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Debate commission says it will make changes to format

Trump to far-right extremists: ‘Stand back and stand by,’

By KATHLEEN RONAYNE and MICHAEL KUNZELMAN

President Donald Trump on Tuesday didn't condemn white supremacist groups and their role in violence in some American cities this summer, branding it solely a "left-wing" problem and telling one far-right extremist group to "stand back and stand by."

"Almost everything I see is from the left wing, not from the right wing," said Trump, whose exchange with Democrat Joe Biden left the extremist group Proud Boys celebrating what some of its members saw as tacit approval.

He was responding to a question from debate moderator Chris Wallace, who asked the president if

he would condemn white supremacist and militia groups that have shown up at some protests. Wallace specifically mentioned Kenosha, Wisconsin, where a white teenager was charged with killing two protesters during demonstrations over the police shooting of Jacob Blake, a Black man. Trump has repeatedly blamed "antifa," which stands for the anti-fascist movement.

"I'm willing to do anything. I want to see peace," Trump said. "What do you want to call them? Give me a name."

"Proud Boys," Democrat Joe Biden chimed in.

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Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden gestures as President Donald Trump walks onto stage for the first presidential debate Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2020, at Case Western University and Cleveland Clinic, in Cleveland. (Olivier Douliery/Pool vi AP)

NEW YORK (AP) — The presidential debate commission says it will soon adopt changes to its format to avoid a repeat of the disjointed first meeting between President Donald Trump and Democrat Joe Biden.

The commission said Wednesday the debate "made clear that addition-

al structure should be added to the format of the remaining debates to ensure a more orderly discussion of the issues."

One possibility being discussed is to give the moderator the ability to cut off the microphone of one of the debate participants while his opponent is talking, according to a

person familiar with the deliberations who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The next presidential debate is a town hall format scheduled for Oct. 15 in Miami.

Moderator Chris Wallace struggled to gain

control of the 90-minute debate in Cleveland because of frequent interruptions, primarily by Trump.

Wallace, of Fox News, pleaded for a more orderly debate, at one point looking at Trump and saying, "the country would be bet-

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COVID-19 cases rising among US children as schools reopen

By LINDSEY TANNER

After preying heavily on the elderly in the spring, the coronavirus is increasingly infecting American children and teens in a trend authorities say appears fueled by school reopenings and the resumption of sports, playdates and other activities.

Children of all ages now make up 10% of all U.S. cases, up from 2% in April, the American Academy of Pediatrics reported Tuesday. And the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Monday that the incidence of COVID-19 in school-age children began rising in early September as many youngsters returned to their classrooms.

About two times more teens were infected than younger children, the CDC report said. Most infected children have mild cases; hospitalizations and death rates are much lower than in adults.

Dr. Sally Goza, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, said the rising numbers are a big concern and underscore the importance of masks, hand-washing, social distancing and other precautions.

"While children generally don't get as sick with the coronavirus as adults, they are not immune and there is much to learn about how easily they can transmit it to others," she said in a statement.

The CDC report did not indicate where or how the children became infected.

Public health experts say the uptick probably reflects increasing spread of the virus in the larger community. While many districts require masks and other precautions, some spread in schools is

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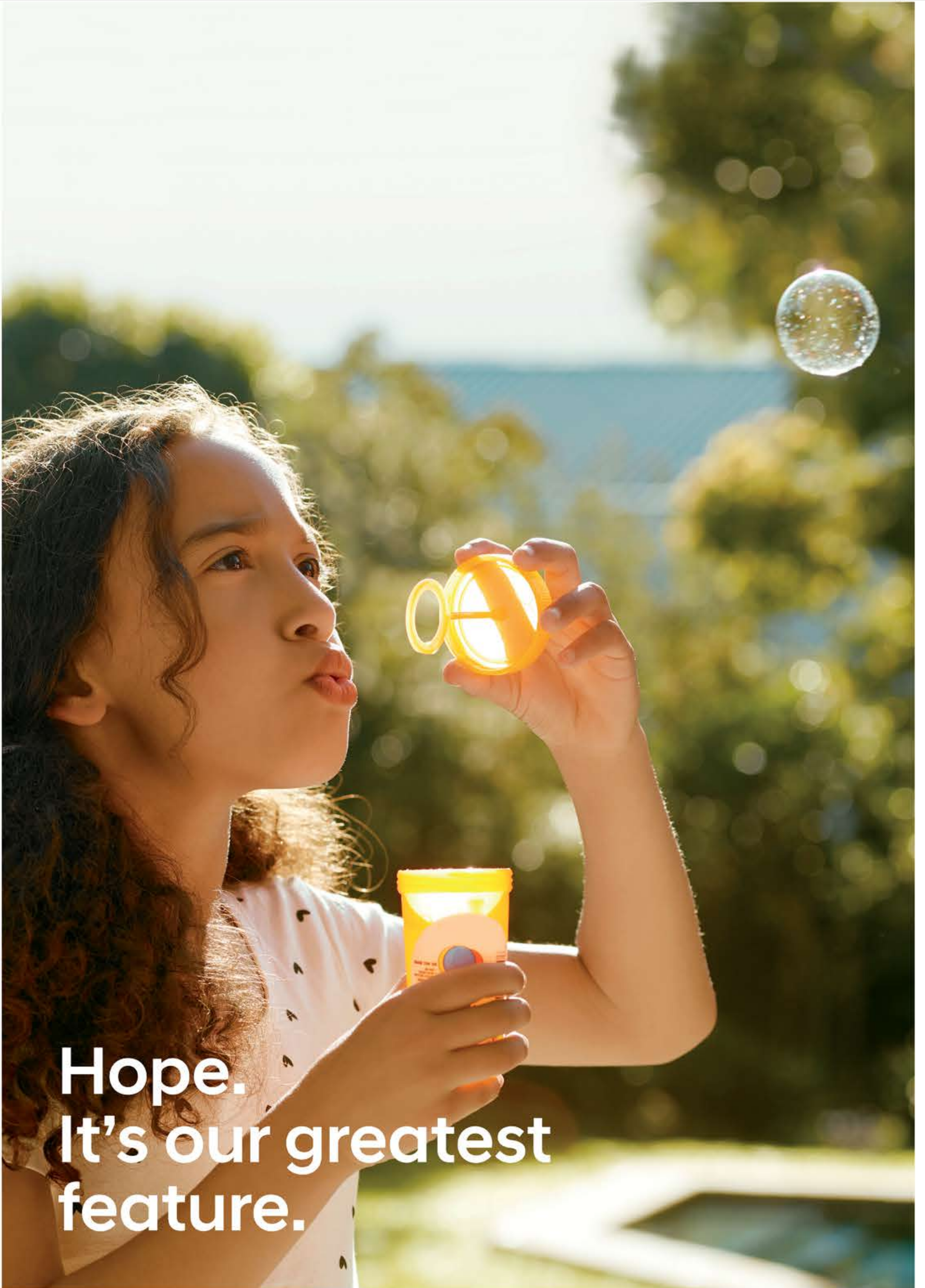
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Hyundai Hope On Wheels Awards \$11.2 Million To Pediatric Cancer Research And Celebrates September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

The non-profit embarks on a virtual month-long series of events and announces 26 researcher grant winners at children's hospitals throughout the nation in the month of September

Additional grants provided to add even more COVID-19 testing sites

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FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif., Sept. 1, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Hyundai Hope On Wheels® (HHOW), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, supported by Hyundai Motor America and its U.S. dealers, announces its 22nd consecutive year in the fight to end childhood cancer. September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness month and the organization announces new grant winners in efforts of finding more cures and improving care for children fighting pediatric cancer. When a child is diagnosed with pediatric cancer, s/he is immediately thrust into a scary world of cancer. For a child diagnosed, the journey back to health often includes constant trips to the hospital, medical tests, surgeries, and nights spent away from all things familiar. The non-profit organization has selected 26 grant winners for pediatric cancer

research and 23 institutions to receive grants for COVID-19 testing. To date, this brings Hyundai Hope On Wheels donations to just over \$172 million to support the fight against pediatric cancer.

The annual September campaign theme is **Every Handprint Tells A Story**. Every 36 minutes a child is diagnosed with pediatric cancer. There are more than 15,000 new cases of pediatric cancer diagnosed in the United States each year. Although 80% of kids with cancer can be cured, pediatric cancer remains the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children. With its **Every Handprint Tells A Story** campaign, Hyundai Hope On Wheels brings together the many stakeholders – the child, families, doctors, hospitals, advocates, donors, and others – who work to identify new ways to find a cure and improve care for children battling pediatric cancer. When a child is diagnosed, it not only changes their life, but his/her family and broader communal network.

"As the board chair for Hyundai Hope On Wheels, there is no greater joy for me than to meet the faces of brave pediatric cancer fighters at children's hospitals across the nation," says Scott Fink, Board Chair and Hyundai owner, Hyundai of New Port Richey (New Port Richey, FL) and Hyundai of Wesley Chapel (Wesley Chapel, FL). "These amazing kids embody the word hope. They exemplify all that's wonderful about childhood, and they show adults the courage of facing adversity. The reality is there is nothing fun about being a kid with cancer. With Hyundai Hope On Wheels, we will continue this fight the disease, and help these children thrive and return to a happy and normal life."

Hyundai Hope On Wheels grants are awarded through a competitive peer-reviewed process. The Scholar Hope Grant and The Young Investigator grants are awarded during the month of September, exclusively to COG member institutions. This year, the organ-

ization awarded COVID-19 drive-thru testing grants to 23 sites throughout the nation. More than one-million COVID-19 tests have been completed at sites supported by the Hyundai grant.

2020 Every Handprint Tells A Story Campaign elements

The Hyundai Hope On Wheels annual September campaign, **Every Handprint Tells A Story**, crisscrosses the nation to increase awareness and raise awareness of pediatric cancer. Highlights of this year's campaign include:

- Nationwide Virtual Grant Ceremonies to 26 new grants winners
- Video stories of hope from child survivors and doctor researchers
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Congressional Black Caucus Urges Senate Not to Consider Supreme Court Nominee Until Next President Inaugurated

September 25, 2020, Washington, D.C. – Congressional Black Caucus Chair Congresswoman Karen Bass (D-CA) and Congressional Black Caucus Judicial Nominations Task Force Chair Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) issued the following statement regarding the current Supreme Court vacancy:
"Along with Americans throughout the country, we are devastated by the loss of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Justice Ginsburg devoted her life first to fighting for justice and equality and then on the Court to expanding equality and devoting herself to the fair application of the law. She exhibited all of the qualities that are so desperately needed on the Court, including sound reasoning, the ability to

work with those with whom one disagrees, compassion and empathy. Her death puts our nation at a critical juncture in American history regarding the future course not only for the Supreme Court, but also for the idea of the rule of law itself in our country, perhaps for decades to come. The only sound course so close to an election is for the Senate to postpone consideration of a nominee for this open seat until after the inauguration of the next president.
"As members of the Congressional Black Caucus, a primary focus, given our history in this country, is always on ensuring voting rights for all of America's citizens. In the last few years, we witnessed the Supreme Court gut the Voting Rights Act and make participation in American

democracy more difficult than at any time since the Jim Crow era. After the disastrous Shelby County decision, which demolished the enforcement and pre-clearance mechanisms of the Voting Rights Act, at least 14 states enacted voting restrictions for the first time in a presidential election for the 2016 election, and there were at least 868 fewer polling places in the 2016 election than in past elections. The Court's majority claimed that it was unconstitutional to maintain which states needed Department of Justice approval before changing their voting laws based on the states discriminating at the time the law was written, claiming that some may have improved since then. However, as Justice Ginsburg expressed in her dissent in that case, it is precisely because of the

Voting Rights Act's enforcement mechanisms that those states have moved away from discrimination and more Americans are able to vote. The evidence since then has only reinforced her accurate assessment.
"We must allow the people to decide this election before the Senate acts on any nominee, especially considering that voting in the election has already begun. It is also the epitome of hypocrisy for the President and Senate Republicans to consider a nominee less than a month and a half before the election when they left vacant for 10 months the seat that President Barack Obama, the nation's first African American president, should have been allowed to fill. This was the longest vacancy on a nine-
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EXCLUSIVE: Rev. Dr. William Barber Addresses Systemic Racism & Voting Rights During Call with the Black Press

By **Stacy M. Brown**, NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent
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Following the *Shelby County v. Holder Supreme Court case*, which gutted key provisions of the Voting Rights Act, 14 states had new voting restrictions in place before the 2016 Presidential election, and there were 868 fewer polling places across the country, according to the Poor Peoples Campaign.

Rev. Dr. William Barber II believes that everyone has a right to

live. Through his Poor People's Campaign, Dr. Barber is continuing to build a movement to overcome systemic racism, systemic poverty, ecological devastation, militarism of the budget and the false moral narrative of white religious nationalism.

In an exclusive telephone conference with the Black Press of America, Dr. Barber and his Poor People's Campaign Co-Chair,

Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharris, said America has a moral crisis.

"Democrats run from poverty and Republicans racialize poverty," Dr. Barber stated during the more than one-hour discussion.

"We have invited both sides of the political fence. We've invited the White House to come and talk with us. They've refused," stated Dr. Barber, the founder of Repairers of the Breach, a national leadership

development organization, which expands upon his Moral Monday movement.

"This administration has been virtually silent on the issue of poverty. The president talked about unemployment being down, but underemployment is up. The number of people that have dropped out of the workforce is up," said Dr. Barber, who, along with Dr. Theoharris, and others launched the Poor People's Campaign,

spearheaded initially by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Campaign conducted what it said was a 50-year audit of systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, and the war economy in the U.S.

They said the findings have already helped to inform and build state and local, nonpartisan fusion movements that are committed to challenging laws and policies that are antithetical to the broad tenets of

social justice.

Dr. Barbara and Theoharris, who is a pastor from New York, told the Black Press that the ranks of the Poor People's Campaign would increase as they broaden their efforts.

They noted figures that show 140 million poor and low-wealth people live in the United States - from every race, creed, sexuality, and place.

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Council Member Tennell Atkins issues statement on 9527 S. Central Expressway

\$450,000 contract identified for shingles to be hauled away from location


DALLAS – City Council Member Tennell Atkins released the following statement on the bids to remove used shingles at 9527 S. Central Expressway:

“The city of Dallas is on the cusp of awarding a contract worth \$450,000 to clean up the site formerly known as 9527 S. Central Expressway, informally

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Continuing Our Fight for COVID19 Relief

By Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson



We are now more than six months into a global pandemic never before experienced in modern society. Our federal government must step up to support our families and communities through such uncertain turmoil. Additionally, it has now been more than four months since the House of Representatives passed the Heroes Act, a critical \$3.4 trillion stimulus package that the Senate has failed to act upon.

Nevertheless, House Democrats and I have continued our fight for such federal relief, and this week, we have released an updated Heroes Act to demonstrate our absolute commitment to negotiating for a final stimulus package. All of our constituents, communities, and local municipalities are depending on us to deliver this assistance that is so desperately needed.

We must have another stimulus package, as it is essential to protect the financial security and avert many catastrophes for our schools, local governments, education systems, small businesses, restaurants, and regional industries. We must deliver housing assistance, preserve health coverage, ensure worker safety, protect payrolls, and much more to keep our American economy afloat amid this global pandemic. We must support public health and invest in the research, development, and distribution of vaccines and treatments to fight this virus that has killed more than 200,000 Americans to this very day.

I am adamant that any forthcoming coronavirus relief bill must address the priorities for my district to help eliminate pain and suffering. This would include emergency funding to resources for affordable housing and homelessness prevention. Any final package must include emergency rental assistance and a national, uniform moratorium to prevent evictions.

If this bill is signed into law:

Some of the proposed legislation would include:

- Strong support for small businesses, by improving the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to serve the smallest businesses and struggling non-profits, providing hard-hit businesses with second loans, and delivering targeted assistance for the struggling restaurant industry and independent live venue operators.
- Additional assistance for airline industry workers, extending the highly successful Payroll Support Program to keep airline industry workers paid.
- More funds to bolster education and childcare, with \$225 billion for education – including \$182 billion for K12 schools and nearly \$39 billion for postsecondary education – and \$57 billion to support childcare for families.

Specifically, for state and local governments within the 30th Congressional District:

- **Cedar Hill:** \$11,420,673
- **City of Dallas:** \$465,749,005
- **Dallas County:** \$700,633,318
- **DeSoto:** \$13,989,339
- **Duncanville:** \$9,276,424
- **Glenn Heights:** \$3,122,463
- **Hutchins:** \$1,350,082
- **Lancaster:** \$9,303,054
- **Wilmer:** \$1,123,144

Our teachers, firefighters, health professionals, and public servants have been on the front lines throughout this pandemic and have made tremendous sacrifices. Their tireless work demands that our Congress responds with the assistance so desperately needed throughout our nation. It is my hope that the Senate will take up this timely legislation. To those wishing to voice their support of the bill please write, call, or email your Senators.

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ter served if we allowed both people to speak with fewer interruptions. I'm appealing to you, sir, to do that."

"Ask him, too," Trump said.

"Well, frankly, you've been doing more interrupting than he has," Wallace said.

Biden on Wednesday called the debate "a national embarrassment." But despite some suggestions that the final two presidential encounters be canceled, both campaigns said they expected their candidate to attend.

Trump campaign communications director Tim Murtaugh said the commission was "only doing this because their guy got pummeled last night. President Trump was the dominant force and now Joe Biden is trying to work the refs."

ABC News' Martha Raddatz, who moderated one of the three debates between Trump and Hillary Clinton in 2016, said Wallace was put in nearly an impossible situation. Faced with the same behavior, she said she might have called a full stop to the debate for a moment to recalibrate.

She never had the option, technically, to cut off the microphone of a candidate four years ago, she said. It also wasn't in the rules that were agreed to in advance by the candidate and commission.

"To say, 'he's not going to follow the rules so we aren't, either?'" It's an unprecedented situation," Raddatz said. "That was so out of control."

Twitter was ablaze with criticism for Wallace early in the debate for losing control of the proceedings. That was illustrated by MSNBC's Joe Scarborough, who tweeted "what is Chris Wallace doing? He has no control over the debate. He asks a question and let's Trump continue yelling. This is a disgrace."

By the time he was on "Morning Joe" the next morning, Scarborough had cooled off. He called on the debate commission to act.

"While it was extraordinarily frustrating, I think all of us need to walk a mile in his shoes before saying the morning after, 'he could have done this, he could have done that,'" Scarborough said.

Some of the president's supporters felt that Wallace was too hard on their candidate. Trump himself suggested he was also debating Wallace, "but that's no surprise."

Wallace even got some criticism from opinion personalities on his own network. "Trump is debating the moderator and Biden," prime-time host Laura Ingraham tweeted during the debate.

Another Fox colleague, Geraldo Rivera, expressed more sympathy.

"The guy signed up to moderate a debate and he ended up trying to referee a knife fight," he said.

Wallace, host of "Fox News Sunday," was not immediately made available for comment by Fox.

Wallace is the only presidential debate moderator this cycle with prior experience, after receiving praise for handling the final Clinton-Trump debate in 2016. The other two moderators are Steve Scully of C-SPAN and Kristen Welker of NBC News.

Scully moderates the Miami debate, which will be a town hall format where citizens get to ask questions. That format may make interruptions more difficult.

"Having prepared for these, the town hall is a completely different event in the debate Olympics," tweeted David Plouffe, an adviser to former President Barack Obama. "If Trump brings the same nastiness to Florida, it will be doubly painful to watch but it will be doubly painful for him politically."

received. If anybody has a mandate on this issue, it is the Democrats.

"It is particularly disconcerting that so many Senate Republicans have indicated that they will confirm whoever the President nominates, even before knowing who the nominee is. This, of course, comes after refusing even to hold a hearing on President Obama's nominee in 2016 before knowing who the president would nominate.

"Our Republican Senate colleagues would have the American people be forced to live under a new justice nominated by a president who lost the popular vote and confirmed by a Republican Senate that represents a minority of America, and begin doing so within days of the next election. Too much is at stake. We cannot let this happen."



FILE - In this Sept. 26, 2020 file photo, members of the Proud Boys, including leader Enrique Tarrio, second from left, gesture and cheer on stage as they and other right-wing demonstrators rally in Portland, Ore. (AP Photo/John Locher)

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ed in, referencing a far-right extremist group that has shown up at protests in the Pacific Northwest. The male-only group of neo-fascists describes themselves as "western chauvinists," and they have been known to incite street violence.

"Proud Boys, stand back and stand by," Trump said. "But I'll tell you what, I'll tell you what, somebody's got to do something about antifa and the left because this is not a right-wing problem."

Facing widespread criticism for his failure to condemn the group, Trump on Wednesday said, "I don't know who the Proud Boys are." He added, "Whoever they are, they have to stand down. Let law enforcement do their work."

FBI Director

Christopher Wray told a congressional panel last week that white supremacists and anti-government extremists have been responsible for most of the recent deadly attacks by extremist groups within the U.S.

Trump, a Republican, has tried to tie incidents of violence that have accompanied largely peaceful protests to Biden and the Democrats, running on a "law and order" message that warns people won't be safe under a Democratic president. It's a message aimed squarely at white suburban voters, including women who voted for Trump in 2016 but may not do so again.

"What we saw was a dog whistle through a bullhorn," California Sen. Kamala Harris, Biden's running mate, said on



President Donald Trump speaks during the first presidential debate with Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2020, at Case Western University and Cleveland Clinic, in Cleveland. (AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

MSNBC after the debate. "Donald Trump is not pretending to be anything other than what he is: Someone who will not condemn white supremacists."

Proud Boys leaders and supporters later celebrated the president's words on social media. A channel on Telegram, an instant messaging service, with more than 5,000 of the group's members posted "Stand Back" and "Stand By" above and below the group's logo.

Biden has said he decided to run for president after Trump said there were "very fine people" on both sides of a 2017 protest led by white supremacists in Charlottesville, Virginia, where a counterprotester was killed.

Trump said Tuesday

that Biden was afraid to say the words "law and order" and pressed him to give examples of law enforcement groups that back his campaign. Biden didn't name any, but said he's in favor of "law and order with justice, where people get treated fairly."

Biden called antifa "an idea, not an organization." That's similar to how Wray described it, though Trump has called on the federal government to characterize antifa as a terrorist organization.

At another point in the debate, when discussing a Trump administration move to end racial sensitivity training in the federal government, Biden directly called Trump a racist. He also accused him of trying to sow racist hatred and racist division in the country.

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"We aim to make sure these individuals are no longer ignored, dismissed, or pushed to the margins of our political and social agenda," Dr. Theoharris stated.

With 2020 counting as a pivotal election year, Dr. Barber pointed out that voter suppression laws in many states have only contributed to poverty.

The Poor People's Campaign has noted that, since 2010, 23 states have passed racist voter suppression laws, including racist gerrymandering and redistricting statutes that make it harder to register.

Because of this, early voting days and hours have reduced, officials have purged voter rolls, and there have been more restrictive voter ID laws.

Following the Shelby County v. Holder Supreme Court case, which gutted key provisions of the Voting Rights Act, 14 states had new voting restrictions in place before the 2016 Presidential election, and there were 868 fewer polling places across the country, according to the Campaign.

While these laws have disproportionately targeted Black people, at least 17 states saw voter suppression cases targeting American Indian and Alaskan Native voters in 2016, Dr. Barber stated.

"Thirteen states that passed voter suppression laws also opted not to accept expanded Medicaid

benefits offered under the Affordable Care Act," he added.

"These attacks follow a broader pattern of restricting and curtailing democratic processes by drawing on legacies of racism to undermine local efforts to organize for better conditions," Dr. Barber stated. As of July 2017, 25 states have passed laws that preempt cities from adopting their own local minimum wage laws. Most of these are in response to city councils passing or wanting to pass minimum wage increases.

"We found that people can work a minimum wage job and can't afford a two-bedroom apartment," Dr. Barber said. "We found out that there are 2 million people who work every day for less than the living wage. Some of them live in their cars, and they go to work every day."

Dr. Theoharris spoke of Maria, a woman they met in El Paso, Texas, separated from her family because of immigration issues.

"We waded into the Rio Grande River - the river that separates the U.S. from Mexico - with an action called 'Hugs, not Walls.' Maria got to see her son for the first time in 16 years. And for those couple of minutes that Maria had with her husband and her son were the first and only two minutes that she got to see her family members because of unjust immigration poli-

cy," Dr. Theoharris stated.

The Poor People's Campaign is organizing the Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington, June 20th, during which Dr. Barber said they would rise as "a powerful moral fusion movement to demand the implementation of our moral agenda." "The fact that there are 140 million poor and low-wealth people in a country this rich is morally indefensible, constitutionally inconsistent and economically insane," Dr. Barber added.

During the march, Dr. Barber said some of those living in poverty would attend and speak for themselves. He stated that it was essential to know that poverty comes in "all colors" and that it's more than just African Americans who are struggling.

He noted that the City of Flint was under emergency management when it decided to switch its water source from the Detroit Water System to the Flint River.

That move poisoned a community of almost 99,000, with a 42 percent poverty rate and in which 56 percent of residents are Black, and 37 percent are White.

Also, Dr. Barber noted that 6.1 million people had been disenfranchised because of felony convictions, including one in 13 Black adults.

During the call, Dr.

Barber continued to lash out at the current administration's controversial immigration policies. The Poor People's Campaign has found that undocumented immigrants contributed \$5 trillion to the U.S. economy over the last ten years.

They paid \$13 billion in Social Security in 2010, but only received \$1 billion in benefits.

They also pay eight percent of their income in state and local taxes, while the wealthiest one percent pay just 5.4 percent. Yet undocumented immigrants and most lawfully residing immigrants are barred from receiving assistance under the major public welfare programs, causing hardship for many poor immigrant families.

In fact, among the 43.7 million immigrants in the U.S., there are 19.7 million - undocumented and lawfully residing - who cannot vote, Dr. Barber noted.

"So, we have to understand the history of systemic racism. And we have to see how systemic racism is impacting not just people of color, but also white people today," Dr. Barber stated. "When Reverend Barber says that repressed voter suppression can create and further poverty amongst White people, amongst Black people, amongst Latinos, amongst young people and old people."

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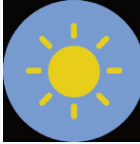



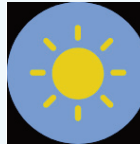
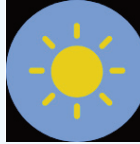
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member Supreme Court in American history.

"Republicans try to claim that they're gaining a net of two Senate seats in the 2018 midterms somehow qualifies them to confirm whomever Trump nominates, despite the clear rule they themselves established in 2016. First, this makes no sense because their argument against allowing President Obama's nominee, Judge Merrick Garland, even a hearing was purely on the grounds that it was an election year and that the people should have a say. However, even if this were a valid point, it should be noted that in the midterms, Democrats and the Independents who caucus with Democrats won 24 of the 35 Senate seats that were up for election and received 17 million more votes than the Republicans

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7 Day Weather Forecast for DFW

Thursday, October 1	Friday, October 2	Saturday, October 3	Sunday, October 4	Monday, October 5	Tuesday, October 6	Wednesday, October 7
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Fans to be allowed at World Series, NLCS in Arlington, Texas

By RONALD BLUM



(AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

NEW YORK (AP) — Fans can take themselves out to the ball game for the first time this season during the NL Championship Series and World Series at new Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas.

Major League Baseball said Wednesday that about 11,500 tickets will be available for each game. That is about 28% of the 40,518-capacity, retractable-roof stadium of the Texas

Rangers, which opened this year adjacent to old Globe Life Park, the team's open-air home from 1994 through 2019.

The World Series is being played at a neutral site for the first time in response to the coronavirus pandemic. It will be played at one stadium for the first time since the St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Browns at Sportsman's Park in 1944. Some of the seats will

be included in presales for Texas Rangers season ticket holders on Friday and subscribers on Monday, and others are set aside for MLB and players.

Tickets are priced at \$40-250 for the NLCS and \$75-450 for the World Series, and 10,550 seats in the regular sections of the ballpark and 950 in suites will be sold in "pods" of four contiguous seats.

Continued **Shingles** Page 5 known as *Shingle Mountain*. Nine companies bid on the project, and the city manager is recommending the lowest responsible bidder. It is my hope that this item passes unanimously when it comes to City Council on October 13, 2020, and cleanup

begins soon after. "I have worked tirelessly to gather together parties to resolve this issue and supported the city when the issue needed to be escalated to get things done. "This is a win for southern Dallas, environmental justice, and reaffirms our commitment to protecting the environment."



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Just as cases in college students have been linked to partying and bars, school children may be contracting the virus at playdates, sleepovers, sports and other activities where precautions aren't being taken, said Dr. Leana Wen, a public health specialist at George Washington University.

"Understandably, there is quarantine fatigue," Wen said. Many people have a sense that if schools are reopening, then other activities can resume too, "but actually the opposite is true."

Global school studies suggest in-person learning can be safe when transmission rates in the larger community are low, the CDC report said.

Mississippi is among states where several outbreaks among students and teachers have been reported since in-person classes resumed in July and August.

Kathy Willard said she had mixed feelings when her grandson's fourth grade class in Oxford was sent home for two weeks after several teachers and one student tested positive for the virus. The family doesn't have internet access at home, making remote learning a challenge.

"It was a hardship. There's always a worry about him falling behind or not getting access to what he needs for school," Willard said. "But at the same time, I'm glad the school is doing what they can to protect our kids."

Students in her district are required to wear

masks and receive temperature checks, and students and teachers who come into contact with the virus are quarantined.

In Alcorn County, Mississippi, where hundreds of community cases have been reported, including dozens among teachers, staff and students, parent Kimberly Kilpatrick-Kelley is keeping her 15 and 17 olds home for virtual learning.

The Corinth mother said the family always wears masks when they leave home and practice social distancing, and she worries about her kids getting sick and infecting her parents.

"I personally don't want to take the risk" she said.

Dr. Yvonne Maldonado, head of the American Academy of Pediatrics' infectious-diseases committee, said the big question is what will happen as schools that have started out with online learning go back to in-person classes.

"It really will depend on how well can you mask and distance in a school setting," she said.

New York City, the nation's largest school district, with over 1 million students, resumed classroom learning Tuesday for elementary school children. Higher grades will resume on Thursday.

The CDC report said more than 277,000 children ages 5 to 17 were confirmed infected between March and Sept. 19, with an increase in September after a peak and a decline over the summer.

The agency acknowledged that may be an underestimate, in part because testing is most often done on people with symptoms, and children with the coronavirus often have none.

The CDC reported 51 deaths in school-age kids, most in them ages 12 to 17. Less than 2% of infected children were hospitalized, and youngsters who are Black, Hispanic or have underlying conditions fared worse than white children.

The findings add to other data showing the pandemic is increasingly affecting younger age groups after initially hitting older Americans hard.

In a separate report Tuesday, the CDC said weekly COVID-19 cases among people ages 18 to 22 increased 55% nationally. The increases were greatest in the Northeast and Midwest and were not solely attributable to increased testing, the CDC said. About one-third of U.S. cases are in adults 50 and older, while one-quarter are in 18-to-29-year-olds.

The AAP research is based on reports from public health departments in 49 states, New York City, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and Guam. New York state doesn't provide data by age. Most states count children's cases up to age 19, though a few use different age ranges.

As of Sept. 24, the AAP counted nearly 625,000 youth cases, up to age 20, a 14% increase over the previous two weeks. Deaths totaled 109, well under 1% of all COVID-19 fatalities in the U.S.

As of Monday, the CDC counted over 435,000 cases in children from age zero through 17 and 93 deaths. The groups' totals differ because they include different ages and time periods.

Overall, 7 million Americans have been confirmed infected and 205,000 have died.

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2020 US general election

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Vote in person

Vote on Election Day

Voters registered in Texas can look up where to vote on [Texas's site](#).

Vote early

Texas voters can also vote before Election Day. The early voting period runs from Tuesday, October 13, 2020 to Friday, October 30, 2020, but dates and hours may vary based on where you live.

What to bring

- You will be asked to show photo ID to vote in Texas. Acceptable forms include: Texas driver's license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS); Texas election ID certificate; Texas personal ID card; Texas handgun license; US military ID with photo; US citizenship certificate with photograph (doesn't need to be current); or a US passport. Forms must be current or expired less than four years. For voters aged 70 or older, the acceptable form of photo identification may be expired for any length of time if the identification is otherwise valid.
- Voters without ID: If you don't have ID and cannot obtain one due to a reasonable impediment, you'll need to sign a sworn statement that there is a reason why you don't have any of the accepted IDs, and present one of the following: certified birth certificate; valid voter registration certificate; or a current utility bill, government check, bank statement or paycheck, or government document with your name and an address. If you meet these requirements and are eligible to vote, you may vote in the election.
- If you don't have ID and do not have a reasonable impediment to obtaining one or did not bring ID to the polling place, you may cast a provisional ballot. In order to have the provisional ballot counted, you will be required to visit the voter registrar's office within six (6) calendar days of the date of the election to either present one of the forms of photo ID or submit a temporary affidavit, or, if applicable, qualify for the disability exemption, in the presence of the county voter registrar while attesting to the fact that you do not have any of the required photo IDs.

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Join Souls to the Polls
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What is Souls to the Polls?

Souls to the Polls is a voter turnout initiative that encourages organization members and supporters to meet at designated locations and caravan together to a local polling site. This exciting event will join culture, unity and service in a single URGENT activity. Participants will have fun decorating their cars with signs saying "Get Out and Vote," "Your Vote Counts" and "Rock the Vote" and riding through communities parade style to encourage people to make voting a priority.

Why is this necessary?

The struggle for equal voting rights dates to the earliest days of U.S. history. Now, after a period of bipartisan efforts to expand enfranchisement, Americans once again face new obstacles to voting. Souls to the Polls was created to ensure that disenfranchised communities, specifically communities of color, have their voices heard.

Why now?

Because of the ongoing pandemic and continued efforts to suppress the votes of minority communities, waiting until Election Day is not wise. The sooner we get out and vote – the better! Souls to the Polls matters now more than ever!

What now?

Super Sunday early voting dates are Oct. 18, 2020, and Oct. 25, 2020, and Souls to the Polls will be from 1-5 p.m. If your organization would like to participate, complete the Eventbrite registration form below.

Who should participate?

The entire community is welcome to mobilize a caravan to the polls! Suggestions are: churches, community organizations, businesses, sororities, fraternities, car clubs, jeep clubs, trail-riding clubs, motorcycle clubs, residential communities, barbers & clients, hair stylists & clients, high school groups, college groups, and more!

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