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The town of Mitholz.

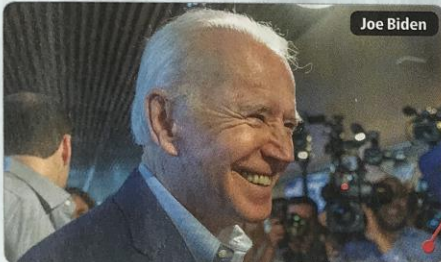
Luxembourg Public transport made free

On 29 February, Luxembourg became the first country to make public transport free. The government says this will make public transport more appealing and reduce traffic. Cars are the most used form of transport in Luxembourg; only 19% of journeys to work are taken by train. It is estimated that this measure could save each household just under £90 a year. Passengers will still have to pay if they want to go first class.



Mitholz, Switzerland People might leave town for 10 years

The Swiss government has said that people living in the town of Mitholz might have to leave for about 10 years. This is because the town is near a storage area where lots of ammunition (bullets and explosives) was kept during the Second World War (1939–1945). In 1947, the store exploded and nine people died. Since then around 3,500 tonnes of ammunition has remained buried under the rock, and a report in 2018 claimed it could explode.



Joe Biden

US Joe Biden wins big on Super Tuesday

On 3 March, people in 14 of the 50 US states voted for the person they'd like to represent the Democratic Party in the presidential election in November. Whoever wins will take on Donald Trump. The day is known as Super Tuesday, because it is the biggest voting day for choosing a candidate. Just as *The Week Junior* went to press, Joe Biden, a former vice-president, had finished first in nine out of the 14 states.



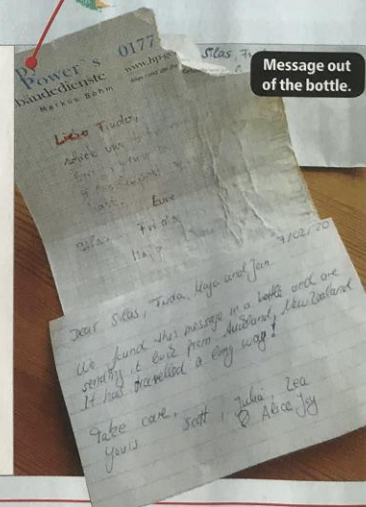
The Nigerian statue.

Mexico City, Mexico Sixth century statue sent home

A sixth century Nigerian statue has been returned home. The bronze sculpture – which was seized from smugglers at a Mexican airport – shows a seated man holding an instrument. It is from the city of Ife, in the south-west of Nigeria. The Mexican government said that it had been stolen. However, some experts say the statue is a fake.

Bonn, Germany Message in a bottle found 11,000 miles away

A message in a bottle that was set adrift in a German river by children seven years ago has been sent back after it was found in New Zealand. The bottle contained a note saying, "Dear finder, please send us a letter if you find our message in a bottle." It was signed by Maja and Silas Gogos, who are now 12 and 14, and their friends Jon and Frida. They recently received a letter saying, "Dear Silas, Frida, Maja and Jon, we found your message in a bottle and are sending it back from Auckland, New Zealand. It has travelled a long way!"



Message out of the bottle.



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The banned Batmobile.

Moscow, Russia Batmobile stopped by police

A Batmobile was stopped by police on the streets of Russia's capital, Moscow, on 22 February. The vehicle was pulled over because it was too wide for the city's streets and was not suitable to be driven on the road. The car – which was towed away – is thought to be a replica of the Batmobile from the film *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice*. The driver was a 32-year-old man who has not been named.



The ancient Roman tomb.

Rome, Italy Roman tomb discovery divides experts

Historians can't agree whether a tomb found in an ancient temple belonged to Romulus. In Roman mythology, Romulus founded the city of Rome on the Palatine Hill in 753BC, after killing his twin brother Remus, and became its first king. Archaeologists discovered the 2,600-year-old tomb and carefully cleared out earth and rocks before revealing it to the public on 21 February. Historians in Rome are divided about whether the tomb really belongs to the legendary royal.



The deal was signed in Qatar.

Doha, Qatar Afghanistan peace deal signed

On 29 February, the US and the Taliban (a violent group that follows an extreme form of Islam) signed a peace deal. The Taliban controlled Afghanistan from 1996 until 2001, when they were removed from power by Afghan and US troops. However, on 4 March, the US carried out an air strike against the Taliban. US officials said that the strike was in response to Taliban fighters attacking Afghan forces.



Summer snow.

Tasmania, Australia Snowfall in the summer

Snow fell in mountainous parts of Tasmania, an island off the coast of Australia, on 27 February – even though it is summer there. A few weeks ago a record high temperature of 42.2°C was measured on the island. Glen Perrin from the Bureau of Meteorology (the study and forecasting of weather) said it was the result of cold air being blown into the region.

Israel Netanyahu claims election victory

Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has claimed victory in the country's general election. It was the third general election Israel has had in the past year. The first election was on 9 April 2019. No party won, so a second election was held on 17 September 2019. Once again no party was able to form a government, so a third election was held on 2 March. At the time *The Week Junior* went to press, Netanyahu's Likud party had won the most seats in parliament, but he will still need support from other parties to form a government.



Benjamin Netanyahu