

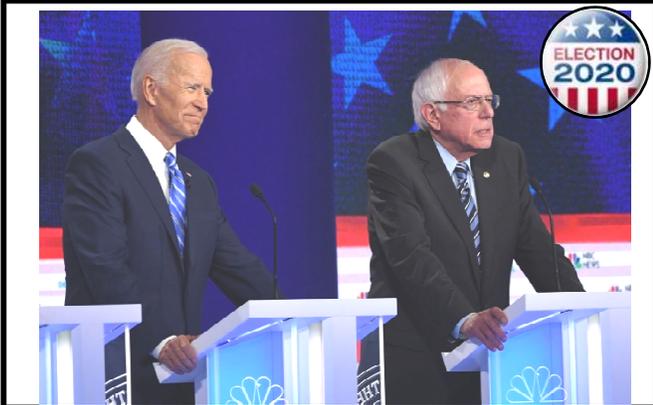
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# WHITE HOUSE & WORLD NEWS



## General Jack Keane Awarded Medal of Freedom

**G**eneral Jack Keane was awarded the Medal of Freedom last Tuesday by President Trump to retired U.S. Army General Jack Keane.

President Trump offered a tribute to Keane's 38-year military career in remarks in the White House East Room. He recognized Keane for his service in the Vietnam War in 1966 and his later accomplishments as a vice chief of staff in the Army. Keane retired from the military in 2003. Keane has been known to advise President Trump on a number of national security issues and has devoted his life to keeping America safe and strong.



"Jack, I have to say, has given me a lot of good advice," President Trump said during his remarks, describing Keane as "a visionary, a brilliant strategist and an American hero. Keane said he was "deeply honored" to receive the medal, which he called "this extraordinary award." The last time the president awarded the Medal of Freedom was during the State of the Union address on February 4 to Rush Limbaugh.

The **Medal of Freedom** is the highest civilian award, presented to individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors.

## Nazi Guard Ordered Removed from U.S.

**N**A Tennessee resident who formerly served as a concentration camp guard in Nazi Germany has been ordered to be removed from the United States following a two-day trial in Memphis.

Friedrich Karl Berger admitted he served as an armed guard for a concentration camp in Germany. Jews, Poles, Russians, Danes and others were forced to work to the point of exhaustion and death.

Berger admitted to investigators that he guarded prisoners during a two week journey after the camp had to be evacuated due to the advance of British and Canadian forces. Roughly 70 prisoners died during that Death March journey.

This ruling shows the Department of Justice's continued commitment to obtaining a measure of justice, however late, for the victims of wartime Nazi persecution. Inspectors have ordered the removal of 109 other individuals who were found to have assisted the Nazis since 1979. It was not immediately clear whether German authorities will prosecute Berger upon his eventual return to the country.



## Democratic Candidates End Campaigns

After South Carolina's primary on February 29, several Democratic candidates ended their presidential campaign. Because of Biden's strong win in South Carolina, other candidates faced reality of their slim chance of winning.



**Tom Steyer** the billionaire businessman failed to claim victory in South Carolina and ended his campaign. He spent more than \$22 million in South Carolina, hoping it would turn around his failing campaign. Steyer's decision comes after disappointing showings in the race's first three contests in Iowa, New Hampshire and Nevada. Steyer spent over \$150 million of his own money on advertisements.

Former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor **Pete Buttigieg** ended his bid for the Democratic presidential after he finished in fourth place in the South Carolina primary and had little path toward success on Super Tuesday. 'I will no longer seek to be the 2020 democratic nominee for president. But I will do everything in my power to ensure that we have a new Democratic president come January.' He endorsed Joe Biden.

Minnesota **Senator Amy Klobuchar** also announced she was ending her presidential campaign following sixth-place finishes in Nevada and South Carolina. She endorsed Joe Biden.

Some see the sudden surge of support around Biden as an attempt by Democrats to mount a challenge against Bernie Sanders, whose support and momentum have made him a front-runner in the race. The Democratic National Committee is trying to get Biden elected, by having other candidates drop out and endorse Biden. Democratic Party leaders don't believe that Bernie Sanders has a chance of beating Donald Trump in the November election. Sanders has long argued establishment Democrats are against his campaign, going back to the 2016 race when party officials admitted they were helping Hillary Clinton win the nomination.

## Super Tuesday Primaries

On March 3, Super Tuesday, 14 states and one US territory voted for the largest single day of contests in the election season so far. The comeback of former Vice President Joe Biden stands out. Biden was embarrassed in the earlier primaries in Iowa, New Hampshire and Nevada when he did not rank high with voters. A decisive victory in South Carolina lifted Biden's spirits heading into Super Tuesday. There were 14 primaries spread from Maine to California.

The Democratic Party's presidential contest which previously had eight candidates, turned into a two-man contest, after Super Tuesday's state primaries and caucus. Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders emerged as the party's clear front-runners, with Biden sweeping the South, and Sanders winning the day's biggest prize, California.

1,991 delegates are needed to clinch the nomination. The two-candidate battle could extend to the end of the primary calendar and potentially could lead to the first contested presidential nominating convention in more than half a century.

Joe Biden was Super Tuesday's biggest winner taking 10 of the 14 states, including some in which he hadn't campaigned. Biden's success shows his popularity among African Americans, older voters and white suburbanites.

Bernie Sanders won in four states. California is the biggest prize from Super Tuesday with the most delegates and Sanders won the state.

Bernie Sanders, who was previously the front runner, faces pressure to show that he can expand his political base, and he acknowledged that his campaign didn't have the turnout among young people that he had counted on.

## Democratic Candidates End Campaign after Super Tuesday

After spending more than \$560 million from his own fortune, **Mike Bloomberg** ended his presidential campaign after a disappointing Super Tuesday performance. Bloomberg said that he is endorsing Joe Biden for president and we can expect him to pay millions of dollars in advertisements for Joe Biden.

**Senator Elizabeth Warren** from Massachusetts dropped out of the race. Though she was once considered a frontrunner for the Democratic nomination, Warren didn't win any of the states that have held primaries or caucuses so far. Warren's exit ends the dream that a woman would be the next president. Warren said she would not endorse anyone right away, but Bernie Sanders and Joe Biden each want her blessing.

Elizabeth Warren's decision leaves three Democrats still seeking the nomination: **Joe Biden**, Senator **Bernie Sanders** from Vermont and Representative **Tulsi Gabbard** from Hawaii (despite low polling and one delegate she is holding on). Gabbard says her campaign is an opportunity to speak to Americans about changes we need in our foreign policy. Her staff consists of volunteers, friends and family members. That group of three has been reduced from a total of 28 Democrats who were running at some point.

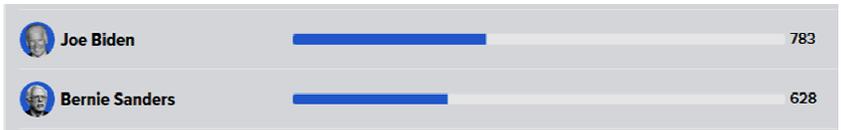
California Senator Kamala Harris endorsed Joe Biden, becoming the 9th former presidential candidate to give him approval. 'I believe in Joe. I really believe in him and I have known him for a long time. One of the things that we need right now is we need a leader who really does care about the people and who can therefore unify the people. And I believe Joe can do that,' Harris said. Harris campaigned for Joe Biden in Detroit on March 9, one day ahead of Michigan's primary on Tuesday.

### SUPER TUESDAY STATES



## Primary Elections in Six States Super Tuesday II

On Tuesday, March 10, primary elections were held in six states. Joe Biden won big in Super Tuesday II primary elections. Biden doesn't have all of the 1,991 delegates needed for a victory. He claimed victories in Idaho, Mississippi, Missouri and the biggest prize of the night, Michigan. All of the wins relied heavily on Biden's support among black voters.



Bernie Sanders' loss in Michigan is a big blow because Sanders won the state in 2016's primary. Sanders did not speak publicly at all Tuesday night, the first time he has declined to address supporters in the aftermath of a primary vote this campaign season. Bernie Sanders won in North Dakota and it's a close race in the state of Washington.

The big picture is pretty clear: Joe Biden is now the Democratic Party's likely presidential nominee. Bernie Sanders' campaign is in big trouble and needs to do something to change the race in a big way. There is a lot of pressure for Sanders to exit the race, but despite disappointing loss Sanders says he is not quitting and he is looking forward to debate Biden.

Democratic officials are concerned that if Biden and Sanders continue to battle it out in primary contests scheduled through early June, it could benefit Republican President Trump. Some Democratic officials would like to call off the primaries and debates and declare Joe Biden the victor. Sanders and his army of supporters have historically stood up to attempts by the party establishment to nudge him to the side.

### Eleventh Democratic Debate

The next Democratic debate will take place in Phoenix, Arizona on Sunday, March 15. Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders and former Vice President Joe Biden are the only candidates who have qualified for the debate. Representative Tulsi Gabbard, who is still in the race, has not qualified to participate; she doesn't have enough delegates. The Arizona debate will have the fewest candidates on stage since the beginning of the crowded primary.



Just days before, the debate was moved from Arizona to a studio in Washington, D.C. This debate will be different than past debates. The debate will not have a live audience out of caution for the virus outbreak. Both Sanders and Biden canceled campaign rallies in Ohio after the governor declared a state of emergency.

Arizona, Florida, Illinois and Ohio will hold primaries Tuesday, March 17. Bernie Sanders lost all those states in 2016 primaries.



## WORLD NEWS



### Israel Demolishes Homes of Terrorists

Israeli military forces demolished the homes of two Palestinians accused of being behind a deadly blast in the West Bank last year, which killed 17-year-old Israeli Rina Shnerb and injured her father and brother as they hiked down to a spring in the occupied West Bank.

The two Palestinian men are currently facing trial in an Israeli court. Bulldozers tore down one home in the West Bank city of Bir Zeit. At the second home in the city of Ramallah, soldiers used jackhammers to destroy the interior walls of the apartment.

During the operation, dozens of Palestinians burned tires and threw stones at Israeli forces. Israeli forces responded with tear gas and grenades. Israel says demolishing the family homes of terrorists discourages violence. Critics say it's not right to punish families.



### Free Transportation in Luxembourg

Luxembourg is located between Belgium, France, and Germany. It's one of the smallest countries in the world, less than 1,000 square miles in area. People in Luxembourg no longer have to pay to ride public transportation. The country has made all of its trains and buses free to ride, in an effort to cut down on traffic and pollution.



Luxembourg only has 600,000 people, fewer than most large cities. But the country has a big traffic problem. Around 200,000 people come into Luxembourg from the countries around it every day for work. During rush hours – when traffic is heaviest as people drive to or from work – the roads are often jammed. Some trips that should normally take 30 minutes can take an hour or longer.

The government hopes that by making transportation free, more people will start taking buses, trains, and trams instead of driving. This would cut down on traffic and help Luxembourg pollute less. But, it may not solve Luxembourg's problem as residents love driving cars. The country has 662 cars for every 1,000 people. Others say the transportation system can't handle so many riders. Without more money coming in from riders, it could be difficult to improve its system.

# Coronavirus Hits the U.S.

Coronaviruses are a family of viruses named after their appearance, a crown. Most coronaviruses cause mild symptoms that patients easily recover from. The risk of contracting coronavirus remains low for most Americans. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is urging older adults and people with severe medical conditions to stay home as much as possible and avoid crowds. The CDC notes that there are several things to do to prevent the spread of any respiratory diseases:



- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and throw the tissue away.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water and if soap and water aren't available, hand sanitizer is the next best option. The proper way to wash your hands is for at least 20 seconds, especially before eating, after going to the bathroom and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- If you're sick, whether it's coronavirus or something else, don't come to school or go to work.

## Purell Hand Sanitizer

Businesses around the world are losing a lot of money, and yet some companies are benefiting from the spread of COVID-19 if they happen to have the right product or service. Clorox, which of course produces bleach, 409 and other cleaners, has seen its profit rise by 13 percent.

Purell Hand Sanitizer was invented in 1988 to meet the needs of healthcare providers and restaurants operators looking for ways to reduce the spread of germs. Healthcare workers needed to kill germs on their hands when they couldn't get to soap and water.

Purell is selling like wild. The company employs about 2,500 people and manufactures Purell products at facilities in Ohio, and France. The company is ramping up production, but it declined to state by how much, or how much Purell it sold last year. Purell stepped up production in January to meet the growing demand, has added shifts and has team members working overtime.

The company states that "Purell...kills 99.99% of most common germs that can make you sick." Note the phrase, "most common germs." Does that include COVID-19? No one really knows. The FDA noted it had no evidence that Purell is effective against those diseases. Experts say it can be effective like for wiping down a tray table on an airplane, and maybe as a hand sanitizer.



New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that New York will be producing its own hand sanitizer. Because of the coronavirus there are widespread shortages which have led to inflating prices in stores. Cuomo unveiled the product, dubbed NYS Clean.



"We are introducing New York State Clean hand sanitizer, made conveniently by the State of New York," he said while holding a bottle. Governor Cuomo described it a "superior product to products now on the market," citing its higher alcohol content than what's found in competitors like Purell.

New York Governor Cuomo urged the CDC to expand the number of labs allowed to perform testing for the disease. The CDC has not authorized private labs to conduct automated tests. New Rochelle, a city in Westchester County, 25 miles outside of New York City, has seen "probably the largest cluster" of U.S. cases. Governor Cuomo said he was calling in the National Guard troops to the containment area to assist with cleaning schools and scrub public places in the town and to deliver food to homes where people are currently self-quarantined.

## **P**resident Signs \$8.3 Billion Bill

On March 6, President Trump signed the \$8.3 billion emergency funding bill to fight the coronavirus outbreak. It is more than triple the size of the White House's original budget. The money will be used to fund every aspect of the outbreak, from vaccine research and development, to support for state and local public health agencies, to medical supplies and preparation at home and abroad. Dozens of research groups around the world are racing to create a vaccine as COVID-cases continue to grow.



After signing the bill, President Trump visited the Atlanta headquarters of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said the bill provides "desperately needed funds" to federal health agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The White House said 4 million tests have been sent out and millions more will be available. Officials still are not giving a number of how many people have been tested. Each person has at least two tests given to them to determine if they have the virus -- a nose swab and a mouth swab.

President Trump has appointed Vice President Mike Pence to lead the government's effort to fight the disease. Vice President Mike Pence admitted the US doesn't have enough test kits to meet demand.

President Trump's is restricting travel to the United States from Europe for 30 days. Americans stuck in Europe scrambled to get flights home and paid thousands of dollars for airline tickets.

**Update:** President Trump declared a national emergency. It would allow him to give \$50 billion to states to fight against the disease.

# Spanish Flu of 1918

Every year, flu viruses make people sick. From March 1918 to the spring of 1919, the flu spread quickly around the world, infecting hundreds of millions of people and killing 50 million to 100 million. 675,000 Americans died. Vaccines had not been developed, so the only methods of fighting the virus were quarantine, good hygiene practices, disinfectants and limiting public gatherings.



The first case occurred in Fort Riley in March 1918. Fort Riley was a military outpost in Kansas where new recruits were trained before being sent to Europe to fight in World War I. Despite the attempt to isolate soldiers with symptoms, the flu quickly spread through Fort Riley. After five weeks, 1,127 soldiers at Fort Riley had been stricken and 46 of them had died.

Americans weren't told about the virus. President Wilson passed a law making it a crime to say or publish anything negative that would affect the war effort. Health officials said it was an ordinary influenza.

Reports of the same flu were noted in other military camps around the U.S. The flu infected soldiers on ships as they made their way to fight in France. Americans brought this new flu with them to Europe. The flu traveled across Europe, infecting people in nearly every country.

Spain was the first country that was not involved in World War I to be struck by the flu and allowed the press to report on it. The new flu was named the Spanish flu

since most people first heard about the flu from its attack on Spain. The Spanish flu then spread to Russia, India, China, and Africa. By the end of July 1918, after having infected people all around the world, this

first wave of the Spanish flu appeared to be dying out.

In late August 1918, the second wave of the Spanish flu struck three port cities (Boston, US; Brest, France; and

Freetown, Sierra Leone- Africa). When hospitals filled up, tent hospitals were erected on lawns. Nurses and doctors were already in short supply because so many of them had gone to Europe to help with the war effort. Volunteers risked their lives by helping these contagious victims.

The severity of the flu was alarming. People around the world worried about getting it. Some cities ordered everyone to wear masks and schools were closed.

On November 11, 1918, an armistice brought an end to World War I. People around the world celebrated and felt jubilant that perhaps they were free from the deaths caused by both war and flu. As people hit the streets and hugged returning soldiers, they also started a third wave of the Spanish flu. Eventually, this deadly strain of the flu disappeared.

Scientists continue to research and learn about the 1918 Spanish flu in the hopes of being able to prevent another worldwide epidemic of the flu.

# New York State Bans Plastic Bags

New York State's new law banning single-use plastic bags went into effect March 1. Stores cannot pack goods using plastic bags. The use of plastic or paper bags are only permitted for fruits, vegetables and raw meat.

People in New York use 23 billion single-use plastic bags each year. Very few of those bags wind up being recycled. Most bags either go to landfills or wind up in the environment. Animals may choke on or be poisoned by them. The bags clog streams and rivers, and massive numbers of them wash into the oceans.

Stores are allowed to charge five cents for paper bags, but paper bags itself cost more than five cents. New York City alone has over 13,000 small grocery store and local grocery stores may have trouble finding paper bags. One company that makes bags says that New York will require about 4 billion paper bags. That's over half of all the paper bags made each year in the United States.

Food stamps and WIC customers are exempt from the five cent fee on paper bags but not the plastic bag ban. This will cause some of the smaller stores to switch to paper bags for milk, eggs and bread. The grocer sells a variety of groceries. For most items, plastic bags are banned from use. BUT, he also sells fruits, vegetables and raw meat, which permits plastic or paper bags. Several storeowners said they expect mass confusion in the beginning as our

community's large families, get used to the law that passed the legislature last year.

Customers are encouraged to bring their own re-usable bags. Now, more customers will request a delivery for orders that they normally would carry home themselves.

Some stores said they are ordering smaller boxes to use for deliveries.

Many stores are beginning to sell a sealed container of plastic bags as they would sell any other item. One container that was seen in a few

local stores had ten bags in it and was being sold for fifty cents. The customer can use the plastic bags to package items purchased.

New York joins other U.S. states like California and Oregon, which already have bans on plastic bags. Around the world, many other countries, like France, Italy, Kenya, New Zealand, and Rwanda, have taken similar steps.

Some people think that by cutting down on plastic bags you're saving the environment. We should learn from the Europeans and the Israelis, who let you have bags but they charge you for it. People then automatically cut down on bags because they don't want to be charged.

Enforcement will not begin until April 1. Stores will be given time to adjust to the new law, but later could be fined \$250 or more for giving out plastic bags.

Reusable Bags are in!!





## Winter at Yellowstone National Park



Steve Fuller is the winter caretaker of Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. Long after

the summer tourists have gone, he remains alone in the wilderness.

Steve Fuller lives in one of the oldest structures in the park, a small cabin on a hill that boasts the only light for miles. He has a vast library. At night, when Yellowstone's temperatures can dip to 20 below zero, Steve's books keep him company, as well as his cats. His kitchen is crammed with just enough food to make it through the winter. The closest town is at least two hours away, by snowmobile.

Most Yellowstone winter keepers last only a few years. But Steve has stuck out this solitary existence for 47 years, ever since the winter of 1973. He even raised a family there, homeschooling his two daughters.

Steve says he is not a hermit; he actually enjoys people. But, he says, he never gets lonely or bored. There is a lot to keep him busy, and preparation starts early. While parts of the park remain open, many of the facilities have to be closed for winter, which starts the first Monday in November. One of his responsibilities involves clearing the heavy snow off the many wooden buildings so they don't collapse.

Until the advent of motorized transportation—snow planes in the 1940s, and snowmobiles in the 1960s—there was no winter tourism to speak of in

Yellowstone. It was the sole domain of its winter keepers.



Fuller has a photo portfolio of hundreds of thousands of images of Yellowstone, the park's wildlife and landscapes in all seasons.

Yellowstone has taught Steve to listen. "There's all kind of interesting sounds out here," he said. "This is the obvious one, a roar. Sometimes you'll think you hear voices, and actually it's a spring bubbling and talking."

The sound of snow plows, however, will soon be heard in the park, usually around the end of this month, making way for the estimated 3 million tourists who will flock here over the summer.

**Yellowstone** is the United States' first national park. It was established on March 1, 1872 by President Ulysses S. Grant. Yellowstone is mainly located in the state of Wyoming, but it also



extends into Montana and a small part of Idaho. It covers an area of 3,472 square miles that is made up of geysers (Old Faithful is Yellowstone's most famous geyser but there are 300 more geysers within the park.), as well as mountains, lakes, canyons and rivers. The Yellowstone area also features many different types of plants and animals. There are around 60 animal species in Yellowstone, some of which include the gray wolf, black bears, elk, moose, deer, bighorn sheep and mountain lions. Eighteen species of fish and 311 species of birds also live within Yellowstone's boundaries.



## NEWS TIDBITS

### First Successful Typewriter

**F**On *March 1, 1873*, the Remington Company came out with the first commercially-successful typewriter. Unlike other attempts at a typing machine, this one used the now-familiar "QWERTY" keyboard, designed to keep the most frequently-used letters from jamming up. Even so, it could only type in UPPER CASE.

Other typewriter makers also struggled with the upper- and lower-case challenge. There was no shift key and you had lower case and upper case keys. You could not see what you were typing as you were typing on this machine. Over time, the shift key became standard and typewriters became a fixture of the modern office,

In modern times, the clatter of the typewriter as each key is struck, has been replaced by the soft hum of computers.



### Avoid Walking on Thin Ice

**A**March, one year ago, ice cover on the Great Lakes was recorded at 71.4 percent. Ice cover this year, was reported at 16.9 percent. In 2018, it was recorded at 35.1 percent. With ice cover at such low levels this year, it's especially important not to "walk on thin ice." The U.S. Coast Guard is warning the public to be cautious of thin and weak ice across the Great Lakes region. There are stories of people and vehicles falling through the ice on inland lakes.



### Kindness at its Best

**K**A woman in Oklahoma praised state trooper Chris Hanover after he went above and beyond the call of duty. Andrea Derksen sent a letter to the department saying she was having a tough day when she had a blowout driving to work.

In a letter to the police department, she wrote, "An OHP officer stopped to help, but stated my spare was not in much better condition than my blown tire. He took me to a local tire shop and not only helped me get my blown tire fixed, but he also bought two other tires that I desperately needed."

"Officer Chris Hanover, what you did for me was a big deal, and I can't thank you enough!" her message said. Many people shared their own stories of how officers helped them when they were in need. Police officers keep us safe in more ways than we know.





## **N**ASA: New Astronauts Needed

Need a job with perks that are out of this world? Well here's one. NASA announced that they are hiring two astronauts — one man, one woman — to travel to the moon within the next three years to explore its south pole. NASA will again accept applications for new astronauts beginning March 2 through March 31, 2020.



Applicants only need two years of work toward a doctoral program in math, science, technology or engineering; a completed doctorate in medicine; to have completed an internationally recognized pilot test program by June 2021; and to best the thousands of people against whom they'll likely compete. The last time NASA solicited applications for new astronauts was 2015, when 18,300 people applied. The agency selected 11 of them. They graduated from training earlier this year.

## **P**urple Hearts Reunited

Purple Hearts Reunited is a tiny Vermont organization established in 2012. It works to return lost or stolen military medals to recipients or their family, in order to honor their sacrifice to the nation. When possible, the organization conducts a ceremony to formally place the medal back in the hands of the recipient or family.



The organization is named for the Purple Heart medal presented to service members who have been wounded or killed as a result of enemy action while serving in the military. There are 6 kinds of military medals awarded. Purple Hearts gets 3-5 lost medals each week. They have hundreds of medals in research waiting to be reunited with the veterans. The organization ensures these medals go home and stories of heroism are shared for generations to come.

## **W**ine Flows from the Sink

Who wouldn't love it if red wine started flowing from their kitchen sink? For a few hours one day, residents of the northern Italian town of Castelvetro realized they could have their wine not just from bottles, but also from their faucets.

A malfunction at a local winery caused 1,000 liters of ready-to-be-bottled wine to leak into the water pipes. The glitch lasted about three hours and affected 20 homes. The leak didn't pose any health risks. The malfunction was caused by a faulty valve within the bottling line. The wine seeped through the town's water lines due to its pressure.



The malfunction was appreciated by many. Some residents called the wine company to warn about it, and to share they were bottling the wine!



## Daylight Saving Time Begins

**D**On Sunday, March 8, most Americans completed a "spring forward". Americans set their clocks forward an hour, in the name of daylight saving time. In the blink of an eye, winter is over — at least when it comes to the clocks. Though the start of daylight saving time meant sacrificing sixty minutes of precious sleep on Sunday, it provides for longer spring and summer days.



Most states participate in the rolling back of clocks, which ends November 1 as we return to standard time. However, Hawaii, most of Arizona and the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa and the Virgin Islands do not.

Daylight saving time was created by Congress in 1918 as a way of conserving fuel needed for war industries and of extending the working day. It was repealed after World War I was over. The issue reemerged during World War II and Congress established it yet again in 1942.

Last year, Republican Florida Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott introduced the Sunshine Protection Act, but Congress has yet to pass the law. The Florida Senators want to make daylight saving time permanent throughout the year. They say it makes no sense to keep changing clocks back and forth. President Trump has thrown his support for making daylight saving time permanently as well. Some argue extending daylight saving time will disrupt sleep patterns and is harmful to one's health.

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## Avocado Art

**A**Daniele Barresi was born in Italy and has been carving ever since he was just seven years old. Daniele Barresi is a young food sculptor who specializes in turning avocados into real works of art that literally look too good to eat.

Daniele has also experimented with a wide range of mediums over the years, from soap to resin and foam, but it's his intricate avocado carvings that always get the most attention. Looking at the complex designs he is able to carve into the creamy pulp of an avocado, it's easy to see why so many people are fascinated by Barresi's avocado art.



Avocados, like apples, tend to turn brown pretty fast in contact with air, so the 28-year-old food artist has to work fast to create his designs before the fresh pulp becomes oxidized.



# Deadly Tornadoes in Nashville

Violent storms, winds as high as 165 miles per hour, roared through Nashville, Tennessee's biggest city. Tornadoes killed at least 24 people, including several children. Hundreds of people were left homeless. A total of six tornadoes have been confirmed on a 158 mile path of destruction.

Tuesday, March 3, 2020, was the USA's deadliest day for tornadoes since March 2, 2012, when 40 people died in twisters that hit portions of the Midwest and South. Twenty-three people died in Alabama exactly one year ago, on March 3, 2019.



In recent years, scientists have noticed an increased frequency of tornadoes in the Southeast. In these areas, tornadoes tend to be harder to spot because of the low visibility and often come at night, when people are less prepared.

The storm hit after midnight and moved so quickly that many people sleeping didn't have time to take shelter. Hundreds of homes and businesses were demolished by twisters - 575 in Nashville alone. The tornado blew down walls and roofs, snapped power lines and broke huge trees, causing traffic in the streets. Schools, courts, public transportation, an airport and the state Capitol were closed. Some damaged polling stations had to be moved only hours before Super Tuesday voting began. Police and fire crews had spent

hours pulling survivors and bodies from wrecked buildings.

Governor William Lee declared a state of emergency and said 30 rescue workers suffered injuries. "It is heartbreaking," Lee said. "We have had loss of life all across the state. Four different counties, as of this morning, had confirmed fatalities." Millions of dollars have been raised for recovery and

rebuilding efforts, largely thanks to private citizens and major businesses.

On March 6, President Donald Trump

visited Nashville and parts of middle Tennessee that were devastated by deadly tornadoes that ripped through during the night. He was greeted by Tennessee Governor and First Lady Lee, as well as Nashville Mayor John Cooper. Governor William Lee stated, "Your presence here reminds us that people all across the country care about what's happening here so we're grateful."

The president declared a major disaster for three counties so victims can apply for federal aid. After seeing the tornado aftermath close up, President Trump said, "This is real devastation like you'll never see hopefully again."

Tennessee is going to need a lot of help recovering from the recent tornadoes. Thankfully, people all across the country are coming to its aid.



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# News Tidbits in Review

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**On March 16, 1802**, Congress approved legislation establishing the United States Military Academy at West Point, one of the oldest military academies in the world.

Located on the high west bank of New York's Hudson River, 50 miles from Manhattan, West Point was the site of a Revolutionary-era fort, built to protect the Hudson River Valley from British attack.

General George Washington made his headquarters there in 1779 and kept it from being captured.

What do you think military training is like at West Point? Would you expect high standards of discipline, study and honor? YES, SIR! That's what West Point teaches its officers-in-training today, thanks to Colonel Sylvanus Thayer, superintendent of West Point from 1817 to 1833. The "father of the Military Academy" introduced these concepts to the cadets and trained them as civil engineers as well as soldiers. After graduation, officers could work on the battlefield or be employed constructing canals, roads, and railroads to help expand the U.S. westward.

Gaining entrance into the Academy is quite difficult. Students must have a high average and demonstrate leadership qualities. West Point has an enrollment of more than 4,000 students. Approximately 1,300 cadets enter the Academy each July with about 1,000 cadets graduating. A West Point cadetship includes a fully funded four-year college education. Tuition, room, board, medical and dental care are provided by the U.S. Army. A cadet earns about \$900 a month. A



cadet must pay for expenses such as uniforms, books and a computer. As repayment for this educational scholarship, the graduates of West Point must serve in the U.S. Army for a minimum of five years.

Life at the US Military Academy is busy. Classes and study, physical education, military duties and recreation fill many hours of the day.

During Cadet Basic Training (six weeks long), New Cadets do not have privilege periods because of the requirements of the intensive military training activities. There is a day set aside for a military family visitation, allowing New Cadets a short time of relaxation. New Cadets are also given time to call home on the weekend. Many cadets drop out after the first six difficult weeks of training.

The transition from civilian life to a military environment is challenging. You learn military courtesies and standards, and you learn to live by those standards every day. You learn how to properly wear the various cadet uniforms. You practice drill and ceremony, and you learn how to prepare for inspections. Cadet barracks are modern, well lighted and comfortable. Cadets are required to adhere to the Cadet Honor Code, which states that "a cadet will not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate those who do."