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Disputing Trump, Barr says no widespread election fraud

By MICHAEL BALSAMO

WASHINGTON (AP) — Disputing President Donald Trump's persistent, baseless claims, Attorney General William Barr declared Tuesday the U.S. Justice Department has uncovered no evidence of widespread voter fraud that could change the outcome of the 2020 election.

Barr's comments, in an

interview with the The Associated Press, contradict the concerted effort by Trump, his boss, to subvert the results of last month's voting and block President-elect Joe Biden from taking his place in the White House.

Barr told the AP that U.S. attorneys and FBI agents have been working to follow up specific com-



(AP Photo/Jeff Roberson, File)

plaints and information they've received, but "to date, we have not seen fraud on a scale that could have effected a different outcome in the election."

The comments, which drew immediate criticism from Trump attorneys, were especially notable coming from Barr, who

has been one of the president's most ardent allies. Before the election, he had repeatedly raised the notion that mail-in voting could be especially vulnerable to fraud during the coronavirus pandemic as Americans feared going to

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Stay home for the holidays or get tested twice, CDC urges

By LINDSEY TANNE

Don't travel over the upcoming holidays. But if you must, consider getting coronavirus tests before and after, U.S. health officials urged Wednesday.

The said that the best way to stay safe and protect others is to stay home. The agency also announced new guidelines that short-

en recommended quarantines after close contact with someone infected with coronavirus. The agency said the risk in a shorter quarantine is small, but that the change makes following the guidance less of a hardship.

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Texas may receive initial coronavirus vaccine doses for 1.4 million people this month, Gov. Greg Abbott says

The governor said a vaccine could start arriving by mid-December. The state has said health care workers will be the first to receive voluntary vaccinations.

By Edgar Walters/Texas Tribune



A dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by BioNTech and Pfizer. Credit: BioNTech via REUTERS

Texas could receive coronavirus vaccine doses to give an initial dose to up to 1.4 million Texans in December, assuming U.S. health officials approve coronavirus vaccine candidates from drugmakers Pfizer and Moderna, Gov. Greg Abbott announced Wednesday.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has promised to send Texas as many as 1.4 million doses of forthcoming vaccines in the month of December, Abbott said. The vaccines require two doses per person, and state health officials have said health care workers will be first in

line. Abbott said the vaccine candidates would likely arrive in Texas the week of Dec. 14. A second shipment is expected to arrive in January.

"The State of Texas is already prepared for the arrival of a COVID-19 vaccine, and will swiftly distribute these vaccines to Texans who voluntarily choose to be immunized," Abbott said in a news release. "As we await the first shipment of these vaccines, we will work with communities to mitigate the spread of COVID-19."

<https://www.texastribune.org/20/12/02/texas-coronavirus-vaccine-greg-abbott/>

LL Cool J, Chuck D, Founders Talk Universal Hip Hop Museum in Black Press Livestream

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



In December, groundbreaking occurs on the historic Universal Hip Hop Museum.

Officials promise that patrons will receive thorough analysis and an untainted view of the culture's past by using leading-edge virtual and augmented reality technologies for an immersive online and offline experience not found anywhere else.

Two of hip hop's legends – and two legendary rap executives – joined Black Press USA on a livestream to discuss the forthcoming museum that celebrates and preserves the history of local and global hip hop music and

culture. The interview featured icons LL Cool J, Chuck D, former Def Jam President and Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees of the museum, Nana Carmen Ashhurst, entertainment manager Rocky Bucano, and Hip Hop Summit Chair and National Newspaper Publishers Association CEO, Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.

Each discussed the fledgling 50,000-square-foot structure that will grace the Bronx, New York.

"I'm just happy to be supportive of this museum, and it's definitely needed. Our culture needs it," stated LL Cool J,

arguably the greatest hip hop artist of all time who also stars in the hit television show NCIS and runs the Rock the Bells Radio Station on SiriusXM.

"The reality is, this is something we need desperately need 200, 300, even 400 years from now," continued LL Cool J, whose real name is James Todd Smith.

"We have to control our own narrative. This is not a popularity contest. It's about people like Rocky and Carmen, who put in the work.

"They need to be recognized and need to get that respect. Rock the Bells Radio serves the purpose that the Universal HipHop

Museum serves. It serves our culture.

"I recently saw a cover of Rolling Stone that featured Paul McCartney and Taylor Swift together. I want to see Chuck D on the cover with Meg Thee Stallion."

For Chuck D, who has traveled the world with Public Enemy and other artists and runs Enemy Radio, being a part of the Universal Hip Hop Museum is all about being attentive to the culture.

"I pay attention to and learn from people who lay the groundwork," proclaimed Public Enemy's

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Dispelling flu shot myths

During flu season, many myths spread about the flu shot. To help you understand the facts about the flu here are the top 5 flu shot myths.

Myth 1: You can get the flu from the flu shot.

Fact: The flu shot cannot give you the flu because the virus is not alive. Some people may experience side effects, such as mild soreness or muscle ache, which can be confused with symptoms of the flu. Don't worry, you're not sick, it's just your body reacting to the shot.

Myth 2: Waiting until winter will protect me longer.

Fact: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends getting your flu shot by the end of October, if possible. The flu shot takes 2 weeks to protect you so the sooner the better. Even if you don't get your shot early, it's never too late for your flu shot.

Myth 3: The flu shot doesn't work anyway.

Fact: The flu shot does work. Experts review which strains of the flu are in the other areas of the world to predict which will hit the United States. It can help prevent medical problems, decrease the time and how severe the illness is.

Myth 4: I never get the flu, so I don't need the vaccine

Fact: Avoiding the flu in the past does not mean you will not get the flu in the future. Every year a new flu season puts you at risk. You can also have the flu and give it to others by not getting the vaccine.

Myth 5: I got a flu shot last year, so I don't need one this year.

Fact: This is false. Unlike some vaccines, the flu shot must be given every year to be effective.

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'Stop the Countdown to Pain for Americans'
Submitted by Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX-30)
House Committee on Science, Space, & Technology
United States House of Representatives
November 30, 2020

As we count down towards the end of a challenging 2020, there is another tick-tock taking place that will impact millions of Americans and thousands of Dallas County residents. A large number of stimulus resources are set to expire December 31, 2020. These federal programs will affect people in our community faced with repayment of student loan debt, housing insecurity, or have recently become unemployed attributed to the global Coronavirus pandemic.

In August, President Trump issued an Executive Order to continue provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES). This order pauses the collection of federal Student Loan payments and temporarily waves interest through the end of the year. Presently, student loan payments, interest accrual, and debt collections would resume for millions of borrowers who may still be unemployed if Congress fails to act.

Another Executive Order, #13945, also provides continued support through the CARES Act. This order allows the U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to give public housing authorities, renters, and homeowners housing assistance to avoid evictions through the end of the year. If Congress fails to act, an estimated \$34 billion of that back rent that they owe their landlords could be due as early as January 1, 2021, for nearly 20 million Americans!

Other programs, such as extended unemployment assistance and paid family leave, would also end if Congress fails to come together on a strong successor to the Coronavirus relief bills. Although we passed key legislation earlier this year to address these issues, there needs to be additional assistance to end the pain and suffering for millions of Americans who are struggling with hardships.

It is encouraging that President-Elect Biden is science-focused on fighting COVID-19 on the first day of his presidency. However, north Texas and the nation cannot wait until January. I have urged President Trump and his staff to work with me and the House of Representatives to enact legislation to keep our businesses and workers afloat, fund testing and contact tracing. That must occur before the end of the year. I call on the Republican-led Senate to take action now, as the House has already done, to meet that responsibility.

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“THIS IS SURVIVAL” Part Three



“My Day”

By Dr. J. Ester Davis

What is the most important topic to date from the Dallas County Health Department? Is it contact tracing or the illusive vaccine? What groups will be receiving the proposed vaccine first? With African Americans still labeled and suffering disproportionately from the virus, where is the data addressing removing that word? Right next to this burning question..

where is partnering with the black media or the southern sector to work on solutions?

The vaccine is long distance running. An American is dying every minute today with COVID-19.

And it is NOT acceptable that African Americans live with the constant proof positive data on your ability to survive.

My Tuesday morning started with a phone call concerning a gravely ill African American community worker who was purportedly being discharged from a local hospital on a certain date without a place to go. This patient can not return home because there is no one to administer the necessary professional care. Now hold that point.

We are not in a good

place in Dallas County with the COVID-19 virus. My interview with Dr. Huang, Part 3, several months ago was a good one. He was interested in the retired African American RN’s Group created and our conference calls. The interview being good or bad is a mute issue when the community is performing at optimum levels and the health services are measuring charts, data and waving ‘the Governor is in charge’ flag. Dialoguing with eight(8) retired registered nurses (RN’s), I learned, first of all that they have not really retired. One of the nurses in our group is retired Navy with twenty(21)one years all over the world. **If a one hundred(100)year old pandemic is in the country, it calls for bolder lead-**

ership and strict attention to the most vulnerable.

Our Part One of “This is Survival” was made in an exclusive interview with Robert Ashley, KHVN, and **Commissioner John Wiley Price way back in March.** Part 2 was with Dr. Wiggins, Baylor Scott and White Hospital. Part 2 also introduced us to the proactive food shortage with the legacy of Bethlehem Foundation board members, volunteers and their intuitive community instincts.

Think about this... where will the hidden data be stored on the number of sick being put out of Dallas County hospitals?

Dr. Philip Huang can be reached at 214.819.2014. Email: Philip.Huang@dallas-county.org.

Eyeball sculpture damaged in Dallas protest being repaired

DALLAS (AP) — A large sculpture of an eyeball in downtown Dallas is in the process of being repaired after it was tagged with graffiti during a protest following

The 30-foot-high sculpture that has caught the attention of passersby since it was installed in 2013 was tagged with graffiti on May 29. The message “NOW UC US,” along with Floyd’s initials and his words, “I can’t breathe,” were spray-painted on the sculpture.

Floyd died after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee against the handcuffed Black man’s neck for several minutes while Floyd said he couldn’t breathe. His death sparked mass demonstrations around the

world. Sculptor Tony Tasset told the Dallas Morning News that a lot of the graffiti has been cleaned from the eyeball he created, but that there are some chips and cracks that will also be repaired. He said the repairs will cost “north of \$100,000.”

“It feels terrible, of course, to have your work damaged. But I’m supportive of Black Lives Matter. I’m sympathetic not to the vandalism but certainly to the anger,” Tasset said.

Tasset, who lives in Sawyer, Michigan, plans to fly to Dallas for that last phase of repairs, which are expected in March.

The eyeball was originally created for a temporary exhibit in Chicago. It was placed in a garden



Grffiti is seen on the giant eyeball sculpture, titled “Eye,” following a protest against police brutality in the early morning hours of Saturday, May 30, 2020, in Dallas. The sculpture is in the process of being repaired after it was tagged with graffiti during a protest following George Floyd’s death. (Smiley N. Pool/The Dallas Morning News via AP)

near The Joule, a luxury hotel in Dallas, in 2013 after being purchased by the hotel’s owner, Tim Headington.

Jeny Bania, a spokeswoman for The Joule, said

the eyeball has required “comprehensive cleaning and repair.” She added that moving forward, they’ll “be enhancing our electronic and personal oversight of the art.”

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front man, whose real name is Carlton Douglas Ridenhour.

“With Nana Carmen being president of Def Jam, and following her lead, that’s the way of the future,” Chuck further explained.

“I trusted Kamala Harris with my vote, not an 80-year-old president. I’m a floor general. You have to have that final narrative of what you do. When you understand art forms, having that conversation and the final word is what it’s all

about.”

Chuck added that the Black Press, with Dr. Chavis taking the lead, counts as essential a role as any in telling the story of hip hop.

“I had a stack of things to do today,” Chuck remarked. “But they told me it was Stacy Brown and Dr. Chavis – I’ve got to get on the line with my people.”

Perhaps best remembered as the first and only woman president in the history of Def Jam Records, Ashhurst helped grow the Russell Simmons-founded label

from nine to more than 141 employees.

She also helped expand Def Jam to include offices in London, Los Angeles, and New York.

“It is important that the history and culture of hip-hop be told by those who created it, lived it, and continue to change the course of popular culture throughout the world,” Ashhurst remarked.

“At the Universal Hip Hop Museum, we are curating artifacts and stories to tell the full truth of hip-hop, ensuring that we, the hip-hop commu-

nity tell the history.”

Bucano chimed in that he’s delighted to have Ashhurst as chairwoman.

“She is the best and most qualified to serve in this capacity. Her strong leadership skills and philanthropic experience are just what the museum needs as we prepare to break ground,” Bucano said, adding that he’s also grateful to hip hop legend Kurtis Blow, who serves as chair emeritus for the museum. For more information about the Universal Hip Hop Museum, visit www.UHHM.org.

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"A JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN"

St. John 9:1-7

THE HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

The passage before us is a noteworthy one because in the previous chapter, Jesus had proclaimed that He was and is "the light of the world" (St. John 8:12). Indeed, the true "Light" has come into the world and men have not recognized the uniqueness of His Divine person, nor have they appreciated the authority of His word. His authoritative "I AM" statements in this grand gospel of St. John (6:35, 8:12, 10:7, 10:11, 11:25, 14:6, 15:1) alone should have pointed the many people in Jesus' day to the fact that He is none other than the eternal Son of God; namely, God Himself clothed in human flesh (St. John 1:14).

As we note the passage before us, we find our blessed Redeemer acting in Sovereign

grace to help a man born with congenital blindness. What an unusual exhibition of Sovereign grace in operating - acting in behalf of man who could not help himself! This man is a portrait of the human race born after Adam, a race that is devoid of spiritual eyesight; thus, it is a picture of a race that is spiritually blind. According to Romans 5:12, we were all lost at birth and needed the intervention of the Master Physician to cure our spiritual lost-ness. Again, thank God through Christ for saving wretched sinners like us! We were indeed spiritually dead, having our understanding darkened and our hearts were blinded (Ephesians 4:18). The blind man's condition stimulated a question in the feeble minds

of His disciples when they asked the Master - "Who did sin, this man, or His parents, that He was born blind?" (St. John 9:2). The problem of human affliction and suffering has always been a debatable issue among men even today; however, even with our advanced know how in the field of modern medicine, there has been no cure apart from the light of God's word! The Lord wonderfully replied to the disciples' query by saying - "Neither had this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him."

I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (St. John 9:3-4). What a reply! Our Lord's reply revealed that the

man's congenital condition of blindness was not because of sin; nor was his condition caused by his parents' sin. In light of other scriptures that reveal to us that sin is the reason for human malady (Romans 5:12, 6:23), we must understand that Our Lord was saying that this man's condition was not due to some specific sin on his part or his parents, but that God might be glorified. Yes, all sickness and human affliction are remotely due to the entrance of sin; (Romans 5:12), but all sickness and human affliction are not always the direct result of some specific sin. Even in the midst of this man's condition, we find our Lord willing to render help by the urgency of the Divine constraint that was in Him, when

He said - "I must work the works of Him that sent me."

The Lord was determined always to be about "His Father's business (St. Luke 2:49), helping a ravaged and fallen humanity - devoid of spiritual light, and destined to eternal ruin! In verse 6, we find our Lord acting in Sovereign mercy - making an eye salve to heal the physical blindness of this blind beggar (v. 6, compare with v. 8). This man was blind and he was a beggar,

but because of God's mercy and the man's obedience to the Divine instruction of the Master (v. 7), He is now healed! In sovereign mercy, just as Christ healed this man of his physical blindness, He will heal any many of his spiritual blindness! Through faith in Christ's finished work on Calvary, any man who comes to Christ can be saved. Christ is still healing and giving sight to spiritually blinded ones today!

Message of the Miracle: Jesus Christ has power over sightlessness.

Applications of this Miracle

1. Our Lord is concerned about the plight of all mankind - be it physical or spiritual (St. John 9:1)
2. Sickness or affliction is not always the direct cause of some specific sin (v. 2-4).
3. There must be an "urgency" involved in our ministries (v. 4).
4. We must take advantage of every opportunity related to our ministries (v. 4).
5. All healing is Divine (v. 5-6).
6. Obedience is a prerequisite to being healed by God (v. 7).
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Austin mayor went to Mexico while urging people to stay home

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Austin Mayor Steve Adler went on vacation to Mexico with family in November as he urged people to stay home amid worsening coronavirus caseloads in Texas, at one point recording a video during the trip in which he told residents back home that now was “not the time to relax.”

Hours after the story was published, Adler issued a statement apologizing for the trip.

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polls and instead chose to vote by mail.

More to Trump's liking, Barr revealed in the AP interview that in October he had appointed U.S. Attorney John Durham as a special counsel, giving the prosecutor the authority to continue to investigate the origins of the Trump-Russia probe after Biden takes over and making it difficult to fire him. Biden hasn't said what he might do with the investigation, and his transition team didn't comment Tuesday.

Trump has long railed against the investigation into whether his 2016 campaign was coordinating with Russia, but he and Republican allies had hoped the results would be delivered before the 2020 election and would help sway voters. So far, there has been only one criminal case, a guilty plea from a former FBI lawyer to a single false statement charge.




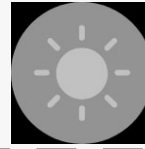
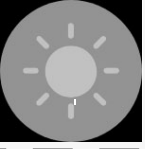

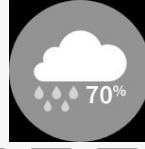
Under federal regulations, a special counsel can be fired only by the attorney general and for specific reasons such as misconduct, dereliction of duty or conflict of interest. An attorney general must document such reasons in writing.

Barr went to the White House Tuesday for a previously scheduled meeting that lasted about three hours.

Trump didn't directly comment on the attorney general's remarks on the election. But his personal attorney Rudy Giuliani and his political campaign issued a scathing statement claiming that, "with all due respect to the Attorney General, there hasn't been any semblance" of an investigation into the president's complaints.

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7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Thursday, Dec. 3	Friday, Dec. 4	Saturday, Dec. 5	Sunday, Dec. 6	Monday, Dec. 7	Tuesday, Dec. 8	Wednesday, Dec. 9
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Reality overwhelms hope for Cowboys, last in woeful NFC East

By SCHUYLER DIXON

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — In a season of so much uncertainty, the Dallas Cowboys can count on one thing: being alone in last place in the NFL's worst division going into Week 13.

While the Cowboys will say there's still hope because no team in the NFC East will have more than one win than they do, the reality speaks much more loudly.

Start with injuries after battling them all season. And that's on an offense among the worst in the NFL since star quarterback Dak Prescott's season-ending ankle injury.

The Cowboys (3-8) were supposed to play Baltimore on Thursday after a loss on Thanksgiving Day. Because of COVID-19 issues involving the Ravens, the game has been rescheduled twice, now set for Tuesday, Dec. 8, because of three postponements of the Baltimore-Pittsburgh Thanksgiving game that is now scheduled for Wednesday.

Whenever Dallas does return to the field, the idea

of getting past Washington, the New York Giants and Philadelphia to win the NFC East and make the playoffs will be far-fetched. The Cowboys have lost three straight division games, and five of six overall.

"I like to think there's a lot of football left," first-year coach Mike McCarthy said. "We all clearly have been part of this (injury) pattern and the pattern's been one way. And I'm hopeful and will be grateful when it turns the other way. I don't kind of just throw in the cards. I think you line up and play every hand to win and we'll do that against Baltimore."

Already without starting tackles Tyron Smith and La'el Collins almost the entire season because of injuries, Dallas lost two replacements on the opening drive against Washington. Zack Martin, a four-time All-Pro right guard who moved to right tackle to help fortify the line, aggravated a calf injury and will miss multiple weeks, along with

Cowboys assistant Markus Paul dies day after medical event

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys strength coach Markus Paul died Wednesday, a day after being taken to the hospital after experiencing a medical emergency at the team's facility. He was 54.

The team said the cause of death was pending.

Paul was in his third season with the Cowboys after previous being a strength and conditioning coach with the New Orleans Saints, New England Patriots, New York Jets and 12 seasons with the New York Giants. Paul was part of five Super Bowl championships, three with the Patriots and two with the Giants.

The former NFL safety played for the Chicago Bears (1989-93) and Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1993). He played in 71 games with 17 starts over those five seasons. He was a fourth-round draft pick out of Syracuse, where he

was an AP All-American as a senior in 1998.

"The loss of a family member is a tragedy, and Markus Paul was a loved and valued member of our family," Dallas owner Jerry Jones said. "He was a pleasant and calming influence in our strength room."

The Cowboys canceled practice Tuesday after Paul was taken to the hospital. The team practiced Wednesday, a day before its Thanksgiving game against Washington.

Cowboys coach Mike McCarthy called it a privilege to work with Paul as a coach and laugh with him as a friend.

"Markus Paul was a leader in this building. He earned the players respect and attention because he cared so much and was a naturally gifted communicator — both on the personal and professional levels," McCarthy said. "He handled every situation,



In this Aug. 30, 2020, photo, Dallas Cowboys strength and conditioning coordinator Markus Paul, left, talks with coach Mike McCarthy during NFL football training camp in Arlington, Texas. Paul died Wednesday, Nov. 25, a day after being taken to the hospital after experiencing a medical emergency at the team's facility. He was 54. (AP Photo/Michael Ainsworth, File)

sometimes with a smile and a pat on the back, and sometimes with tough love. He had innate toughness in a job that requires that quality, and he was admired throughout the NFL by his peers and the players he coached."

Washington head coach Ron Rivera and Paul were teammates with the Bears from 1989-92, before the

end of Rivera's playing career.

"The passing of Markus Paul is a true loss to the NFL community and anyone who had the privilege of knowing him," Rivera said. "Markus was a tremendous teammate during my time with the Chicago Bears and a good friend to me over the years.

Cam Erving, who exited four plays earlier with a sprained knee. Barring further injury, two undrafted players in Brandon Knight and Terence Steele figure to

be the starting tackles the rest of the way.

WHAT'S WORKING

Sticking with the philosophy of drafting the best player on the team's board worked well. The

Cowboys didn't expect receiver CeeDee Lamb to be there at No. 17. They grabbed him despite having greater needs elsewhere and feeling good about their top two pass-

catchers in Amari Cooper and Michael Gallup. Lamb was the first receiver in NFL history to catch at least five passes in each of his first six games.

Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas Awards \$19.3 Million in Affordable Housing Program Funds

The Subsidies Will Result in the Creation or Rehabilitation of Nearly 3,000 Housing Units

DALLAS, TEXAS, December 1, 2020 – The Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas (FHLB Dallas) is pleased to announce that, in partnership with its member financial institutions, it has awarded \$19.3 million in Affordable Housing Program (AHP) subsidies to 38 projects in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas. The subsidies will result in the creation or rehabilitation of 2,749 housing units.

"The funding announced today will go a long way toward meeting the housing needs across the District. We are grateful for our participating member institutions that have made affordable housing a priority," said FHLB Dallas President and CEO Sanjay Bhasin.

FHLB Dallas annually

returns 10 percent of its profits in the form of AHP subsidies to the communities served by its member institutions. AHP funding is utilized for a variety of projects, including home rehabilitation and modifications for low-income, elderly and special-needs residents; down payment and closing-cost assistance for qualified first-time homebuyers; and the construction of low-income, multifamily rental communities and single-family homes.

Since the AHP's inception in 1990, FHLB Dallas has awarded more than \$324 million through AHP and AHP set-aside programs, such as the Homebuyer Equity Leverage Partnership, the Special Needs Assistance Program and Disaster Rebuilding Assistance to

help more than 56,500 households.

Lara Conway, First National Bank consumer loan officer, is pleased that FHLB Dallas offers a program like AHP to help individuals and families who need it most.

"Our partnership with Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas is extremely valuable to us," Mrs. Conway said. "Through the AHP subsidy, the Mescalero Apache Tribe Housing Department will be able to better serve our Mescalero community, and at a time when people are cutting back, receiving these funds makes all the difference."

For more information about the 2020 AHP subsidies and other FHLB Dallas community investment products and programs, please visit fhlb.com/ahp.



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The no-travel advice echoes recommendations for Thanksgiving but many Americans ignored it. With COVID-19 continuing to surge, the CDC added the testing option.

"Cases are rising, hospitalizations are increasing, deaths are increasing. We need to try to bend the curve, stop this exponential increase," the CDC's Dr. Henry Walke said during a briefing.

He said any travel-related surge in cases from travel would likely be apparent about a week to 10 days after Thanksgiving.

The virus has infected more than 13.5 million Americans and killed at least 270,000 since

January.

"The safest thing to do is to postpone holiday travel and stay home," said Dr. Cindy Friedman, another CDC official. "Travel volume was high over Thanksgiving," and even if small numbers were infected, that could result in "hundreds of thousands of new infections."

"Travel is a door-to-door experience that can spread virus during the journey and also into communities that travelers visit or live," she added.

For those who decide to travel, COVID-19 tests should be considered one to three days before the trip and again three to five days afterward, the CDC said. The agency also recommended travelers

reduce non-essential activities for a full week after they return or for 10 days if not tested afterward. And it emphasized the importance of continuing to follow precautions including masks, social distancing and frequent hand-washing.

The revised quarantine guidance says people who have been in contact with someone infected with the virus can resume normal activity after 10 days, or seven days if they receive a negative test result. That's down from the 14-day period recommended since the pandemic began.

The change is based on extensive modeling by CDC and others, said the agency's Dr. John Brooks.

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Effort aims to boost enrollment of Black and English Language Learner students in Dallas ISD magnet and choice school programs



By The Hub

Dallas ISD's application period for students who wish to attend a magnet or other choice school or specialty program in 2021-2022 is now open! A district priority is to increase enrollment of Black and English Language Learner students in magnet and choice school programs.

The Magnet Schools Application Initiative, a collaborative effort of the Department of Centralized Enrollment and Magnet Programs and the Racial Equity Office (REO), is hosting

Community Conversations designed to assist interested students and families with navigating the application process and learning about the new platform Choose Dallas ISD, a one-stop application system that will make it easier for families to find the best-fit school for their child.

The virtual Community Conversations will be held on the following dates from 6 to 8 p.m.:

December 1, 3 & 17

January 12, 14, 19 & 21

Attendees will receive

assistance in identifying the best-fit magnet school for their child, along with instruction and mentoring to successfully complete the application process. The workshops are free and open to all Dallas ISD students. To register, visit www.dallasisd.org/racialequity.

For more information about magnet schools and the more than 100 choice schools and specialty programs offered in Dallas ISD, visit www.dallasisd.org/choosedallasisd. The deadline to apply is **Jan. 31, 2021**.

DART's Annual Holiday Stuff a Bus Event Returns December 4

With the holiday season just around the corner, here's your chance to make a difference in the life of someone less fortunate. Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) is reaching out to the North Texas community to support the annual "Stuff a Bus" event taking place on Friday, December 4, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at SMU/Mockingbird Station. The initiative will deliver socks and blankets to area nursing facilities – as well as new and unwrapped toys and canned food for children and families in need throughout the North Texas area.

The DART "Stuff a Bus" annual campaign is a program run by the DART Operations team. This year's donations benefit the Senior Source and Jonathan's Place.

This year's event will take place on December 4 at SMU/Mockingbird Station (5465 E. Mockingbird Lane,



Dallas) near the intersection of North Central Expressway and Mockingbird Lane. SMU/Mockingbird Station is served by DART's Red, Blue and Orange lines. Bus routes 24, 76, 81/82, 84, 521, SMU Express (Route 768), GoLink for

Lakewood and Park Cities, and the Bush Center/Meadows Museum Express (Route 743) also serve the SMU/Mockingbird Station. To ensure the health and safety of the community, a curbside donation location is also available.



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