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NEW!



Touch of
Yogurt
Shampoo

For Healthy-Looking
Hair

8 FL. OZ. (236 ml)

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Fan Letters

Real fans.
Real feedback.

Hello,

I don't know in which word to put it into but this is the best newsletter I've ever read the talent and art which go into it are phenomenal! Definitely getting ★★★★★

Meir G

I love you newsletter,

so much and I hope you are having fun making it I love it keep up the great work!

Musia

We definitely have fun making this newsletter, and we also greatly enjoy reading all of the fan letters like yours after sending it out.

KIT- Gabi

Thank you very much, whenever someone uses the word phenomenal, we know we are doing something right.

KIT- Gabi

Hey,

this newsletter is great just subscribed but I can tell this is heading in a very good direction.

Mendel Len

Since this fan letter was submitted a while ago, we hope you had a chance to read a couple issues, and I hope we went in the right direction!

KIT- Gabi

BY GABI SHAPIRO

Fantastic Facts

True facts that will amaze you



That's Big!

The **biggest ship in the world** is the **Seawise Giant**, at a **length of 1,504 feet**, which standing up would be higher than the empire state building. The cargo ship would way **81,879 tons** on a light load and **646,642 tons** on a full load.



That's Insane!

Dogs only sniff **good smells** with their **left nostril**. This is because they start smelling with their right one, and if they only shift to their right one if they smell something good.

That's Weird!

There is one letter you **won't find in any US state's name**, and that is the letter **Q**.

That's Expensive!

Basketball players receive the **highest salary** of any sports player, with an average salary of **\$4.9 million**.



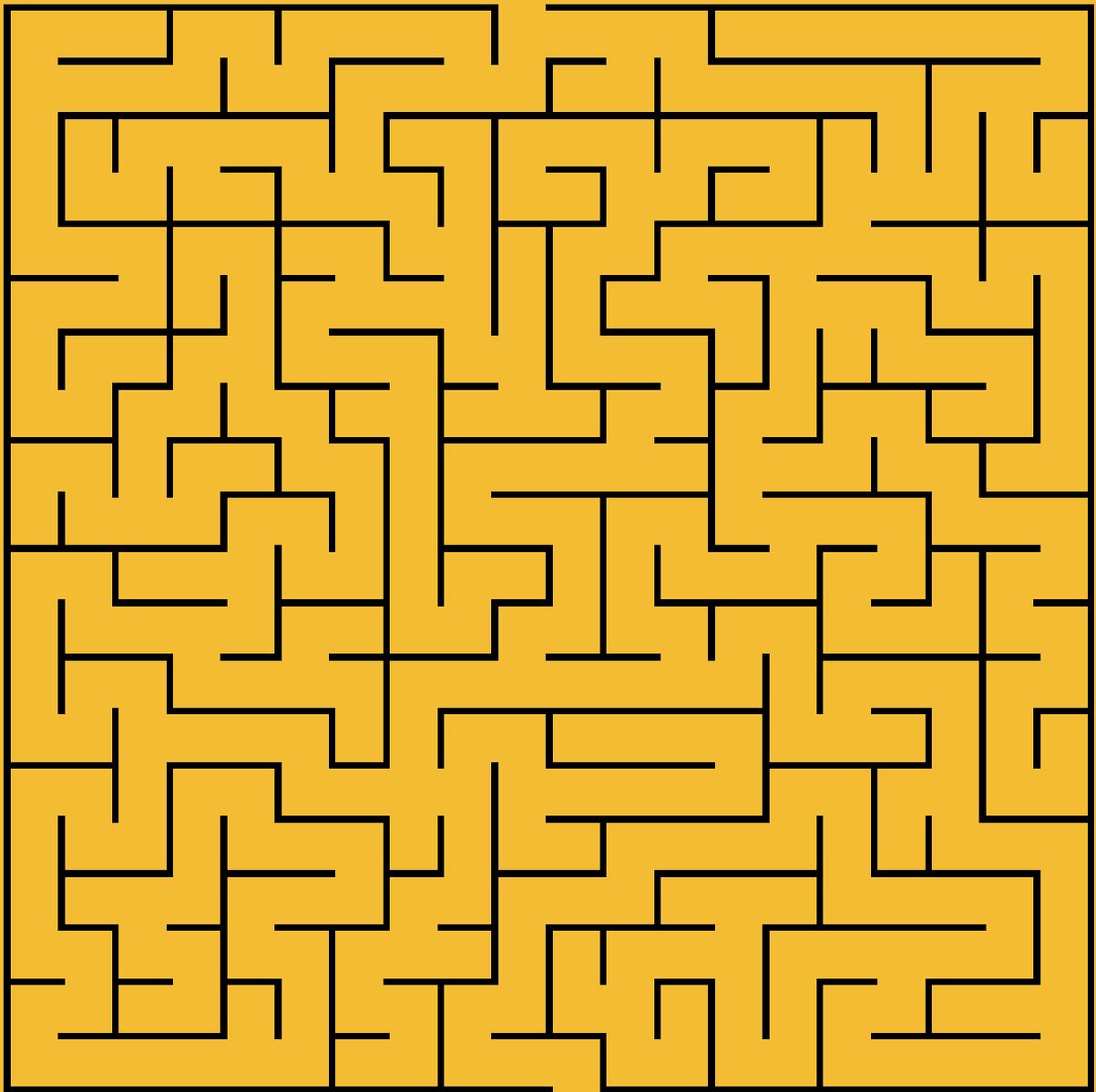
FUN ZONE

Find 6 differences



**What did one elevator say
to the other elevator?
I think I'm coming down
with something!**

**Why do you go to bed every night?
Because the bed won't come to you!**



Entry 18

A Babies Diary

The great adventure

I was crawling around the house once, and apparently, my father was going on a trip to some weird place called New York. Everyone was going outside to say goodbye and kiss and hug and all that weird stuff so the door was open. OPEN. And for a long time too. So I seized the opportunity and crawled out the door. It only happened once before and it was short I didn't really go anywhere. But now I was a free man! Sorry, er, baby. Free baby. The great outdoors was just waiting to be explored. This time I knew better than to crawl on the sidewalks. I crawled on the sides of houses sneaking around. Sure, some places were rocky and painful, but I couldn't care less.

The first destination is... wait, I don't have a first destination. I don't even know where I'm going. That's probably why I hit a tree soon after. Eventually, I got a good long distance from my house. I was about 2 blocks

away. I was careful not to cross any streets, not just because I would get seen, but also because of those giant scary cars that could probably kill me just by touching me.

The sun was setting, and I needed a good, safe place to sleep, where no one could see. I found a nice pickup truck in a parking lot, it looked like a nice place to sleep. I slowly touched the tire. I was still alive! It turns out it wouldn't kill me by me touching it, but I'm sure if it rolled me over I would be a pancake in 0.3 seconds flat. It took a long time, but I finally hauled myself onto the back of the truck. I closed my eyes and fell asleep almost instantly.

I slowly crept my eyes open. A cold wind was flowing along my skin and clothes. I was freezing. It was still night, and I was very confused. What was going on? I don't remember falling asleep to wind moving this fast, it was as if a hurricane hit. I looked up. Everything was moving at a rapid pace, all the trees and buildings were moving behind me? I sat up. Well, that explained it. I was moving. "WHY AM I MOVING???!?" I thought. I was freezing, and I wanted to go home. I looked through the back window of the car. A driver sat comfortably inside. I was going far, far from home with no way back.

Well, I had a couple of ways out. I could jump out. And that was about it. I didn't have a couple of ways out, just one.

One way that would probably kill me in the process. I curled up to get warm. I was going where this guy was going.

It took a while but finally, the car stopped, and at this point, I was freezing half to death. I looked out of the car. Walmart read the sign. It looked like some kind of store. I guess a midnight shop or something. Was it midnight? I had no idea. But it didn't seem too hard to get home. I confronted the man and he would find my parents and bring me home just like that lady last time I escaped. Right?

To be Continued...

Readers

Respond

This Issues question:

IF YOU COULD OWN ONE COMPANY, WHICH WOULD YOU CHOOSE AND WHY?

I would choose google because they own pretty much every company out there.
Zeesy Grossbaum

I would chose Amazon because then I would be the richest person in the world and get a bunch of free stuff.
Dovid Grossbaum

I would choose Amazon because then I would be the richest person in the world.
Dovi Burg

I would choose Sweet expressions because then I would get free ice cream.
Reuven Y. 9

I would choose apple because I love their stuff and they are a massive company so I would get rich and be able to give a ton of Tzedaka.

Bracha Goldman

Next Issues Question:

IF THERE WAS ONE THING YOU
COULD BE ABLE TO DO BETTER THAN
EVERYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD,
WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

Send your answer to Info@shavuanewsletter.com

The Game of Fraud

Avremy Shapiro | Chapter 18

"Do you even know who this Muhammad is?" Michael questioned angrily.

"Not really," Liam said slowly.

"Well, for your information, he's the most wanted person in the U.S. if not worldwide." Michael's voice was icy.

"Calm down, sir know it all," Mason said, trying to calm Michael. "Why are you so angry?"

"Because you guys don't get it. This is unquestionably broader than you guys think. This isn't just a simple antique case. This is a case dealing with terrorists."

"I see what you mean. But isn't that for the FBI and CIA? We're just simple officers." Mason questioned.

"Yes. That is true. I don't know why I got so hyped over it. Whatever." Michael said sheepishly.

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Kevin typed something into the computer, and immediately all of Muhammad's information popped up. Michael and Kevin scanned through it until they found what they wanted. Obviously, Muhammad had changed his identity in the United States, but that doesn't mean agencies lost track of him. The United States had almost all the information they wanted. His fresh, new name, his location, and his 'job.'

"Surprise, surprise, he lives right here in Los Angeles." Michael joked.

Kevin smiled lightly as they headed upstairs. It was late at night and it took them a while to get the information they wanted. They were on a mission, and it was going to be a big one. Catching one of the most wanted terrorists—now terrorist supporter—wasn't going to be easy. Luke Marcus was going to be hunted down.

***To be Continued...***

# Top 5

## Highest paid sports

### Basketball - NBA

Average player salary: \$7.4 million. With an average salary of \$7.42 million as of 2019, NBA holds first place by a long shot. Over the course of just 16 years, LeBron James earned over \$270 million.



## 2

### Baseball - MLB

Average player salary: \$3.4 million to \$4.3 million. Baseball is of the top three most popular sports in America, and over 12 million Americans play it, so it's not surprising that it's somewhere on this list.



# 3

## Soccer - EPL

Average player salary: \$3.2 million. Soccer is the most popular sport worldwide. That makes it obvious that it would be on this list, but some might think it would hold the number one spot. It doesn't.



# 4

## Hockey - NHL

Average player salary: \$1.5 million to \$3.5 million. The fastest sport, and a highly dangerous one, the players deserve the money they get. Or so they say.



# 5

## American Football - NFL

Average player salary: \$860,000. With injuries common, it's a pretty dangerous sport and it may take years of physical therapy to repair the damage. For this reason, football teams have considerably larger teams to replace players when they get injured.



# THE GREATEST FAILS

COVER FEATURE

**EVERYONE MAKES MISTAKES.** Even the massive companies. They actually make a whole lot of mistakes. But here you won't find all of the little mistakes, but only some of the biggest, worst, money-wasting, time-wasting mistakes of all time. Read on to find out what they are.

## NEW COKE

"Oh no!" said the guys over at Coca-Cola in 1985. "We are losing market share to Pepsi!" But then they had a brainstorm: How about a new, slightly different recipe for Coke, you know, spice things up a little to make people buy more Coke. Tada! The new Coke was born.

And was a giant fail. It turns out people liked the good ol' 99-year-old classic drink and didn't want a new version.

So coke went back to it's old version, and



now you know the answer to your life-long question, "Why does it say Coke classic on coke bottles?" To let people know that this Coke is not the new one, but the good ol' classic Coke.

## EZ SQUIRT

"Why is ketchup always the same boring red, why can't we have purple, green, and blue versions of it too?" Said no kid ever.

So that's why Heinz decided to come out with the new-and-not-improved ketchup. I present to you Ez Squirt. At first, it was actually some how a massive success! But as eventually sales dropped, probably because people figured out it looked kinda discussing, the production of this delicious product stopped.



## FORD EDELSEL

Ford spent a year pouring out money to market the Ford Edsel, which was to be the coolest, most amazing car around. "The car of the future." As Ford said. And then it came out...



And then it just flopped. Because it was nothing as they said. It was not at all a car of the future. All it was was an extremely overpriced car. People thought it was actually pretty ugly.

In the end, the company lost a fortune: An estimated \$350 million. **S**

## MORE FAILS



TOUCH OF YOGURT SHAMPOO



SMOKELESS CIGARETTES



GOOGLE GLASSES

# SUBSCRIBER SPOTLIGHT

## LET'S VISIT...

Chana Lazar from Rome, Italy.

I'm 9, I have 4 siblings, 2 boys and 2 girls.

What is your favorite  
serial in *Shavua  
Newsletter*?

A Babies Diary!  
Maybe that's really  
how babies think?

:D

Maybe! What is  
your favorite  
color?

Light sparkly pink.

# SUBSCRIBER SPOTLIGHT

Nice. What is your favorite food?

Italian sushi.

Yum! What is something different about you than most other kids?

I was born on Shushan Purim and I make a Newspaper (called Moshiachplay, totally subscribe! Link and email after interview.)

What is something unique about the place you live?

People say that Moshiach is at the gates of Rome.

Wow! That really is unique! If you could establish one law, what would it be?

Non-jews: Listen to the 7 Mitzvos B'nei Noach.

Jews: Do the 613 Mitzvos! (Or the ones that are possible.)

# SUBSCRIBER SPOTLIGHT

What are your hobbies?

Reading, writing and baking.

What's your favorite Yom Tov and why?

Purim! I love the... everything! It's so fun and happy and yummy and all that!

Can't argue with that one! If you can get a First Class ticket to anywhere in the world, where would you go?

To Eretz Yisrael! Because... who wouldn't want to?!

What's a biggest thing that you missed out on because of corona?

# SUBSCRIBER SPOTLIGHT

These are the 2 most important ones, but corona made me miss out on a lot:

It was supposed to be my first year at the Kinus Hashluchim and I couldn't go.

In my school, all the 4th Graders make a Purim play every year and I've always wanted to be in a play, but this year school was closed.

If you were told you could be the president of the US, would you take the job?

Yes, and no. Yes 'cause I want to be able to rule, but no, 'cause I have other jobs I'd rather do.

What do you do on a Shabbos afternoon?

# SUBSCRIBER SPOTLIGHT

Read.

If you can tell the world one message, what would it be?

Keep Shabbos so  
Moshiach will  
come! 

By Avremy Shapiro

# In 100 Years

It wasn't my idea. It was Shloime's idea. That one press of the button landed us here, in the middle of the United States sometime in 2121. It didn't look like a time machine, but it was a time machine. Either way, we were now stuck in... Nebraska?! At least that's what it said on 90% of the license plates on people's cars. If you can call them that. They were more like flying—or floating—things. They still had license plates and looked like cars, but they didn't look anything like the cars we had back in 2021. Back before Shloime pressed that button.

"It's all your fault!" I blurted out angrily, watching someone float by me on an actual hoverboard. Like one that hovers.

"I never said it wasn't," Shloime replied. "Who even cares? I always wanted to go to Lincoln." "Why, because it's named after

Abraham Lincoln?" I answered sarcastically.

"No. Because it's in Nebraska." Shloime answered casually.

"Anyway, it's cool being in 2121 and seeing all these people with their cool gadgets. And no one is wearing masks anymore!"

I sighed but didn't protest.

Lincoln, Nebraska, where we were currently located, was smack in the middle of the United States. Or close enough for the time machine to send us there.

Since Shloime pressed the "Default" button, everything was simple—or default: 100 years in the future and somewhere in the middle of the United States. I mean, if it were up to me, I would make the default send you to New York, but I didn't invent the time machine. In fact, I have no idea who made the time machine. Either way, after we had landed, I had looked all over the

place for a "Default Send Us Home" button. There wasn't any. So now we were stuck in the middle of the United States 100 years in the future with no way home.

"You got us into this mess, now get us out of this mess," I called after Shloime, who already started exploring.

"Yeah, who cares? I'm gonna go exploring. You can come with me if you want."

I sighed for the second time but decided to follow him. He was kind of right: If you can travel in time, at least use it up to your advantage. Who knows if you can ever even travel in time again? We were the first and we might even be the last. That's why I found myself in the middle of a modern-day Walmart, looking at advanced technology, never seen by humans of the twenty-first century. I didn't even understand what half the stuff did, but at least they looked cool. And that's how our first day went, 100 years in the future, smack in the middle of the United States of America. Now that we explored and saw stuff that humanity has never

seen before (think holograms, floating things, robots), we decided we needed to find a place to sleep for the night. We saw a hotel and decided to check it out.

"Can we sleep here for the night?" Shloime asked Mark (as it said on his holographic name tag).

"Do you have a reservation?"

Mark asked quizzically, staring at us. Or probably staring at our clothes, which were totally out of style.

"No. We also don't have money."

"Then, no, you cannot sleep here for the night." Well, that was the end of that. As we left the hotel, an idea popped into my head.

"How about we look for a shul?" I suggested.

"That's a good idea. And you should be proud of that because that's the only thing I agreed with you since we landed here."

Shloime said jokingly.

I smiled as we walked down the street. We were the only ones walking—almost everyone else had some sort of floating device or were getting around in a 'car.' I decided to stop someone and ask him what time it was and if he

# Short Story

knew where the closest shul was. Boy was I lucky to see a person with a yarmulkaup ahead. And boy was I happy to, as I dashed toward him with Shloime calling to me, asking why I decided to start running. I stopped in front of the man, nearly getting knocked over by Shloime, who wasn't able to stop in time.

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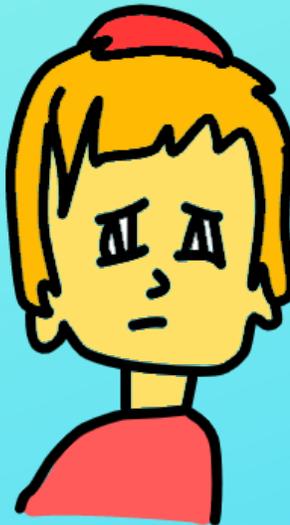
# FUNNIES

## Meet the Cast

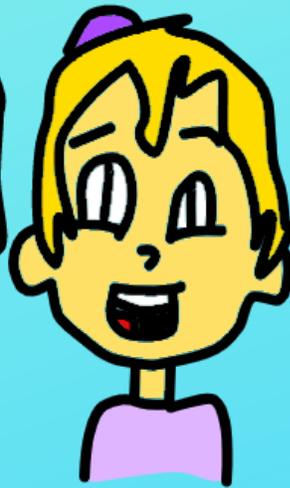
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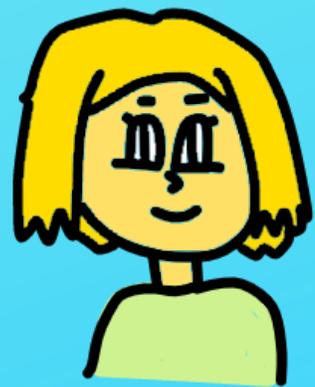
Yitzi



Yosef



Dini



Sarah



Send us Your great (and FUNNY) idea for the next comic!

# In middle of NOWHERE

The sun rose the next morning, and the kids got up earlier than the adults and went downstairs, those old enough Devened, and sat down for some cereal.

"I've never seen this cereal before. I guess it's special for France." Yossi said. Mr. Silverman and Mr. Tov walked into the dining room.

"Hello, kids." Mr. Tov greeted everyone with a smile. "Guess where we are going today?"

"An amusement park!"

"A zoo!"

"A chocolate pudding river!" 3-year-old Dovi Silverman said.

"On a hike!" Said Mr. Tov.

"A hike? And you say that like it's cool! We came all the way to France to go on our first trip... a hike??" Said Yossi miserably. The other kids wouldn't say it, but it didn't take a genius to figure out they felt the same way.

"It'll be fun!" Mr. Tov said trying unsuccessfully to get the kids excited.

Everyone later boarded the car and headed out. The ride was filled with a baby's cries and was just as unrelaxing as it gets. When the ride was finally done, everyone arrived at the hiking area.

"Yay, this is gonna be fun," Yossi said in a sarcastic, sower way.

"That's the spirit!" Said Mr. Silverman, obviously not getting Yossi's sarcasm.

Half-hour through the hike Dovi tripped and the adults and younger kids stopped, but Yossi, Dini, Sarah, and Boruch continued.

"Hey look at that rock!" He pointed to a large rock not too far off the

Everything blurred. It was as if time itself has stopped.

trail.

"Yeah what about it?" Said Boruch dryly, exhausted from the hike.

"I'm gonna climb it," Yossi said, sounding proud to have found something a little fun to do.

"That's a horrible idea!" Dini said.

"I'm going with or without you." He said rushing toward the rock with Boruch. After some short moments, Dini groaned and ran after him, Sarah not too far behind.

Yossi's foot got caught on a rock and sent him tumbling to the ground. "Whoa!" Yossi stammered. Boruch bent down to see what Yossi tripped on. "What is this?" He said staring at the black rusty object sticking out of the ground. No, it was not a rock, too square.

"What in the world is this?" He said, uncovering more and more of the object. Yossi limped over to see what he was talking about. Boruch uncovered it completely.

"Some sort of button." He said.

"Yeah, I can see." Said Yossi. "Can I have it for a second." Boruch handed it to him. "I'm gonna press it."

"I don't know, that doesn't sound like a good idea. What if it explodes." Sarah said.

"I'm gonna do it. You can count to three if it makes you feel better." He said, obviously not afraid of a stupid button.

"Don't do it. I never saw a plain button like that before. It looks... weird. And old." Dini Said. Boruch just waited for something to happen.

"But it's red! How do you not click a red button??" Yossi.

"By not clicking it," Dini smirked.

"Three, two, one," Yossi said.

"Don't do it, something dangerous might happen!" Dini said, tugging on Yossi's shirt.

But he already pressed it.  
Everything blurred.  
It was as if time itself has stopped.

Colors shifted around Dini and Yossi in a pillar-shaped vortex.

**TO BE CONTINUED...**



# SHAZAK INSIGHT

## Parshas Yisro

The name of each Parsha is not just one of the first words of the Parsha. Rather, it is also the theme of the Parsha, similar to the title of a book. The highlight of this Parsha is the most important event in history – the giving of the Torah.

So why is it named after a bishop, Yisro?! Actually, this is the perfect name for this Parsha! Yisro converted to Judaism. Similarly, at the giving of the Torah, there was a mass “conversion.” Bnei Yisrael was then transformed into a special, holy nation, responsible for keeping all the Mitzvos in the Torah!

Also: Can you find the name of another famous convert, רות, in the name of this weeks parsha?

# THE NEWSPAPER

BY AVREMY SHAPIRO

## Century Old Antiques Found

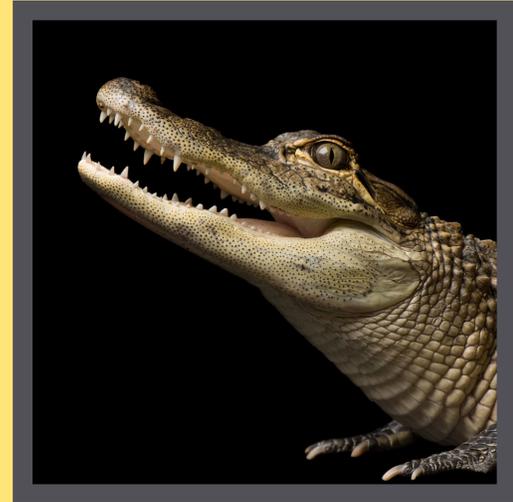
A New York attorney might have just become a lot richer than he was a couple of hours ago. The attorney recently bought a building, and discovered a hidden attic that contained photographs dated from over 100 years. The attorney, David Whitcomb, said he



wasn't told about the attic when he bought the building. David said he had found an access panel and discovered it was filled with photographs, frames, and other items that appeared to be pretty old. The items are believed to be dated to the late 1800s and early 1900s. David said that most of the items were taken to an Auction house for restoration and eventual sale.

# Alligator On The Loose

Florida residents had to summon a wildlife trapper to remove a 10 foot alligator from their neighborhood. The residents of the neighborhood said that the alligator had been living in a nearby lake for quite some time already. The alligator has yet to hurt anybody, luckily. The trapper capture the alligator alive and took it an unknown location.



# Drunk Birds

A species of birds returning to Texas got drunk on berries, witnessing neighbors said. The neighbors said they saw them returning as usual, but noticed them acting strange, like flying and then smashing into windows. Rachel Richter, a wildlife biologist said that it's actually common, and there's only more reports on it due to COVID, which has more people staying at home. **S**



# NEWSBYTES

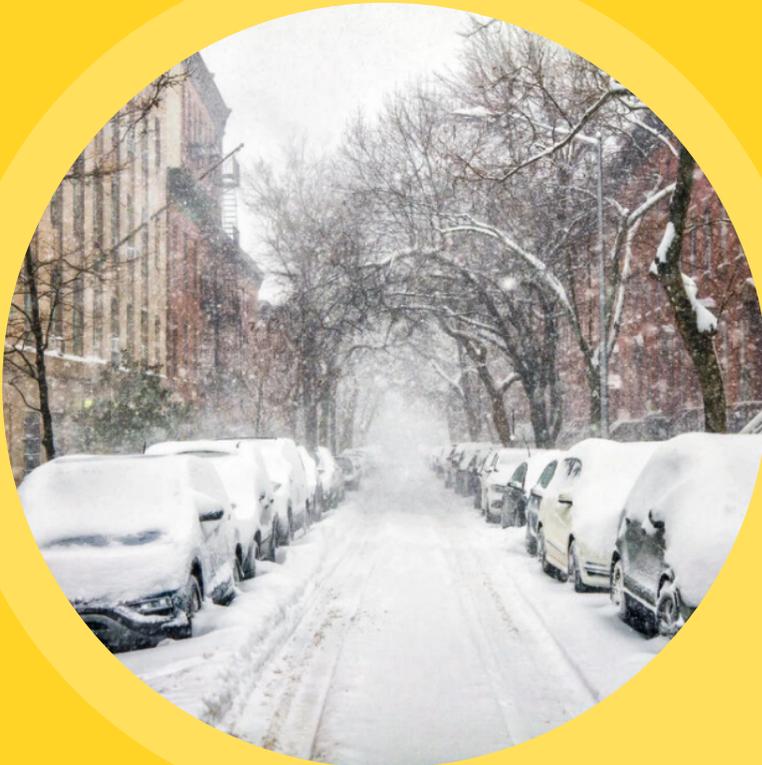


The U.S. sees the most deaths from COVID-19 (4,137 on 1/20) since the beginning of the virus.



Crew prepares Raymond James Stadium for super bowl 55

Around 17 inches of snow was dumped on New York this week.





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