects from these changes can be complex, said Manuel Pastor, a sociology professor at the University of Southern California. Pastor says he believes an aging white population's anxiety about racial and ethnic changes helped lead to the rise of former President Donald Trump.

"You've got an aging white electorate that does not seem to be willing to make the investments in a young population that propels people to success — schools, infrastructure," Pastor said. "There's a portion of the population — myself included — who's delighted by Korean taco trucks popping up ... But, on the other hand, there are people who feel a great dislocation and loss

of personal identity."

For some, the rising population of people of color means new political empowerment. Tarrant County used to be among the nation's most Republican-leaning, big-city counties, but recent elections show how the changing demographics are shifting it toward Democrats. Last year, President Joe Biden became the first Democratic presidential candidate to win the county in almost a half-century. While a Republican mayor was elected earlier this year, a group of young, diverse Democrats swept into the Forth Worth City Council.

"We are finally getting to a point where we have people representing us — who are us," said Pamela Young, who is Black and is the lead criminal justice organizer for United Fort Worth, a grassroots community organization. "It gives me so much hope and joy."

The data released this week will be used to redraw congressional and legislative districts, setting off a round of partisan fighting over representation in an increasingly diverse nation. The stakes are particularly high in Texas and Florida, two Republican-led states getting new congressional seats, where growth is being driven in Democratic-leaning urban areas.

Some researchers are not convinced that the decline in white population as defined by the census form is meaningful. Large numbers of Hispanics identify as white, and a growing share of the population has a mixed race and ethnic background. That's an indication that "the

socially constructed boundaries are being blurred," said Princeton sociologist Marta Tienda. "This is a positive development so the narrative about declining white population is statistical nonsense," Tienda said.

To that end, the Census Bureau this year decided to forgo using the terms "majority" and "minority" when measuring diversity, saying those words limit its ability "to illustrate the complex racial and ethnic diversity of the U.S. population." Instead, the agency is using several new measures that show how diverse communities are through an index, a map and a score.

The rise in counties with no majority racial or ethnic group over the past decade took place primarily in counties that are home to some of fastest-growing cities in the nation — Austin, Texas; Charlotte, North Carolina; Tampa, Florida; and Fort Worth. Yet it also was evident in places as diverse as Wisconsin's Milwaukee County and the Washington suburb of Fairfax County, Virginia.

In addition, the trend could be seen in more rural counties that lost population, like Texas County, Oklahoma.

The remote county in the state's panhandle used to have a beef-packing plant that kept an overwhelmingly white workforce employed. But that plant closed, and employment shifted to a pork-processing facility that brought in workers from Latin America and, increasingly, Africa and other parts of the globe.

While the white population dwindled and shops on the main street

of its largest town, Guymon, shuttered, areas with Latino majorities boomed. Now the county is 47% Latino, 5% Black and 43% white. Several dozen languages are spoken in its schools, which are bursting at the seams. A third of its 20,000 residents are under 18.

The school district is seeking approval of a \$70 million bond measure to finance new buildings, and supporters know they have an uphill battle in the conservative county, where older white residents still dominate an electorate that has rejected several previous bond measures.

"I've literally had people say 'I won't pass that bond because those people don't deserve my tax money,'" said Julie Edenborough, director of federal programs for the Guymon school district.

But, in a possible sign of changing attitudes, a \$20 million bond measure passed narrowly in 2016. Several longtime residents appreciated the newer arrivals. "We'd fall apart without them," said Melyn Johnson, director of Main Street Guymon, a business group. "To keep it all going, we have to have people."

In Fort Worth, there's a newfound energy and optimism about the tight-knit Como neighborhood, not only from the influx of new Hispanic residents but also because of a recent commitment from the city to spend \$3.2 million on street improvements, sidewalks and streetlights.

"You see the diversity in so many areas of the county," Tucker said. "You see glimpses of that diversity shifting in our elected offices. Maybe not enough, but it's coming."

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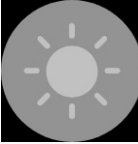
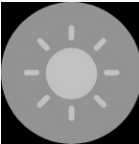
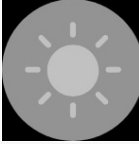
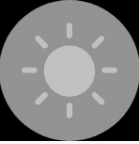
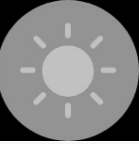
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# Prescott's preseason plan cloudy as Cowboys bring camp home

By SCHUYLER DIXON



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) throws as coaches look on during an NFL football practice in Frisco, Texas, Monday, Aug. 16, 2021. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dak Prescott's only chance to play in the preseason will be this week, and the star quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys still isn't fully cleared after pulling himself from practice at training camp in California on July 28 with a right shoulder injury. There's a chance Prescott will go into the opener against Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay

without having taken a snap in a game since the severe ankle injury that ended his 2020 season in Week 5. Before the club's first camp practice at team headquarters Monday night after three weeks on the West Coast, coach Mike McCarthy said Prescott won't play in the preseason if he doesn't get into the home exhibition opener against Houston on

Saturday night. "We'll see how the week goes, but there's no urgency from my perspective to see Dak play against Houston," McCarthy said. "This is more about we don't want to create a setback possibly." Prescott, who signed a club record \$160 million, four-year contract in March, is throwing more in practice than he did for the first two weeks after feel-

ing pain in his throwing shoulder while warming up for practice. The 2016 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year made about two dozen throws during individual work at the team's indoor practice facility on Monday before sitting out the 11-on-11 work again. Prescott had his second MRI over the weekend, and the injury is progressing as planned after the

Cowboys consulted the medical staffs of the New York Yankees and Texas Rangers and followed their recommendation of rest. Before the Cowboys left California, Prescott said he hoped to play against the Texans. That appeared less likely with him still watching team drills Monday. "I'm a go-go-go guy. I always want to be in the action," Prescott said last week. "I think the more reps are better, better for me. But something like this you can't stress it too fast. It's just the risk versus the reward at this point, and I've got to know what I'm playing for, and that's to be ready for this season." Prescott said doctors believe the injury "was a little bit of a freak thing," although the two-time Pro Bowler also says it could have been an aggressive plan with throwing, including in the early stages of rehab from the compound fracture and dislocation of his ankle that led to two surgeries. Receiver CeeDee Lamb isn't concerned about missing quality time with Prescott, who will go at least three weeks without team work in practice. The team changed the schedule for the first week of camp at home and won't practice Tuesday.

For Lamb, the presence of Prescott matters as much as anything after the injured QB missed most of last season. "He's definitely done a great job of just being around us in the locker room," Lamb said. "His presence is there. His leadership is evident. Everything remains the same. It's just not having him out here. It's tough, but I'm sure I'll see him again soon." The first camp practice for fans at home in two years included the return of receiver Amari Cooper, who had offseason ankle surgery. Defensive end DeMarcus Lawrence joined Cooper on the physically unable to perform list at the start of camp and still hasn't worked back into team drills. Cooper had one catch in team drills that drew a "Coooooop" call from a crowd that filled about half of the team's 12,000-seat indoor practice field, which also serves as a high school stadium. "I know for a fact that he wishes he could be out there in Oxnard also," Lamb said. "Just going out there, playing for him, playing through him, and whatever he sees, he'll help me be better."

# Mask disputes, outbreaks make for rocky start of school year

By JAMES ANDERSON

The summer surge of the highly infectious delta variant of the coronavirus made for a disruptive start of the school year in many parts of the country Monday as hundreds of thousands of children returned to classrooms and parents, administrators and governors clashed over whether masks should be required. Confusion reigned in several Texas school districts after the state Supreme Court stopped mask mandates in two of the state's largest districts, the day before the first day of school in Dallas. An Arizona judge upheld, at least temporarily, a mask mandate in a Phoenix dis-

trict despite a new state law prohibiting such restrictions. One Colorado county posted sheriff's deputies in schools on the first day of classes as a precaution after parents protested a last-minute mask mandate. Public school authorities are committed to making up lost ground after frequent disruptions, including on- and-off remote learning, in the pandemic's first year left millions of children behind in their studies, especially those of communities of color. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends masks in schools for students, staff and teachers. Nowhere did Monday's

battles play out greater than in Texas, where some counties and school districts kept in place mask mandates and others rescinded them as schools reopened after Sunday's court ruling. The order by the state's highest court — entirely comprised of elected Republican justices — halts mask requirements that county leaders in Dallas and San Antonio, which are run by Democrats, put in place as new infections soared. Dallas school officials said Monday that masks were still required on district property and that visitors weren't allowed in schools. The Austin school district and Harris County, which includes Houston, also said their mask mandates for schools remained in place. The top elected official in Dallas County said in a tweet that the Supreme Court ruling did not strike down his mask order, and that it remained in effect. "We're at war on behalf of moms and dads and kids



against a deadly virus. I sure wish the Governor would join our side in the battle," said Dallas county Judge Clay Jenkins. Republican Gov. Greg Abbott strongly opposes public school mask mandates, and students and parents gathered outside the governor's mansion in Austin to urge him to drop that opposition. The start of the school year comes as the country is averaging more than 130,000 new infections a day and the number of peo-

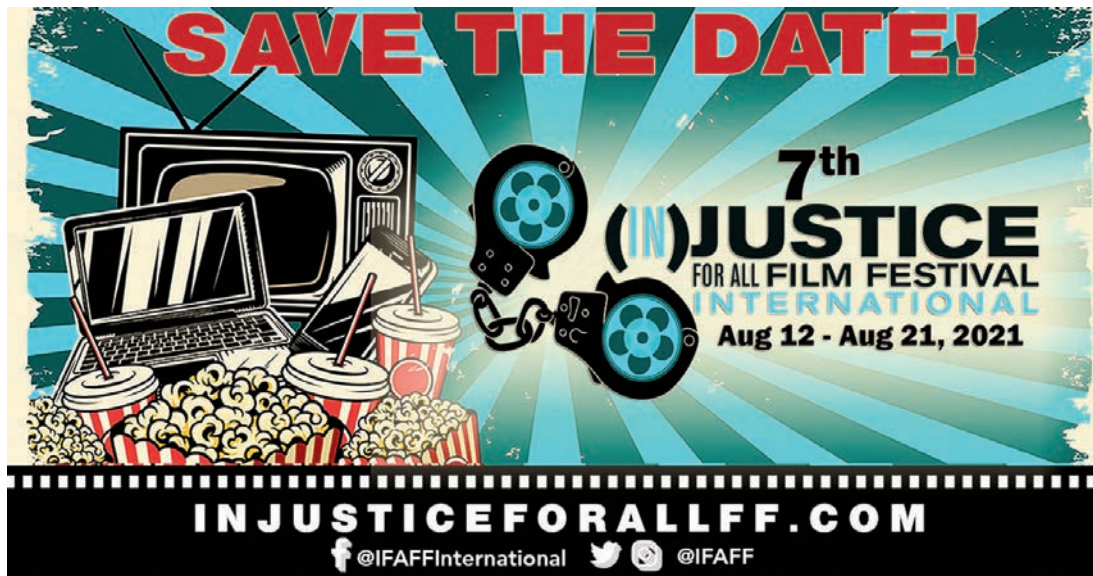
ple hospitalized with COVID-19 has soared to levels last seen in mid-February. The death toll has also risen to nearly 700 a day. Hospitals in several virus hotspots say they are seeing an increase in infections and hospitalizations in children, bringing anxiety to families starting school. A handful of Republican-led states ban schools from requiring masks but many have defied the laws and are fighting them in the courts.



## ENTERTAINMENT

# PRESS ROOM: (In)Justice for All Film Festival International Scheduled August 12-21

Free Virtual Event to Feature Films, Poets, and Panel Discussions



**CHICAGO** – Trinity United Church of Christ, Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, and The Next Movement announce the 7th (In)Justice for All Film Festival (IFAFF), scheduled August 12-21. Because of the pandemic, this much-anticipated fest remains FREE of charge and will be virtual. This year, the IFAFF has partnered with Eventive, a well-established and respected virtual film distribution platform.

The IFAFF brings audiences films that explore America's criminal justice system – police, courts, and corrections – and the industries that profit from this cauldron of human misery. Stories told include those of millions of people who are relegated to second-class citizenship under an unforgiving system. Stories also highlight how other countries are successfully addressing this issue, as well as showcasing best practices right here in America.

The virtual 7th IFAFF International will screen feature-length documentaries, feature films, and topical shorts, all with themes centered on the epidemic of mass incar-

ceration, the criminal (in)justice system, racism and white supremacy, gun violence, police brutality, unfair housing, immigration, social unrest, and other human rights violations.

The film festival brings additional context to the films and their messages through a variety of panel conversations as well as the inclusion of spoken word segments. It also includes a film competition for new movies and "Justice Awards" for exceptional films that best demonstrate the challenges and tragedies of our broken justice systems. While the focus is on new films that are submitted into the competition, a variety of older films highlighting the historical perspectives of today's challenges also are screened.

The Next Movement (TNM) was born as a response to a 2010 visit and lecture by Professor Michelle Alexander, author of *The New Jim Crow: Mass*

*Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, held at Trinity United Church of Christ. TNM, organized as a committee of the Trinity United Church of Christ Prison Ministry, is

comprised of people of all races, ages, and religions who view mass incarceration as the key human rights issue of our time, and who are committed to building the mass movement necessary to alleviate it. Through education, awareness and organizing individuals and organizations, TNM is dedicated to mobilizing the "people power" necessary to make the systemic changes required.

The 7th IFAFF International will run over a 10-day period from August 12-21. Free tickets are available by visiting [www.injusticeforallff.com](http://www.injusticeforallff.com) or <https://watch.eventive.org/injusticeforallff>. In addition to screening films, this year's festival will include grand opening events; spoken word interludes featuring exciting Chicago poets; special guest speakers; panelists/panel discussions providing context to the many films to be featured over the 10 days (dealing with organizing, restorative justice, domestic violence, immigration, bail reform, racism, eviction, and, of course, mass incarceration); and closing ceremony/awards events.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

# COVID Vaccine Booster Shots Will Start in September

By Stacy M. Brown  
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"We are prepared to offer booster shots for all Americans beginning the week of September 20 and starting eight months after an individual's second dose," the officials wrote.

Top health officials and medical experts joined on Wednesday, August 18, to announce that booster shots of the Covid-19 vaccine will be available beginning on September 20.

The officials said the boosters are still pending authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Dr. Anthony Fauci, and COVID Health Equity Task Force Chair Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith counted among the experts and officials to issue a news release about the additional shots.

"We are prepared to offer booster shots for all Americans beginning the week of September 20 and starting eight months after an individual's second dose," the officials wrote.

"At that time, the individuals who were fully vaccinated earliest in the vaccination rollout, including many health care providers, nursing home residents, and other seniors, will likely be eligible for a booster."

The statement continued:

"We would also begin efforts to deliver booster shots directly to residents of long-term care facilities at that time, given the distribution of vaccines to



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this population early in the vaccine rollout and the continued increased risk that COVID-19 poses to them."

The announcement arrives as the virus continues a rapid spread throughout the country, with hotspots identified in Florida, Mississippi, Texas, Oregon, and other states.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said it plans to send a trailer mortgage to San Antonio, Texas because bodies are beginning to pile there.

In South Carolina, the Pickens County School District closed schools and converted to remote learning after a dramatic Covid outbreak.

During the first week of school in El Paso, Texas, health officials reported 309 active Covid cases in children. That number rose the second week to 373, and ultimately it climbed this week to 501.

Vaccines still have not been authorized for children under 12.

Authorized Covid-19 vaccines are "remarkably effective in reducing the risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death, even against the widely

circulating Delta variant," health officials stated.

The officials continued that "current protection against severe disease, hospitalization, and death could diminish in the months ahead, especially among those who are at higher risk or were vaccinated during the earlier phases of the vaccination rollout. For that reason, we conclude that a booster shot will be needed to maximize vaccine-induced protection and prolong its durability."

The initial booster doses will be for the Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines.

Still, health officials said shots would likely be necessary for individuals who received the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

"Administration of the J&J vaccine did not begin in the U.S. until March 2021, and we expect more data on J&J in the next few weeks," the officials wrote.

We continue to expand efforts to increase the supply of vaccines globally for other countries, "building further on the more than 600 million doses we have already committed to donating globally."

## BENEFITS

# With 17 Percent of Black Families Reporting a Lack of Food, Biden Administration Gives SNAP Biggest Increase in History

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

Seventeen percent of Black families in America still report not having enough food to eat – surpassing the 10 percent of all U.S. citizens with the same problem.

But that dire circumstance could change starting in October when the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program receives its most significant increase in history. The Biden-Harris administration has approved an average 25 percent increase in benefits that should allow families more resources to

purchase food.

It marks the first time the benefit – commonly known as SNAP – increased since the program began in 1975.

"Ensuring low-income families have access to a healthy diet helps prevent disease, supports children in the classroom, reduces health-care costs and more," U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said in a statement.

"And the additional money families will spend on groceries helps grow the food economy, creating thousands of new jobs along

the way."

A U.S. Department of Agriculture study revealed that 88 percent of SNAP recipients struggled to obtain a healthy diet.

Officials said recipients would receive an average of \$147, or \$36 more per month than they previously received.

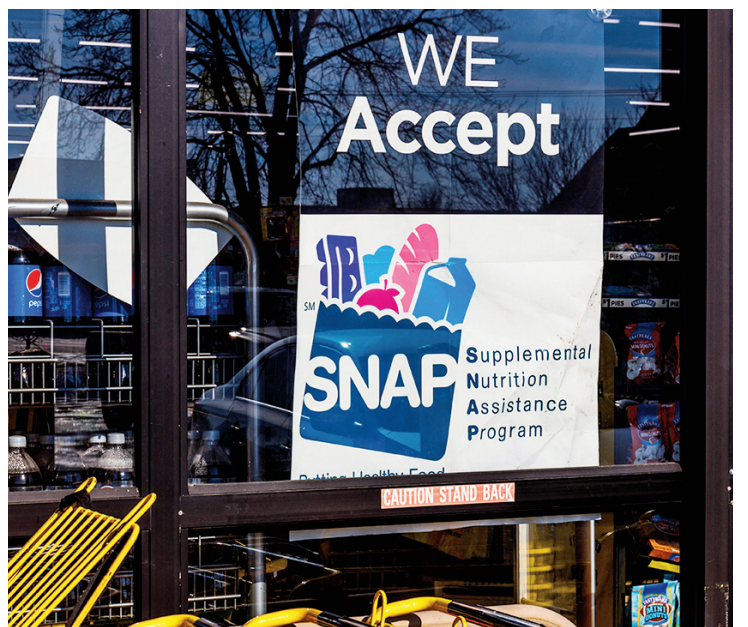
Vilsack said the department based the updated benefits formula on current food prices, dietary guidance, and nutrients found in food items. "Today is a day of great progress for struggling families across the nation,

who will soon see a permanent and substantial increase to their monthly SNAP benefits for the first time ever," noted House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.).

"Thanks to the Biden Administration strengthening this important lifeline, parents will be able to afford healthy food for their families, and children will not have to go to bed hungry."

More than 42 million Americans receive SNAP – more commonly known as food stamps.

The number of recipients rose approximately 15 per-



cent from February 2020, when the pandemic began, to April 2021.

Government officials estimate that 80 percent of those who receive SNAP benefits work and have children, those with disabilities, and seniors on fixed incomes.

The Biden-Harris administration asserted that the increase is another tool in the

fight against poverty, and it provides children with better food selections.

"This program was incredibly important for Americans," Vilsack insisted.

"The pandemic sort of shocked people from thinking, 'I would never be involved in the SNAP program.'"