



Which is the best March Madness team remaining?

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ANALYSIS

Trump funding cuts axed nutrition program



SNAP-Ed taught people how to identify healthy food patterns, keep food safe and navigate a complex food environment. It also taught low-income Americans how to improve their budgeting and planning for meals that balance cost and nutrition. GETTY IMAGES

SNAP-Ed saved money, helped Americans eat healthier

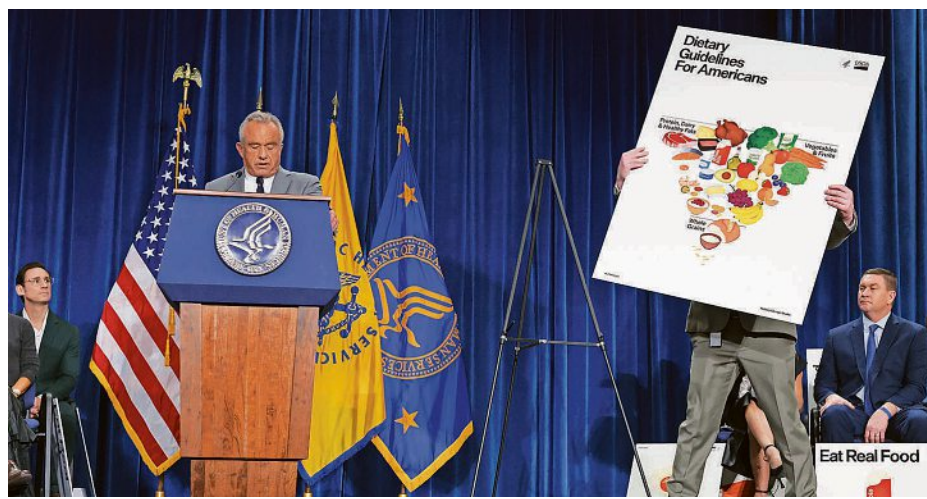
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THE CONVERSATION

If the government had found a way to save \$10 for every dollar it spent helping low-income people get healthier, wouldn't it make sense for it to keep doing that?

Well, that's exactly what the U.S. government did when it piloted the SNAP-Ed program in 1977. This U.S. Department of Agriculture program persisted for nearly 50 years until the Trump administration shuttered it in 2025.

SNAP-Ed served as the nutrition education arm of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which helps more than 40 million Americans buy groceries.

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Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and the Make America Healthy Again movement have embraced a core principle: Healthy habits prevent chronic disease. Yet the Trump administration stopped funding SNAP-Ed, which helped boost health in at-risk communities.

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Gen. Randy George, the chief of staff of the Army, said he will retire immediately. He had served in that position since 2023 and had more than a year left in his term.

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Army's top officer steps down at Hegseth's request

George was adviser to ex-Pentagon chief Austin

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Secretary of War Pete Hegseth asked Gen. Randy George, the U.S. Army's top officer, to step down from his position and immediately retire, according to a Pentagon official.

Pentagon spokesperson Sean Parnell confirmed George's immediate retirement on X, without giving a cause. The Pentagon "is grateful for General George's decades of service to our nation. We wish him well in his retirement," he wrote April 2.

Hegseth wanted someone who could better implement his and President Donald Trump's vision for the Army, according to CBS News. The Pentagon official confirmed to USA TODAY the accuracy of CBS' report. The official spoke on condition of anonymity. The Army referred USA TODAY to Hegseth's office.

George had served as the chief of staff of the Army since 2023 and had more than a year left in his term. He has over four decades of military service. He was commissioned as an infantry officer from the U.S. Military

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1 rescued after U.S. jet downed over Iran

Law experts claim 'clear violation of the United Nations Charter'

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A search and rescue operation was underway April 3 for the crew of a U.S. fighter jet that was downed over Iran, multiple news outlets reported.

One crew member was rescued, Is-

raeli media said, citing Israeli officials.

Iranian officials called on civilians to be on the lookout for survivors. The governor of Iran's Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad province said whoever captured or killed the crew "would be specially commended," according to the semi-official Iranian news agency ISNA.

Nearly five weeks after the United States and Israel began conducting joint airstrikes on Iran, thousands of people have been killed across the Middle East, and tens of thousands have been injured.

As of April 2, 13 U.S. service members have died – seven in Iranian attacks on U.S. bases in the region and six when their KC-135 aircraft crashed in Iraq. More than 300 U.S. service members had been wounded.

According to U.S. Central Command, the U.S. military has flown more than 13,000 combat flights, struck more than 12,300 targets and destroyed more than 155 Iranian vessels since the war began.

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People stand outside a damaged residential building April 3 in Karaj, Iran. AJID SAEEDI/GETTY IMAGES

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