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## Family of Black woman shot through window sues Texas officer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Family members of a Black woman who was killed when a white police officer fired through a window of her mother's Texas home have filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the officer and the city.

The federal lawsuit was filed in the Northern District of Texas last week. It lists biological father, Jerome Eschor; her aunt, Venitta Body; and

Arita Eschor as plaintiffs. The suit names the city of Fort Worth and former officer Aaron Dean as defendants.

A city spokeswoman said he could not comment because the city had not served the lawsuit as of Monday.

Dean resigned after he was charged with murder in the Oct. 12, 2019, shooting death of Jefferson, 28. He was indicted by a grand jury in

December. A Texas judge has tentatively set a date after the coronavirus pandemic delayed the trial.

Jefferson had been babysitting her 8-year-old nephew at her mother's home when a neighbor called a non-emergency police line to report that a door was ajar. Police have said that Dean opened fire from outside through a window after "perceiving

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## Coronavirus cases in Texas are soaring again. But this time Gov. Greg Abbott says no lockdown is coming.

BY PATRICK SVITEK AND DAN ROSENZWEIG-ZIFF

On June 26, Texas was reporting 5,102 people had been hospitalized due to the coronavirus, breaking a new record for the state. The positivity rate — the portion of tests that come back positive — had hovered above Gov. [Greg Abbott's](#) "warning flag" level of 10% for more than a week.

Abbott swept into action. For a second time in months, the Republican governor shut down bars and rolled back restaurant capacity. Six days later, he took arguably his most drastic action yet, announcing a statewide mask mandate.

This week, more than 7,400 Texans are hospitalized for COVID-19, and the positivity rate has exceeded 10% for over three weeks.

But the governor's strat-



Gov. Greg Abbott at a June press conference about the coronavirus. Abbott hasn't held a press conference during the most recent surge. Credit: [Ricardo B. Brazziell/Pool via Austin American-Statesman](#)

egy as the state heads into the holidays is to stay the course, relying on a 2-month-old blueprint to claw back reopenings regionally based on hospitalizations. The mask order remains in place, but last week he ruled out "any more lockdowns," and tensions are again ris-

ing with local officials who want more authority to impose safety restrictions.

"We need the state to step in and lead or get out of the way and let us lead," Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo told

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## Biden's DIY transition proceeds without Trump assistance

By STEVE PEOPLES, DEB RIECHMANN and ZEKE MILLER



President-elect Joe Biden attends a national security briefing at The Queen theater, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, in Wilmington, Del. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — President Donald Trump's [refusal to cooperate with his successor](#) is forcing President-elect Joe Biden to seek unusual workarounds to prepare for [the exploding public health threat](#) and evolving national security challenges he will inherit in just nine weeks.

Blocked from the official intelligence briefing

traditionally afforded to incoming presidents, Biden gathered virtually on Tuesday with a collection of intelligence, defense and diplomatic experts. None of the experts is currently affiliated with the U.S. government, raising questions about whether Biden is being provided the most up-to-date information about dangers facing the

nation. [Vice President-elect Kamala Harris](#) received a more formal briefing Tuesday as a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, though still has relatively limited information about the specific threats Biden will inherit.

And as the worst pandemic in a century bears down on the U.S. with

renewed ferocity, the current administration is blocking Biden from collaborating with its response team. Biden's representatives instead plan to meet directly with pharmaceutical companies this week to determine how best to distribute at least two promising vaccines to hundreds of mil-

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## Michigan GOP backtracks after blocking vote certification

By ED WHITE

DETROIT (AP) — In an abrupt about-face, Michigan's largest county on Tuesday night unanimously certified election results showing Democrat Joe Biden defeating President Donald Trump, hours after Republicans first blocked formal approval of voters' intentions.

The initial move was quickly condemned by Democrats, election experts and spectators at the Wayne County Board of Canvassers online meeting as a dangerous attempt to block the results of a free and fair election.

"We depend on democratic norms, including that the losers graciously accept defeat. That seems to be breaking down," said Joshua Douglas, a law professor at the University of Kentucky.

The state vote certification process is usually a

routine task, and the ultimate resolution in Wayne County propels Biden toward formal victory in Michigan. Still, Tuesday's chaotic developments are likely to sow more doubt among Trump's supporters in the election results and could galvanize Republicans in other states to try to look for ways to slow down the final steps in making his loss official.

Republicans are also trying to stop formal certification of the election results in other swing states, including Arizona, Nevada and Pennsylvania. Biden crushed Trump in Wayne County, a Democratic stronghold, by more than a 2-1 margin and won Michigan by 146,000 votes, according to unofficial results. His victory reversed Trump's surprise 2016 gains in the industrial Midwest and

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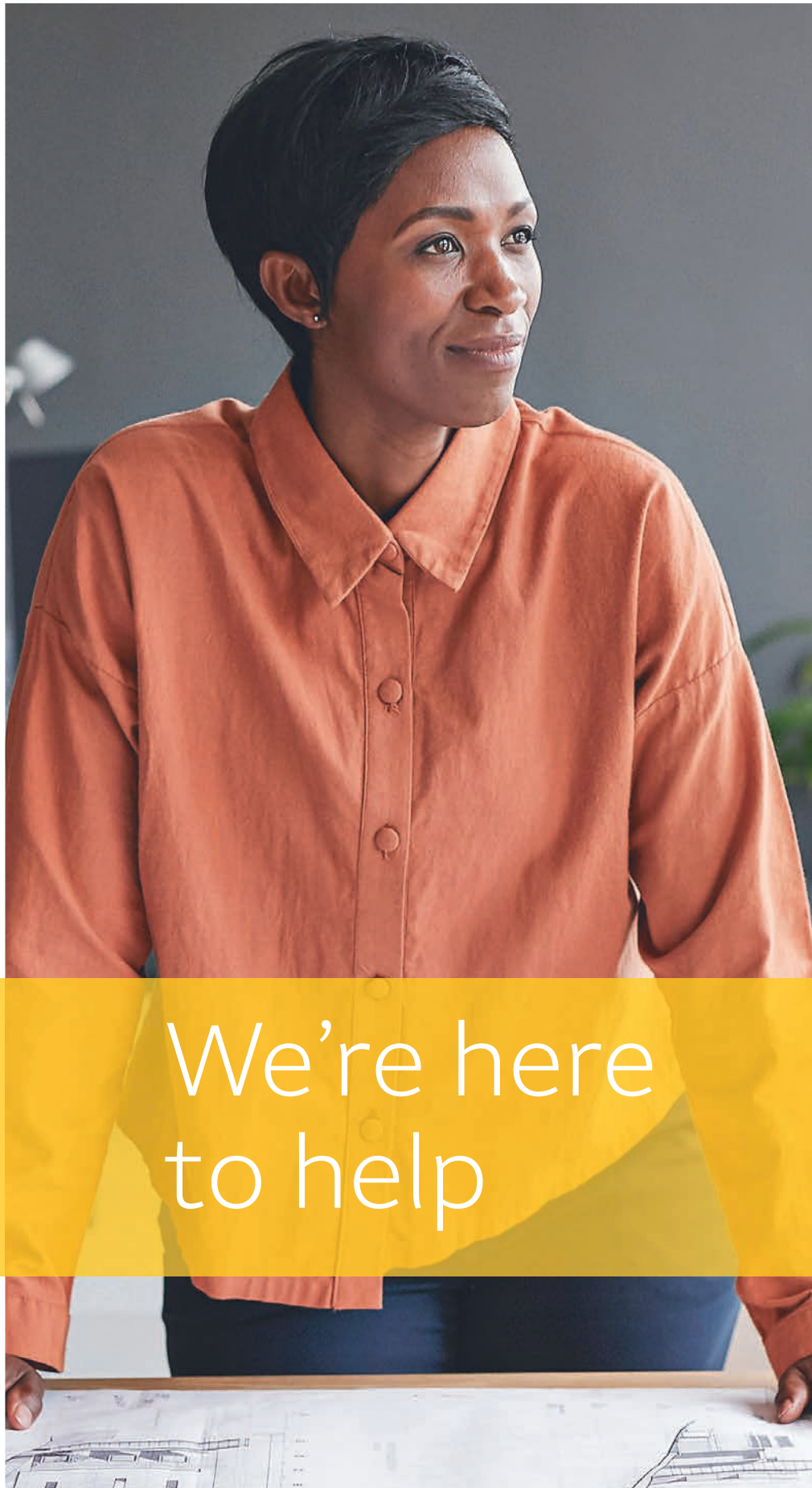


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## Rebuilding: Where Should You Make Changes To Thrive In Tomorrow's Economy?

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All of us have had to adjust to living in a very different world. We're faced with the realization that COVID will affect our lives for the foreseeable future. Plans for personal finances, small businesses and even attending college have all been altered. Despite these unexpected life changes, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Wells Fargo is here to help you rebuild a stronger financial foundation, even in the midst of the unexpected.

### How can I rebuild and grow my personal finances during challenging times?

Making any kind of savings or credit goals can feel overwhelming, but there are simple money management solutions that can assist in making your goals a reality. First, it's a good idea to conduct a financial health check-up to know where you currently stand. You can do this by reviewing your credit report to be on the lookout for any discrepancies, calculating your debt to income ratio, and assessing your emergency savings. It's also important to determine if you need to obtain health insurance or plan for retirement. Depending on the results of your financial health check-up, you may need to consider more proactive strategies to help you gain financial stability. We suggest starting by writing down your goals and creating an action plan. Starting small and building over time will make each goal more achievable.

### How can students financially prepare for 2021?

Students heading to college may be rebuilding their education funds to prepare for next year's expenses. As a first step, we suggest adjusting your FAFSA to reflect any financial changes over the past months, which will be helpful if you need to appeal your school's financial aid offer. The majority of campuses

have moved to distance learning, which can be a helpful benefit when you're trying to plan your next semester costs. If you're still falling short, you can apply for emergency grants, such as the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. Your school's financial aid office can also connect you to many emerging micro-scholarships. If financial gaps remain, consider transferring to a lower-cost institution to make the most of your education funds.

### What can my business do to stay on track in the new year?

The holidays and new year will look very different from last year. It's important to plan ahead with realistic sales projections that reflect how the weather, COVID spikes, and other variables will affect your business. Ensuring your production processes and social-distancing guidelines are streamlined can set your business up for success. It's helpful to have relationships with professional organizations, mentors, and even customers who can help you keep up with trends. These relationships go a long way when negotiating with vendors for discounts and learning how to best meet your consumers' needs.

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## People magazine names Michael B. Jordan as Sexiest Man Alive

By JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.



(Photo by Jordan Strauss/Invision/AP, File)

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Michael B. Jordan has been crowned as 2020's Sexiest Man Alive by People Magazine.

Jordan, known for his critically-acclaimed performances in "Fruitvale Station," "Creed" and "Black Panther," was revealed as this year's winner Tuesday night on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"

The actor appeared on the late-night talk show dressed in a yellow bio-hazard suit. He revealed his identity after removing his helmet, which had a smiley face. He said he learned about the honor during a call from his publicist while driving with a friend.

Jordan tells the magazine in an issue out Friday that the honor is a "cool

feeling."

"You know, everybody always made that joke, like, 'Mike, this is the one thing you're probably not going to get,'" he said. "But it's a good club to be a part of."

Other recent winners include John Legend, Dwayne Johnson, Chris Hemsworth, Idris Elba, Adam Levine, Channing Tatum and David Beckham.

The 33-year-old Jordan said the women in his family are "definitely proud of this one." He credits his entire family for supporting him throughout the years.

"When my grandmother was alive, it was something that she collected, and then my mom naturally reads it a lot and my aunts as well," Jordan said. "This is one that they're definitely going to have a special place for."

Jordan has been active in the Black Lives Matter movement and vocal about early voting registration for this year's election.

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lions of Americans, the biggest logistical challenge to face a new president in generations.

The moves reflect how Biden is adjusting to a historically tense transition. With no sign that Trump is prepared to facilitate soon a peaceful transfer of power, Biden and his team are instead working through a series of backup options to do the best they can to prepare for the challenges he will face as soon as he takes office in January.

Declining to criticize Trump, Biden acknowledged Tuesday that he has "not been receiving briefings that would ordinarily come by now" as he opened his virtual meeting with the national security experts.

Biden said he was preparing to inherit "a divided country and a world in disarray."

Weeks after the election, Trump continues to block Biden's access to the administration's pandemic and national security briefings, falsely claiming that Biden is not the legitimate president-elect because of non-existent voter fraud. The Democrat defeated the Republican president on Nov. 7, and Trump's flailing legal strategy to block certification of the election results is quickly fizzling out.

White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany said Wednesday on Fox News Channel that the Trump administration "is

doing everything statutorily required" for a transition. But she blamed the General Services Administration, an obscure government agency whose leader, Emily Murphy, has yet to certify Biden as the winner, for stalling the process of officially launching the transition.

A study released Tuesday by the Center for Presidential Transition at the nonpartisan Partnership for Public Service warned that an abbreviated transition could impair Biden's ability to fill the more than 1,200 administration jobs requiring Senate confirmation, including key Cabinet and sub-Cabinet posts on the front lines of addressing the pandemic.

A growing group of Republicans have begun to state publicly what Trump will not: Biden will become the next president on Jan. 20. Even Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a staunch Trump ally, referred to Biden as the American "president-elect" for the first time Tuesday.

"He isn't getting the briefings that the president-elect should be getting, but that's not going to stop him from doing everything he can to prepare and execute during this transition period," said Biden transition spokesman T.J. Ducklo.

Trump's decision to block the transfer of power has forced Biden to navigate the life-and-death business of vaccine distribution with limited information.

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put Biden on the path to clearing the 270 Electoral College votes needed to win the White House.

Still, Trump and his allies have launched an array of baseless attacks on the integrity of the election and numerous lawsuits aimed at slowing down the formal vote certification process. Each state certifies its election results and the Electoral College meets Dec. 14 to codify the results.

In Michigan, Trump allies and Republican poll challengers have spent days launching unsuccessful litigation. They claimed fraud during absentee ballot counting at a Detroit convention center, but two judges found no evidence and refused to stop the canvassing process.

It's against that backdrop that the Wayne County Board of Canvassers met Tuesday. In a rare and extraordinary move, they did not bless the will of Detroit-area voters. Instead, the panel split in a 2-2 vote, with Republicans voting against certification of the results.

Monica Palmer, one of the two Republicans, said poll books in certain precincts in Detroit — a majority-Black city — were out of balance. Jonathan Kinloch, a Democrat on the panel, said the discrepancies were the result of "human error" and called it "reckless and irresponsible" to

not certify the results.

There has been no evidence of widespread voting fraud in Michigan, or in any other state. Federal and state officials from both parties have declared the 2020 election safe and secure.

Still, Trump has spent the two weeks since Election Day raising false claims of voter fraud and refusing to concede to Biden. He relished the initial developments in Michigan, tweeting, "Having courage is a beautiful thing."

But the broader condemnation was swift, including from the meeting's online spectators, who blasted Palmer and fellow Republican William Hartmann during a public comment period over Zoom.

The Rev. Wendell Anthony, a well-known pastor and head of the Detroit branch of the NAACP, called their actions a "disgrace."

"You have extracted a Black city out of a county and said the only ones that are at fault is the city of Detroit, where 80% of the people who reside here are African Americans. Shame on you!" Anthony said, his voice rising.

Ned Staebler, a vice president at Wayne State University in Detroit, said, "The stain of racism that you, William Hartmann and Monica Palmer, have just covered yourself in is going to follow you throughout history."

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The lawsuit says Dean "intentionally and with conscious, callous, deliberate and unreasonably indifference" used excessive force in fatally shooting Jefferson.

The Fort Worth police department said it was not

able to comment on the lawsuit.

The suit says the city of Fort Worth "knew or should have known that Defendant Aaron Dean exhibited a pattern of escalating encounters with the public," and failed to adequately train or supervise police officers.





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**Small Business Grant Opportunity**

The City of Dallas is offering up to \$5000 to assist small businesses impacted by the economic downturn caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic. The primary focus of the Small Business Grant Program is to fund Minority Women-Owned Businesses in Southern Dallas. For more information click here; <http://www.dallascitynews.net/small-business-grant-program-give-3000-eligible-small-businesses-nonprofits>  
**Addressing the Digital Divide Survey**  
The City of Dallas' Office of Equity and Inclusion, Resilience Division, in partnership with Dallas Independent School District is exploring ways to improve internet service through a new internet usage survey. The internet usage survey helps the City better understand and address the digital divide in our community.

Through the internet usage survey, residents are able to provide feedback that assists the partnership while developing strategies that improve internet accessibility and affordability. This ensures residents have the skills needed to make the most effective use of broadband and also identifies locations that lack such service. Respondents are asked to visit <https://dallas.speedsurvey.org> through their home internet connection to answer a few questions related to their service. The survey will collect non-personal data and be used solely for the city's planning efforts. If you have any questions, please email [officeofresilience@dallascityhall.com](mailto:officeofresilience@dallascityhall.com)  
**Deck the Plaza – Festival of Lights Drive-Thru**  
The City of Dallas will host **Deck the Plaza 2020** on Saturday, November 21 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. The event will be a public,

contactless, holiday drive-thru tree lighting at City Hall Plaza. The proposed route will begin eastbound on Young Street at Akard Street and turn south on Browder Street, adjacent to the Plaza. The caravan will enter City Hall Plaza on Marilla Street, and proceed through some holiday entertainment offered by the Office of Arts and Culture, socially distanced waves of good cheer from volunteer city staff and elected officials, a festival of lights and decorations, and end with a grand finale -- a 35-foot holiday tree. As they caravan in their vehicles, attendees will be treated to holiday music and recorded messages from elected officials on Classical 101.1 WRR-FM. There will be no giveaways in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Public health protocols will be strictly enforced. Walk-ups will not be allowed, and all attendees will be required

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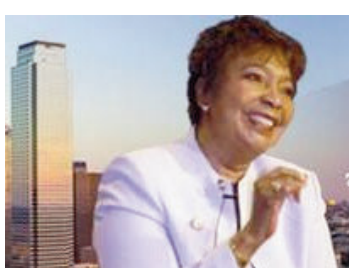
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## Fighting COVID-19 During the Holiday Season

We know that as a Nation, this coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) has interrupted and impeded almost every facet of normal life. And, we recognize that this holiday season will be no different. Understanding there is a natural desire to end this long and stressful year by gathering with family and loved ones; however, we Texans must make sure that we remain safe during this COVID-19 public health crisis. Never has our society faced a challenge such as this in modern history. These are truly unprecedented times. These times merit our relentless efforts to lessen and prevent the ongoing damages of the coronavirus.

This past week, Texas became the first state in the United States to record more than 1 million confirmed COVID-19 cases – more than the state of California north of 998,000. Specifically, in Dallas County, we have experienced over 105,000 cases and 1,140 deaths. It is even more concerning that this pandemic is nowhere close to being over and is expected to significantly worsen during this winter season where we will compete with navigating both the cold and flu season. What has been even more devastating to observe is the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on our communities of color. During

this pandemic, our families are forced to deal with alarming statistics – higher rates of comorbidities for our most vulnerable populations with pre-existing conditions, more barriers in accessing medical care and testing as well as worse health outcomes to include higher mortality rates due to this virus. Because of this, we must approach this holiday season with care and common sense. Further, as good neighbors, we must continue to socially distance, wear CDC-approved masks, and get our flu shots. We must make sure that we do not endanger vulnerable members of our communities – including our sen-

iors, young children, and those who are pre-disposed to contracting COVID – with inadvertent exposure to this virus. Every day, our nation sees the need for further action to combat this global public health crisis. As your Congressional Representative and former bedside Nurse, I implore you to join me in observing a safe and socially distant holiday season, so that everyone in our communities can survive to celebrate for many years to come. For information and resources on COVID-19, please visit my website at <https://ebjohnson.house.gov/>.

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**"A JOURNEY THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN"**  
*St. John 8: 12 - 32*

**CHRIST, THE GREAT LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

BY REV. JOHNNY CALVIN SMITH

In the previous verses, we were introduced to Christ's meeting with an adulterous woman and the vicious attack made by her enemies. In that lesson, we discussed that their chief aim or purpose for bringing her was to discredit Jesus before the people, thinking that they could trap Him, for St. John 8:6 says: "This they said, tempting Him, that they might have to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down, and with His finger wrote on the ground, as though He heard them not." With peerless wisdom, our Lord disarmed them by presenting the law for which they tried to condemn the adulterous woman; thus instead of the adulterous woman being condemned, they were condemned (v. 9). This woman had received a reprieve from Jesus, for her life was completely pardoned (v. 11). In verse 12, after Christ's meeting with the adulterous woman and that of her accusers, He resumes His teaching session which started in verse 2 and interrupted in verse 3. His enemies' cruel interruption of Christ's teaching session did not distract Him from teaching the people. Verse 12, brings us to Christ's second "I am" statement.

This statement deserves our caution consideration. Christ is the moral illumination (light) of all men; however, He is only the spiritual

light to those who believe. Christ is the only hope of mankind, for He is the only source of eternal life. Because our Lord had made such a profound claim to Deity in the "I am" statement of v. 12, the Pharisees in verse 13 are seen combating His statement or claim. In fact, their vehement rejection of His statement, evidenced that they repudiated or denied His personhood. Nevertheless, in Christ's reply to them in verse 14, Christ maintained that His witness was true or valid, and also stated that in verse 15 that His critics were judging according to outward appearance. These critics of Christ in verse 15 had formed their conclusion

of Him according to the flesh, but our Lord judges according to spiritual principles.

Having stated that He judges according to spiritual principles, Christ asserts His absolute and complete oneness with the Father by saying: "I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me" (v. 16). Citing the Mosaic law, Christ stated that the law required the testimony of two witnesses to substantiate the truth. To validate that His witness was true or valid, Christ appealed to the witness of the Father, as well as the witness of Himself (v. 18). Verse 19 brings to bear the utter darkness of the hearts of His critics; thus, it also proves that His critics could not receive His witness because they did not know the Father. Although, the Pharisees were bitterly angry with Christ, they were powerless to implement their venomous design to kill Christ until God permitted it (v. 20). These solemn words in verse 21 are indeed tragic. Because of His critics' utter unbelief, they will never dwell with Him. In other words, to dwell with Christ, one must be righteous through faith in Christ; moreover, one can only gain righteousness through God's substitute for sin - the Lord Jesus (II Corinthians 5:21).

The questions posed by Christ's critics further evidenced or proved that they were natural men, not able to discern spiritual things (v. 22). In verse 23, Christ is citing the reason why His critics did not understand His word nor receive His witness. The reason being: "There is a vast gulf between Himself and them; they are earthly and He was from above." Continuing His discourse, Christ continued to insist that if His critics reject His witness, they will "die in their sins" (v. 24). The reliable testimony of Christ was true (v. 25), and was in total agreement with what the Father said (v. 26). It is fairly evident from verse 27 that Christ's critics needed to be spiritually illuminated to understand spiritual things. Christ's full vindication of Himself will be manifested at the cross, and the manifestations of His Divine glory thereafter would prove clearly that He is the Messiah (v. 28).

Although His critics were spiritually blind and regarded Him as an impostor, Christ knew that He met the Father's approval and would be completely vindicated (v. 29). Although His critics were impressed with His words, we have no evidence that they believed to the saving of their souls (v. 30). In verse 31, Christ declared the genuine mark of a disciple is his continuance in His word, and genuine disciples of Christ have been spiritually set free (v. 32).

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## JOB POSTING

**Project Name:** Medical City – Spine OR 5 & 6  
**Project Location:** 11990 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, TX

Brasfield & Gorrie is seeking bids from qualified subcontractors & suppliers for the HCA Medical City Spine OR 5 & 6 Buildout. The 2,443 SF project consists of major interior renovations and several MEP infrastructure upgrades.

HCA and Medical City Dallas strongly support and promote DBE participation. Bid packages are available on November 24<sup>th</sup>, and include:

- Demolition
- Millwork
- Doors, Frames, & Hardware
- Glass & Glazing
- Drywall
- Paint & Wallcovering
- Flooring
- Division 10
- Mechanical & Plumbing
- Electrical

**There will be a virtual project symposium held via zoom meeting on Monday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm.**

Bidding documents will be issued on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> through Building Connected. Additional information to be provided during project symposium.

Additional Upcoming Project Opportunities at Medical City Dallas:

- Central Sterile Renovation & Vertical Expansion

*\*More information to be provided about this project during the virtual symposium.*

Please contact Eva Hartman for further questions regarding the symposium log in information and accessing Building Connected: [Ehartman@brasfieldgorrie.com](mailto:Ehartman@brasfieldgorrie.com)

## District's second racial equity webinar featuring community panel set to air Tues., Dec. 8

DALLAS — Racism and racial bias are alive and well in Dallas ISD and the city overall, in the view of five panelists involved in racial equity work in Dallas. The five took part in an hour-long recorded webinar which will premiere at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 8, as the second in a series of webinars organized by the school district's Racial Equity Office. Pre-registration is required to receive a link to view the webinar link or visit the REO website to learn more. Titled "Using CQ to

Create an Anti-Racist School Community," the webinar features panel members responding to questions from moderator Dr. Sandra Upton of the Cultural Intelligence Center. Dr. Upton is facilitating the district's racial equity push, which includes community conversations, teacher and staff training and commitments to reallocate district resources to improve services to Black students and English learners—two groups that district officials say have been underserved due to historic racist policies. Panelist Miguel Solis, former District 8 trustee on

the Dallas ISD Board of Trustees, summing up the general view of the panel, said that while the district has achieved progress on equity, it still has a long way to go to grant the benefits of equity to all students. "When we look at the data on academic achievement of our African American students, it blows my mind that, year to year, we're still not closing the gap in reading and mathematics. Add to that the disproportionate impact that our disciplinary practices are still having on especially Black male students, and something has got to be done."

reporters Tuesday.

Public health experts and elected officials acknowledge they are up against a stronger sense of "COVID fatigue" than ever — a malaise that appears to be reflected in the state response.

"The numbers are quite alarming, to be honest, because it's not showing any sign of slowing down," said Rajesh Nandy, associate professor of biostatistics and epidemiology at the University of North Texas Health Science Center. However, Nandy added, "it seems like at this point, there's not a lot of will, even among people, for a full-scale stay-at-home [order] like [Abbott] did in March because, of course, it has other consequences."

Also in the interviews, Abbott touted that a new antibody therapy drug, Eli Lilly and Co.'s bamlanivimab, would start being distributed to Texas hospitals this week. Shipments of the Regeneron antibody cocktail will soon follow, he said. That is the treatment President Donald Trump took when he had the virus last month.

"We are not going to have any more lockdowns in the state of Texas," Abbott told Dallas radio host Mark Davis on Thursday. "Our focal point is gonna be working to heal those who have COVID, get them out of hospitals quickly, make sure they get back to their normal lives."

*"This story has been edited for length."*

<https://www.texastribune.org/2020/11/18/texas-coronavirus-lockdown/>

# SPORTS/NEWS PAGE

## 7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

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Friday, Nov. 20



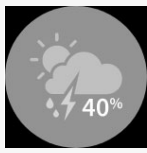
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Sunday, Nov. 22



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### Cowboys QB Dalton returns from concussion, COVID-19 setbacks



FILE - In this Oct. 25, 2020, file photo, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Andy Dalton (14) looks to pass the ball against the Washington Football Team in the first half of an NFL football game in Landover, Md. Dalton has been cleared for practice after clearing the protocols for a concussion and COVID-19. Coach Mike McCarthy said Dalton participated in an informal practice Monday, Nov. 16, 2020, the first day back for the Cowboys coming off their open week. (APPhoto/Patrick Semansky, File)

### NFL assembles all-Black officiating crew for first time

By ROB MAADDI

The NFL will have an all-Black officiating crew for the first time in league history when the Rams play the Buccaneers on Monday night.

"This historic Week 11 crew is a testament to the countless and immeasurable contributions of Black officials to the game, their exemplary performance, and to the power of inclusion that is the hallmark of this great game," said Troy Vincent, NFL executive vice president of football operations.

The crew consists of: referee Jerome

Boger, umpire Barry Anderson, down judge Julian Mapp, line judge Carl Johnson, side judge Dale Shaw, field judge Anthony Jeffries and back judge Greg Steed.

Five members of the crew work together regularly. Johnson and Steed will join the group for this game. The crew has a combined 89 seasons in the league and has worked six Super Bowls.

"I am proud of my heritage and excited about my participation in this historic game," Boger said.

"The opportunity to work with a great group of Black officials and exhibit our proficiency in executing our assignment is something I am really looking forward to."

The league has assigned crews based on geography this season to limit travel due to the coronavirus pandemic. Crew assignment guidelines have also been relaxed to assign officials to games closer to their homes when feasible.

The first Black official in any major sport was Burt Toler, hired by the NFL in 1965.

### Tyson Foods Sponsors Sherman's 24th Annual Bob Skaggs Memorial Food Drive

**WHAT:** Tyson Foods is sponsoring the 24th Annual Bob Skaggs Memorial Food Drive in Sherman, Texas. All the donations go to local people through the Grayson County Salvation Army. This is the largest food drive benefiting the Salvation Army in the state of Texas.

**WHEN:** November 23 - 25, 2020  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6a.m. - 8p.m.  
November 24<sup>th</sup>, 6a.m. - 8p.m.  
November 25<sup>th</sup>, 6a.m. - 12p.m.

**WHERE:** Nonperishable food items and donations can be dropped off at the Sherman Walmart. Online donations can be made at: <https://give.salvationarmytexas.org/campaign/bob-skaggs-memorial-food-drive/c310458>

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**CONTACT:** Tyson Foods: Derek Bureson, 479-290-6466, [Derek.Bureson@Tyson.com](mailto:Derek.Bureson@Tyson.com)

### Munger Avenue Baptist Church Celebrates Their 126th Church Anniversary/Homecoming/ Family Day and Honors Sis. Delora Penny



"Except the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it." On Sunday, November 22, 2020, Munger Avenue Baptist Church will celebrate 126 years of existence and honor Sis. Delora Penny for 87 years of continuous service.

Munger Avenue was organized as Galilee Baptist Church in 1894 by Rev. A. H. Smith and a small number of Christian followers. The church was relocated in 1911, and the name Galilee was changed to Munger Avenue Baptist Church in 1912 with the erection of a new church building.

The church continued to thrive and grow and, in 1969, celebrated the 75th Diamond Anniversary. During that time, the church

front entrance changed from Munger Avenue to Lucille Street.

In 1994 the church experienced more renovations, the 100th Centennial Celebration, and a Historical Marker was awarded to Munger by the Texas Historical Society.

Sis. Delora Penny joined the church at age ten and has remained a continuous and faithful member since 1933. She has witnessed the many different phases, renovations, accomplishments, and transitions of the church. During her membership tenure, she participated in the following activities: the usher board, mission, the lead financial person on annual days special church events and a Sunday School teacher.

She has been under the leadership of 6 pastors and has worked faithfully with each. Pastor W. C. Davis serves as the present Pastor.

Sis. Penny gave two important closing statements that she lives by, "In this time we need a Savior, who is God, and He said in His word, I'll never leave you or forsake you."

Sis. Penny is the mother of 3 children; James Jr., Sandra, and Gregory, who is deceased, and nine grandchildren. Her favorite song is "God Specializes."

The 126th Anniversary Homecoming Family Day theme is "A Church Celebrating the Blessings of A Faithful God." Psalm 100.



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