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Items for the February 15, 2026 Meeting

1. [Are You Aging Well? Try These Simple Tests to Find Out \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - They can't guarantee future health, but they can tell you the trajectory you're on.
2. [3 Policy Moves Likely to Change Health Care for Older People \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Two regulatory rollbacks, along with a new A.I. experiment in Medicare, raise some worrisome questions.
3. [The Finance Industry Is a Grift. Let's Start Treating It That Way \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary \(two pages\)](#) - Regulating the industry is useful. Shaming it is crucial.
4. [America Isn't Ready for What AI Will Do to Jobs \(TheAtlantic\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Does anyone have a plan for what happens next? [*Ed. Note: For example, see [AI is Going To Replace Employees At Local ABC, CBS, FOX, & NBC Stations, Leading to Layoffs](#) (CCNews)*].
5. [F.D.A. Refuses to Review Moderna Flu Vaccine \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - The vaccine maker's shots involve the successful Covid vaccines' RNA technology. Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has broadly rejected it, canceling millions of dollars in research projects.

Items for the February 8, 2026 Meeting

1. [Major Changes Are Coming to Local ABC, CBS, FOX, & NBC Stations If The FCC Approves New Rules – Here Is What Could Change \(CCNews\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - In a move that could reshape the landscape of local television broadcasting, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is actively considering revisions to its longstanding ownership rules, potentially allowing media companies to own more stations in the same market, including affiliates of major networks like ABC, CBS, FOX, and NBC.
2. [New York City Partners with W.H.O. as U.S. Withdraws From Global Effort \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - City health authorities are joining a network that counters new pathogens and emerging outbreaks.
3. [How PFAS harm our health — and why they're everywhere \(PBS\)](#) – [*ed. Note: Video -> no pdf or AI Summary*] - The so-called forever chemicals helped spur innovation, but they're also insidious to human health.
4. [America Officially Leaves the Paris Climate Agreement. For the Second Time \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - The United States is the only

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country to pull out of the global agreement among nations to fight climate change. European diplomats say the U.S. reputation is suffering.

Items for the February 1, 2026 Meeting

1. [The Hidden Risk to the Housing Market \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - America is facing a looming economic crisis that few people are talking about, and most citizens are not even aware of: a housing market collapse driven by increasingly devastating natural disasters. [Ed. Note: For example, Excel needs to bury or reinforce it's most vulnerable power lines – expensive.]
2. [This A.I. Tool Is Going Viral. Five Ways People Are Using It \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Claude Code generates computer code when people type prompts, so those with no coding experience can create their own programs and apps.
3. [Microsoft Continues to Spend Big on A.I. While Profit Jumps 60% \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - The company said on Wednesday that revenue in the most recent quarter was \$81.3 billion, but its share price dropped more than 7 percent in after-hours trading.
4. [4 Parkinson's disease symptoms that can show up decades before a diagnosis \(WaPo\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Many people think of a tremor as the quintessential warning sign of Parkinson's disease. But other symptoms — many of them not involving changes in movement — can appear much earlier than what's known as a resting tremor.
5. [The Trump administration has secretly rewritten nuclear safety rules \(NPR\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - The Trump administration has overhauled a set of nuclear safety directives and shared them with the companies it is charged with regulating, without making the new rules available to the public, according to documents obtained exclusively by NPR.
6. [New Video Analysis Reveals Flawed and Fatal Decisions in Shooting of Pretti \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - A frame-by-frame assessment of actions by Alex Pretti and the two officers who fired 10 times shows how lethal force came to be used against a target who didn't pose a threat.
7. [ICE Expands Power of Agents to Arrest People Without Warrants \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - An internal memo changed the standard from whether people are unlikely to show up for hearings to whether they could leave the scene.

Items for the January 25, 2026 Meeting

1. [Can exercise and anti-inflammatories fend off aging? A study aims to find out \(NPR\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - There's a new study underway to test whether it's possible to fend off age-related diseases with a novel

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combination of high-intensity interval training and anti-inflammatory medicines and supplements.

2. [Another PBS Station is Shutting Down After Federal Budget Cuts \(CC News\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - In a significant setback for public media in northwest Ohio, WBGU-TV, the PBS affiliate operated by Bowling Green State University, has **announced** it will cease broadcasting PBS content after June 30.
3. [Bill Asks CoPilot about GLP-1 Addiction Treatment Status](#) – Looks promising: Alcohol – real results, Tobacco – early positive hints, Drugs – still preclinical.
4. [Trump's 'Board of Peace' Would Have Global Scope but One Man in Charge](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - The initiative is the latest example of the president's dismantling the post-World War II international system and building a new one, with himself at the center. [ed. Note: Personally I think it his start on building a post-presidential world authority]

Items for the January 18, 2026 Meeting

1. [The MAGA Plan to Take Over TV Is Just Beginning \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Under Trump, the F.C.C. has used obscure regulatory powers to crack down on network TV. Some conservatives are pushing back. [ed. Note. See also [Sinclair is Trying to Buy More ABC, CBS, FOX, & NBC \(CCDaily\)](#) and [Fox31 Owner Buying 9NEWS Parent \(Westword\)](#)]
2. [The FDA Often Doesn't Test Generic Drugs for Quality Concerns, So ProPublica Did \(ProPublica\)](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Because the Food and Drug Administration doesn't routinely test generic drugs for quality, ProPublica engaged an independent lab to assess three of the most widely used medications in the U.S.
3. [E.P.A. to Stop Considering Lives Saved When Setting Rules on Air Pollution \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - In a reversal, the agency plans to calculate only the cost to industry when setting pollution limits, and not the monetary value of saving human lives, documents show.
4. [Literary Arts Fund created to rekindle a love for reading \(PBSNews\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - According to a recent study, reading for pleasure has fallen by 40% in the last 20 years, continuing a long-running downward trend. By many measures, reading skills for both students and adults continue to fall.
5. [Microsoft Pledges Community First AI Datacenter Model In United States To Shield Residents From Higher Electricity, Water Costs \(ESGNews\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Microsoft commits to internalizing AI

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datacenter energy and water costs to prevent higher residential utility bills in host communities.

Items for the January 11, 2026 Meeting

1. [Vaccines Are Helping Older People More Than We Knew \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Many shots seem to have “off-target” benefits, such as lowering the risk of dementia, studies have found.
2. [Cheap Solar Is Transforming Lives and Economies Across Africa \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Chinese panels are now so affordable that businesses and families are snapping them up, slashing their bills and challenging utilities.
3. [The Cost of Disability \(NPR Newsletter\)](#) – [AI Summary](#) - People with disabilities talk about what they call “the disability tax.” It’s the idea that there are added costs to living with a disability. 35 years after ADA, people with disabilities still find hotels unaccommodating.
4. [Trump’s Cuts Are About to Make Health Care Even Worse \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) – The nation cannot afford further deterioration in health care, and proposed cuts would accelerate decline at a moment when the system is already struggling.

Items for the January 4, 2026 Meeting

6. [CDOT announces plans to start Exit 203, Colorado Highway 9 in Frisco project in April 2026 \(SDN\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Getting off and on Exit 203, exiting Dillon Dam Road and even getting to Whole Foods Market from certain directions will look different in Frisco a few years from now.
7. [Dec. 30, 2025: Colorado researcher on drug that holds promise for treating Alzheimer’s; Denver’s missed climate goals \(CPR\)](#) – Audio Only – [AI Summary](#) - There's promising new research out of Colorado in the effort to treat Alzheimer's disease. The study focused on the drug Leukine, which is already on the market to treat other disorders. [ed. Note: See also [Long-approved drug shows promise in slowing neuron loss in Alzheimer’s disease \(News-Medical.net\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#)].
8. [A Heartbreaking Essay, Delivered Fully Formed \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - When Tatiana Schlossberg submitted an essay to The New Yorker, it had not been assigned or even expected. It was accepted immediately and barely edited.
9. [A Battle with My Blood \(NewYorker\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - When I was diagnosed with leukemia, my first thought was that this couldn’t be happening to me, to my family by Tatiana Schlossberg.

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Items for the December 28, 2025 Meeting

1. [Trump Halts 5 Wind Farms Off the East Coast](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) – The Interior Department said the projects posed national security risks, without providing details. The decision imperils billions of dollars of investments. [ed. note: A video report of this was also featured on the [12/22/2025 edition of PBS News Hour](#)]
2. [Flu is hitting Colorado hard, but it's easier than ever to test and vaccinate at home \(CPR\)](#) – Flu is prevalent in Colorado. There are home tests in local stores and a nasal vaccine ([FluMist](#)).
3. [Why I Am Resigning \(TheAtlantic\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) – A federal judge explains his reasoning for leaving the bench. [ed. Note – interesting history and issues with Trump's weaponization of the legal system make this an interesting read]

Items for the December 21, 2025 Meeting

1. Audio Interview: [Siddhartha Mukherjee on understanding cancer now \(NPR/on-point\)](#) – [AI Summary](#) – In 2011, Siddhartha Mukherjee won the Pulitzer Prize for his biography of cancer, "[The Emperor of All Maladies](#)" ([Book AI Summary](#)). Now, he's back with an update on how our understanding of cancer has advanced — and what lies ahead.
2. [Ramaswamy Challenges Conservatives on Surging Bigotry on the Right](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) – The leading Republican candidate for Ohio governor is calling out his party for rising intolerance, including against Indian American immigrants and their children, like him.

Items for the December 14, 2025 Meeting

1. [PBS Is Shutting Down Service In an Entire State After Losing Federal Funding \(CordCutters\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) – The Arkansas Educational Television Commission voted on December 11, 2025, to end its partnership with the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), effective July 1, 2026.
2. [Why One Man Is Fighting for Our Right to Control Our Garage Door Openers \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) – If companies can modify internet-connected products and charge subscriptions after people have already purchased them, what does it mean to own anything anymore?
3. [The G.O.P. Wanted 'Mama Bears.' It Got Something More Unruly \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) – Trump didn't invent misogyny, but he's leaning into it.
4. [That '70s Dessert](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) – This holiday, I'm leaning into retro charm with [cherry yum-yum](#), [one-day fruitcake](#) and [sock-it-to-me-cake](#).

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Items for the December 7, 2025 Meeting -> [Summaries](#)

1. [An investor called \\$140,000 the new poverty line. Experts disagreed but said he had a point \(WaPo\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Michael Green's tally of the costs of raising a family in the U.S. today is going viral, even if some economists scoff at his math
2. [These very hungry microbes devour a powerful pollutant \(WaPo\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) – This article highlights a fascinating intersection of biology and climate science: using nature's own methane-devouring microbes as a potential ally in fighting global warming.
3. [A 20-Minute Workout to Build Strength for Everyday Tasks \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Practicing these pushing and pulling exercises can make daily movements feel more comfortable.

Items from the November 30, 2025 Meeting -> [Summaries](#)

1. [EPA Approves Four New Pesticides That Qualify as PFAS \(CivilEats\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Despite MAHA promises to reduce chemical exposures, experts warn the Trump administration is approving a wave of 'frightening' pesticides.
2. [Recycling Lead for U.S. Car Batteries Is Poisoning People \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - We went to Nigeria, where recycling plants are extracting lead for use in American and European car batteries — at a terrible human cost. *Ed. Note – Due to the dynamic interactive properties of this article it did not convert well to PDF resulting in lots of white space and an unusually large file.*
3. [A Different Type of Dementia Is Changing What's Known About Cognitive Declines \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - On its own, LATE dementia is less severe than Alzheimer's, but in combination, it makes Alzheimer's symptoms worse, scientists say.

Items for the November 23, 2025 Meeting -> [Summaries](#)

1. [A Cancer Diagnosis Brings a New Season of Grief to the Kennedy Family](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Tatiana Schlossberg, a daughter of Caroline Kennedy, revealed a terminal cancer diagnosis in an essay published on the anniversary of her grandfather's assassination.

Items for the November 16, 2025 Meeting -> [Summaries](#)

1. [Stinking, Spongy, Dark, Huge: A Spider Web Unlike Any Seen Before \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - A pitch-black cave in the Balkans is home to what researchers say is a singular work of cooperation by two usually-hostile species of spider.
2. [5 Minutes That Will Make You Love Alto Saxophone \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Almost no other instrument seems so synonymous with

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jazz as the sax. Listen to some classic alto playing from Charlie Parker, Cannonball Adderley, Sonny Stitt and more greats.

3. [New Pill From Merck Could Slash Cholesterol Levels, Trials Show \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - The drug targets the PCSK9 protein, and could give millions of people a more affordable option to reduce their heart disease risk.
4. [4 surprising cancer symptoms you should know about, according to an oncologist \(WaPo\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - One patient felt chest pain after drinking wine. It turned out to be Hodgkin lymphoma.

Items from the November 9, 2025 Meeting -> [Summaries](#)

1. [Global Warming Made Hurricane Melissa More Damaging, Researchers Say](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Climate change enabled the storm to churn faster and grow more quickly, a rapid analysis found.
2. [Is Melatonin Bad for Your Heart? Here's What to Know](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Headlines this week have raised alarms about the popular sleep supplement.
3. [To Ease Sciatica, Keep Moving](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) -It's important to not only identify this painful condition correctly, but find exercises you can comfortably do.
4. [Trump Officials Accused of Bullying Tactics to Kill a Climate Measure](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Nations were poised to approve the first fee on pollution from ships. That's when the Trump administration began the threats.
5. [At a Climate Summit Without the U.S., Allies and Rivals Call for Action](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) -The calls for action on opening day stood in sharp contrast to the position of the President Trump, who has called global warming a "con job."

Items from the November 2, 2025 Meeting -> [Summaries](#)

1. [Life Lessons from \(Very Old\) Bowhead Whales \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - A gene that helped bowheads adapt to frigid Arctic waters also granted them extraordinary longevity. Could it help aging humans become more resilient?
2. [The Secrets of a Healthy Snack \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - These expert tips and homemade recipes (sweets included) will help satisfy every craving.
3. [Are Some Sugars 'Less Bad' Than Others? \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - We asked experts if sweeteners like honey, maple syrup and agave nectar are better options.
4. [Take a Look at Rare Photos of Red Lightning in New Zealand \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Three photographers were able to capture the

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red sprite phenomenon, when lightning flashes above thunderstorms, in high definition against the Milky Way.

Items for the October 26, 2025 Meeting -> [Summaries](#)

1. [Mental exercise can reverse a brain change linked to aging, study finds \(NPR\)](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Scientists are reporting the first compelling evidence in people that cognitive training can boost levels of a brain chemical that typically declines with age.
2. [Vision Restored Using Prosthetic Retinal Implant \(NYTIMES\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - The device could help a million people with a severe form of macular degeneration to be able to see enough to read (*Ed. Note: 1st generation device with obvious paths to great improvement*)
3. [Should You 'Feed a Cold and Starve a Fever'? \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) – NY Times asked experts if the adage is true.
4. [American Wins International Chopin Piano Competition \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) – In Warsaw, a 27-year-old pianist from Massachusetts beat out 180 competitors to win what some call the Olympics of the piano world.

Items for the October 19, 2025 Meeting -> [Summaries](#)

1. [The A.I. Prompt That Could End the World \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - How much do we have to fear from A.I., really?
2. [The plastic inside us: how microplastics may be reshaping our bodies and minds \(Guardian\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - The particles are in our blood, brains and guts – and scientists are only beginning to learn what they do.
3. [How A High-Tech Chair Could Revolutionize Cancer Radiation Therapy \(Forbes\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Startup Leo Cancer Care is transforming proton radiation treatment with a simple idea: having patients sit up instead of lying down. Now hospitals that include Stanford and McLaren are lining up to buy dozens of machines.
4. [Google's AI Cracks a New Cancer Code \(Yahoo News\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Google DeepMind said Wednesday that its latest biological artificial-intelligence system has generated and experimentally confirmed a new hypothesis for cancer treatment, a result the company calls "a milestone for AI in science."
5. [Carbon Dioxide Levels Jumped by a Record Amount, U.N. Says](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Surging emissions from wildfires may have been behind the increase, which was the largest since modern measurements began more than half a century ago.
6. [Private equity takeover of hospitals led to rise in Medicare emergency patient deaths, says study](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [AI Summary](#) - Study found

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seven more deaths per 10,000 patients in private equity hospitals' versus non-private equity hospitals. [Ed. Note: During the discussion there were questions about this article that were answered by AI Queries. See [Questions from HCUUF October 19, 2025 meeting](#)]

Items for the October 12, 2025 Meeting -> [Summaries](#)

1. [G.O.P. to Gen Z: Pay Double for Health Insurance or Go Without \(NYT\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - [AI Summary](#) - If Democrats don't win the shutdown fight, millions of young Americans may lose coverage because of higher prices.
2. [What is 'abundance' liberalism, and why are people arguing about it? \(Guardian\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - [AI Summary](#) - A new book, [Abundance by Ezra Klein and Derek Thompson](#), has sparked debate with its provocative claim that progressive public policy in the US is broken
3. [Dandelion root shows promise in fighting cancer \(AI Inquiry\)](#) - Dandelion root is being investigated for its potential anti-cancer properties, but it's far from being a proven cure.
4. [Do cells use electricity as memory for shaping the body? \(LinkedIn\)](#) - [Summary](#) - A fascinating new modelling paper in Cell Reports Physical Science (Manicka & Levin, 2025 <https://lnkd.in/evrRNbgf>) suggests that tissues may exploit long-range bioelectric fields to lay down pre-patterns for morphogenesis (the biological process that gives shape to living organisms).
5. [Bow to the Emperor - We Asked 50 Legal Experts About the Trump Presidency \(NYT\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - [AI Summary](#) - Before the election, the New York Times surveyed the legal establishment about what a second Trump term could mean for the rule of law. A year later, they're very, very worried.

Items from the October 5, 2025 Meeting

1. [American Women Are Leaving the Work Force. Why? \(NYT\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - [AI Summary](#) - With the gutting of a federal agency, the Trump administration is asserting their view of women's place in society.
2. [Mourn, or Else \(NYT\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - [AI Summary](#) - Trump is known for saying a lot of things that he can't or won't back up. This time, the threats are real.
3. [4 vaccines linked to a lower risk of dementia \(WaPo\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - [AI Summary](#) - Some vaccine-preventable diseases are linked to accelerated brain atrophy and increased dementia risk years down the line.
4. [New Treatment Shows Promise for Huntington's Disease \(NYT\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - [AI Summary](#) - A gene therapy injected into patients' brains slowed progression of the disease by 75 percent, preliminary findings reported.

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5. [To Treat Prostate Cancer, There Are More Options Than Ever \(NYT\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - [AI Summary](#) - It's among the most common cancers affecting older men. But a diagnosis today isn't always what it seems.

Items from the September 28, 2025 Meeting

1. ['The Game Is Rigged': Elizabeth Warren on America's Next Story \(NYT\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - How Republicans harnessed the story Democrats didn't — and won't — embrace. - [AI Summary](#)
2. [If Only We'd Fight as Hard to Save Our Democracy as Ukrainians Are Fighting to Save Theirs \(NYT\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - Ukrainians know that they can no longer count on an American democracy to save them.
3. [Trump Appointees Roll Back Enforcement of Fair Housing Laws \(NYT\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - Interviews and internal documents show that signature civil rights protections in housing are being dismissed as ideologically driven and D.E.I. in disguise.
4. [How to Avoid a Root Canal \(NYT\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - The dental procedure is one of the most dreaded. Here are six of its most common causes.
5. [Sushi Is Bigger Than Ever in America. There's One Main Reason \(NYT\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - In the past, sushi was a niche of the seafood market. Today, it is the fastest growing segment.
6. TBD

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1. [Charlie Kirk's Legacy Deserves No Mourning \(TheNation\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - The white Christian nationalist provocateur wasn't a promoter of civil discourse. He preached hate, bigotry, and division.
Ed. Note: The page numbers say there are seven pages but for the PDF I printed the first four and not the last three which contain other material.
2. [Mittelman: To stop gun violence, clamp down on its choke point \(BDC\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - Today's public debate on gun control centers on distribution. This is not the basic problem. The crux of the matter is production. To curb gun deaths, sturdy guardrails must be placed on producers. If gunmakers were subject to strict limits, there would be few guns to distribute. Without weapons, killing would diminish significantly.
Ed. Note – I asked the Edge Copilot AI about this. See the question and results at the [link to this PDF](#).
3. [E.P.A. Keeps Polluters on the Hook to Clean Up 'Forever Chemicals'](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - The decision came despite an effort by a former industry lawyer who is now at the E.P.A. to reverse the regulation.
Ed. Note – Be sure to check the last paragraph of this article. Things here are not all positive as they might seem from the title.

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4. [Can Hybrid Grapes Solve the Climate Change Dilemma for Wine Makers \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - It's a fringe movement so far, but hybrids have proven they can make good wine and may be better able to withstand climate change and disease.

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1. [A Pill to Heal the Brain Could Revolutionize Neuroscience](#) – NYT – [Click4PDF](#) - Neurologists are exploring medications that would help the brain recover after a stroke or traumatic injury
2. [Throwaway Plastic Has Corrupted Us \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Disposable plastics have profoundly reshaped the way we eat, shop, raise children and understand hygiene and progress.
3. [American Health Care Gets a Lot Wrong; Here's What It Gets Right \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - For one thing, Americans get new cancer drugs way before Europeans.
4. [This Economy Might Be a New Normal \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Economic data suggests labor supply and immigration changes are affecting job growth. The Federal Reserve can't fix that, but Trump can.
5. [Why Are More Older People Dying After Falls?](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Some researchers suspect that rising prescription drug use may explain a disturbing trend

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1. [Medicare Will Require Prior Approval for Certain Procedures \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - A pilot program in six states will use a tactic employed by private insurers that has been heavily criticized for delaying and denying medical care
2. [Chagas disease, long considered only a threat abroad, is established in California and the Southern U.S. \(LATimes\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - A deadly disease appears in California — again. The illness tends to lie dormant for years, making itself known only when its victim keels over via heart attack, stroke or death.
3. [New mRNA Cancer Vaccine Delivers Stunning Results, Sparks Universal Treatment Hopes \(SciTechDaily\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - A new experimental mRNA vaccine has shown the ability to awaken the immune system and wipe out tumors in mouse studies, raising hopes for a universal cancer vaccine
4. [Drug Reduces Mysterious Particle Involved in Heart Attack Risk \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - The Eli Lilly drug caused a major drop in the blood levels of Lp(a), but further research is needed to show that it will prevent heart attacks and strokes

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5. [Once a Death Sentence, This Heart Condition Is Finally Treatable \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - A quiet revolution in care is helping patients with cardiac amyloidosis, a form of heart failure that long stumped doctors.
6. [FDA Approves Novel Non-Opioid Treatment for Moderate to Severe Acute Pain](#) – This is the sodium ion channel interrupting drug foreshadowed in an earlier HCUUF meeting. There was also a 9/4 Fresh Air interview of Dr. Sanjay Gupta on the topic [“How Does Pain Work?”](#) wherein he discusses Journavx (suzetrigine) and his new book [“It Doesn't Have to Hurt: Your Smart Guide to a Pain-Free Life”](#).

Items from August 31, 2025 Meeting [no formal meeting]

Note that the entries under this heading are for your info only as we will be having a potluck on August 31, 2025 and will not have a formal meeting per se. If you want to discuss any of these at the Sep 7 meeting, let me know.

1. [We Cannot Let America Abandon Female Veterans \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - The V.A. expanded women’s health benefits in 2022. The Trump administration wants to reverse that.
2. [The Real Reason Americans Worry About Trade \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Behind the pushback to global trade is a deep economic anxiety that a meager social safety net has caused in the United States.
3. [The Public Health Disaster Everyone Saw Coming](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – He [Secretary Kennedy] is trying to fully dismantle the nation’s vaccination apparatus, regardless of what science says or what most people want.
4. [In a Hotter World, Some People Age Faster, Researchers Find \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Exposure to heat waves over just two years could add up to 12 extra days of age-related health damage
5. [Scientists Perform First Pig-to-Human Lung Transplant \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Researchers in China placed a lung from a genetically modified pig into a brain-dead man, with mixed results
6. [Mediterranean Diet Reduces Diabetes Risk, Study Shows \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Strong evidence suggests that following the diet, cutting calories and exercising lowers the chances of developing diabetes for those with metabolic risk factors
7. [London’s Sexiest Produce Star Is a Cabbage \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Hispi cabbage is affordable, trendy and a menu staple in restaurants across the British capital

Items From August 24, 2025 Meeting

1. [Why doesn't the US. have five-minute EV charging? \(NYT-NL\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - China is dominating the electric vehicle market globally, accounting for

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more than 70 percent of global manufacturing in 2024, according to the International Energy Agency. Its E.V. makers have pulled ahead of U.S. car companies on both price and technology

2. [A Common Weight Loss Drug Can Treat Severe Liver Disease, F.D.A. Says \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Wegovy has been approved for use among the growing number of Americans who have MASH (metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis)
3. [Scientists made mini-lungs and intestines, called organoids, to learn how these organs develop and function \(NIH Research Matters\)](#) - Scientists made mini-lungs and intestines, called organoids, to learn how these organs develop and function. (From NIH Research Matters)
4. [Why a Kiwi May Be the Perfect Snack \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - The fiber-rich fruits are packed with nutrients. Here's how they may benefit your health
5. [How Ian Fleming and His Spy Scheme Inspired a Broadway Show \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - The musical "Operation Mincemeat" tells the story of an absurd feat of deception dreamed up by this spy-turned-novelist. His real acts of espionage were even wilder

Items from August 17, 2025 Meeting

- [A Dangerous Escalation of the Science Wars \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – People whose life's work is to protect the nation have targets on their backs.
- [How Trump Is Undoing 80 Years of American Greatness \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - The U.S. risks not just being left behind, but out of the game entirely
- [The Problem Is With Men's Sperm \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Environmental toxins may be depleting male fertility. It's time to raise awareness in a major way
- [For Some Patients, the 'Inner Voice' May Soon Be Audible \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - In a recent study, scientists successfully decoded not only the words people tried to say but the words they merely imagined saying

Items from August 10, 2025 Meeting

- [You Are Contaminated \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - The toxic byproducts of human civilization are everywhere. Even in our bodies.
- [RFK Jr. announces end to some mRNA contracts, including for flu, covid \(WaPo\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - The targeting of the vaccine technology once considered revolutionary follows intense criticism by conservatives and anti-vaccine activists.
- [How RFK Jr.'s mRNA crackdown affects vaccine making and future pandemics \(WaPo\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - The Trump administration is

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terminating biodefense research funding for mRNA projects, raising concerns about the nation's ability to fight future pandemics.

Items from August 3, 2025 Meeting

- [COVID-19 could reignite cancers \(CPR\)](#) - Researchers at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus have found that respiratory viruses — like COVID-19 or the flu — can wake up dormant cancer cells in the lungs.
- [He Was Getting Weaker and More Confused. Could It Be His Drinking? \(NYT\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - The middle-aged man had received weeks of treatment before a doctor figured out what was missing. [Really? Copper?]
- [How Can I Be Sure My Clothes Aren't Made in a Sweatshop? \(NYT\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - As more luxury brands are exposed for manufacturing pipelines involving exploitative labor conditions, our critic offers tips for finding ethically made clothes.
- [Judges Keep Restrictions on L.A. Immigration Arrests, in Setback for Trump Agenda \(NYT\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - An appellate panel upheld a finding that federal agents appeared to rely exclusively on race and other factors, such as speaking Spanish, in making arrests.

Items from July 20, 2025 Meeting

- [How the Risks of Drinking Increase in Older Age \(NYT\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - Alcohol can present health problems for even light or occasional drinkers.
- [Measuring aging with brain scans \(NIH\)](#) - Researchers developed a way to measure how fast a person is aging from a single brain scan

Item from July 13, 2025 Meeting

- [Why we should 'lift heavy' as we get older \(Telegraph\)](#) - With the importance of amassing muscle in later life only just coming to light, here's why it's never too late to start weight training

Item from July 6, 2025 Meeting

- [This Is the Birthright Reckoning That America Needs \(NYT\)](#) - [AI Summary](#), [Click4PDF](#) - What makes someone an American?

Items from June 15 2025 Meeting

- Ocean with David Attenborough - [AP Review](#), stream on [Disney+](#) or [Hulu](#)
- The Future of AI: Predictions, Possibilities, and Sci-Fi Dreams with [Otto Dobretsberger](#) - This presentation was on June 11. When the video becomes available I'll link it in. Here's a link to the [description](#) (not

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sure how long that will remain available). If you want to look for it before I update this then it will likely be [here](#) or [here](#).

- [Fertility rates are falling. Is the smartphone to blame? \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#), [YouTube](#) – Is there a population crash in the future?
- [Charging Your E.V. May Be Getting Easier, Even if It's Not a Tesla \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – It is becoming easier to find fast chargers for electric vehicles, and they are more likely to work — and not just for Teslas.
- [Each Person Has a Unique 'Breath Print,' Scientists Find \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – Every breath you take, they really may be watching you.

Items from June 8 2025 Meeting

- [Unmarked Vans. Secret Lists. Public Denunciations. Our Police State Has Arrived \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) –
- [22 young Americans sue Trump on climate actions: 'A death sentence for my generation' \(Hill\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) –
- [Driverless Semi Trucks Are Here, With Little Regulation and Big Promises \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) –
- [Silicon Valley Is at an Inflection Point \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) –
- [Trump, Bashing the Federalist Society, Asserts Autonomy on Judge Picks \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) –
- [Trump's War on Nature Is Up Against a Powerful New Resistance Movement \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) –
- [Drug-Defying Breast Cancers Spotted Early in Blood Test Study \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) –
- More coming soon ... maybe

Items from June 1, 2025 meeting

- [Medicaid Cuts Over the Years JPG \(Graphic from All In with Chris Hayes\)](#) – The latest budget bill is by far the worst.
- [I Was Obama's Budget Director. It's Time to Worry About the National Debt](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – Annual federal budget deficits are running at 6 percent of G.D.P. or higher, compared with well under 3 percent a decade ago. The government is now projected to [spend more on interest payments](#) than on defense, Medicaid or Medicare. See also The Ezra Klein Show, [What Trump's 'Big, Beautiful Bill' Is Really Doing \(YouTube\)](#). If the so called "Big Beautiful Bill" becomes law in it's present form the huge increase in the national debt will trigger an automatic huge reduction in Medicare.
- [Senate Republicans Kill California's Ban on Gas-Powered Cars](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – In a highly significant vote with paradigm changing

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ramifications the Senate used the long avoided “nuclear option” to bypass the filibuster allowing approval with just a majority vote.

- [How Electric Vehicles are Targeted by the Republican Policy Bill](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - The Trump administration is also planning to roll back Biden-era fuel emissions and efficiency rules.
- [One Type of Mammogram Proves Better for Women With Dense Breasts](#) - [Click4PDF](#) – Contrast-enhanced mammography identified three times as many tumors as ultrasound scans. But it is not widely used for screening in the United States.
- [Trump Orders Faster Build-Out of Nuclear Power Plants](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Mr. Trump directed the nation’s nuclear safety regulator to speed up approvals for new reactors. There is some concern about possible compromises of safety or that this may interfere with existing congressional directives to speed up the process and actually take longer.

Items from May 25, 2025 meeting

- [Alzheimer's disease could be prevented by antiviral drug already on market \(Fox\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – Researchers discover that HIV medication may prevent up to 60,000 US Alzheimer's cases yearly
- [A Toxic Pit Could Be a Gold Mine for Rare-Earth Elements \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – Researchers hope to extract valuable metals to increase U.S. production of rare earths
- [Apple Unveils Brain-Computer Interface Technology, Aiming to Transform Device Interaction \(Cord Cutters News\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – Brain-computer interfaces (BCIs), unveiling a technology could redefine how humans interact with devices.
- [GM's New Battery Will Cut The Cost Of Its Electric Trucks By Over \\$6,000 \(Forbes\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – a new type of battery uses more of the cheap material manganese and much less of expensive metals cobalt and nickel while still offering a long driving range
- [A Ministroke Can Have Major Consequences \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – “...neurologists put the risk of a subsequent stroke within 90 days at 5 percent to 20 percent, with half that risk occurring in the first 48 hours”
- [An Expensive Alzheimer's Lifestyle Plan Offers False Hope, Experts Say \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Thousands of people have paid for Dale Bredesen's unconventional program to reverse Alzheimer's symptoms. The medical establishment says there's little to no proof it works.

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Items from May 18, 2025 meeting

- [Disrupting fat metabolism may hinder pancreatic cancer \(NIH\)](#) – "... disrupting both PIKfyve and the KRAS-MAPK pathway could reduce or eliminate pancreatic tumor cells"
- [Can a Photograph Help Predict Who Will Survive Cancer Treatment? \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – Using AI Machine Learning "FaceAge" can determine your "biological age" which correlates with ability to withstand cancer treatments.
- [West Point Is Supposed to Educate, Not Indoctrinate \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – Trump and Hegseth have done to the military academies what they would like to do to all colleges and universities. [ed. note: As a retired US Air Force officer I could not pass this up.]
- [Joseph Nye, Political Scientist Who Extolled 'Soft Power,' Dies at 88 \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – An effective tool for winning hearts and minds around the world (e.g. USAID).
- [Scientists Hail This Medical Breakthrough. A Political Storm Could Cripple It \(NYT\)](#). – [Click4PDF](#) – Demonizing the technology that saved us from COVID.
- [Is Jeff Bezos Selling Out the Waskhington Post? \(TNY\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – A deep dive into the history and reasons why Jeff Besos seems to be moving WaPo from Center-Left to the right. It is unclear as to how far the paper will move.

Items from May 11, 2025 meeting

- [How Will We Know When We Have Lost Our Democracy? \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – The cost of opposition is an indicator.
 - And what does one do about this? Here's one view:
[Taking Cues From Trumpism \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – [Youtube Audio](#) - Ross Douthat interviews Senator Chris Murphy who argues voters want to know who's screwing them.
- [Decoding How Nerves Sense Heat and Pain \(NIH\)](#) – Ion channels again
- [Sex-specific pain suppression by immune cells \(NIH\)](#) – Will this lead to a better way to control chronic pain?
- [Brain-Computer Interface Restores Natural Speech After Paralysis \(NIH\)](#) – Deep learning AI techniques were key to this progress.

Items from May 4, 2025 meeting

- [12 New Breakthroughs in the Fight Against Cancer \(WEF\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Medical advances are accelerating the battle against cancer
- [Common Drug Stops Cancer From Spreading \(GBN\)](#) - New findings suggest aspirin could strengthen the immune system's ability to identify and eliminate dangerous cancer cells

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- [DOGE Is Building a Surveillance State \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - They seem to be building a defining feature of many authoritarian regimes: comprehensive files on everyone so they can punish those who protest.

Items From April 27, 2025 Meeting

- [The New Science of Aging Can Predict Your Future \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – The dream of reversing aging has captivated humans for centuries, and today science is closer than it ever has been to achieving that goal.
- [Major Advances in E.V. Batteries Are Announced by Chinese Company \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – CATL, the world's largest maker of batteries for electric vehicles, described breakthroughs that could make E.V.s more competitive with gasoline-powered cars.
- [Sex Hormones Are Brain Hormones. What Does This Mean for Treating Brain Diseases? \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - A growing understanding of how “reproductive” hormones sculpt the brain could transform the management of neurological conditions.

Items from April 20 2025 Meeting

- [This Kidney Was Frozen for 10 Days. Could Surgeons Transplant It? \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Scientists developed a way to freeze a large mammal's kidney, which could ease organ shortages in the future.
- [How Healthy Is Asparagus? \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Spring is the peak season for this nutrient-dense vegetable. Here's how it benefits your body.
- [Microplastics Are in Our Brains. What Does That Mean? \(NYT\)](#) - According to a recent study, there's roughly a plastic spoon's worth of plastics in our brains — an amount that has only increased over time. Scientists are trying to find out the effects these microplastics have on human health, but in the meantime, there are some things you can do to reduce your exposure. Nina Agrawal, a reporter for Well, explains.

Items from April 13 2025 Meeting

- [Paris said au revoir to cars. Air pollution maps reveal a dramatic change](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Air pollution fell substantially as the city restricted car traffic and made way for parks and bike lanes.

Items from March 30, 2025 Meeting

- Since we did not get to them during the 23rd I'd like to discuss the top two from the 4/23 meeting.

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- [Tiny tardigrades may hold clues to cancer care \(NIH\)](#) - The findings hold promise for reducing the harmful side effects of radiation therapy to treat cancer.

Items from March 23, 2025 Meeting

- [Doctors Told Him He Was Going to Die Then AI Saved His Life](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - Scientists are using machine learning to find new treatments among thousands of old medicines
- [Long awaited non-opioid treatment for acute pain hits the market \(UCH\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - This new oral painkiller — the first approved by the FDA in more than 20 years — could offer an alternative to highly addictive opioids. (This blocks selective sodium ion channels. If you want more info on ion channels see "[We Are Electric: Inside the 200-Year Hunt for Our Body's Bioelectric Code, and What the Future Holds](#)" by Sally Adee.)
- [Can Colorado reverse light pollution trends? \(CPR\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - Light pollution is getting worse. Colorado state parks are working to protect the night skies. See also <https://darkskycolorado.org/>.
- [Christian Nationalism's Influence On American Politics \(NPR/1A\)](#) - See also the book by Investigative journalist Katherine Stewart "[Money, Lies, and God: Inside the Movement to Destroy American Democracy](#)"
- [Thunderstorm straight line winds intensify with climate change \(Nature\)](#) - Nature just shows the abstract (\$39.95 for full article) but EOS had an article based on it - [Climate Change May Be Causing Stronger Thunderstorm Wind Gusts \(AGU/EOS\)](#) - [EOS](#) is the award-winning science news magazine published by [AGU](#)

Items from March 16, 2025 Meeting

- [Inside the scientific quest to reverse human aging \(WaPo\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - WaPo: Can reprogramming our genes make us young again? A breakthrough in longevity research may be nearing its first human trials.
- [We're Relearning What Pandemics Do to a Society \(NYt\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - We're still in the chaos stage.
- [How Foreign Aid Cuts Are Setting the Stage for Disease Outbreaks \(NYT\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - Organizations funded by the United States helped keep dangerous pathogens in check around the world. Now many safeguards are gone, and Americans may pay the price.
- [Do We Age Steadily, or in Bursts? \(NYT\)](#) - [Click4PDF](#) - New technologies are giving scientists a better understanding of how the process actually works.

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Items from March 9, 2025 meeting

- [America Is Pushing Its Workers Into Homelessness](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – NYT: Mr. Goldstone is the author of “[There Is No Place for Us: Working and Homeless in America](#)” forthcoming March 25, 2025
 - See Also: [Note to Democrats: It’s Time to Take Up Your Hammers](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – There is a straight line from homeless schoolchildren to Donald Trump’s election victory.
- [How Fungi Move Among Us](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – NYT: Underground fungal networks are “living algorithms” that quietly help regulate Earth’s climate. Now scientists know what makes them so efficient. NOTE: The PDF is a poor representation of the animated images in the original.
- [Giving up sugar can change your body for the better—within days](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – NatGeo: Reducing sugar intake not only helps you avoid the harms of overconsumption—it can also bring about surprising upsides you won’t have to wait long to benefit from.
- [Inside the scientific quest to reverse human aging](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – WaPo: Can reprogramming our genes make us young again? A breakthrough in longevity research may be nearing its first human trials.

Items from March 2, 2025 meeting

- [Why don’t painkillers work as well on women?](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – The medical community is finally starting to step up to studying the unknown unknowns about the differences between men and women.
- [Greenland sharks can live for centuries. We're finally learning their genetic tricks](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – A first-ever analysis of the whole Greenland shark genome gives researchers a couple of clues to their longevity.
- [Extreme Heat Linked to Accelerated Aging in Older Adults, Study Finds \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – A first-of-its-kind analysis found that people living in hotter areas experienced more molecular changes than those in cooler places.

Items from February 23, 2025 meeting

- [On a Mission to Heal Gila Monsters \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – After years in Big Pharma, a chemist pivoted to help save the species that made Ozempic possible.
- [An Effective Treatment for Opioid Addiction Exists. Why Isn’t It Used More? \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – A drug called buprenorphine may be the best tool doctors have to fight the fentanyl crisis.

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- [Risk and future burden of dementia in the United States \(NIH\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Researchers estimated that 42% of Americans over age 55 will eventually develop dementia.
- [Microsoft Says It Has Created a New State of Matter to Power Quantum Computers](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Microsoft's new "topological qubit" is not based on a solid, liquid or gas. It is another phase of matter that many experts did not think was possible. Note that a "[phase of matter](#)" is different than a "[state of matter](#)". The text of the article confuses the two.

Items from February 16, 2025 Meeting

- [How Wealth Rules the World: Live Q&A with author Ben Price \(youtube\)](#) – Q&A by The National Community Rights Network. Ben G. Price's recent book written with David C. Korten is [How Wealth Rules the World: Saving Our Communities and Freedoms from the Dictatorship of Property](#).
- [When Billionaires Rule the World](#) – January 2025 newsletter by [David C. Korten](#), author of [When Corporations Rule the World](#).
- [Research in Context: Detecting cancer \(NIH\)](#) - Liquid biopsies may change the way we find and treat cancer.

Items from February 9, 2025 Meeting

- 3:30pm – special voting members only meeting – See [Joanne's email 1/31/2025 2:44 PM](#) for details
- [How the quiet war against press freedom could come to America](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – This was featured on Rachel Madow on Feb 3. A very prescient article (check the date on the article).
- [Alarming levels of microplastics found in human brains \(NatGeo\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - A new study finds that microplastics and nanoplastics accumulate at higher levels in the brain than in the liver and kidney.
- [This Is Not a Moment to Settle With Trump](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – More on freedom of the press from Joanne.
- [Welcome to the Book Club of Complicity: How Trump Voters Became the Willing Executioners of American Democracy \(substack\)](#) – From Sandi Bruns

Items from February 2, 2025 Meeting

- Next meeting 2/9/2025 has a voting members only meeting that starts at 3:30pm (same link as usual)
- [A Racist Purge Almost Destroyed My Family - Another One Is Coming \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - It takes a lot of pages but is very important – Joanne

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- [How Democrats squandered their 'emerging majority' \(NPR/On Point\)](#) – Meghna Chakrabarti interviews Ruy Teixeira, author of “[The Emerging Democratic Majority](#)” (2002), “[Where Have All the Democrats Gone?: The Soul of the Party in the Age of Extremes](#)” (2023), and [The Liberal Patriot](#) (Substack). Teixeira has a three-part plan for the Democratic Party to recover from the 2024 election.
- [With Tampons and Code, Silicon Valley Workers Quietly Protest Tech’s Rightward Shift \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#)
- [F.D.A. Approves Ozempic to Treat Kidney Disease](#) – [Click4PDF](#)

Items from January 26, 2025 Meeting

- [Airborne Lead and Chlorine Levels Soared as L.A. Wildfires Raged \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Researchers used a new network of sensors to track chemicals in the Los Angeles air in real time.
- [Are the Democrats in Even More Trouble Than They Think? \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – Will Dems avoid the Mondale curse?
- [Susie Wiles Is Trump’s Best Hope](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – An interesting article about Trump’s Chief of Staff
- [How Trump Will Fail \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – I don’t usually read David Brooks but he has some good points in this article. I particularly like this: “You can tell what kind of conservative a person is by discovering what year he wants to go back to”
- [A nanoparticle-based wireless deep brain stimulation system that reverses Parkinson’s disease \(Science\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - “...a photothermal wireless deep brain stimulation nanosystem capable of eliminating α -synuclein aggregates and restoring degenerated dopamine neurons in the substantia nigra to treat Parkinson’s disease.”

Items from January 19, 2025 Meeting

- Presentation: Morgan Cobb, Theatre SilCo, Vivo
- Joanne: Review of upcoming meetings
 - February 9, 2025 3:30 PM - Special Voting Pre-Meeting
 - Approve 2025 donations
 - Dissolve HCUUF
- Discussion: Name of New group. Bill would like to keep HCUUF as our acronym as that will make the transition easier administratively. We need to decide what UU means in the new context (see <https://uufwd.com/newname> for possibilities). Then we need to decide what the final “F” means. I’d suggest “Friends” as a nod to the origins of the early UU ministers.
- [You Don’t Get Disasters Like the Palisades Fire Without Human Failure \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – “Global warming has already remodeled the risk

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landscape in California and well beyond, making gigafire burns and urban firestorms like this one so much more likely. But so has housing policy, which has directed much more development into the path of fire across the vast tinderbox of the American West.”

- [How Religious Schools Became a Billion-Dollar Drain on Public Education \(NewYorker\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - A nationwide movement has funneled taxpayer money to private institutions, eroding the separation between church and state.
- [Climate Forward - Plant-based meat's identity crisis \(NYT\)](#) – Climate Forward is an NYT newsletter. Among other stories and links this edition has a good article on the progress of plant-based meat's ability to substitute for animal flesh.

Items from January 12, 2025 Meeting

- [Colorado Gov Polis State of the State Video \(KOAA\)](#)
- [North Carolina Supreme Court May Decide a Supreme Court Election \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#)
- [The New Rasputins \(The Atlantic\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) - Anti-science mysticism is enabling autocracy around the globe.
- [The Great Capitulation \(NYT\)](#) – [Click4PDF](#) – Tech Oligarchs flock to Trump.
- [Virtual Colonoscopy \(NIH\)](#) – A CT scan but not as effective

Items from January 5, 2025 Meeting

- Testing for Bird Flu
 - ["We should have learned our lesson from COVID" for bird flu testing, Dr. Leana Wen says \(CBS\)](#)
- [Norovirus Outbreaks Are Rising Nationwide, C.D.C. Says](#)
- [2024 Science Highlights from the NIH Director's Blog](#)
- [Loveland's 34th Annual Mountaintop Matrimony](#)
- [Travel Changes for 2025](#)
 - Real ID finally goes into effect; new entry requirements for the UK and the EU
- [Through a Glass Darkly - Welcome to 2025 \(Substack\)](#)

Items from December 29, 2024 Meeting

- [French sailing cargo vessel to launch in January \(NPR\)](#)
- [Religion Has Been in Decline. This Christmas Seems Different \(NYT\)](#)
 - [America's New Catholic Priests: Young, Confident and Conservative \(NYT\)](#)
- [Donald Trump Is Vulnerable \(NYT\)](#)
 - [Musk in Die Welt \(Substack\)](#)

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- [A Woman With a Rare Gene Mutation Fights to Avoid Her Mother's Fate \(NYT\)](#)
- [Preventing Food Poisoning \(NIH\)](#)
- [NIH Research Matters](#)

Items for December 22, 2024 Meeting

- Health Related Items
 - [2024 NIH Research Highlights: An End-Of-Year Review](#)
 - [Printer Friendly \(PDF\) Full Version](#)
 - [ChatGPT-Like AI Tool Promises to Speed Treatment Advances and Free Doctors' Time by Matching Patients with Clinical Trials](#)
 - [A Mysterious Health Wave Is Breaking Out Across the U.S.](#)
 - [F.D.A. Approves Weight Loss Drug to Treat Obstructive Sleep Apnea \(NYT\)](#)
- Events/Politics
 - ['The Six Triple Eight' Review: Tyler Perry Salutes the Greatest Generation \(NYT\)](#) – Available now on Netflix
 - [How Democrats Lost Their Way on Immigration](#)
- Reference: Indoor Clean Air / Air Quality – Key to epidemic/pandemic control
 - [It's Airborne \(Medium\)](#)
 - [Equivalent Clean Airflow Rates from ASHRAE 241 Control of Infectious Aerosols \(Part 2\) \(Medium\)](#)
 - [Using CO2 concentration to measure air change rate \(Sauermann\)](#)

Items from December 15, 2024 Meeting

- The Shooting and Big Healthcare
 - [Three Columnists Wrestle With the Lionizing of Luigi Mangione](#)
 - [As anger at UnitedHealthcare boils over, Americans pay more than ever for health insurance \(CBS\)](#)
 - [Examining the factors that play into the high rate of insurance denials \(NPR\)](#)
 - [How the murder of UnitedHealthcare's CEO illuminated anger over health insurance \(MSNBC\)](#)
 - [This is the real reason most Americans file for bankruptcy \(CNBC\)](#)
- Other Items of Interest
 - [AI System Has Potential to Differentiate Brain Cancer from Healthy Tissue During Surgery within Seconds \(NIH\)](#)
 - [Minnesota and New Jersey Sue Glock Over Lethal Add-On for Guns](#)

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- The NY Times is offering a digital subscription at \$1 per week <https://www.nytimes.com/subscription?campaignId=7Q87L>
It's billed \$4 every 4 weeks and after a year it goes up to \$25.
If you just sign up for a login you get some free articles every month.

Items from December 8, 2024 Meeting

- [The Rage and Glee That Followed a C.E.O.'s Killing Should Ring All Alarms](#)
- [Study Suggests New Experiences Can Refresh Memories of Past Events, with Implications for Understanding PTSD \(NIH\)](#)
- [Sorry, California – Gov. Polis claims Colorado is now the top state for EV adoption \(CPR\)](#)
- [Ozempic has a surprising side effect: Drinking less alcohol \(NatGeo\)](#)
- [Long a 'Crown Jewel' of Government, N.I.H. Is Now a Target](#)
- [Nations Fail to Reach an Agreement on Plastic Pollution](#)
- [Inside the Supreme Court Ethics Debate: Who Judges the Justices?](#)

Items From December 1, 2024 Meeting

- [Inside the Plastic Industry's Battle to Win Over Hearts and Minds](#)
- [What Your Blood Type Says About Your Health \(AARP\)](#)
- [Inside your body, aging unfolds at remarkably different rates](#)
- [Nursing Home Industry Wants Trump to Rescind Staffing Mandate](#)

Items from November 24, 2024 meeting

- [Discovery of Culprit Behind Scars in Heart Failure Points to Possible Treatment Target \(NIH\)](#)
- [Nature's 'Swiss ArmyKnife': What Can We Learn From Venom?](#)
- [Ozempic Could Crush the Junk Food Industry - But It Is Fighting Back](#)
- The Current Political Situation
 - [John Balassa] What are ways of feeling less better about the political situation? Nothing has worked for me so far.
 - [John Balassa] Since the levers of political power are almost all in the hands of MAGAs or conservative republicans, what can we do to help?
 - [Jared Polis Wants to Win Back the Hippies](#)
- [Are Hot Showers Bad for Your Skin and Hair?](#)
- [For Reference] The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) has provided a new single source for respiratory virus data.
 - UCH Article: <https://www.uchealth.org/today/colorado-new-real-time-dashboard-tracks-local-illnesses-with-wastewater-data>

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- CDPHE report: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/viral-respiratory-diseases-report>
- CDPHE Wastewater data: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/covid-19/wastewater>
- CDPHE - Get a Copy of Your Immunization Records: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/immunization/for-the-public/get-a-copy-of-your-records>