

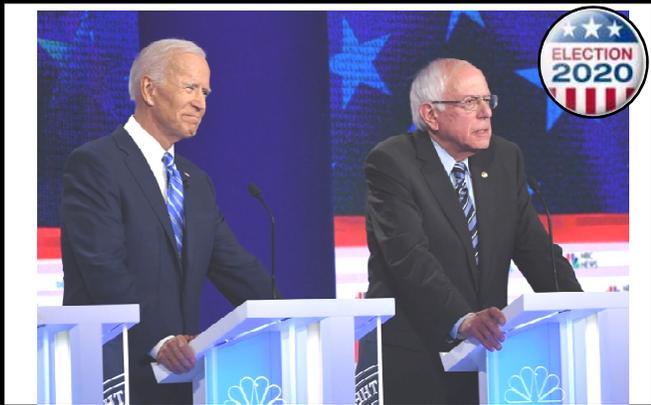
# NEWS

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## Democratic Candidates End Campaigns

After South Carolina's primary on February 29 and Super Tuesday March 3, many Democratic candidates ended their campaigns. They realized that if they weren't winning yet, they didn't have a good chance of becoming the Democratic candidate for president.



**Tom Steyer** was one of those candidates. He is a billionaire. He spent over \$150 million of his own money on ads, but he didn't win the primary in even one state.

Former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor **Pete Buttigieg** dropped out of the race after he finished in fourth place in the South Carolina primary. After Pete dropped out, he told his voters to vote for Joe Biden instead.

Minnesota **Senator Amy Klobuchar** also ended her campaign after coming in sixth-place in Nevada and South Carolina. She also told her voters to vote for Joe Biden.

After spending more than \$560 million from his own fortune, **Mike Bloomberg** ended his campaign because he wasn't winning much. Bloomberg also said he now supports Joe Biden.

**Senator Elizabeth Warren** from Massachusetts also dropped out of the race. Warren was thought to be pretty popular but then she didn't win even a single state. Elizabeth Warren was the last popular woman running. Now the elections of 2020 will surely not bring the first woman president.

Now there are just three candidates in the race: **Joe Biden**, Senator **Bernie Sanders** from Vermont and Representative **Tulsi Gabbard** from Hawaii.

Tulsi Gabbard is not doing well at all in the race and has no chance of winning, but she still wants to continue on in the primaries. She feels that it's a good opportunity for her to talk to voters about her ideas and changes the country needs to make.

## **E**leventh 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 will be in the debate.



Representative Tulsi Gabbard is still in the race but she cannot be in the race because not enough people have voted for her in the primaries. The Arizona debate will have the fewest candidates on stage since the beginning of the election season.

Just days before the debate, it was moved from Arizona to a studio in Washington, D.C. This debate will be different than the past debates. It will not have a group of people present at the performance, out of concern for the virus outbreak.

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

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## **N**azi Guard Ordered Removed from U.S.

A former concentration camp guard in Nazi Germany who was living peacefully in Tennessee has been ordered to be removed from the United States.



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 in the concentration camp until they were very sick or died. In a two-day trial in Memphis, Tennessee, Karl Berger admitted that he guarded prisoners during a two week death march. About 70 prisoners died during that death march.

The trial shows that the United States takes Nazi crimes very seriously. It's not clear if Germany will punish Berger or just let the evil man live out his days in his home country.

## WORLD NEWS



### Israel Demolishes Homes of Terrorists

The Israeli army destroyed the homes of two terrorists who killed 17-year-old Israeli Rina Shnerb last year. In the same attack, the terrorists injured Rina's father and brother.

The two terrorists are now on trial in 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 inside walls of the apartment.

Dozens of Palestinians burned tires and threw stones at the Israeli soldiers while they destroyed the homes. The soldiers fired back with tear gas and grenades. Israel says destroying the family homes of terrorists shows the terrorists that violence is not worth it. Some people don't like the idea because they say it's not right to punish the families of the terrorists.



### Free Transportation in Luxembourg

Luxembourg is a country located between Belgium, France, and Germany. It's one of the smallest countries in the world. People in Luxembourg no longer have to pay to ride public transportation. The country has made all of its trains and buses free. They did this in order to cut down on traffic and pollution.

Luxembourg only has 600,000 people. The country has fewer people 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, 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 pollution. Luxembourg will have cleaner air. What an interesting idea!



## Coronavirus Hits the U.S.

The risk of getting sick with coronavirus is still low for most Americans. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is telling older adults and people with severe medical conditions to stay home as much as possible and avoid crowds.

The CDC says that there are several things to do to prevent the spread of the virus:

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and throw the tissue away.
- Clean and disinfect often areas or items which you touch often.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water aren't available, hand sanitizer is second best. Always wash up before eating, after going to the bathroom, blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- If you're sick with anything, don't come to school or work.



## Purell Hand Sanitizer

Purell is selling like wild. The company has about 2,500 workers in factories in Ohio and France. The company announced that it started making more Purell because of coronavirus sales. The company added shifts and workers are working overtime. They also hired additional workers. 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 coronavirus? No one really knows.



New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that New York will have its own hand sanitizer called NYS Clean. NYS Clean will help with the Purell shortage. Cuomo said that NYS Clean works even better than Purell.

## President Signs \$8.3 Billion Bill

On March 6, President Trump signed a law that will give medical workers in the U.S. \$8.3 billion to fight coronavirus. That is more than three times the amount he planned on giving.



President Trump picked Vice President Mike Pence to lead the government team that is fighting the disease. Vice President Mike Pence said that the U.S. doesn't have enough test kits for patients in the U.S. to test if they have the virus or not.

**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 Spanish flu spread quickly around the world. Hundreds of millions of people got sick with the flu and 50 million to 100 million people died from it. 675,000 Americans died.

There was no flu vaccine yet in those days, so the catchy flu spread quickly.

The first case of Spanish flu in the United States happened on an army base in Kentucky. The army tried hard to keep the sick soldier alone, but the flu spread quickly at the army base. After five weeks, 1,127 soldiers at the base had the Spanish flu and 46 of them had died.

Where did the Spanish flu come from? It came with American soldiers who traveled to Europe to fight in World War One (1914-1918). The Americans brought the flu to Europe, where it spread all over. Then the soldiers brought it home with them.

The new flu was named the Spanish flu since most people first heard about it from people who had it in Spain.

From Spain, the Spanish flu spread to Russia, India, China, and Africa.

The Spanish flu filled hospitals with sick patients. Doctors and nurses had to build tent hospitals on lawns in



order to treat all the sick people. The sickness scared many people. Some cities ordered everyone to wear masks. Schools were closed.

After a while, the sick people learned to stay away from healthy people, and the flu stopped spreading. To this very day, scientists are learning about the Spanish flu to help them understand other viruses.

***Why are scientists studying the Spanish flu in today's times?***

# New York State Bans Plastic Bags

On March 1, New York's new law against shopping bags started. Stores cannot pack your shopping in single-use plastic bags anymore. The use of plastic or paper bags are only allowed for fruits, vegetables and raw meat.

Before this law, people in New York used 23 billion single-use plastic bags each year. Very few of those bags were recycled.

Instead, the bags ended up in the garbage or in nature. Animals could choke on or be poisoned by them. The bags clogged streams and rivers, and huge numbers of them wash into the oceans. This is why New York made the new bag law.

With the new law, the government hopes that people will get good-quality bags which they'll re-use again and again. Besides that, the stores will be able to use paper bags. There is a five cent charge for each paper bag, but paper bags cost more than five cents. Many store owners think the new law will cause more people to order delivery so that they don't have to bother bringing bags to carry their items home.



New York is not the first state to make this law. California and Oregon already have such laws. Countries like France, Italy, Kenya, New Zealand, and Rwanda have such rules too.

We should learn from the Europeans and the Israelis, who let you use plastic bags, but they charge you for it. People in those countries have cut down on bags because they don't want to be pay extra money.

Stores will be given one month's time to get used to the new law. After that, stores could be fined \$250 or more for giving out plastic bags.

Reusable Bags are in!!

***News on the Run readers, residing in New York City, how is your family managing to shop with this new law?***



# Winter at Yellowstone National Park



Steve Fuller is the winter caretaker of Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. Steve remains by

himself in the wilderness long after the summer tourists have gone.

Steve Fuller lives in one of the oldest buildings 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 stayed at this lonely job 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.

But it's not ALL work. Steve has never let a winter slip by without capturing it with his camera. "I've seen many wonderful things here," he said.

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.

Being Yellowstone's Winter Keeper isn't just a job for Steve Fuller -- it's a way of life, solitary, simple and spectacular.

**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 that is made up of geysers 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

### **F**irst Successful Typewriter

On **March 1, 1873**, the Remington Company came out with the first typewriter that became popular. This was the first typewriter to use the "QWERTY" keyboard. This keyboard was 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 popular and typewriters could be found in every office.

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

### **K**indness at its Best

Andrea Derksen, a woman in Oklahoma, sent a letter to the police department praising state trooper Chris Hanover, after he went above and beyond the call of duty.



Andrea wrote that she was having a tough day when her tire popped on her way to work. She wrote, "An ... officer stopped to help, but ... 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.



## **A**void Walking on Thin Ice

One year ago, in the month of March, 71 percent of the Great Lakes were covered in ice. This year, just 17 percent of the Great Lakes are ice-covered. In 2018, it was 35 percent.



With so little ice this year, it's especially important not to "walk on thin ice." The U.S. Coast Guard is warning people to be careful of thin and weak ice across the Great Lakes. There are stories of people and vehicles falling through the ice on lakes.

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

Need a job that is 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.



To apply, you'll need many degrees and experience as a pilot. The last time NASA opened applications for new astronauts was in 2015, when 18,300 people applied. The agency chose 11 of them. They graduated from training earlier this year.

## **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 leak in a local wine factory caused 1,000 liters of good wine to flow into the town's water pipes. The mistake lasted about three hours and brought wine to 20 homes.



People were excited with the mistake. They filled bottles of wine in their own kitchens and bathtubs!



## 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 giving up sixty minutes of precious sleep early Sunday, it will soon bring us longer spring and summer days.



Most states changed their clocks last week and will keep the change until November 1, when we will return to standard (regular) time. However, Hawaii, most of Arizona, and the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa and the Virgin Islands do not change their clocks.

Last year, Republican Florida Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott created the Sunshine Protection Act, but Congress did not yet pass it as 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 supports the bill. People who don't like the bill say, that changing the clock ruins sleep patterns and is bad for your 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 look too good to eat.

Daniele sculpts many materials, but his avocados always get the most attention. Looking at the complex designs he can carve into the creamy pulp of an avocado, it's easy to see why so many people are fascinated by Barresi's avocado art.



Like apples, avocados 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 avocado turns brown.



## Deadly Tornadoes in Nashville

Violent storms and 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 caused 158 miles of destruction.

Tuesday, March 3, 2020, was America's deadliest day of

tornadoes since March 2, 2012. Then, 40 people died in tornadoes that hit the Midwest and South. Twenty-three people died in tornadoes in Alabama exactly one year ago, on March 3, 2019.

In the past few years, scientists have noticed more and more tornadoes in the Southeast of the U.S. In these areas, tornadoes are harder to spot 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 destroyed by the tornadoes. The storms blew down walls and roofs, snapped power lines, and broke huge trees. Schools, courts, public transportation, an airport and



the state Capitol were closed. Police and fire crews spent hours pulling survivors and bodies from wrecked buildings.

Governor William Lee announced that Tennessee was in 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."

Millions of dollars have been raised to help the people of Tennessee rebuild. Most of that money is from private citizens and major businesses.

On March 6, President Trump visited Nashville and parts of middle Tennessee that were devastated by deadly tornadoes. 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."

After seeing the tornado destruction close up, President Trump said, "This is real devastation like you'll never see hopefully again."



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# News Tidbits in Review

Summarize the news in connection to the picture.



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On March 16, 1802, Congress established the United States Military Academy at West Point, one of the oldest military academies in the world. It is located on the 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 officers-in-training. Colonel Sylvanus Thayer, superintendent of West Point from 1817 to 1833, introduced these concepts to the cadets and trained them as civil engineers as well as soldiers. After graduation, officers worked on the battlefield or were employed constructing canals, roads, and railroads to help expand the U.S. westward.

Getting admitted into the Academy is difficult. Students must have a high average and demonstrate leadership qualities. West Point has an



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enrollment of more than 4,000 students. 1,300 cadets enter the Academy each July with 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 \$900 a month. A cadet pays for expenses such as uniforms, books and a computer. As repayment for the educational scholarship, 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.