Iowa will have its caucuses on Monday, Jan. later in the year and nominate a presidential delegates to attend political conventions each party. People from each state choose decide who would be the best candidate for and caucuses. These are state contests to next president.

People 18 and older have 10 months to already hearing a lot about candidates for show of hands to vote.

upcoming primaries and caucuses include:
- South Carolina — Saturday, Feb. 3
- Nevada — Tuesday, Feb. 6
- Michigan — Tuesday, Feb. 27
- Super Tuesday — Tuesday, March 5

when many states will hold primaries and caucuses.

Political parties
A political party is a group of people who work to promote their ideals and candidates. While the states set down the election rules, political parties select the candidates who run. There are other parties, but most people vote for candidates of either the Democratic or Republican party. Sometimes a third-party candidate enters the race. This person represents neither the Democratic nor the Republican party.

Who can be president?
Would you like to be president of the United States? A Candidate for president must be:
- at least 35 years old;
- a natural-born citizen of the United States;
- a resident of the United States for 14 years.

Check it
Check here to find out when your state's presidential primary or caucus is scheduled: bit.ly/40TVmNv.

Mini Fact:
In 2020, 154.6 million Americans voted during the presidential election.

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Cook’s Corner
Creamy Corn Chowder
You’ll need:
- 2 (14.75-ounce) cans creamed corn
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
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- 1 teaspoon dried minced onion
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

What to do:
1. In a medium saucepan, combine creamed corn, milk, bell pepper, salt and pepper and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-high and bring to a simmer. Add the bag of dry soup to the boiling water. Remove the bay leaves before serving. Serves 4.

Mini Jokes
Paul: Where do polar bears vote?
Penny: The North Pole!

Eco Note
A recent study found that the climate-controlling Gulf Stream has warmed faster than the world’s oceans over the past 20 years while it also shifted 3.1 miles closer to the U.S. continental shelf per decade. The Gulf Stream carries Caribbean tropical warmth to the North Atlantic and is part of a massive conveyor belt network of currents. Writing in the journal Nature Climate Change, researchers say the Gulf Stream warmed by about 2 degrees Fahrenheit during the period, becoming lighter than the colder water below.

For later: Look in the newspaper for articles about elections.

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b. People who wait in line to vote.
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