



Monday, Mar. 04, 2024

- 1. Nikki Haley won her first contest in the Republican presidential nomination race.**
The details: The former U.N. ambassador won D.C.'s primary yesterday after Donald Trump's victories this weekend in Missouri, Michigan and Idaho.
What now? The candidates head into Super Tuesday tomorrow, when 15 states vote and a third of delegates are at stake. Trump is still heavily favored to win the nomination.
A potential curveball: The Supreme Court could rule today on whether Trump can remain on Colorado's ballot.
- 2. Vice President Harris called for a ceasefire and more aid to the Gaza Strip.**
It's a shift: Harris's comments yesterday were some of the strongest yet from the Biden administration, which is facing pressure from voters to change its Gaza policy.
On Saturday: The U.S. began airdropping aid into Gaza, which is on the brink of famine nearly five months after Israel's offensive began. But critics say the aid is not enough.
- 3. A major hack of a health-care company is affecting millions of people.**
What happened? A Feb. 21 cyber attack on Change Healthcare, which handles a huge number of medical claims in the U.S., led to the company shutting down most of its network.
What it means: Health-care providers are struggling to bill patients, and people can't get medications filled or find out whether insurance will cover treatments.
- 4. A blockbuster blizzard hit California's Sierra Nevada this weekend.**
What happened? At least 7 feet of snow fell high in the Sierras as the storm brought hurricane-force winds. More snow is forecast through early Wednesday.
The bigger picture: Winters have been getting warmer in most of the U.S. since 1980, with New England winters warming fastest.
- 5. Walgreens and CVS will start selling the abortion pill mifepristone in some states.**
The details: The pill will be sold in states where it is legally allowed, the pharmacy networks announced Friday. Walgreens expects to put them on sale this week.
Why it matters: It will increase the availability of the drug, used in more than half of U.S. abortions, weeks before the Supreme Court considers whether to limit access to it.
- 6. Caitlin Clark became the top NCAA basketball scorer of all time.**
What to know: Iowa's superstar broke "Pistol" Pete Maravich's scoring record in her final regular-season home game yesterday, finishing with 3,685 points.
What's next? A March Madness run for the Hawkeyes, followed by next month's WNBA draft. She's expected to be the first pick, and it has already led to an increase in ticket sales.
- 7. A man walking his dog found a rare intact dinosaur skeleton.**
The discovery: Damien Boschetto and his border collie mix, Muffin, were walking in southern France two years ago when Boschetto spotted something poking out of a cliff.
What is it? A titanosaur skeleton that was 70% complete, with most bones still connected. Boschetto (and Muffin) have been helping a team excavate the extraordinary find.



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Vocabulary 04/03/2024

1. **curveball** – something unexpected and difficult to deal with
2. **brink** – the point where a new and different situation is about to begin
famine – hunger
3. **Change Healthcare** - a provider of revenue and payment cycle management that connects payers, providers, and patients within the U.S. healthcare system.
4. **blizzard** – snow storm
5. **Walgreens and CVS** – companies operating pharmacy chains
6. **NCAA** - National Collegiate Athletic Association (College Basketball & Football)
March Madness – (Basketball) tournament format
WNBA – Women’s National Basketball Association
7. **to poke** - to appear or stretch out from behind something else

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