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# ‘Very much alive’: Biden victorious in 4 more primary states



Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden, accompanied by his wife Jill, speaks to members of the press at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, Tuesday, March 10, 2020. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

By WILL WEISSERT and LAURIE KELLMAN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Joe Biden decisively won Michigan’s Democratic presidential primary, seizing a key battleground state that helped propel Bernie Sanders’ insurgent candidacy four years ago. The former vice president’s victory there, as well as in Missouri, Mississippi and Idaho, dealt a serious blow to Sanders and substantially widened Biden’s path to the nomination.

Biden again showed strength Tuesday with working-class voters and African Americans, who are vital to winning the Democratic nomination.

Sanders won North Dakota and awaited results from Washington state. Washington’s primary was too early to call, and because all votes there are cast by mail or by dropping them off in a ballot box, many ballots were marked for candidates who have since dropped out of the race.

The six-state contest Tuesday marked the first time voters weighed in on the primary since it effectively narrowed to a two-person race between Sanders and Biden. And the first four states on Tuesday went to Biden, a dramatic reversal for a campaign that appeared on the brink of collapse just two weeks ago.

According to an Associated Press analysis, Biden picked up at least 177 new delegates in Tuesday’s voting while Sanders got 111.

Although six states voted, Michigan, with its 125 delegates, got most of the attention. Trump won the state by only 10,704 votes during the general election, his closest margin of victory among Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Those states gave Trump the narrow edge in the 2016 Electoral College after Clinton won the popular vote.

## California school to be named for Michelle Obama



FILE - In this Oct. 11, 2018, file photo, Michelle Obama participates in the International Day of the Girl on NBC’s “Today” show in New York. (Photo by Charles Sykes/Invision/AP, File)

RICHMOND, Calif. (AP) — A San Francisco Bay Area school district voted to name an elementary school after former First Lady Michelle Obama.

The board of the West Contra Costa Unified School District unanimously voted to rename Wilson Elementary School in Richmond as Michelle Obama Elementary School.

The wife of President Barack Obama is known for her support of educational and child health programs.

“She is a role model for our children and we strive to serve our students with the same kind of love, advocacy, and courage that she served our country,” Board President Stephanie Hernandez-Jarvis said in a statement.

The school’s PTA had proposed the name change. It will be the first school in Northern California and the second in the state to be named in Michelle Obama’s honor, the district said.

The other school is in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Panorama City.

Wilson Elementary was named for Woodrow Wilson, the 28th president of the United States.

The school currently is closed for reconstruction and its 430 students have been using a temporary campus in El Cerrito.

A new state-of-the-art school facility bearing Michelle Obama’s name is expected to open in time for the 2020-21 school year, according to the district.

## City of Dallas continues actively planning for COVID-19

Dallas, Texas – Collin County officials announced a “presumptive positive” case of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). A man in his 30s who recently returned from California is stable and in isolation in his Frisco home. Collin County healthcare staff is monitoring the man.

Collin County Health Care Services (CCHCS) will await further testing to confirm the preliminary results. The patient’s symptoms have not required hospitalization.

CCHCS is also monitoring the man’s family, providing any needed tests and working to identify any contacts who may have been exposed while he was infectious. Anyone found to have had any significant exposure to the patient will be contacted directly by county healthcare staff.

The City of Dallas continues to actively plan and prepare for COVID-19, working with Dallas County Health and Human Services on prevention, response and recovery efforts. The immediate risk of transmission remains low and the community is encouraged to remain calm and follow basic infection prevention measures.

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## Dallas County Judge Rules Super Tuesday ballots be recounted

(Dallas, Texas) – State District Judge Emily Tobolowsky ruled Tuesday Dallas County will recount ballots from 44 machines used in the 2020 primaries. The judge’s ruling was in response to Dallas County Election Administrator Toni Pippins-Poole’s request to manually recount the votes after she discovered 44 thumb drives containing ballots that were not included in the final Election Day results. Pippins-Poole made the discovery while reconciling the books there were not enough ballots for everyone that showed up to vote according to the affidavit.

The recount only concerns the paper ballots from the 44 machines that were not included in the original count, which took place on Wednesday, March 11, at Dallas County’s Elections Headquarters, the judge ruled.

According to Pippins-Poole, approximately 7,000 ballots were affected. Polling sites affected were in Dallas, Garland, Grand Prairie, Irving, Mesquite, and Rowlett.

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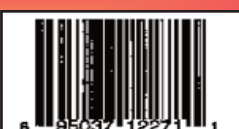
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# EDITORIAL PAGE

## Dallas County Counts 2020 details efforts to ensure participation in 2020 U.S. Census

**Dallas** - Dallas County is launching the “Dallas County Counts 2020” campaign to encourage residents to fill out the U.S. Census and to inform them of key U.S. Census dates, procedures and general information to ensure an accurate count of all residents, especially those in communities that are traditionally hard to count. An undercount puts federal funding for Dallas County in jeopardy and affects development, redistricting and congressional representation.

The campaign’s focus on the hard-to-count audience will address misinformation, fear, lack of awareness and the importance of counting every individual. By motivating hard-to-count groups to take the census and dispelling misinformation that could dissuade certain populations from responding, Dallas County hopes to maximize federal funding, services and development in local communities.

Dallas County Counts 2020’s mission is especially challenging because the decennial census process is new. It is the first time all residents will not receive the survey by mail but instead will be encouraged to respond online or by phone, with the option to request a mailed survey for those who want it. Having multiple options will prove critical as Dallas County contains numerous residents without access to broadband Internet, especially in the southern sector.

“We know what’s on the line – billions in federal dollars, congressional seats and the lines of redistricting over the next ten years. Those are high-level impacts that result from an accurate count and our region garnering its fair share of resources. But they’re not necessarily topics that resonate with the hard to count,” said Sophia Johnson, President, ABI. “We have a responsibility to communicate the quality of life impacts that our neighbors will notice every day. Things like whether a grocery store is built in their community or if their local school has enough seats and classrooms for our children.”

Getting the message out is even more crucial in areas where the count has traditionally been low. Hard-to-count communities include all areas where 25% or more of people failed to mail in their census in 2010. Hard-to-count individuals are hard to locate, hard to contact, hard to interview or hard to convince to fill out the census. They include families with children younger than five, immigrants, low-income households and ethnic populations like African-Americans and Hispanics. There are 219 hard-to-count tracts inside or crossing into Dallas County with an estimated 1.06 million people living in those areas.

The goal of the countywide campaign is to improve upon the self-response rate of 74 percent from the 2010 Census and to surpass the national average for this decennial count. Dallas County Counts 2020 will widely distribute information about the census and aggressively target those segments of the population that are traditionally hard to count through segmented messaging, block walks, participation in community events, informational kiosks, marketing and social media messaging in English and Spanish.

The bilingual volunteers and staff of Dallas County Counts 2020 will wear distinctive shirts as they connect with residents at events, retail locations and door-to-door canvassing. Among the important messages to be conveyed is that a citizenship question is not included in the 2020 Census. Although the question will not appear, the publicity surrounding the controversy last year has caused concern in communities that are already considered hard to count. Confidentiality of the information provided in the census is another area of concern, especially for Hispanics, immigrant populations and low-income communities. They will have to be reassured that their information cannot be shared with anyone – such as other government agencies, a landlord or even social service agencies – and that it’s illegal to share their information for 72 years.

Other key information that will be shared with Dallas County residents through the outreach efforts includes these important dates:

- March 12-20—Census invitation arrives in the mail asking residents to respond by phone, by mail or, for the first time, online.
- March 23—Online Census survey is available.
- April 1—National Census Day. Dallas County Census 2020’s large scale activities kick off. It marks the date by which all individuals will have received a mailed invitation to respond.
- May-July— Enumerators will begin visiting homes that have not responded to the census.
- July 31—The 2020 Census is completed

This year, only a small percentage of households will receive a paper form to fill out. The invitation that will come in the mail to most households will include instructions on how to respond to the census online or by phone, or how to request a paper form if that is preferred.

Communicating these dates, facts and the need to respond to the 2020 Census is crucial because, based on current estimates, Texas could gain three to four additional seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, which are determined based on the number of residents in a state.

An accurate count for 2020 is important not only in terms of representation, but also because it determines the amount of federal resources allocated to the state. In 2016, Texas received at least \$59.4 billion in federal funding, based on decennial Census data—or \$2,132 for every Texas resident. For every person missed in 2010, Texas lost out on \$1,161 per person, per year, over the past decade in federal funding for major health-care-related programs alone. Texas is the third largest recipient of federal funding which is allocated using Census data. If there is even a one percent undercount, the state could lose out in federal funding for healthcare and social service related programs at a rate of at least \$3 billion over the next decade.

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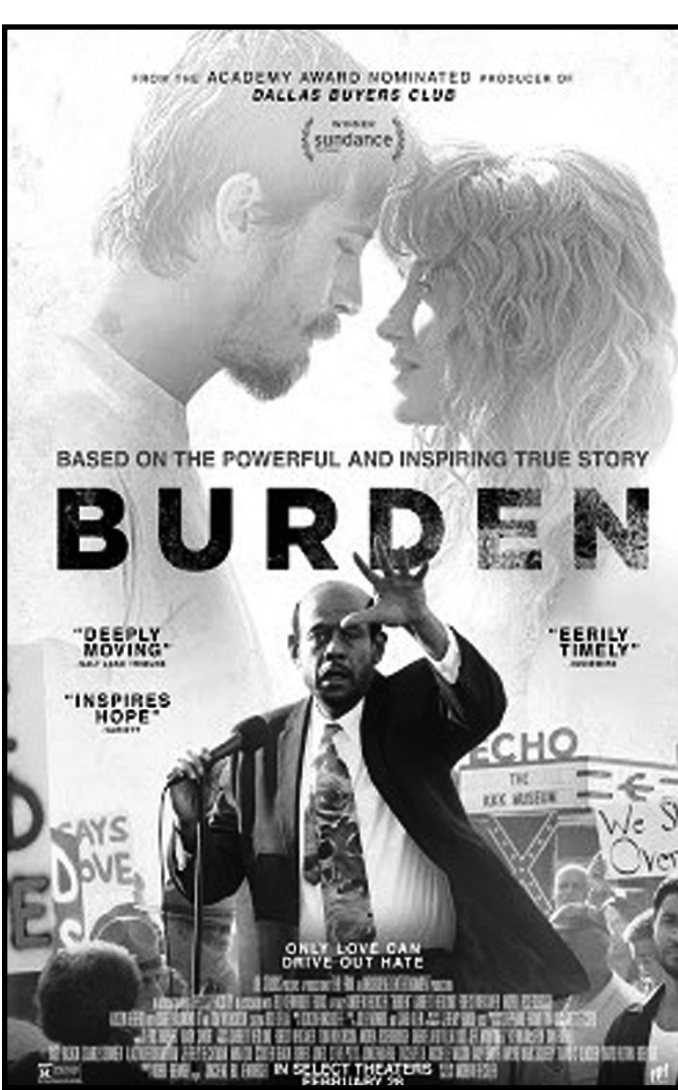
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## FILM REVIEW: Burden

‘Hollywood Hernandez Live’  
**By Michael Hernandez,**  
**Entertainment Reporter & Texas**  
**Metro News Columnist**

Burden is the true story about the life of Mike Burden, played by Garrett Hedlund. He is a Grand Dragon in the Ku Klux Klan and his life takes a turn for the worse when he decides to leave the KKK. He loses his job and his home after his evil, racist boss seeks revenge on him for leaving the Klan. Tom Griffin (Tom Wilkinson) does everything in his power to make Mike regret leaving the Ku Klux Klan. Wilkerson does an excellent job of playing someone who is pure evil.

Forest Whitaker’s character, Reverend Kennedy, gets involved when the Klan opens up a KKK

museum right in the middle of town. Reverend Kennedy fights back not with hate or violence. His weapon is love and through protests by his church members, he hopes to show the Klan the error of their ways.

Burden takes place in 1996 in Laurens, South Carolina, a place where blacks were treated as second class citizens and racism was commonplace in the small town. The movie is a “no holds barred” true story about race that shows the ugliness of hatred toward our fellow man. Meanwhile, Mike falls in love with a single mother and when the two become homeless, against the wishes of his family, Reverend Kennedy takes them in.

To see the evolution of Garrett Hedlund’s character is like watching a drug addict go through recovery.

He has his moments of kindness where he treats black people with respect and then he’ll sometimes slip back into being the old Mike, using the “N-word” when talking to blacks and showing them total disrespect. It’s the Reverend Kennedy who convinces him that all men are brothers. Burden is a real story about love winning over hate and the subject matter is just as relevant now as it was then. It’s an important movie for the times we are living in now. It reminds us not to forget what happened in the past or we’ll be doomed to repeat it.

The movie is rated R for harsh language, including frequent use of “The N-Word,” and runs for 2 hours and 9 minutes. On my “Hollywood Popcorn Scale” I rate Burden a JUMBO.

# Airlines slash flights, freeze hiring as virus cuts travel



FILE- In this May 24, 2018, file photo a Delta Air Lines passenger jet plane, a Boeing 737-900 model, approaches Logan Airport on. Airlines are seeing a sharp drop in bookings and a rise in cancellations in recent days as the coronavirus outbreak continues to spread, and they are responding by slashing flights and freezing hiring. Normally airlines try to lure reluctant customers by discounting fares, but that won't work in the face of the COVID-19 outbreak. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa, File)

By DAVID KOENIG

Airlines are slashing flights and freezing hiring as they experience a sharp drop in bookings and a rise in cancellations in the face of the spreading coronavirus.

Southwest Airlines CEO Gary Kelly says the outbreak might be worse for airlines than the terror attacks of 2001. An industry trade group believes it will be more damaging.

Delta Air Lines said Tuesday that travel demand has fallen so badly in the past week that it expects one-third of seats to be empty this month on flights within the United States, which was insulated from virus fallout for a time.

United Airlines expects to lose money in the first quarter for the first time in six years.

Business travelers are grounded as meetings and conferences are canceled. Leisure travelers are scared.

Normally airlines try to lure reluctant travelers by cutting fares, but that won't work with the COVID-19 outbreak.

"If you are scared of flying, you are probably scared at any price," said Delta President Glen Hauenstein.

Delta, the world's biggest airline by revenue, said net bookings declined 25% to 30% in the past two weeks and could get worse. It will cut international flights by 20% to 25% and reduce U.S. flying by 10% to 15%, roughly matching cuts previously announced by United Airlines.

Delta is also cutting spending, putting a freeze on hiring, offering voluntary unpaid leave, delaying voluntary pension contributions and suspending share buy-backs.

American Airlines announced it will cut international flying by 10% this summer and reduce U.S. flying by 7.5% in April. It has delayed training of new pilots and flight attendants.

The virus appears to be most dangerous among older people. The Associated Press reported over the weekend that the White House overruled a plan by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to recommend that older and physically weak Americans be advised not to fly on commercial airlines because of the new virus, according to a federal official. Instead, the CDC issued more nuanced advice, saying older people and those with health problems should avoid cruise ships, crowded places and "non-essential travel such as long plane trips."

American Airlines CEO Doug Parker said the largest decline has been in tickets within seven days of departure, which he said was entirely due to corporations restricting travel by employees. He predicted that business travel will return, but he didn't say when.

Airlines have been waiving change fees and touting stepped-up cleaning of airplane cabins to make passengers feel more comfortable about flying.

They have also cut prices, although that has not stemmed the drop in demand. Hopper, a travel-data research firm, said the average domestic airfare fell 14% last week, with fare-sale discounts running more than 50% on some major routes such as New York-Chicago and Los Angeles-Washington.

Delta, United, American and most international carriers have suspended flights to China and reduced flights elsewhere in Asia.

U.S. airline officials say they can manage their way through the outbreak. They say their companies are stronger, more profitable and carrying less debt than in the past. Mergers have left fewer competitors. Lower oil prices will help — American expects to spend \$3 billion less on fuel.

The airlines, however, are facing a challenge unlike any they have seen before.

"This current crisis is a test of the ability of our restructured industry to withstand the types of shock that we have never been able to withstand before," American's Parker said.



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## City of Dallas continues actively planning for COVID-19

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COVID-19 can be spread from an infected person to others through:

- Respiratory droplets released into the air by coughing and sneezing;
- Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands;
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands.

While COVID-19 is a new respiratory virus, daily precautions are recommended to prevent spread of all respiratory infections, including the common cold and flu:

- Practice social distancing (maintain six feet of distance between you and others when possible).

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

- Stay home when you are sick.

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use the elbow portion of your sleeve.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces, such as phones, keyboards and doorknobs.

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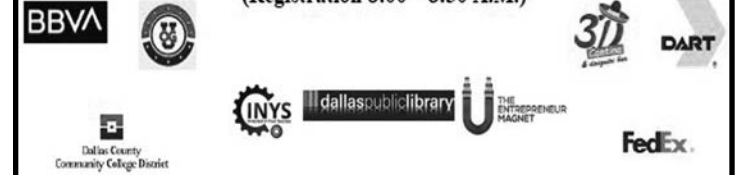


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## Dallas ISD wants to create a school-based social safety net

DALLAS — The head of Dallas ISD's Racial Equity Office Leslie Williams is intent on taking action to reverse the pervasive poverty in Dallas' poorest communities.

"We want to address past inequities that are still having an impact on redlined neighborhoods," he says.

Williams is spearheading an effort to assign a portion of the proposed 2020 bond package to correct past inequities that have created a legacy of poverty in communities around Lincoln, James Madison, L.G. Pinkston, Franklin Roosevelt and H. Grady Spruce high schools. He is meeting with parents, residents and elected officials, presenting evidence that the poverty surrounding these schools has its roots in the practice of redlining. He's proposing to have neighborhood schools serve as community hubs to help improve economic opportunity through a focus on family services, education, economics and health.

It's no secret that redlining was a common practice

of financial institutions in the 1930s and '40s. Banks and mortgage companies literally drew a line around certain communities where they refused to make or guarantee home loans that would enable black, brown and poor whites to move into those communities. Williams says redlining locked a generation out of homeownership, the major means of building wealth. He says the inequity created the intergenerational poverty that still impacts neighborhoods today. The practice also served as a disincentive to investment, stripping those neighborhoods of needed services.

To prove his point, Williams is working with the Child Poverty Action Lab, a nonprofit that has developed the Community Resource Index. The CRI is a mapping tool that measures the economic health of a community based on available resources such as libraries, wi-fi bandwidth, childcare, health facilities, grocery stores, and other services. Action Lab executive Ashley Flores has mapped 25 data points around

the five target schools and found a relationship between the lack of services and the level of poverty in the communities.

Presenting this data to residents, community leaders and elected officials, Williams is working to enlist support for earmarking \$40 million in the proposed November bond package to create the community hubs. His plan calls for Dallas ISD to make the space available. He's appealing to city, county, and social service agencies to provide the services identified by residents as most vital. These might include health services offered by Parkland Hospital, section 8 voucher assistance from the Dallas Housing Authority, and job training programs and counseling services offered by other partners.

"This can be a game changer for a lot of people who are struggling," Williams says.



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## The Latest: West advances to runoff in US Senate race

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Sen. Royce West will advance to a primary runoff against Air Force veteran MJ Hegar for the Democratic nomination to face U.S. Sen. John Cornyn.

Third-place Cristina Tzintzún Ramirez conceded Wednesday as West finished about 1% ahead of her in results that were delayed from Tuesday's primary.

Ramirez is a Latina activist who founded the political group Jolt Initiative. She says in a statement that she ran her campaign "unapologetically, and we all have so much to be proud of for what we've accomplished."

Hegar and West will face off in May.

Cornyn remains a formidable incumbent in Texas, where a Democrat hasn't won a U.S. Senate seat since the 1970s. He was the No. 2 Republican in the chamber until this year and has never faced a serious re-election challenge since joining the Senate in 2002.

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Cuellar won Tuesday's primary election over Jessica Cisneros, who once interned for him and accused the longtime moderate of being out of touch with his border district.

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### The Firehouse Theatre to Produce Broadway Gem *The Wiz*

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### LeBron James speaks on possibility of playing in empty arenas as NBA makes coronavirus plans

(AP) - The coronavirus outbreak continues to be a concern across sports, including in the NBA, which has been taking precautions as it spreads. But Friday night, Los Angeles Lakers star LeBron James brushed off the notion that the virus might soon force games to be held in empty arenas. "I play for the fans; that's what it's all about," James said. "If I show up to the arena and there ain't no fans there, I ain't playing."



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## News You Ought to Know

### Putin backs term limit freeze allowing him to stay in office

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV and DARIA LITVINOVA

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Russian President Vladimir Putin revealed his tightly guarded political plans Tuesday and supported a constitutional amendment that would allow him to seek reelection in 2024 by restarting the term count.

The constitutional change would pave the way for the 67-year-old Putin to stay in office until 2036, if he desires.

A lawmaker who is revered in Russia as the first woman to fly in space proposed either scrapping Russia's two-term limit for presidents or stopping the clock so the law wouldn't apply to Putin's time in office.

Putin has been in power for more than 20 years, and he is Russia's longest-serving leader since Soviet dictator Josef Stalin. After serving two presidential terms in 2000-2008, he shifted to the Russian prime minister's office while protege Dmitry Medvedev served as a placeholder president.

After the length of a presidential term was extended to six years under Medvedev, Putin reclaimed the presidency in 2012 and won another term in 2018.

Observers had speculated that to retain the presidency, Putin could use constitutional amendments he unveiled in January to scrap term limits; move into the prime minister's seat with strengthened powers; or continue calling the shots as the head of the State Council.

### Liz Weston: How to stock

### up wisely, emergency or not

By LIZ WESTON of NerdWallet

Concerns about the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (abbreviated COVID-19) mean more of us are doing what we probably should have been doing all along: washing our hands more frequently and thoroughly; staying at home when we're sick; stocking up on food and supplies in case that stay becomes extended.

People who may have been exposed to the new coronavirus or who get sick with COVID-19 might be advised to stay home for as long as 14 days to keep from spreading it to others, according to the Centers for Disease Control. That's led many people to wonder if they could manage for two weeks at home without a run to the grocery store.

Stocking up shouldn't mean panic-buying cases of toilet paper at the nearest warehouse store, of course. But keeping a reasonable supply of shelf-stable food and other supplies on hand makes sense for all kinds of emergencies, from natural disasters to stretches of unemployment.

At the same time, it's important for your wallet and your community not to hoard stuff you don't need. You can spend a small fortune on N95 masks, for example, but those are better reserved for the health care workers who can help those who become sick enough to need treatment. Likewise, there are companies selling emergency food kits with a decades-long shelf life, but those may include stuff you or your family just won't eat. That's a waste of money and food.

A better approach is to create a two-week cache of food based on the "store what you eat, eat what you store" princi-

ple that I detailed in "The Emergency Fund You Can Eat." The basics:

Write down two weeks' worth of meals. Consider what your household would eat for breakfast, lunch and dinner during that period, including mains, side dishes, beverages and desserts. Include snacks and treats that could make a potentially stressful time a little easier, as well as foods that could help someone with flu symptoms, such as broth, herbal tea, ice pops and electrolyte drinks.

Adapt ingredients, as necessary. In a natural disaster such as a hurricane or earthquake, utilities including water, fuel and electricity could be disrupted, so it's important to have alternate cooking sources, such as a camp stove, as well as an emergency water supply. In a disease outbreak, utilities likely won't be interrupted, but you may not have ready access to perishables or have the energy for elaborate meals. (Restaurant and grocery delivery may be an option, but that can get expensive if used for every meal.)

Use and replenish. About once a week, create a meal using your stockpile, starting with the stuff closest to its expiration date, and then replace what you've used. In that way, you'll rotate through your two-week stash of 42 meals in a little under a year.

It's smart to have a similar approach to other necessities, including hand soap, disposable facial tissues, toilet paper, diapers, pet food and litter, household surface cleaner, laundry and dish detergent, and hygiene supplies. Figure out how much your household is likely to use each week, and keep at least a two-week surplus on hand.

Likewise, the Department of Homeland Security recommends that

you regularly check your prescription drug supply, and keep nonprescription drugs and medical supplies on hand. These can include pain relievers, cough and cold medicines, and vitamins.

### Texas patient's wife, child test positive for new virus

**FRISCO, Texas (AP)** — The wife and 3-year-old child of a Texas man found to have the new coronavirus following a trip to California have also tested positive, health officials said Tuesday.

Texas has now more than two dozen confirmed cases of COVID-19.

The family lives in the Dallas suburb of Frisco, and all were in stable condition and under self-quarantine at their home, Collin County Health Care Services said in a statement. Another child in the family was also being retested. The father is believed to be the first person in Texas to contract the virus within the U.S.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as a fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause severe complications, including pneumonia.

The vast majority of people recover from the new virus. According to the World Health Organization, people with mild illness recover in about two weeks, while those with more severe illness may take three to six weeks to recover. In mainland China, where the virus first exploded, more than 80,000 people have been diagnosed and more than 58,000 have so far recovered.

## From redlining to racial equity: Dallas ISD wants to create a school-based social safety net



Head of Dallas ISD's Racial Equity Office Leslie Williams talks with stakeholders at H. Grady Spruce High School about strategies to address poverty in their community.

Leslie Williams, the head of Dallas ISD's Racial Equity Office is intent on taking action to reverse the pervasive poverty in Dallas' poorest communities.

"We want to address past inequities that are still having an impact on red-lined neighborhoods," he says.

Williams is spearheading an effort to assign a portion of the proposed 2020 bond package to correct past inequities that have created a legacy of poverty in communities around Lincoln, James Madison, Franklin Roosevelt and H. Grady Spruce high schools. He is meeting with parents, residents and elected officials, presenting evidence that the poverty surrounding these schools has its roots in the practice of redlining. He's proposing to have neighborhood schools serve as community hubs to help improve economic opportunity through a focus on family services, education, economics and health.

It's no secret that redlining was a common practice of financial institutions in the 1930s and '40s. Banks and mortgage companies literally drew a line around certain communities where they refused to make or guarantee home loans that would enable black, brown and poor whites to move into those communities. Williams says redlining locked a generation out of homeownership, the major means of building wealth. He says the inequity created the intergenerational poverty that still impacts neighborhoods today. The practice also served as a disincentive to investment, stripping those neighborhoods of needed services.

To prove his point, Williams is working with the Child Poverty Action Lab, a nonprofit that has developed the Community Resource Index. The CRI is a mapping tool that measures the economic health of a community based on available resources such as libraries, wi-fi bandwidth, childcare, health facilities, grocery stores, and other services. Action Lab executive Ashley Flores has mapped 25 data points around the five target schools and found a relationship between the lack of services and the level of poverty in the communities.

Presenting this data to residents, community leaders and elected officials, Williams is working to enlist support for earmarking \$40 million in the proposed November bond package to create the community hubs. His plan calls for Dallas ISD to make the space available. He's appealing to city, county, and social service agencies to provide the services identified by residents as most vital. These might include health services offered by Parkland Hospital, section 8 voucher assistance from the Dallas Housing Authority, and job training programs and counseling services offered by other partners.

"This can be a game changer for a lot of people who are struggling," Williams said.

Parents and stakeholders are invited to the following meetings to review the CRI data for their communities and provide input on the services they want to see housed in the school hubs.

## Life High School Waxahachie Hosts Future Chefs Cooking Contest



(WAXAHACHIE, TX) February 28, 2020

- In the United States, nearly 1 in 5 school-age children and young people (6 to 19 years) have obesity. Life School is working to change this statistic by teaching students about the importance of making healthy food choices through a cooking contest hosted by its food service provider, Sodexo.

"The Future Chefs event encourages students to get interested in healthy eating by getting them in the kitchen and preparing a meal from scratch," said Sodexo General Manager Krista Courtney. "Future Chefs is something Sodexo does around the country and we are excited to be able to bring this to Life School. Next year we hope to open it up to more students."

Students entered the competition earlier this year by sharing a kid-friendly recipe in the category of "Reimagine Your Favorite Lunch". All recipes had to be made from scratch. Based upon their recipe submissions two 4th graders, two 5th graders and two 6th graders from participating campuses were chosen to prepare and present their recipes before a panel of judges in the final Future Chefs event on Friday, February 28.

The students were paired up with Sodexo employees to make their dishes to ensure everyone stayed safe. The Future Chefs were judged on two criteria: presentation and taste. First place won a bicycle, 2nd place a new set of pots and pans and 3rd place earned a dish set, cookbook and miscellaneous cooking supplies.

The winners of the 2020 Future Chefs cooking challenge for Life School were:

- 1st Place - Hailee Mitchel of Life School Red Oak Elementary
- 2nd Place - Victoria Turner of Life School Red Oak Elementary
- 3rd Place - JaQualyn Woodard of Life School Oak Cliff Elementary
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This increased participation of Black voters has the power to transform the electorates in those states, helping more Black voters get access to the ballot and have their voices heard in November.

This investment expands on Mike Bloomberg's previous commitment to register 500,000 voters from under-represented groups in five key swing states ahead of the general election, and now includes additional states where important races are taking shape.

"It is not an exaggeration to suggest the 2020 election cycle will be one of the most consequential in American history. The last presidential election was decided by less than 80,000 votes and there are currently over 5 million unregistered Black Americans in our eight target states," said Quentin James, President of The Collective. "There is a critical need for Black voter engagement across the country in the 2020 election and beyond and we are deeply grateful to Mike Bloomberg for his partnership and dedication to this critical cause. His significant financial contribution will propel our work to historic levels and we are hopeful that this game-changing investment will be supported and replicated by those who embrace the need to advance the Black community.

"Voter suppression efforts across the country have been a barely disguised effort to keep Black Americans and other Democratic-leaning voters from the polls. I've always believed we need to make it easier for all citizens to register and vote, not harder," said Mike Bloomberg. "That's why I strongly support Collective Future in their effort to register 500,000 Black Americans. These new voters could determine the November election - and the future of the country. The stakes couldn't be higher. So while our campaign for the presidency is over, our work to get America back on track is still growing."

This financial gift will greatly assist Collective Future in engaging the Black community and registering voters, with the goal of increased civic participation in the 2020 election cycle, in the following ways:

- Recruiting and training Black churches, civic organizations, HBCU students and interested youth to become official program partners and volunteers
- Hiring field organizers through partnerships with state-based and local Black-led grassroots organizations, with specific focus on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), youth organizations, Black faith groups, and civic organizations
- Providing "mini-grants" to program partners to power volunteer recruitment and retention, as well as voter registration activity
- Utilizing national media partnerships to communicate with unregistered voters
- Relying on cutting-edge digital tools and current data to analyze, verify, and track voter registration efforts

"We must defeat Donald Trump and increasing the number of Democratic voters, in particular from underrepresented groups, is going to be central to that effort," said Mayor of Columbia, South Carolina Steve Benjamin. "Mike Bloomberg's support for Collective Future will help us register voters in places like South Carolina and across the country, helping Democrats from the top of the ticket to down-ballot races. Mike's focus on voter registration and increasing civic participation.

## Dallas County Judge Rules Super Tuesday ballots be recounted

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Dallas County had an overall voter turnout of 23.6%, with 73% of 317,011 voters casting ballots in the Democratic primary.

Pippins-Poole filed the court petition and affidavit for a recount on Friday, according to county officials.

Dallas County began using the new voting equipment during the March 3 primary elections for the first time. The drives represent almost a tenth of the total vote centers open on Super Tuesday. The system requires two thumb drives to record the votes— one is the main drive, the second is a back-up. It also creates a paper ballot record of the votes cast, according to court documents.

"Of the 44 thumb drives, 16 were not received in a timely manner to the Elections Department and 28 were from voting machines not scheduled to be used but were used by volunteer election officials," Pippins-Poole said in a statement Saturday evening addressing the blunder.

Pippins-Poole said she "consulted with the Texas Secretary of State" after discovering the uncounted drives and decided to petition a court to let her "reopen" the central counting process.

In the petition, the county said it would use the paper ballots from the ballot boxes of the 44 machines whose drives weren't counted and run those ballots through "the central counting station tabulator" to conduct the recount.

## Coronavirus: COVID-19 Is Now Officially A Pandemic, WHO Says

The COVID-19 viral disease that has swept into at least 114 countries and killed more than 4,000 people is now officially a pandemic, the World Health Organization announced Wednesday.

"This is the first pandemic caused by coronavirus," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus declared at a briefing in Geneva.

It's the first time the WHO has called an outbreak a pandemic since the H1N1 "swine flu" in 2009.