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With 3 more victories, Biden pulls further away from Sanders

WASHINGTON (AP) — Joe Biden swept to victory in Florida, Illinois and Arizona on Tuesday, increasingly pulling away with a Democratic presidential primary upended by the coronavirus and building pressure on Bernie Sanders to abandon his campaign.

The former vice president's third big night in as many weeks came amid tremendous uncertainty as the Democratic contest collides with efforts to slow the spread of the virus that has shut down large swaths of American life. Polls were shuttered in Ohio, and although balloting went ahead as scheduled in the three other states, election workers and voters reported problems.

Still, Biden's quest for his party's nomination now seems well within reach. His trio of wins doubled his delegate haul over Sanders, giving the former vice president a nearly insurmountable lead. Top Democratic leaders and donors have also increasingly lined up behind Biden as the best option to square off against President Donald Trump in November.

Using a livestream to address supporters from his home state of Delaware, Biden seemed ready to move past the primary. He paid tribute to the Vermont senator for advancing key issues like affordable health care and combating climate change.

"Sen. Sanders and his supporters have brought a remarkable passion and tenacity to all of these issues. Together they have shifted the fundamental conversation in this country," Biden said. "So let me say, especially to the young voters who have been inspired by Sen. Sanders, I hear you. I know what's at stake. I know what we have to do."

With the exception of North Dakota and the Northern Mariana Islands, Sanders hasn't scored a victory since Super Tuesday on March 3. He made no immediate move on Tuesday to contact Biden, according to people familiar with the situation who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak for the candidates. During remarks early in the night, Sanders said little about the future of the race and instead focused on the coronavirus outbreak.

Democratic Delegate Count

Former Vice President Joe Biden holds the lead in pledged delegates allocated in Democratic primaries so far but remains short of the 1,991 needed to secure the nomination.

Pledged delegates: 1,147
Needs: 844
Joe Biden

Pledged delegates: 861
Needs: 1,130
Bernie Sanders

Pledged delegates: 2
Tulsi Gabbard

*Data as of 12:30 a.m. EDT March 18.
Only candidates still in the race are represented. Source: AP Elections Group*



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While our classrooms are empty, our work on behalf of children continues. We have activated at-home learning, our teachers are prepared to begin distance instruction, and Dallas ISD Food and Child Nutrition Services (FCNS) will distribute meals at select campus locations. These sites will become central locations for family and student resource distribution in the coming weeks. Please expect phone messages with updates and visit www.dallasisd.org/COVID19 for more information

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Chris Bell, Michael Cooper Endorse Royce West for U.S. Senate

Senator Royce West (D-Dallas) has earned two key endorsements in advance of the May 26 Democratic Primary Runoff for United States Senate.

Former United States Congressman and Houston City Council Member Chris Bell announced his endorsement of Royce West Thursday afternoon in Houston.

Michael Cooper, a Beaumont pastor, former candidate for United States Senate, and President of the NAACP of Beaumont, announced his endorsement of Senator Royce West in the upcoming Democratic Primary runoff election in Beaumont Thursday morning.

Bell won more than 20 counties across Texas including a number of West Texas and Texas Panhandle counties such as Potter and Randall Counties, as well as Brazoria County along the Texas Gulf Coast, earning more than 158,000 votes

in the March 3 Democratic Primary.

"I believe Senator West's experience in the Texas Senate is invaluable in this race. He is the only candidate now in this race with experience as an elected official in Texas," Bell said. "Senator West is a leader in the Texas Senate on such issues as banning assault weapons, protecting women's rights, and higher education, and has been for more than two decades," Bell said.

"I am honored to endorse Senator Royce West in the Democratic Primary runoff election for United States Senate," Cooper said.

Among the reasons Cooper cited as endorsing West was his strong work on education and higher education issues, criminal justice reforms, and voting rights issues.

Cooper noted, during the course of the campaign, he had the opportunity to visit

with Senator West on a variety of issues, that helped demonstrate that West is the most qualified candidate in the runoff.

Bell said he believed West was the only person in the race who could turn Texas blue.

"I am confident Senator West is the only person now in this race who can build the coalitions necessary to turn Texas blue this November," Bell said. "Senator West is also a fighter, and I'm confident he'll hold John Cornyn accountable for the many instances he's let down Texans by siding with Donald Trump and the GOP establishment," Bell continued.

Bell, a Houston attorney and former journalist, served on the Houston City Council and represented Houston in the United States Congress prior to the 2003 mid-decade redistricting scheme engineered by former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-Sugar Land). He later served on the national board of

NARAL Pro-Choice America.

An ethics complaint Bell filed with the U.S. House's ethics committee ultimately helped lead to DeLay's downfall.

Cooper, the founding pastor of Beaumont-based The Church of I Am, won San Augustine and Jasper Counties in deep South East Texas, and came in second behind West in Jefferson County with 23.5 percent of the vote in the March 3 primary.

"Chris Bell is a leader in the Democratic Party. His courage in taking on Tom DeLay is the stuff of legend among Texas Democrats," West said. "I am honored to receive Chris's endorsement, and am grateful for his service to our state and our party," West said.

"Michael Cooper is a strong leader in Beaumont, and has, through his work with the NAACP, been an advocate for criminal justice issues and racial equality. I am excited to have him on Team West, and look forward to working with him to



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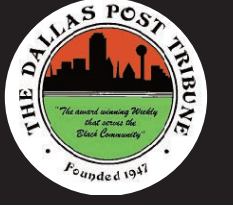


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Dallas ISD COVID-19 Update: March 17

Most comprehensive middle and high schools will start offering grab-and-go meals next week

BY THE HUB

Dallas ISD Food and Child Nutrition Services will provide grab-and-go meals at most comprehensive middle and high school starting next week.

Meals will be distributed on Monday and Thursday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the entrance of the schools. Each Monday and Thursday, FCNS will provide three days of breakfast and lunch. The students need to accompany the parents to be eligible to pick up the meals. All students qualify for the meals.

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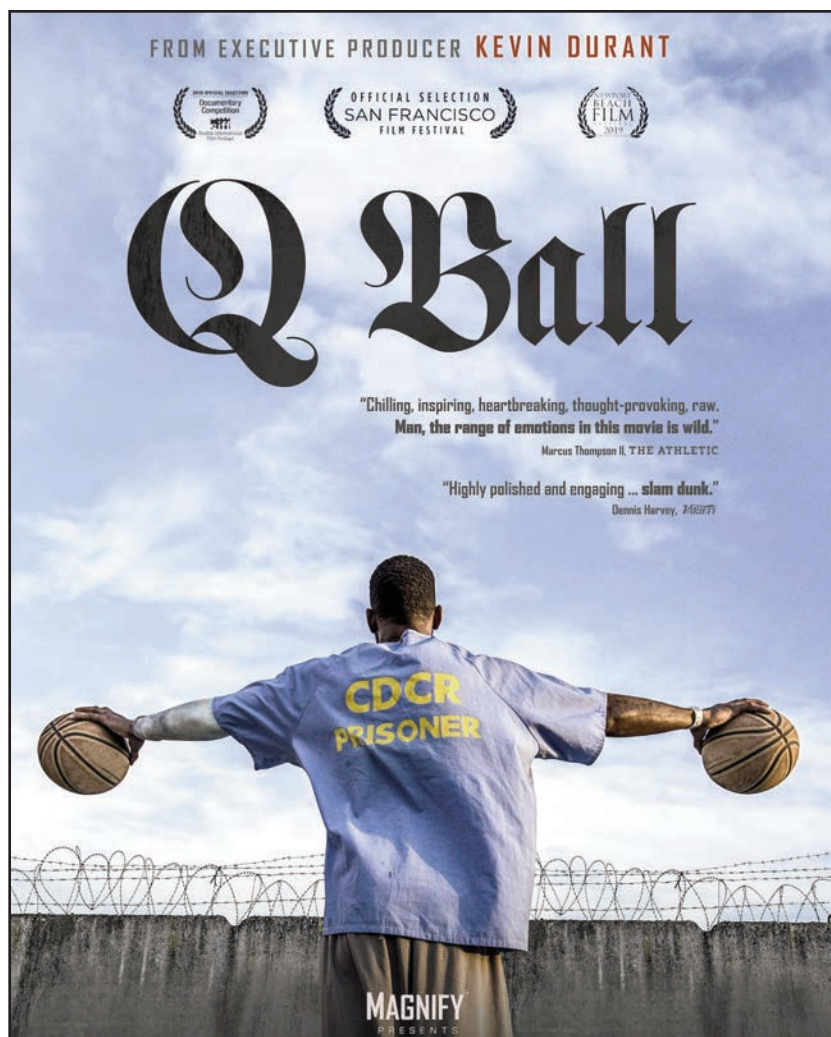


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Q Ball



(AP) - Few prisons hold a larger place in the popular psyche than California's San Quentin State Prison. For more than 150 years the forbidding facility, perched on a crop of California coastline north of San Francisco, has served as a final stop for some of society's most notorious figures, including serial killers Charles Manson and Richard Ramirez, tabloid-fodder murderer Scott Peterson, and Robert F. Kennedy assassin Sirhan Sirhan. It served as the setting for one of Johnny Cash's most iconic live performances. There's little to live for inside its walls, and little chance for redemption. But there is basketball, and that's the focus of Q Ball, a stirring 2019 documentary film currently available on Netflix.

The film, executive produced by NBA superstar Kevin Durant, follows the San Quentin Warriors, a competitive basketball team made up of inmates in the prison and supported as an outreach program by Durant's former team, the Golden State Warriors. Coached by fellow inmate Rafael Cuevas, the squad plays games against teams from outside the prison's walls, culminating their season with a "championship" game against members of the Golden State coaching staff. (One inmate hilariously notes, over a picture of players posing with the Warriors' NBA championship trophy, that "we got to do something Charles Barkley never did!")

This isn't some scrub prison-yard team, either. "For a lot of people, they could've gone in the NBA, at least gotten college scholarships," one inmate notes. "And for those dreams to be derailed, then come in here and have an opportunity to prove to themselves that I could've made it, that I was that good — it's huge, that's what they're really playing for." Another inmate concurs: "Some of these guys missed their calling. They should've been on a Division I basketball team, but for whatever reason they didn't make it. Then they come in here and they find out there's a legitimate basketball team? You can look at yourself in the mirror and say 'I can make it.'"

The filmmakers wisely make sure not to minimize the gravity of these crimes or sweep them into a simple redemption narrative, as sports media unfortunately can be prone to do — the Griffith murder is retold not only from Cuevas' perspective, but also by Griffith's grieving mother in an on-screen interview. It's understood that sports cannot heal the wounds or undo the damage these men have done, but the hope is that it can still be a vehicle for positive change.

"It's the easiest way to embrace guys that are the furthest from growth," Cuevas notes. "The toughest, meanest guys in the yard, the ones who are never going to go to therapy, but might play basketball." Being forced to be a part of a team, to work together toward a common goal, can be the beginning of restitution if not redemption.

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson Announces Federal Funding Toward Ending Homelessness in the City of Dallas



Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Johnson announced that the City of Dallas has been awarded a Continuum of Care Grant in the amount of \$287,443 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"I am pleased to announce that the City of Dallas will be receiving \$287,443 in funding to support our Texans experiencing homelessness," said Congresswoman Johnson. "This funding will assist for our local government offices in their dedicated efforts to address housing insecurity in our communities. I am proud to support this federal funding, and I know the City of Dallas will put it to good use."

The Continuum of Care Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

What are the added expenses of owning a home?

There's more to homeownership than the cost of your down payment. Learn about — and prepare — for the true cost of ownership.

The decision to go from renter to homeowner can be exciting. But there's more to homeownership than your down payment, closing costs, and any other upfront expenses you'll need to cover — like the cost of moving, and fees to set up or transfer your utilities. To make a financially healthy decision about homeownership, plan ahead for the true cost of ownership before buying your new home.

Know the regular fixed expenses

After purchasing the home, there are ongoing fixed costs, such as:

- Mortgage payment (principal and interest)
- Private mortgage insurance (if

- applicable)
 - Property taxes
 - Utilities
 - Homeowners insurance
 - Homeowners association and other community fees (if applicable)

Though the payments for these items may come at different times (e.g., monthly, quarterly or annually), you should add up the monthly cost of each to understand how they'll affect you on a day-to-day basis. Make sure to factor these costs — including the monthly amounts you'll have to save for your annual payments — into your monthly spending plan. Doing this will help you avoid buying a house that you can't afford, which can happen even if you've been approved for the mortgage. You'll also be able to fully grasp how much you'll have left over for flexible and dis-

cretionary expenses. The Hands on Banking® website has more resources on [making a spending plan](#).

Plan for ongoing maintenance and repairs

Owning a home also means planning for ongoing maintenance and repairs. Homeowners may need to budget 1% to 2% of the purchase price of their home on maintenance each year, though that may vary based on the condition of the home. Remodeling rooms or the entire home would cost considerably more.

It's always a good idea to put money aside in an emergency fund to protect against surprise situations. But some home maintenance and repairs aren't really emergencies, because you can count on features eventually reaching the end of their useful life — things like the roof or appliance replacement.

Instead of dipping into your emergency fund for these costs, it's best to set aside a certain amount of money every month specifically for them. You can use a savings account to save for home-related costs, like repaving your driveway or renovating parts of your house. That way, you can reserve your emergency fund for truly urgent situations, such as medical needs or sudden unemployment.

Buying a home can be both rewarding and challenging. [Doing your homework](#) will ensure that homeownership is as stress-free as possible, both during and after the purchase.

More information is available on [Hands on Banking](#), a great place to [start educating yourself](#) about these costs.

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