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Obama Endorses Biden as the Best Leader for 'Darkest Times'

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Former President Barack Obama has endorsed Joe Biden, saying Biden has "all the qualities we need in a president right now.".

BY ALEXANDRA **JAFFE, JULIE PACE** and **BILL BARROW**, **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) ____ Barack Obama endorsed Joe Biden on Tuesday, giving the presumptive Democratic primary. The Democratic presidential nominee a boost from the party's biggest fundraiser and one of its most popular figures.

"Joe has the character called and the experience to guide us through one of our darkest times and heal us through a long recovery," Obama said in a 12minute video in which he argued the coronavirus pandemic reinforced the defeat Republicans. need for better leadership.

successor, President Donald Trump, by name and instead sought to bridge the ideological divide among Democrats. Obama commended Former President Bernie Sanders, who was the leading progressive foil to Biden during the Vermont senator ended his campaign last week and threw his support

> behind Biden on Monday. The former president Sanders an "American original" and backed his frequent call for "structural change." But he also said that while Democrats "may not always agree on every detail," they must unify to

"The Republicans occu-

Sanders reiterated his support of Biden on Tuesday, saying it would be "irresponsible" for his own supporters not to back the former vice president.

"I will do everything I can to help elect Joe," Sanders said in an interview. "We had a contentious campaign. We disagree on issues. But my job now is to not only rally my supporters, but to do everything I can to bring the party together to see that (Trump) is not elected president."

Elizabeth Warren is the only former Democratic Democrats who have yet aide. presidential candidate who hasn't yet backed Biden. The Massachusetts Clinton and Hillary primary, but followed the the coronavirus pandemsenator is expected to do Clinton, the party's 2016 race closely from the ic. dition of anonymity to Two other prominent

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endorsement pying the White House so soon, according to a nominee. Hillary Clinton sidelines and is eager to marked Obama's return to and running the U.S. person familiar with her Senate are not interested plans who spoke on conthan three years after in progress," he said. "They're interested in discuss her thinking. power."

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BY THE HUB ON APRIL 9, 2020

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Mrs. America' ERA miniseries gives women of color their due



This combination photo shows Shirley Chisholm, D-N.Y., the first black woman elected to Congress and an outspoken advocate for women and minorities in this 1971 file photo, left, and actress Uzo Aduba as Shirley Chisholm in a scene from the miniseries "Mrs. America," an FX original series premiered April 15 on Hulu. (AP Photo, left, and Sabrina Lantos/FX via AP)

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Mrs. America," which dramatizes the Equal Rights Amendment fight that pitted a surprising and determined opponent

many ways.

includes Cate Blanchett and Margo Martindale.

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Xfinity Education Destination for K-12



Written by NNPA

Comcast has made nearly 2,000 hours of programming and thousands of free titles available to Xfinity video customers to give children and their parents quick and easy access to educational programming by grade level, as part of the company's comprehensive response to the COVID-19 crisis.

The collection is a joint effort with "Common Sense Media," the leading source of entertainment and technology recommendations for families whose trusted age-based ratings and reviews are integrated into Xfinity on Demand.

"Xfinity is making thousands of hours of educational programming and resources available to our customers through Xfinity on Demand as we know how challenging it is for families right now who are suddenly homeschooling young children — many with both parents working, as well," said Rebecca Heap, Comcast senior vice president of video and entertainment. "The programming selected in partnership with Common Sense Media is available in one comprehensive destination organized by grade level to make it as easy as possible for parents to find what is most relevant to their family."

Xfinity customers with X1 or Flex can say "Education" or, if their voice search language is set to Spanish, "Educación," into the Xfinity Voice Remote to access content available to them by grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12 and also for all ages currently including:

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gramming from these SVODS focused on the "Mind," "Body," and "Soul" spanning biographies; podcasts on a range of topics including technology and business; yoga; dance; food and cooking; fitness; wellness; ballets and operas; and gardening.

• Educational series from networks and streaming services including Animal Planet, History, Nick Jr., PBS Kids, Smithsonian Channel and more.

• Spanish language programming available from networks including CBeebies, Discovery Familia and Kids Central.

• Firsthand interviews and historical narratives from Voices of the Civil Rights Movement, Comcast's signature commemorative programming initiative honoring the impact and legacy of the movement.

• Comcast has also enlisted the guidance of Natascha Crandall, a psychologist and educator, to program the content across English Language Arts, math, science, and social studies based on grade-appropriate guidelines aligned with the current U.S. school curriculum.

checks won't have to be repaid, feds say



By AMANDA SEITZ

CHICAGO (AP) — Videos and online reports claiming that millions of Americans will have to repay the relief checks they receive from the federal government under the \$2.2 trillion coronavirus economic recovery bill are not true.

The government began issuing the one-time payments this week. Most adults who earned up to \$75,000 will see a \$1,200 payout, while married couples who made up to \$150,000 can expect to get \$2,400. Parents will get payments of \$500 per child. The checks will be directly deposited into bank accounts or mailed to households, depending on how you've filed your tax returns in the past.

In recent days, social media posts have falsely claimed there's one catch to this money -- that you'll eventually have to pay it back.

"Next year, you're automatically going to owe \$1,200 come tax season," one of the videos, viewed hundreds of thousands of times on YouTube, falsely claims. The video has also been shared widely on social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and TikTok.

The U.S. Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service, which are working to deliver the money to people, confirmed to The Associated Press that households will not have to pay back the money in next year's tax filing.

"This is not an advance and there is absolutely no obligation to pay it back," Treasury spokeswoman Patricia McLaughlin said in an email.



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EDITORIAL PAGE

Commissioner JWP: "This is Survival"

My Day By Dr. J. Ester Davis

Did you get your notices in the mail this week about the 2020 Census? Did you spend the eight minutes to fill it out and return it? What impact will COVID-19 have on the African American communities, especially in Dallas County's traditional minority areas in and around the country? What is the definition of an 'essential business' in Dallas County? Why is there an assumption that the word essential is a 'one-size-fit-all' for all corners of the county?

Dallas and its surrounding 28 plus cities have a lot to offer. The worldwide view of Dallas is most attractive on the global stage. Dallas has more than 300 people moving here daily. In terms of growth Dallas is the 3rd fastest growing city bursting at the waistline for over a decade like a flock of giant flying dinosaurs. I could go on and on about Dallas. . . that is . . .before the music stopped. Now we are confronted with "an enemy we underestimated" and called it names in January. Before our unwelcomed change maker appeared, not all parts of the city were treated equally. We were discussing gentrification, housing for the poor, healthcare strategies, and the demolition of the middle class and the hazards construction-in-theof city.

Trust, a little five-letter word, is really all citizens expect when there is a crisis, especially one that upon arrival has people dying at alarming and disproportionate rates. Amid the high drama of COVID-19. Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price (JWP) met with the Dallas Black Media last week in

now. Cranes fill our skies Downtown Dallas. We invited a millennial team with their high definition cell phones computers to capture the social media live audiences. Like it or not, the Commissioner is always the most prepared guest, the most well-read, the undisputed one with the most history about any subject you want to entertain. In this interview with Dr. Robert Ashley, KHVN News Director, the Commissioner put an addendum to a question, "I am more concerned about my community after the virus". When you listen to the video, pay careful attention to what follows phrases like, ". . . in our community" and "this is survival". Being a prolific challenger, the Commissioner explains a situation to Dr. Ashley ending with, "... I did challenge them on this – and I will again".

The entire video is on YouTube. On Facebook @Dallas Black Press, I



think. For your convenience, we can send it to your cell phone and you can share it, because it is one of those dialogue that you want to listen to more So many than once. thanks to Commissioner Price for your time during this time and the entire crew of excellent professionals.

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Dallas, TX – Today, tinuing airport operations. Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has awarded a total of \$811,535,430 to airports in Texas through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

CARES Act funding is allocated to eligible U.S. airports to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus impacts,

including support for con-

The Dallas Area Airports receiving funding through the CARES Act are:

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"It is critical that we cent for the Airport

provide funding to keep Improvement Program ational," said

Congresswoman Johnson. "These funds year 2020. Under normal that we included in the CARES Act will allow airports to stay in reliable, safe operation to help serve the public and support the economy. My focus is on keeping airport and aviation industry employees employed and ensuring safe airports."

The CARES Act provides funds to increase the federal share to 100 per-

our airports safe and oper- (AIP) and supplemental discretionary grants already planned for fiscal circumstances, AIP grant recipients contribute a matching percentage of project costs. the Providing this additional funding and eliminating the local share will allow critical safety and capacity projects to continue as planned regardless of airport sponsors' current financial circumstances.

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•The City of Dallas Rental Assistance Social Services Financial Assistance provides emergency assistance to individuals and families who have experienced a temporary financial crisis. The appointment lines are open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

• Assistance with utility bills up to once per year in an amount not to exceed \$300 available for customers of Reliant Energy, TXU and ATMOS Energy.

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It drills down on how the constitutional amendment was blocked while deftly painting both the Byrne) and Betty Friedan broader and finer points of America circa 1970, when a wife, as a jaw-dropping moment illustrates, needed her husband to co-sign for credit.

One more achievement: While the story is driven by Blanchett's conservative powerhouse Phyllis activist and attorney Schlafly, attention is paid to the women of color who fought for civil rights and to make "secondwave" feminism of the

1960s and '70s — successor to the suffrage movement — address the obstacles they alone faced.

Gloria Steinem (Rose (Tracey Ullman) are among the movement's white luminaries featured in "Mrs. America," but alongside them are African Americans including trailblazing politician Shirley Chisholm and firebrand Florynce "Flo" Kennedy, who are played, respectively, by Uzo Aduba and Niecy Nash.

known, "there are many Shirleys of the world we have never heard of," Aduba said. "That's why it's so exciting to see a project like this, telling not only Shirley's story but quite a few of these women that, I would argue, the population at large doesn't know their names."

Chisholm was the first African American congresswoman, the first major-party black candidate to seek the presidency and the first female Democrat to run. She's heard loud and clear in While Chisholm is best episode three, which is Black,"

anchored in the 1972 Democratic convention and the machinations that pit Chisholm against what should be her sisters-inarms.

Chisholm is pressured to eventual Democratic nominee Sen. George McGovern, with New York Rep. Bella Abzug (Martindale) chastising her for failing to get a campaign green light from the power brokers.

Aduba, а two-time Emmy for winner "Orange New Is the quotes

Chisholm's succinct reply: "I didn't get anywhere in this life waiting on someone's permission."

The first three episodes In a revealing scene, of the miniseries debut Wednesday on FX on end her bid in favor of Hulu, the streaming platform's hub offering FX series and exclusive releases such as "Mrs. America." The remaining six episodes will be out weekly through May 27, with an ensemble cast that includes Sarah Paulson, Elizabeth Banks, John Slattery, James Marsden and Jeanne Tripplehorn.



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Gov. Abbott Unlawfully **Exceeded Authority with Executive Order Limiting** Jail Releases, **Argues New**



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

Payments from the \$2.3 trillion federal coronavirus stimulus package have begun hitting individual bank accounts.

а In memo, IRS Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said the first round of payments were sent on Thursday, April 9, and should arrive in bank accounts beginning no later than Tuesday, April 14.

Most Americans are eligible for and will receive stimulus payments, except for those who owe back child support payments.

Single-filers who make less than \$75,000 will receive \$1,200, while married couples making less than \$150,000 are scheduled to get \$2,400. An additional \$500 payment will be provided to households for each child under

17.

The IRS will base the payments on the adjusted gross income of taxpayers' 2019 return. If a 2019 return hasn't been filed (the deadline has been extended for two months), the IRS will use information from the 2018 return. If the return doesn't contain direct deposit information, or if the IRS doesn't have returns from 2018 or 2019, a paper check will be issued later.

Electronic payments also will go out to those receiving Social Security and disability, even if recipients don't typically file a tax return.

For those who haven't provided the IRS with bank account information, paper checks are expected to begin reaching households in May, but, in some cases, recipients won't receive payment until September.

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awsuit

Lawsuit says governor's order restricting releases exceeds his constitutional authority; public health experts agree reducing populations in prisons and jails necessary to prevent outbreaks.

AUSTIN, ΤХ Governor Abbott unlawfully exceeded his constitutional authority by issuing an executive order that suspends the rights that individuals, who are presumed innocent, have while facing criminal prosecution, according to a new lawsuit filed by the ACLU of Texas, Texas Fair Defense Project, the ACLU's Criminal Law Reform Project and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. The lawsuit, filed in the

State District Court of Travis County, is on behalf of the misdemeanor magistrate judges of Harris County, three criminal defense non-profit organizations and the NAACP of Texas. It states

that the Governor's March 29 order, GA-13, unlawfully attempts to remove discretion from judges about who can receive personal bonds and suspend certain laws related to decisions about who can be released on personal bond, while the Texas Constitution clearly states that those decisions lie with the Judiciary and the power to suspend laws lies only with the Legislature. The lawsuit argues that the Texas Disaster Act also does not grant the Governor with this authority. The lawsuit also states that GA-13 creates an unconstitutional wealthbased system by banning the use of personal bonds for certain people, putting pre-trial freedom out of

to pay cash bail.

"Governor Abbott's illegal executive order disproportionately keeps poor people, people of color, and in particular African Americans jailed and therefore at a heightened of contracting risk COVID-19," said Arthur Ago, criminal justice project director for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. "These individuals, many of whom are legally innocent, have the right to petition for their freedom-a right that the governor has unconstitutionally taken from them. The governor must be prohibited from enforcing this executive order."

"The Texas Constitution

the reach of those unable makes it clear: The Governor does not have the authority to suspend state law, particularly those that govern our criminal justice system, even during an emergency," said Andre Segura, legal director for the ACLU of Texas. "At a time when public health experts agree that limiting the population in jails is critical to prevent outbreaks of COVID-19, this order ties local officials' hands in trying to mitigate the impact of the pandemic for all Texans and prevent loss of life. Under this order, those unable to afford bail are required to ride out a pandemic in the dangerous setting of a jail, while wealthier people are able to buy their way out."

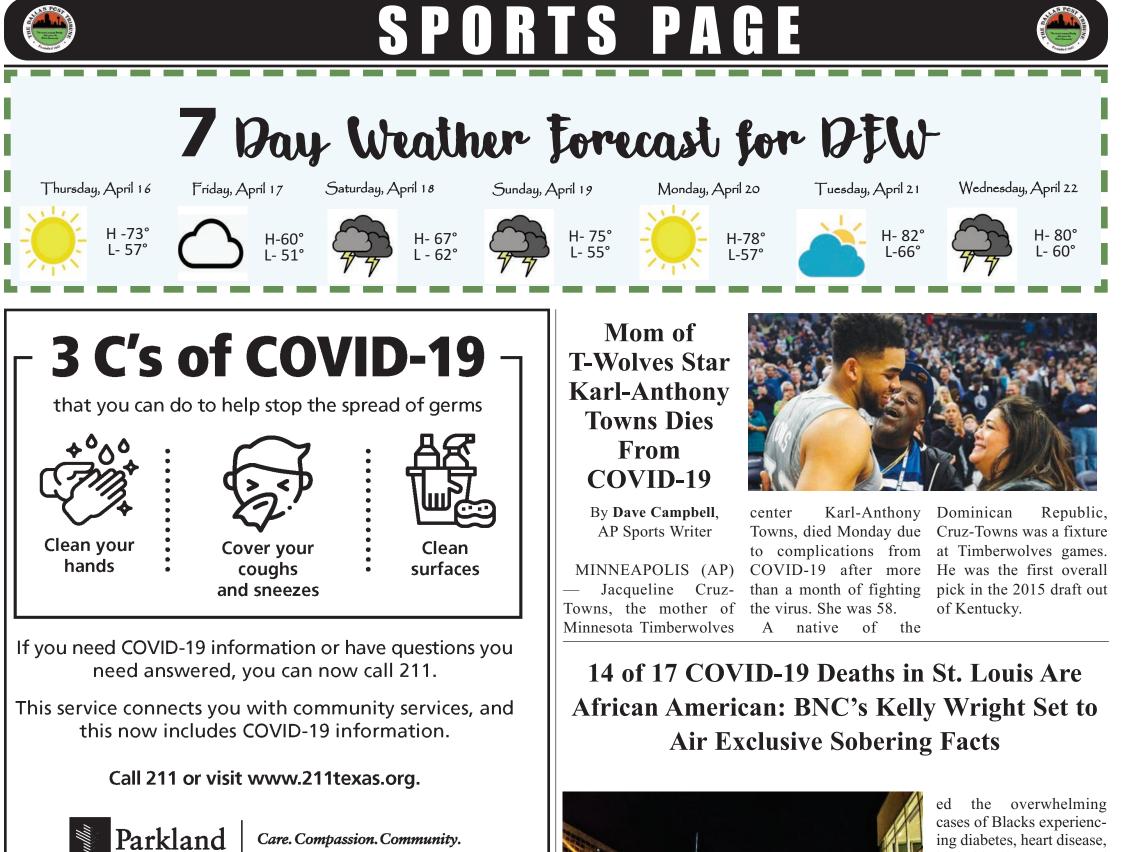
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Blanton Elementary coach encourages families to stay fit

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Coach Harris knows the importance of staying physically active. In the current situation of stuat-home learning due to the coronavirus, he wanted to help his students stay active. "I figured the workout videos would be a safe way for students to stay active while at home," the coach said. "It also is a fun way to stay connected with my students. I'm thankful for all the positive feedback received about helping

and this is what's inspiring accountable to do daily me to continue putting out exercises," said Principal workout options."

The coach has posted some parents, it has seven videos, each of them become a competition to dents having to engage in unique because he adds a see who does more touch of humor, making the workouts more engaging for his students. No gym or special equipment is needed to do the workouts, so there are no excuses! He also recommends that his students stay active by moving, while social distancing, or dancing.

Alicia Iwasko. "With



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

In a major and exclusive interview scheduled to air on Monday, April 13, Wright will discuss the grim breaking news with

high blood pressure, and more chronic illness that weaken their immune systems.

All of which make them susceptible and vulnerable Coronavirus. to the McMillan noted.

Beyond the health problems of the community, McMillan also acknowledged the economic and employment issues that plague the community.

"So, as you look at this

"Coach Harris' videos have kept all of us conrounds! The biggest impact we see is that he created a platform for families to feel comfortable in doing the exercises together. We are very proud of Coach Harris and the impact he generates in our community."

Thank you, Coach Harris, for helping us in a Difference Making Together!

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"If we have your bank information, you'll get it within two weeks," Mnuchin said. "Social Security, you'll get it very quickly after that. If we don't have your information, you'll have a simple web portal, we'll upload it. If we don't have that, we'll send you checks in the mail."

Treasury officials said they expect 50 million to 70 million Americans to have received directly deposited payments by April 15, which is one day later than what the IRS said it expects the deposits to become available.

up a portal on its website where filers can enter direct deposit information if the agency doesn't 15, and continuing in already have those details. Those who have provided bank information on their 2018 or 2019 returns don't have to do anything unless their information has changed.

As for paper checks, the Washington Post reported that the IRS plan would distribute those to the lowest-income Americans first, prioritizing payments for individual taxpayers with incomes of \$10,000 or less on April 24.

Checks for earners of \$20,000 or less would be

The IRS does plan to set in the mail May 1, followed by those with incomes of \$30,000 on May 8, \$40,000 on May income increments of \$10,000 each week, according to the plan. The IRS plans to issue about 5 million checks each week. Stimulus checks would be issued on Sept. 4 to joint taxpayers earning \$198,000, the maximum allowed under the stimulus. All others would be sent on Sept. 11, in most cases, because the IRS did not have prior tax information for them, and they need to apply for the checks.

When Publishers Newspaper Association (NNPA) President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. appeared on the Kelly Wright Show two weeks ago, Chavis told Wright that the novel coronavirus would hit African Americans the hardest.

"Tragically, the warnings have all proven to be true," Wright stated today.

"The public health data reveals that COVID-19 is having а devastating impact on African Americans in Chicago, Milwaukee, New Orleans, and other major cities." But nowhere else has the

African American community felt the wrath of the coronavirus like St. Louis, where nearly every person that has died from the virus is Black.

The first non-African American to die was a Latino woman in her 50s. She died on Friday, April 10.

A white male in his 90s also died on Friday, April 10.

But, in a city where just 24 percent of the population is Black, a whopping 55 percent of the confirmed cases are African American.

White account for 68.2 percent of St. Louis' population, and 36.6 percent of coronavirus cases.

Meanwhile, the death toll continues to mount in the Black community.

National St. Louis Urban League President Michael McMillan.

> In a transcript of the interview obtained by **NNPA** Newswire, McMillan revealed the devastating facts.

> "In St. Louis, if you look at the number of zip codes that have the highest number of cases, they are in the African American community. So, this disease is impacting us and even in a more significant way," McMillan tells Wright during the riveting discussion.

> He stated that some of the Urban League's partners and top African American commanders in the history of the Police Department have died.

> "Pastors we work with who is on the front lines in terms of mediating the disputes between gang members to keep them from killing each other have died. And the first person to die in the region was a health care worker, an African American nurse," McMillan says.

> The devastating losses su ered within St. Louis' African American community are compounded by the well-documented health disparities that already exist for many Black Americans nationwide, according to the Urban League.

> Public Health data in virtually every major urban area has document-

devastation, the other thing, of course, is that so many African Americans have jobs that they cannot work from home at," he told Wright.

"So, since we have positions that put us on the front lines so often, they are not executive positions that one can do from home. So, individuals are really out there and risking their lives in order to take care of themselves and their families are even more at risk, which contributes to an increase in numbers of African Americans here in St. Louis and across the country."

When asked what the Urban League is doing to mitigate the risk amid the virus already making a full assault on the African American community, McMillan responded:

"When you look at the unemployment numbers, unfortunately, African American men ages 18-24 have been the highest percentage in general before the crisis. Now that 16 million-plus people have filed for unemployment in the past three weeks, our community has been devastated by that, so we have seen a huge need in terms of basic necessities for individuals just to survive. Food, housing, utility assistance, toiletries, diapers, formulas, things that people need to make it every single day."