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0 [RAWSEP View](#) of Names of Children Today Naming conventions and gaming the system Item one The names of the top 20 contenders in the Kentucky Derby appear to be conventionally chosen based on hobbies of owners or names of sires and dams more conventionally known as fathers and mothers of the horses Item in 6B Headlines The Guardian May 1 2025 United Kingdom The UK popular baby names in 2025 United Kingdom Ugly old fashioned weird the baby names that set the teeth of grandparents on edge Baby names The Guardian [Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization](#) One in five grandparents has struggled to come to terms with the name of a grandchild according to a survey from Gransnet Poor old Aurora Tabitha Elijah and Finn One in five or twenty percent of grandparents say they have hated one of the names of their grandkids Luckily only four percent say they still hate the name Fifteen percent have got used to it over time A common complaint is grandparents objecting to names honoring other grandparents What are their other complaints? Names they think are ugly twenty eight percent or old fashioned eleven percent or weird seventeen percent Six percent were OK with the name but did not like the spelling Thirty one percent of grandparents say the name of their grandchild is none of their business but sixty nine percent think it is fine to give an opinion on the name of their grandchild if asked So the smart advice is do not ask Always Did the surveyed grandparents list any specific names they disliked? They did Their top hated names were Aurora Charlotte Elijah Finn Jack Lindsay Noah Sally and Tabitha The point here seems to be stay in your lane Grandad and stay out of baby naming and also are you still OK to babysit Tuesday? Grandad replies You mean Tuesday this week? Or is the kid called Tuesday? Is this a bigger problem than it used to be? It could be now that our cultural obsession with individuality has given rise to the position of baby name consultant A baby name consultant might say Your bespoke grandchild names are Wheatberry Dusty Mushroom and Candle That will be £800 please A baby name consultant should not say Sorry I sent you the wrong list I also do names for white paint




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1 Kentucky Derby Names of Horse Competitors **RAWSEP View** One view is that Unconventional Naming Conventions show spontaneity and fun in the midst of conventional if accelerated money grabs by Republican politicians A second possible **RAWSEP View** is that the names of the top 20 contenders in the Kentucky Derby appear to be conventionally chosen based on hobbies of owners or names of sires and dams more conventionally known as fathers and mothers of the horses **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** Forbes May 01 2025 List Of The 20 Horses Racing In The Kentucky Derby 1 **Citizen Bull** Trainer Bob Baffert Jockey Martin Garcia Odds 20 to 1 The owner likes his Citizen Bullhead watches 2 **Neoequos Trainer** Saffie Joseph Junior Jockey Edgard Zayas 30 to 1 The sire was named Neolithic 3 **Final Gambit** Trainer Brad Cox Jockey Luan Machado Odds 30 to 1 The horse is named for a move in Pokemon 4 **Rodriguez** Trainer Bob Baffert Jockey Mike Smith Odds 12 to 1 The horse is named for the American musician Sixto Rodriguez 5 **American Promise** Trainer D Wayne Lukas Jockey Nik Juarez Odds 30 to 1 The love of America by the owners led them to American Promise 6 **Admire Daytona** Trainer Yukihiro Kato Jockey Christophe Lemaire Odds 30 to 1 Admire is used in horse names by these Japanese owners coupled with Daytona Florida being an auto racing city 7 **Luxor Café** Trainer Noriyuki Hori Jockey Joao Moreira Odds 15 to 1 Café is traditional for the stable A sire is American Pharoah 8 **Journalism** Trainer Michael McCarthy Jockey Umberto Rispoli Odds 3 to 1 The owner was the sports editor of his high school newspaper 9 **Burnham Square** Trainer Ian Wilkes Jockey Brian Joseph Hernandez Junior Odds 12 to 1 The daughter in law of the female owner uses the quilting block pattern Burnham Square 10 **Grande** Trainer Todd Pletcher Jockey John Velazquez Odds 10 to 1 The owner is expecting big things 11 **Flying Mohawk** Trainer Whit Beckman Jockey Joseph Ramos Odds 30 to 1 This horse was sired by Karakontie a Mohawk word that roughly translates to flying sun burning across the sky 12 **East Avenue** Trainer Brendan Walsh Jockey Manny Franco Odds 20 to 1 East Avenue is where the Saratoga New York training facility is located 13 **Publisher** Trainer Steve Asmussen Jockey Flavian Prat Odds 20 to 1 The owner just liked the name 14 **Tiztastic** Trainer Steve Asmussen Jockey Joel Rosario Odds 20 to 1 Sired by Tiz the Law 15 **Render Judgment** Trainer Kenny McPeck Jockey Sheldon Russell Odds 30 to 1 The sire was named Blame 16 **Coal Battle** Trainer Lonnie Briley Jockey Juan Vargas Odds 30 to 1 The name of the sire was Coal Front 17 **Sandman** Trainer Mark Casse Jockey Jose Ortiz Odds 6 to 1 The owner Jonathan Green likes the Metallica song Enter Sandman but the horse was named more because baseball pitcher Mariano Rivera walked onto the mound in Yankee Stadium as the Metallica song blared over the public address system 18 **Sovereignty** Trainer Bill Mott Jockey Manuel Franco Odds 5 to 1 The dam was named Crown 19 **Chunk Of Gold** Trainer Ethan West Jockey Jareth Loveberry Odds 30 to 1 The dam is Play for Gold and her dam was Gold N Shaft 20 **Owen Almighty** Trainer Brian Lynch Jockey Javier Castellano Odds 30 to 1 The owner named this one after his son Owen

2 United States Interview with Trump **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Atlantic This article was featured in the One Story to Read Today newsletter May 1 2025 Before we begin a primer on the science of arranging an interview with a sitting American president In ordinary times reporters seeking an on the record encounter with the commander in chief first write an elaborate proposal The proposal details the goals of the interview the broad areas of concern and the many reasons the president must for his own good talk to these particular reporters and not other perfectly adequate but still lesser reporters This pitch is then sent to White House officials If the universe bends favorably



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negotiations ensue If the staff feel reasonably confident that the interview will somehow help their cause they will ask the president with trepidation at times to sit for the interview Sometimes the president will agree We made our pitch which went like this President Trump by virtue of winning a second term and so dramatically reshaping the country and the world can now be considered the most consequential American leader of the 21st century and we want to describe in detail how this came to be Just four years ago after the violent insurrection he fomented Trump appeared to be finished Social media companies had banned or suspended him and he had been repudiated by corporate donors Republicans had denounced him and the country was moving on to the fresh start of the presidency of Joe Biden Then came further blows the indictments the civil judgments and the endless disavowals by people who once worked for him

3 United States The American Economy is Contracting Also in this article Trump this week probably as a distraction from focus on the failed Trump economy continued digging in on his claim that symbols tattooed on the fingers of Kilmar Abrego Garcia a cross, a skull, a smiley face and a marijuana leaf are proof that the man they wrongly deported to El Salvador is a member of MS13 **RAWSEP View** During a televised interview Trump pointed to an apparently doctored photograph of the hands of Abrego Garcia and Trump said superimpositions which Trump saw as real spelled out MS13 the gang name although the journalist Terry Moran interviewing Trump pointed out that the letters and numbers MS13 superimposed on the fingers or knuckles of Abrego Garcia appear to experts to be Artificial Intelligence AI generated The takeaway message from this interview is that Trump is doubling down on keeping a man apparently innocent of any crime except entering the United States illegally incarcerated in a foreign prison when as the U S President Trump has the power to make a simple phone call and get Abrego Garcia released Or as the Guardian put it In Headlines The Guardian Trump Interview Trump pressures journalist to accept doctored photo as real Why do not you just say yes Trump asks the journalist The Guardian May 1 2025 **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** Substack Letters from an America Heather Cox Richardson May 1 2025 This morning the Bureau of Economic Analysis released a report showing an abrupt reversal in the U S economy Gross domestic product GDP which measures the total market value of goods and services shrank from a healthy 2 point 4% in the last quarter of 2024 to zero point 3% in the first quarter of 2025 The shift is the first time in three years that the economy has contracted The slump appears to have been fueled by a surge in buying overseas goods before The Trump tariffs hit The stock market plunged on the news Although it would recover later in the day the stock market during President The Trump first 100 days in office has been the worst since the administration of Richard Nixon Today Trump posted on his social media site This is the Stock Market of Biden not Trump I did not take over until January 20th The White House put out an official statement blaming former president Joe Biden for today the report today of the shrinking GDP and saying the underlying economic numbers in the United States remain strong In fact Biden left behind an economy that The Economist called the envy of the world showing on the cover of the October special issue about the U S economy with a roll of 100 dollar bills blasting off into space In the Biden four years the U S had added 16 million jobs unemployment was at its lowest rate in 50 years real wages for the bottom 80 percent of Americans were increasing and inflation levels had come down almost to the target of the Federal Reserve from their highs during the post shutdown shocks The pain from The Trump tariffs has already hit agriculture as China has largely stopped buying American products from pork and soybeans to lumber The executive



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director of the Agriculture Transportation Coalition a leading export trade group for farmers said the sector is already in full blown crisis as farmers have sustained massive financial losses Economists expect the confusion and uncertainty of The Trump tariffs to hurt growth more broadly in the second quarter of 2025 as container ships from China stop arriving in the U S in early to mid May about a month after The Trump April 2 Liberation Day imposed a 145 % tariff on goods from that country The Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles said shipping volume at the port will drop over 35% The Executive Director of the Port of Oakland California noted that the lack of import trade will hurt exports as well endangering the jobs of dockworkers warehouse workers and truck operators The East Coast ports will see similar drops a couple of weeks after the West Coast ports United Parcel Service UPS has already announced that it is laying off about 20000 employees and closing 73 of its buildings by the end of June It says it anticipates lower volumes of shipping from its largest customer Amazon because of the tariffs Economists expect the lack of goods from around the globe especially from China to create shortages and higher prices Notably the tariffs will hit toys and Christmas items China produces 80% of the toys sold in the U S and 90% of the Christmas goods Ordering of inventory for the holidays is normally underway by now as it takes four to five months to make package and ship products to the U S from China But currently the tariffs have shut down that trade Trump seemed to acknowledge that today when he said Well maybe the children will have two dolls instead of 30 dolls you know? And maybe the two dolls will cost a couple of bucks more than they would normally Ironically the Republican Party made accusations that Biden was ruining Christmas a central theme of political attack in 2021 2022 and 2023 more than 80% of senior executives are worried about The Trump tariffs and his other economic policies and many companies say they are unable to predict future earnings The Constitution gave to Congress not the president the power to set tariffs Trump is taking that power to himself by using the International Emergency Economic Powers Act IEEPA to enact his sweeping tariffs This law authorizes a president to regulate international trade during a national emergency On February 1 Trump declared such a national emergency to impose tariffs on China Canada and Mexico and on April 2 he again invoked it for his new blanket tariffs Congress could end The Trump power over tariffs by cancelling the national emergency a step Democrats were willing to take But Republicans in the House used a procedural rule to make sure that Democrats could not cancel that emergency A challenge to the Trump declaration of a national emergency must come to the floor for a vote within 18 days of the challenge The House defanged that rule by declaring that each day for the rest of the congressional session will not constitute a day for purposes of the National Emergencies Act In the Senate this evening Republican leaders killed a similar Democratic measure Three Republican senators Susan Collins of Maine Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Rand Paul of Kentucky voted with the Democrats It is just totally bonker bananas Where are we going?! Are we near trading deals with India and Japan? That means less tariff revenue Although the Supreme Court unanimously agreed with a lower court that the administration must work to get Abrego Garcia back from El Salvador the White House has insisted that it cannot comply because only President Nayib Bukele of El Salvador can release Abrego Garcia But when Moran said to Trump he could pick up the phone and get him back Trump replied I could And if he were the gentleman that you say he is I would do that When Moran replied But the court has ordered you to facilitate that Trump replied I am not the one making this decision We have lawyers who do not want to do this You are the president! Moran replied



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Minnesota Jill Sobule Singer of I Kissed a Girl Dies in House Fire The New York Times **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** Jill Sobule the singer and songwriter whose hit I Kissed a Girl were followed by three decades of touring advocacy and a one woman musical died on Thursday morning in a house fire in Woodbury Minn according to her publicist She was 66 The Public Safety Department in Woodbury a Minneapolis suburb said that firefighters had responded at 530 a m to a house that was engulfed in flames The homeowners said one person was possibly still inside Firefighters found the body of a woman in her 60s inside the house the department said The cause of the fire was not immediately clear

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Boosters The New York Times Kennedy Issues Demands for Vaccine Approvals That Could Affect Fall Covid Boosters The plans amount to an extraordinary flex of the Kennedy Junior power as health secretary to make decisions ordinarily left to career scientists at the Food and Drug Administration **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times May 1 2025 Health Secretary Kennedy Junior on Thursday announced plans to require all new vaccines to be tested against placebos and to develop new vaccines without using NA technology moves that extend his reach deep into vaccine development and raise questions about whether Covid boosters will be available in the fall A spokesman for the Department of Health and Human Services called the requirement for placebo testing a radical departure from existing standards But that will depend on how the department defines new because most new vaccines are already tested either against placebos inert substances or in some cases against vaccines for other diseases Kennedy is one of the leading vaccine skeptics in the United



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States and he has been vocal about his disdain for NA technology which was used to develop coronavirus vaccines during the first Trump administration. He once wrote on social media that NA jabs do not stop infection do not block transmission do not block mutants do not last do not work at all. The Kennedy activism in recent years included petitioning the Food and Drug Administration to pull the Covid vaccine off the market in 2021 during a deadly phase of the pandemic. He also urged the F D A not to authorize Covid shots for children. Kennedy has also maintained that there could be a link between vaccines and autism and hired a discredited researcher into his agency whose work aligns with that view. Since becoming health secretary in February, Kennedy has made few high profile pronouncements on vaccine policy with the exception of his tepid endorsement of the measles shots in response to the outbreak in Texas that has killed two children and one adult. But he and the Trump administration have waded into the issue in other ways by ordering a study on vaccines and autism and delaying approval of another Covid vaccine. The Kennedy announcements on Thursday represent an extraordinary use of his power as secretary to make decisions ordinarily left to career scientists at the F D A. The moves follow his recent instructions that parents of newborns considering vaccination should do your own research. Kennedy has said he intends to restore trust in the vaccine approval process but a former F D A official and an infectious diseases doctor at Georgetown University said the changes could erode trust. Questions never bother me the infectious diseases doctor said but it is really worrisome when it seems like they are so ubiquitous and so constant that they sow a huge amount of doubt not just about the one thing but about everything. Most immediately, the Kennedy move could affect the next round of Covid booster shots expected to become available in the fall. Both flu shots and Covid boosters have been authorized without extensive human trials to target new strains of the virus as it has evolved. Kennedy says the new policy will not affect flu shots but the future of Covid boosters is now in doubt. Andrew Nixon the department spokesman said that because so many people have been infected and now have immunity to Covid new studies are required. The Kennedy plan for the placebo studies also raises ethical questions. It is considered unethical to deprive even a small group of patients of effective vaccines against deadly pathogens. In the case of Covid 19 new clinical studies could hold up authorization for boosters which would leave the entire U S population vulnerable. A Harvard vaccine researcher and a member of the F D A vaccine advisory committee said that would be unacceptable and that officials must thread the needle to be sure the studies are done in a way that do not leave older and immunocompromised people unprotected from Covid. Tens of thousands of people can die without protection against Covid said the doctor who co founded a company working on an opioid vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported about 23000 deaths from Covid since September with as many as 1000 a week that month and in January. Still uptake of the Covid boosters has been low. About 23 percent of adults got the updated Covid shot released in the fall according to the C D C. One C D C study of the Covid boosters used in 2023 and 2024 found that they averted about 68000 hospital stays and were most effective in people who were older than 65 or immunocompromised. The Kennedy Junior familiarity with vaccine trials stems at least in part from his reviews of decades old vaccine approvals including for the polio vaccine and the measles mumps and rubella vaccine. Kennedy has also helped represent plaintiffs in lawsuits against manufacturers. He and the organization he founded and once led Childrens Health Defense have repeatedly complained that vaccines are not tested against placebos in clinical trials when they are being developed. The organization has cited polio hepatitis and meningitis vaccines as examples all of which were introduced decades ago. Every other medicine is



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tested against a placebo Kennedy said on a podcast in January 2020 in claiming that vaccines are exempt from that requirement That however is not entirely correct Cancer drugs and other medications authorized under the F D A accelerated approval program are regularly authorized after trials without a placebo And new vaccines including the vaccines for Covid were tested against placebos inert substances such as a saline injection or in some cases against vaccines for other diseases We have required placebo controlled trials for most vaccines and sometimes it is an inert placebo and sometimes it is an irrelevant vaccine said Dr Peter Marks who was the Food and Drug Administration top vaccine official until he was forced out in March The claim that we have not done randomized trials for pediatric vaccines aside from Covid is not correct Kennedy has also raised concerns in the past about testing a vaccine against what many scientists consider a reasonable placebo the same formula but without the immune activating agents In addition to the new placebo requirement Kennedy also announced a National Institutes of Health initiative to turbocharge the development of new inoculations for Covid bird flu and seasonal flu an effort that appears to be part of a broader assault on NA technology or platform Since they were developed Kennedy issued numerous social media posts about the NA shots including one positing that the F D A assessment of the Moderna shot for children in 2022 was dishonest and evidence that the public health establishment has abandoned science logic reason rationality empathy health and medicine The N I H under the Trump administration has subjected studies related to the NA platform to strict scrutiny Bills restricting the use of NA vaccines have popped up in Republican controlled state legislatures including in Texas Idaho and Kentucky The F D A is also holding up approvals of a Covid vaccine that is not based on NA technology The agency was expected to issue a decision on April 1 regarding whether to issue a full approval of the more traditional protein based Novavax Covid shot which had been used under emergency authorization The F D A delayed the decision though asking the company to conduct additional research I am curious if this administration actually intends to just obliterate the Covid vaccine said a lawyer with the law firm Epstein Becker Green who represents some vaccine makers Pfizer and Moderna makers of the NA Covid shots did not respond to questions about whether updated shots will be available in the fall in the United States A spokesman for Moderna said the company has run clinical trials for its booster shots before and after their launch During an earnings call Thursday the president of Moderna said the company tests its vaccines against placebos A policy change had not been communicated to the company directly he said but we will absolutely engage constructively and making sure we understand what those needs are and that we fulfill them The new N I H initiative meanwhile would develop a next generation vaccine platform that would be fully government owned the department said The N I H helped develop the NA platform and the vaccine maker Moderna paid the government hundreds of millions of dollars to license a key patent on the vaccine though the company and the government later got into a dispute over the patent rights The NA platform relies on small bits of genetic code which generated online rumors and conspiracy theories that it was being used to insert microchips into vaccine recipients The new platform by contrast would rely on a more traditional method of vaccine development which uses inactivated viruses to provoke an immune response The department said the new platform would be developed using beta Propylactone which is already a component in vaccine development but is considered a hazardous substance by the Environmental Protection Agency when people are exposed to it in large doses



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Government Sued Hawaii first In an unusual move the Trump administration pre-emptively sued Hawaii
and Michigan to try to stop them from suing oil companies over global warming A photo of Governor
Josh Green of Hawaii in 2023 around the time of devastating wildfires in the state Excerpts edited by
**RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates
a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times May 1 2025 On Monday Gov Josh Green of Hawaii
said his state intended to sue fossil fuel companies over their role in climate change to make them pay
for damage from its effects like the 2023 wildfires that devastated Maui I guess this might be breaking
news he said during an interview on local television We will be filing suit On Wednesday the Trump
administration sued Hawaii first seeking to block the lawsuit before it could even be filed The Justice
Department also filed a nearly identical suit against Michigan where Attorney General Dana Nessel has
retained three private law firms to pursue climate change litigation but has not yet sued The main thrust
of the Trump argument is that the federal government should determine national energy policy not
individual states Legal experts said it was highly unusual to sue to block other lawsuits that have yet to
be filed Nine Democratic led states have already sued fossil fuel companies over climate change along
with dozens of municipalities around the country including Honolulu and Maui The oil industry and its
allies have tried to get those cases thrown out by making similar arguments to the ones put forth in the
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Lush Hawaii Into a Tinderbox August 10 2023 The director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at
Columbia University said it was at least highly unusual to try to preemptively block lawsuits The usual
procedure would be to move to intervene in existing lawsuits he said I have never heard of a situation
where a lawsuit is filed to seek an injunction against somebody else filing a lawsuit He predicted that
such a legal strategy would not fare well Procedurally it is wacky he said Both suits filed in federal
courts in Hawaii and Michigan named the state its governor and attorney general Ms Nessel called the
lawsuit at best frivolous and arguably sanctionable She said Trump had made clear he will answer any
and every beck and call from his Big Oil campaign donors and called the lawsuits perhaps the most
surprising debasement of both the White House and D O J yet The legal and political battles have been
escalating rapidly around the roughly three dozen cases brought by state and local governments against
energy companies In January the Supreme Court denied a request by the defendants in
Honolulu including Sunoco Exxon Mobil and Chevron to review a Hawaii Supreme Court decision
allowing the case to proceed In March the justices declined to review an action brought by Republican
governed states against Democratic states that had sued oil companies Those efforts could have
knocked down the entire batch of cases which supporters call climate deception cases because many
center on the argument that oil companies concealed their knowledge about climate risks Separately on
Thursday the Justice Department sued New York and Vermont in federal courts in those states over new
climate superfund laws that seek to recoup costs for damage from storms and floods The New York law



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put the amount sought at 75 billion dollars. The Vermont law set out a lengthy process to determine the amounts it would pursue. In its lawsuits against New York and Vermont the Justice Department is seeking a declaration that the New York and Vermont laws are unconstitutional and to block their enforcement.

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S.Z., who lives in a Vermont suburb, wrote:

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them to a dangerous disease No institutional review board at any academic center would ever accept that so he is asking what personal injury lawyer invariably asks for which is the impossible to be done said Offit Although Kennedy has made false and misleading statements about vaccines generally the Covid 19 vaccine appears to be especially in the Trump Kennedy Junior crosshairs In response to recent questions about Covid 19 strategy the administration responded The Covid 19 pandemic is over and HHS will no longer waste billions of taxpayer dollars responding to a non-existent pandemic that Americans moved on from years ago How revenge of the Covid contrarians unleashed by RFK Junior puts broader vaccine advances at risk Health officials have reportedly required all research grant applications on messenger RNA technology which powers most Covid 19 vaccines be flagged to The Kennedy office They have also ended research that tested for safety and efficacy of the Covid 19 vaccine in special groups as part of an 11 billion dollar clawback in grants from states Most controversially the Food and Drug Administration has delayed expected approval of a new Covid 19 vaccine from Novavax reportedly on the review of a political appointee known to be skeptical of vaccines Over the weekend FDA commissioner Marty Makary addressed the delay by describing annual updates to the COVID vaccine strains as a new product creating confusion about whether vaccine makers have to conduct new safety and efficacy trials Such trials would not be a normal part of routine updates On Monday the company Novavax released a statement that said in part the FDA had demanded a clinical trial as part of post approval surveillance and that it would continue to work with the FDA **6C United States and Science and Medicine Private firms are trying to fill research gaps but their puny budgets are no match for federal funds Trump administration The Guardian** Private firms are trying to fill research gaps but their puny budgets are no match for federal funds Trump and Musk have gut National Institutes of Health and experts are wary of the ability of private efforts to replicate public service **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian May 2025 The federal government has slashed research since Trump took office hacking away at the National Institutes of Health NIH and its grants staff and long held partnerships with academia Now some private companies said they want to pick up strands of research that might have otherwise been funded by the federal government The effort has stoked little optimism among experts who caution that private efforts cannot remotely replicate the breadth depth or public service provided by federal funding We cannot wait four years to do any womens health research said Priyanka Jain co founder and the CEO of the startup Evvy The company sells at home vaginal microbiome tests a product the company argues can help women better understand common conditions such as bacterial vaginosis Jain said Evvy is funding a small trial to identify biomarkers or physical indicators of how the vaginal microbiome can impact in vitro fertilization IVF success rates There are companies like Evvy raising venture dollars and doing the work the government is not doing said Jain Women step up and actually solve this problem In contrast health policy insiders such as Sean Tipton the chief policy officer at the American Society for Reproductive Medicine said the many small projects that hope to keep research alive cannot remotely match the retreat of federal government research It is absolutely not realistic to think that the resources of the federal government can be replaced through some combination of philanthropic and for profit entities trying to fill the gap said Tipton The NIH is the largest public funder of biomedical and behavioral research in the world When Trump took office the agency had a \$48 billion budget and funded projects into nearly every area of medicine imaginable – including administration bugbears such as fluoride and vaccine safety In the first few months of the



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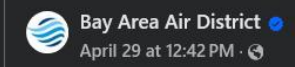


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administration the health secretary Kennedy Junior and billionaire Elon Musk unofficial department of government efficiency have fired 1300 NIH employees canceled \$2 billion in grants and slowed new grant approval by nearly one third pumping \$2 point 3 billion less into research A leaked budget proposal would further shrink the NIH by 40% or tens of billions less that will not go into research HHS has also canceled more than \$11 billion in state grants and frozen billions in grants slated for research at Ivy league colleges such as Harvard University In the latest move the National Science Foundation which finances basic research in areas such as astronomy and quantum computing canceled \$2 billion more in funding In the research space my organization is proud because we are now spending in excess of \$3 million a year on research grants – that is literally a rounding error compared to what the federal government spends Tipton said We are very proud of that and worked very hard to get it up to that level and that level is puny and inadequate The federal government backing of scientific research has been fundamental to modern drug discovery NIH research contributed to 354 of 356 of the drugs approved by the US Food and Drug Administration FDA between 2010 2019 a JAMA Health Forum study found That money has gone to advance blockbuster drugs such as Wegovy and Ozempic first identified by an NIH funded researcher and isolated from gila monster saliva by Veterans Affairs researchers and to the hundreds lesser known FDA approved treatments Tell taxpayers we are studying gila monsters in a lab they will laugh you out of town but the first GLP 1 was exenatide which is a gila monster protein said Dr Fred Ledley the author of the JAMA Health Forum study Research found that for every first in class innovative drug brought to market the NIH funded roughly \$1 point 4 billion in research If government investment was calculated as industry calculates its investment to include failure and the cost of capital it is closer to \$2 point 8 billion in public funding or about the equivalent of what industry spends to bring an innovative drug to market Without the NIH basic research there is little hope that the private market will pick up the tab said Ledley It is too expensive for them Ledley said What you will see industry do is develop more me too drugs and incremental tweaking This is not what the public wants The public wants something to treat Alzheimers with they want something to prevent diabetes in the first place and they desperately need better treatments for cancer and heart disease still the number one killer said Ledley Another indicator of the low likelihood of the industry picking up basic research is in job listings Since 1 January listings for research and development positions have fallen 25% based on a before times baseline of January 2020 baseline according to data from job hiring site Indeed Instead the private health sector is dominated by demand for services such as nurses and surgeons The government can step in and correct that kind of market failure when something is going to be positive for the society but not necessarily profitable in the market said an economist with Indeed A lot of this research falls into that category Put another way by the Democratic US senator Patty Murray at a recent press conference Our public health folks who go out and track measles or track whooping cough or track a new pandemic are not going to work for a private company There is not a profit making course in this In the world of last year we were hoping to get funding from the federal government for the study by her company said Jain I personally do not think we should have to raise venture capital money to do this study That is not the typical use of venture capital money said Jain Our hope is we survive another four years and the tides turn United States and UN Envoy nomination Trump nominates scandal hit Mike Waltz as UN envoy after exit as national security chief – live United States Video Game Simulation Skin Deep review – kitty rescue immersive sim is slapstick fun in a cartoony playground Games The Guardian 6D United States Video Game Writing Playing with words why novelists are becoming video



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game writers – and vice versa Games The Guardian While the novel remains a high status cultural form video game writing is still seen as a throwaway art despite some of the biggest names in fiction being involved Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization The Guardian April 30 2025 I have been working in games for a little more than 15 years and the main thing I would say about it at this point is that it is a pretty annoying job to explain at parties People often say something like Oh I do not really play games which is surely an odd thing to tell a game designer moments after you have been introduced I do not really eat croissants but that is not the first thing I bring up if I meet a baker So one of the joys of publishing my first novel last year was the option to sidestep all of that and say Oh I am a writer I wrote a novel I am working on another novel Job done The conversation can move on Nobody says Oh I do not really read books even though that is at least as likely to be true It is become clear to me that I am not alone in switching between the two media Why is this? Well for a lot of people it is the money Writing novels is a notoriously difficult way to make a living and novelists have always wrangled together careers out of whatever is going A 2022 report commissioned by the Author Licensing and Collecting Society ALCS found that professional authors are paid a median of £7000 a year from their writing A writer whose debut novel made the USA Bestseller list says her day job writing for video games is part of what makes that novel writing possible Thankfully I have a consistent paycheck coming in she says which is an advantage because the payment structures in publishing are not exactly sustainable At the same time game writers are also having a rough time of it The GDC 2025 State of the Games Industry report claimed that one in five narrative designers and writers had been laid off in the previous year So of course some game writers are looking for opportunities elsewhere Games are still young compared with the novel and their conventions are less fixed Early English novelists like Aphra Behn and Laurence Sterne could print a page entirely black and push at the still forming edges of what a novel was Games are newer and with a lower cultural status remain malleable Plus writing often comes pretty far down the list of priorities in game design and that is OK Games are not novels The emerging generation of young writers grew up as native video game players so they are willing and able to switch between the two cultural forms without finding it weird and without seeing one as necessarily better than the other Sure if you work in games there are still people at parties who will say Oh I do not really play those But sometimes that might mean you get to make something weirder and more surprising while nobody is looking 6E United Kingdom Ugly old fashioned weird the baby names that set the teeth of grandparents on edge Baby names The Guardian United Kingdom Author Barbara Pym may have worked for MI5 research suggests Books The Guardian Ukraine Trump administration readies first sale of military equipment to Ukraine The Guardian The PM of Ukraine hails good and equal minerals deal with US Europe live

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