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Texas storms bring tornadoes, injuring 8, flipping trucks



Metal parts of roof are tangled in a tree after a tornado near the storm shelter at the Barn on the Brazos wedding venue Tuesday, May 4, 2021, in Blum, Texas. Curtis Haley took shelter there as the storm hit Monday evening. (Yffy Yossifor/Star-Telegram via AP)

(AP) — At least eight people were injured when storms that brought at least five tornadoes to North tractor-trailer drivers, five Texas flipped tractor-trailers on an interstate and after the storm came damaged structures.

Three drivers were hospitalized, one with serious Todd Little told KXAS injuries, after their tractorstorms Monday night had no fatalities. along Interstate 35 near Waxahachie, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) south of Dallas, officials firmed an EF2 tornado said.

Service said Tuesday that northwest of the small an EF2 tornado with winds town of Blum, damaging up to 120 mph (193 kph) trees, structures and roofs. crossed I-35, tracking through the area for about Service said three other 5 miles (8 kilometers).

The Texas Department of Public Safety said two tractor-trailers in the southbound lanes were pushed (136 kph).

WAXAHACHIE, Texas into a center barrier and a northbound tractor-trailer was pushed into a field.

In addition to the injured others were hospitalized through Ellis County, an official said. County Judge between 25 to 50 structures trailers overturned in the were damaged, but they've

In nearby Hill County, the National Weather Service said they conwith estimated 130 mph The National Weather (209 kph) winds occurred

> The National Weather tornadoes on Monday night were rated EFO, which have winds from 65 mph (104 kph) to 85 mph

Several Dallas polling locations in predominately minority and low-income communities were closed for hours on election day.

GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS PAGE 2

Dallas lawyer takes up mission to help people avoid eviction

By JAMIE STENGLE and MICHAEL CASEY



Marcus Douglas poses for a photo on the rooftop of his apartment building in downtown Dallas, Thursday, April 15, 2021. Douglas was facing eviction due to pandemic financial hardships but he received help from Dallas attorney Mark Melton to stave off losing his home. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

DALLAS (AP) — Not long after he began posting advice last year for people facing eviction during the pandemic, Mark Melton found himself inundated with phone calls and messages.

"It became apparent really quickly that this was going to be too much of a job for one person," said Melton, a Dallas tax attorney who decided to study up on eviction law as

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Attorney Mark Melton poses for a photo in front of his home in Dallas, Friday, April 2, 2021. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

Don't skip your second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, health experts warn

BY <u>ELVIA LIMÓN</u>

As of April 25, about 5% — or 570,399 — of Texans who had received the first dose were 43 days or more past due for their second dose.

On Friday, White House health adviser Dr. Anthony Fauci had a vital message for Americans who have gotten their first dose of the Moderna or Pfizer coronavirus vaccine: Don't skip your second shot.

About 8% of people nationwide who have received one dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine have not

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Dallas C Voters



Dr. J. Ester Davis

My Day

By Dr. J. Ester Davis

Really?

Dallas has always been a leader. Dallas County for years was the 'lone ranger' big blue county in Texas. To date there are four(4)big 'blue' counties in Texas, i.e., Dallas County, Austin(Travis County), Houston(Harris County), San Antonio(Bexar County). We are moving forward and we need to remember 9.62% and never allow it to appear again. Dallas is the top choice internationally with the high speed rail, the inland port, world headquarters anchoring in North Texas and downtown neighborhood associations for the residents.

As Americans, we are honestly off to a good start. The last 100 days have been refreshingly significant. All the ambience says 'America is back'. We voted in record nation in November, 2020, raids on high officials, mainly because the death count, the raging bull in the room, was a virus. I am still troubled by the fact that a solution was left in the White House by #44 and literally "trashed" by #45. The answer to the virus was mocked by #45 and a media circus-on-tour supported Republican Party. The new solution to the virus was to place handcuffson-the-health officials, let Americans die and stuff Christmas stockings with lies. No agenda, answers, just #45 confinger-pointing stantly bashing the entire ordeal as 'fake'.

Now! Long gone are the lies, incompetency, blatant disrespect for women, encouraging vot-

controversies galore, destructive boasting, endless tweaks, race baiting, refusal to concede, indictnews attached to everything.

This week,(May 1,2021), we had an elec-Locally, Dallas County Voters, the Texas' lone blue county with tenure, with all its potential, promise, prominence and proven leadership, had a voter turnout of 9.62%. There 1,329,849 (+/-) registered voters in Dallas County. I was so disappointed. This was so unbelievable! I know we can do better. I am certain Dallas County wants 'better'. The vote is the ticket for boarding.

Meanwhile while we ers to commit voter fraud, are <u>not voting in our all</u> the leader. uplifting white supremacy, <u>important local elections</u> numbers all over the scandals-after-scandal, the other party in the Esterdavis2000@gmail.com

Texas Legislature plus 40+ other states. . . . are constantly practicing how to perfect suppressing the black vote. They are not fair nor patriotic about it. Texas Democrats have now contacted the United States Attorney General to urge the Civil Rights Division of the United States Justice Department to intervene and *monitor* the unconstitutional methods Republicans are taking to suppress the vote in Texas. That's right, Texas. While we were not voting, ments with media fake a voter suppression bill was 'crammed' through no notice Democrats on the committee. Supposedly, the bill which was rewritten behind closed doors, with no public input, no hearing, no testimony passed on a 5-4 vote. Voting, as we witnessed this season, is a sure way to not only send a profound everlasting message, but it rules. Can we please just vote in every election and use the post office in every way.

> As I was told so eloquently this week, what makes you think the "Jim Crow" days are gone?

> Dallas has always been

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Incumbent Chad West defeated three challengers in the race to represent District 1, southwest of downtown Dallas. The area includes the Bishop Arts District and north and west Oak Cliff.

District 2

First-time candidates Jesse Moreno and Sana Syed advanced to a June runoff to determine District 2's first representative in 16 years who isn't a member of the Medrano family.

District 3

Incumbent Casey Thomas won big against first-time candidate Irby Foster in the District 3 race.

District 4

Incumbent Carolyn King Arnold will face Dallas

ISD trustee Maxie Johnson next month to see who represents District 4.

District 5

Incumbent Jaime Resendez eked out ahead of his three challengers, including the mayorendorsed Yolanda Faye Williams, who came in third place.

District 6

Incumbent Omar Narvaez defeated former City Council member Monica Alonzo and three other challengers in the District 6 race.

District 7

Incumbent Adam Bazaldua was ahead of seven opponents in this year's most contested race, but is headed to a runoff against former

City Council member and real estate broker Kevin Felder.

District 8

Longtime Councilman Tennell Atkins held onto his seat in the race for South Dallas' District 8.

District 9

Incumbent Paula Blackmon defeated challengers John Botefuhr and Judy Kumar in the race for East Dallas' District 9 seat.

District 10

Incumbent Adam McGough won re-election against two-time challenger Sirrano Keith Baldeo for North Dallas' District 10 seat.

District 11

Former City Plan Commission member Jaynie Schultz and attorney Barry Wernick will face each other again in a runoff election next month for this open seat.

District 12

Incumbent Cara Mendelsohn won her second term, defeating first-time challenger Elva Curl for the District 12 seat in Far North Dallas. District 13

Gay Donnell Willis, Turtle Creek Conservancy chief executive, Leland Burk, a real estate developer were neck and neck for this open seat and will meet again in the June runoff election.

District 14

Incumbent David Blewett will face Paul Ridley, a former planning commissioner, next month.



Chauvin's lawyer seeks new trial, hearing to impeach verdict

By AMY FORLITI

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A JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

ST. JOHN 15:1-6

CHRIST – OUR TRUE VINE

By Rev. Johnny Calvin Smith

The passage of St. John 15:1-6, the focus of our study, is a very familiar one. As we continue in the study of the Upper Room Discourse, we must remember that Christ is entering into this discourse with His eleven disciples. In this section of John's masterpiece, Jesus will use the vine and branch imagery to illustrate the ultimate relationship between Him and His people. He made it vitally clear that branches must be dependent upon Him

(Vine) for productivity (fruit-bearing). In this lofty section, Christ will give vital instructions manifesting to His disciples their relationship to Him (St. John 15:1-8); their relationship to one another (St. John 15:9-17); and their relationship to the world (St. John 15:18-16:4). As disciples of Christ, we have three important responsibilities as seen in the text before us: we need to abide (remain in Him) (vs. 1-8); we need to love each other

(vs. 9-17); and we need to

testify (vs.15:18-16:4). In verse 1, we come to the last of Christ's lofty "I am" statements (St. John 6:35; 8:12; 10:9; 10:11; 14:6; 15:1). In this imagery, Christ is depicted as the True (genuine) Vine, in contrast to Israel, God's unproductive and fruitless vine, who fell short of meeting God's expectations (Isaiah 5:1-7; Hosea 10:1). In addition, Jesus likened His Father the to "Husbandman." The

gardener who works to His Vine and its branches. The Father is the great Cultivator and Protector of the Vine. As the great Cultivator and Protector will produce fruit; and of the Vine, the Father expects fruit (v. 2). An observation from verse 2 is that the emphasis is definitely on fruit bearing, for verse 2 not only says "fruit" but it also mentions "more fruit", and verses 5 and 8 mention Jesus' teaching, they were "much fruit." Obviously, the prime responsibility of the branch (believer) is to bear fruit, for a branch that is unproductive is indeed dead!

In ancient Palestine, the gardener would sever the

Father is depicted as the lifeless wood from the vine and cultivate the livproduce a harvest from ing branches so as to have a maximum yield. From verse 2 alone, one apparent thought is conveyed: "true branches of Christ mere professors of Christ will be severed from the Vine." In verse 3, Jesus had assured the eleven disciples that they had been cleansed through the word. Now that the disciples had been cleansed by urged to maintain fellowship with Him (v. 4).

It was important that His disciples heed His command in order to be fruitful. Any disruption in the flow of nutrients from the Vine to the

fruit-bearing process! Furthermore in verse 5, Christ assured His disciples that whoever would abide in Him would bear "much fruit." Abundant fruitfulness is contingent upon a believer's continual drawing from His An abiding strength. Christian is one who obeys Christ's command; and thus, he is a productive Christian! Finally, in verse 6, lifeless and burned branches, those who are professing Christians, will judged. Judas Iscariot is a prime example of one who was with Christ, but was not a believer.

May God bless!



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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The defense attorney for the former Minneapolis police officer convicted of killing George Floyd has requested a new trial, saying the court abused its discretion, and he wants a hearing to have the verdict impeached because of what he says is jury misconduct, according to a court document filed Tuesday.

Defense attorney Nelson said he is requesting a new trial in the interests of justice. He said there were abuses of discretion that deprived Chauvin of a fair trial, prosecutorial and jury misconduct and that the verdict was contrary to law.

A request for a new trial is routine following a guilty verdict and often mirrors issues that will be raised on appeal, said Mike Brandt, a Minneapolis defense attorney who has been closely following the case. If this request is denied, it can add another layer of decisions for Nelson to appeal. Brandt and others have said Chauvin's convictions are unlikely to be overturned.

Nelson cited many reasons in his request for a new trial. He said Judge Peter Cahill abused the discretion of the court and violated Chauvin's right to due process and a fair trial when he denied Nelson's request to move the trial to another county due to pretrial publicity.



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After years, court hands tax win to Michael Jackson heirs

By ANDREW DALTON

LOS ANGELES (AP)

— A U.S. tax court has handed a major victory to the estate of Michael Jackson in a years-long battle, finding that the IRS wildly inflated the value at the time of his death of Jackson's assets image, leading to an estate tax bill for his heirs that was far too high.

The IRS had put the value of three disputed aspects of Jackson's worth at the time of his 2009 death at about \$482 million. In his decision issued Monday, Judge Mark Holmes put that figure at \$111 million, far closer to the estate's own estimates.

The estate's executors said it was a huge and unambiguous victory for Jackson's children.

"We're pleased," coexecutor John Branca told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "We always try to do the right thing. We tried from the beginning to follow the IRS rules and regulations, and relied on the best experts possible. It's unfortunate that we were forced to litigate to

protect ourselves."

The judge most disagreed with the IRS over the value of Jackson's image and likeness. While the IRS put it at \$161 million, Holmes ruled it was just \$4.15 million. He noted that despite Jackson's acquittal on all counts at his 2005 trial for child molestation, the allegations continued to dog him, and while Jackson was selling out dates for a planned world tour when he died, he could not find a sponsor or merchandise partner.

"The fact that he earned not a penny from his image and likeness in 2006, 2007, or 2008 shows the effect those allegations had, and continued to have, until his death," Holmes wrote in the sprawling 271-page decision that tracks Jackson's fame and finances through most of his life.

The tax fight had led to a bill of about \$700 million after an audit of the 2013 taxes on the estate, whose heirs are Jackson's mother and three children,

penalty for underpaying.

A new tax bill will now calculated Holmes' figures, and it will include no penalties.

Jackson's 50% stake in Sony/ATV Music Publishing, a catalog that includes 175 Beatles songs; and his interest in another catalog includes the songs he wrote.

those assets at a combined total of about \$320 million. The judge found that with Jackson's debts, both combined were worth only \$107 million at the time of his death.

The ruling, awaited for years, resolves one of the few disputes that still hovered over Jackson's estate nearly a dozen years after his unexpected death on June 25, 2009, after a lethal dose of the anesthetic propofol.

week earlier when a judge lawsuit dismissed a brought by choreographer Wade Robson, one of two

about \$200 million of it a men featured in the 2019 documentary "Leaving Neverland," who alleged Jackson sexually abused him as a child. The similar lawsuit of James Also in dispute were Safechuck, the other man featured in the documentary, was dismissed in October. The men's attorney called the decisions a dangerous precedent for protecting children, and said they plan to appeal.

With years of disputes The IRS expert had put cleared and a pandemicforced delay on projects lifting, the estate's leaders feel like they are in an excellent spot to again start promoting Jackson's legacy.

"We're at an absolute turning point," Branca said. "I think people have come to realize Michael was innocent of any charges and unable to protect himself. We've got a wonderful Broadway play coming, we'll be reopening our Cirque du Another was resolved a Soleil show soon and we've got some surprises coming."

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García homers in 10th, Rangers come back to beat Twins 6-3

BY BRIAN HALL

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Adolis García hit a two-run homer in the 10th inning to complete the Texas Rangers' comeback in a 6-3 win against the Minnesota Twins on Tuesday night.

García had three hits, including his seventh home run, and three RBIs.

Kyle Gibson, making his first start against his former team, gave up three runs and three hits with eight strikeouts.

Joely Rodríguez (1-1) struck out two in a perfect ninth, and Ian Kennedy gave up a leadoff single before getting a strikeout and game-ending doubleplay grounder for his eighth save in as many chances.

after Taylor Rogers allowed Willie Cahoun's leadoff homer and Isiah Kiner-Falefa's sacrifice fly in the ninth, which followed third baseman Josh Donaldson's fielding error on Charlie Culberson's ninth. ... RHP Kohei grounder.

gave up all three runs in

Simmons managed to track down Kiner-Falefa's fly but with Simmons' back turned to the plate, Culberson raced home.

Byron Buxton hit a two-run homer in the first inning for the Twins. Willians Astudillo added a solo home run, but Minnesota only had only four hits.

Brandon Waddell (0-1) TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: INF Brock the 10th for Minnesota Holt was placed on the 10day IL with a right hamstring strain. INF Andy Ibáñez's contract was selected from Triple-A Round Rock, and he made his major league debut with a pinch-single in the Arihara played catch Shortstop Andrelton Tuesday and reported no pain in his right middle finger, but he will not start on his regularly scheduled on Wednesday. day Arihara will throw a bullpen session Thursday and would tentatively start on Saturday if he suffers no discomfort. ... C Sam Huff (right knee surgery) was moved from the 10-day to the 60-

day IL.

Twins: IF/OF Luis Arraez was placed on the seven-day IL with concussymptoms. sion-like Arraez sustained injury in a home-plate collision in Monday's game. replace Arraez, Minnesota recalled INF Nick Gordon from Triple-A St. Paul. ... RHP Michael Pineda won't start in his scheduled slot on Wednesday as he deals with a wrist injury. Pineda could possibly start on Thursday with the rest of the rotation pushed back a day. ... Rookie Alex Kirilloff was held out of Tuesday's lineup with a sore wrist.

UP NEXT Minnesota will recall



Texas Rangers' Willie Calhoun scores on a solo home run in the ninth inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, May 4, 2021, in Minneapolis. (AP Photo/Jim Mone)

LHP Lewis Thorpe (0-0, 3.60 ERA) from Triple-A start Wednesday's game. Thorpe pitched in two games earlier this season for the Twins. Texas will counter with LHP Hyeon-Jong Yang (0-0, 2.08). Yang will be

making his first major league start after he allowed two runs in two relief appearances over 8 2/3 innings. Yang, 33, played 14 seasons in South Korea before signing with the Rangers in February.

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COVID-19 began taking an economic toll on Texas residents.

Since then, Melton has recruited over 175 attorneys who have assisted more than 6,000 people. His team has helped renters understand the protections put in place to temporarily stop evictions and how to access government funds to pay rent. They've found themselves doing everything from negotiating with landlords to representing renters in court to helping them get groceries.

Melton's efforts come as more than 4 million people in the U.S. said they faced eviction or foreclosure in next two months, according to the Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey. In Texas, that number is more than 250,000.

A federal moratorium on evictions that was extended through June by the Disease Centers for Control and Prevention aims to protect most tenants but is being interpreted in different ways from state to state. Additionally, tenant advocates say landlords are still finding ways to evict tenants, and many renters often show up in court without any legal representation or sometimes unaware of their rights.

"Without representation, the majority of tenants lose their cases and ultimately are evicted," said Diane Yentel, president and CEO of the National Low

Income Housing Coalition.

Douglas, 26, was one of Eviction Advocacy Center, the tenants who turned to

Melton. He'd been just settling in to his \$1,700-a-month downtown apartment when his real estate business began drying up due to the pandemic. As the months wore on, he worked a side job delivering food, began draining his savings and turned to family for help making ends meet.

Eventually, he ended up representing himself in court during eviction proceedings. The judge suggested he call Melton.

"It kind of felt like it was a weight lifted off my back," Douglas said. He now can stay in his place till July and he's applied for rental assistance.

A review of data from over 20 cities and states found that about 81% of landlords had attorneys while only 3% of tenants did, according to the National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel.

The pandemic has shone a spotlight on this legal disparity, and more cities and states are trying to address

States like Michigan have set aside millions to provide legal assistance, and as many as eight cities now have passed laws requiring a right to counsel — moves driven by studies that show greater legal representation saves cities and states tens of millions of dollars on homeless shelters.

Melton's project, now a In Dallas, Marcus nonprofit named the Dallas doesn't turn away anyone based on their income level.

> "The more people that we have that are helping these tenants from being evicted, the better," said K'Lisha Rutledge, a Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas attorney whose caseloads have jumped in the pandemic.

> Melton said he can identify with the helplessness those facing eviction feel: He's been there himself.

Melton, who grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma, said he went straight to work after high school, married and had kids. He'd worked his way up to being a manager at a large collection agency when he found himself without a job after the company filed for bankruptcy. The bank foreclosed on his house and, thinking a bigger city would offer more opportunities, he moved to Dallas.

He started putting himself through college while working often two jobs at a time, and eventually graduated with a law degree from Southern Methodist University. He said his success was possible because of the help he got along the

"I relate to that sense of just complete and utter desperation and the necessity to rely on the charity of others just to get the most basic of things," Melton said. "It truly breaks my heart."

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returned for their second That's normal compared to what health experts have seen with other multidose vaccines. But skipping a second dose will not be as effective in preventing the spread and providing the complete protection needed against the virus that has killed more than 576,000 people in the U.S. and more than 49,000 people in Texas.

"Bottom line of my message: Get vaccinated. And if you're having a two-dose regimen, make sure you get that second dose, too,"

Fauci said. A lower percentage of people vaccinated in Texas are skipping their second dose relative to the rest of the country. As of April 25, about 5% — or 570,399 — Texans who had received the first dose were 43 days or more past due for their second dose, according to data from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Health experts say fears of side effects, an inability to take time off of work or incorrectly thinking that a single dose is enough all might be contributing factors to why some are skipping their second dose.

A recent report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are 64% effective at preventing hospitalizations in the elderly after the first dose. But after two doses.

dose, Fauci said Friday. us that you need two doses to get good protection against the virus," said Dr. John Carlo, CEO of Prism Health North Texas and a member of the state medical association's COVID-19 task force.

Carlo said another issue some Texans had earlier this year was finding a second dose, as the number of people eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine surpassed the number of vaccines available. However, he said, that's no longer an issue.

Texas is seeing its first dip in vaccine demand and a surplus in supplies since the state's vaccinations began last winter, leading local and state officials to brainstorm ways to get people to their regional vaccination hub. Strategies have included trucks driving through small rural towns with LED signs, a \$1.5 million TV and digital ad campaign and even possibly offering bobblehead

or gift card incentives. Since skipping second doses isn't unique to any part of Texas, both state and local officials are trying to spread the word of the second dose's impor-**DSHS** tance, said spokesperson Douglas Loveday.

"DSHS has launched new TV, radio and digital ads about these important issues, but we're not the only ones carrying the message," Loveday said in

they are 94% effective an email. "The governor posted a new video ... on "Everything is showing his Twitter account about the importance of getting a second vaccine dose, and our region and local partners continue to message about getting fully vaccinated."

> Loveday said the second vaccine dose is also essential in preventing the creation and spread of new COVID-19 variants — a mutation of the original virus.

> While new variants have not yet been identified as deadlier than the original coronavirus strain, according to the CDC, they can be more contagious. This can lead to more cases, more hospitalizations and, potentially, more deaths.

> Dr. Catherine Troisi, an infectious disease epidemiologist with UTHealth School of Public Health in Houston, said the first dose primes your immune system. The second dose cements the protection.

"The first dose of the vaccine may protect you from the original virus, but there are variants there," Troisi said. "Because your immune response isn't as strong without your second dose, variants can replicate and spread. The second dose lowers the odds of that happening."

Health experts Texans who have missed an appointment for a second dose shouldn't worry about having to start the

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After attending Howard University on a dual track and football scholarship, Dr. Claiborne decided to trade the sound of cheering crowds for the satisfied smiles of healthier patients. He pursued graduate studies at Wayne State University in his native Detroit Michigan, while working as a certified personal trainer. A desire to have a bigger impact on the community's health led him to Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. He then completed his internal medicine residency at Detroit Medical Center's Sinai-Grace Hospital. And it seems Dr. Claiborne never quits as he's currently studying to become a fellow of obesity medicine.

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process over again. While getting the second dose should happen within two to six weeks after the first one — and not any sooner than that — it's always better to get it late than never. If someone has missed their appointment for their second vaccine dose, they can contact their vaccine distributor to reschedule their appointment.

"There isn't going to be any shaming if you get the vaccine months later," said Dr. Diana Cervantes. assistant professor of epidemiology at University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth. "I know people might be hesitant if they missed their second dose. But it's never too late."

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The judge noted the huge success that the estate has seen since Jackson's death through such shows, a hit concert film, and several strategic decisions to



sell assets.

However, he said, the IRS appeared to be factoring those successes into its decisions rather than considering only the circumstances at the moment of Jackson's death, when

things were considerably more grim after several years of waning popularity, poor management and reckless spending from Jackson.

The judge mocked the estate's initial valuing of Jackson's image and likeness at only \$2,000, however, saying it was putting "one of the best known celebrities in the world the King of Pop — at the price of a heavily used 20year-old Honda Civic."