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On the Calendar

- June 21 is the second anniversary of overturning Roe v. Wade. Alphabet Resistance will be at the 50th St. overpass over I-5 on Monday morning.
- June 23, 12:45 pm to 2:15 pm, Join Kimi Kinoshita in calling for a ceasefire in Gaza at the intersection of 305 and Winslow Way.
- June 26, 2 pm to 3:30 pm, [Postcards on Wednesday](#), writing in support of Sen. Sherrod Brown!
- June 27, Presidential debate. Latest debate rule: [Trump will get the last word](#).
- June 29, 2024, 9 am to 2 pm, [Free Scrap Metal and Small Electronics Recycling](#), Kitsap County Fairgrounds
- July 11, DJT to be sentenced
- July 12, 1:30 pm, Zoom, [Politics with David Harrison](#)
- July 14, 1 pm to 3 pm, Meet Brynn Felix in Poulsbo. [Email](#) for the location.
- July 14, 5 pm, LD 23 Democratic candidate forum. Details to come.
- July 20, Kitsap Pride at Kitsap County Fairgrounds.
- August 6, Primary Day, ballots in the mail [July 19](#). Online and mail registrations must be made by July 29. In-person registration available through August 6.

In This Newsletter

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Understanding One of This Week's Big Stories - President Biden's Parole in Place

This week, President Biden announced a change to immigration policy that would allow the spouses of U.S. citizens who have lived in the United States for at least ten years as of Monday, June 17 and who pass a criminal background check to apply for permanent residency without being required to leave the country.

The new policy is called "Parole in Place," and it is intended to offer legal status to as many as 500,000 spouses of U.S. citizens.

Currently spouses of U.S. citizens living in the United States who want to apply for permanent residency have to leave the United States and apply from the country in which they were born. Leaving the U.S. after living illegally in the country for certain periods of time can trigger a 10-year ban - a disincentive to try for legal status at all.

Parole in Place would allow these spouses to apply for permanent residency (aka a green card) without having to leave their families for what could be 10 years. Applicants would be protected from deportation and able to get a work permit while waiting for their green card.

Republicans have erroneously [decried Parole in Place as a way to mint more Democratic voters](#). However, once a spouse becomes a permanent resident, they would have to wait five years to apply for citizenship.

Parole in Place is only for spouses currently in the United States. It would not apply to future immigrants. It is not clear from the reporting whether a spouse who has lived illegally in the United States for seven years would be eligible to apply for permanent residency under Parole in Place in three years.

If upheld in court, the policy would be the largest government program to protect undocumented migrants since DACA.

Source: "Biden unveils new immigration program offering legal status to 500,000 spouses of U.S. citizens," posted by [CBS News](#) on June 18.

Do Something!

- [Take the ongoing Indivisible Bainbridge Island candidate preference poll!](#) Do you prefer [Brynn Felix](#), [Greg Nance](#) or [John Gibbons](#) to represent LD 23, position 2, in Olympia next year?
- In the unlikely event the orange guy wins, be ready to respond. Check out United to Protect Democracy's website, "[The Authoritarian Playbook for 2025.](#)"
- Want to learn more about how to help important campaigns in other states? Check the web site put together by the Pod Save America team: [Vote Save America Organize Or Else](#). They'll email stuff to you.
- **Phone bank**
 - Call voters in Montana and Ohio in support of Sen. Jon Tester and Sen. Sherrod Brown, hosted by Indivisible National. 4 pm PDT. Sign up [here](#).
 - [Call CA Voters in Support of Dave Min, Will Rollins and Derek Tran](#) to Take Back the House! (CA 41, 47 and 48), Monday, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Hosted by Activate America.
 - [Call Arizona Voters in Support of Ruben Gallego](#), Monday, Wednesdays and Thursdays, hosted by Activate America.
 - Text bank
 - [Learn how Activate America's text banking works.](#)
 - [Sign up for text banking](#) to be notified when text banking starts later in the year.
- **Write Postcards!** Indivisible Bainbridge Island postcard writers meet upstairs at the T&C every Wednesday at 2 pm. This week, we're finishing our list for Sen. Sherrod Brown in Ohio.
 - **Can't make it to POW?** Click [here](#) for how to write postcards anyway.
 - **Can't write but want to help?** Many of our postcard writers provide their own stamps, but we can always use donations. We raised \$1,100 with our May 25 yard sale. (*Thank you to everyone who donated items!*) That's about 1/3rd of what we'll need to keep mailing an estimated 5,000 postcards through the November election, so any donations are welcome! Remember that the price of a postcard stamp goes from 53 cents to 56 cents on July 14.
 - We're doing another yard sale in August! So save your donatable items for us!
- Write for [Vote Forward](#). They have new campaigns in Ohio and Montana.

Holding Trump Accountable

Follow these cases at [LawFareMedia.org](https://www.lawfaremedia.org) and

- **Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg's Felony Election Interference Case;** Judge Juan Merchan presiding.
 - New York's highest court [declined to hear Trump's request](#) to appeal of Judge Merchan's gag order. The Court of Appeals found that the order does not raise "substantial" constitutional issues that would warrant an immediate intervention.
 - In a filing on Friday, [DA Alvin Bragg urged Judge Merchan to maintain portions of the gag order](#) given Trump's "singular history of inflammatory and threatening public statements," as well as efforts by his supporters to "identify jurors and threaten violence against him." DA Bragg says the gag order should be lifted for witnesses.
 - Manhattan DA [details wave of threats](#) after Donald Trump's felony convictions. According to Andrew Weissman, 90% of the threats came after the trial started.
 - Missouri AG [sues New York](#) for unleashing 'unconstitutional lawfare' against Trump. The AG expects the case to go straight to the U.S. Supreme Court.
- **Special Counsel Jack Smith's Jan. 6 case;** Judge Tanya Chutkan presiding and currently suspended by SCOTUS.
 - Still waiting on the Supreme Court's immunity decision. It's been eight weeks since oral arguments. The conservatives on the court got what they wanted by delaying the trial until after the election.
- **Special Counsel Jack Smith's Documents Case;** Judge Aileen Cannon presiding, no trial date set.
 - On Friday, Trump's lawyers argued that Jack Smith's appointment as special counsel was unconstitutional and therefore [the indictment filed by his office should be dismissed](#).
 - This week, Cannon [denied the request by 24 state AGs](#) to become amicus curiae on behalf of Trump in Jack Smith's motion to modify Trump's terms of release. Smith is trying to prevent Trump from saying that the FBI was planning to assassinate him when they searched for missing documents at Mar-a-Lago. Had she granted their request, Smith might have taken the matter to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.
 - [Trump finally made his CIPA Section 5 filing](#) (under seal) this week. She rejected Trump's motion to see Jack Smith's CIPA Section 4 filing. Had she granted it, Smith would have cause to go to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals and get her removed.
 - Jack Smith says he'll [need more pages](#) than Cannon has allowed to respond to Trump allegations that the FBI 'destroyed' Mar-a-Lago 'exculpatory' evidence. Smith's response is due on Monday.
 - Cannon's colleagues [implored her to give this case](#) to a more experienced judge.
 - Stephen Miller is [seeking Judge Cannon's OK](#) to intervene in Trump documents gag order dispute to be heard next week.
 - Late Friday, Smith urged Cannon to allow his request and cited a Trump supporter's recent threat to an FBI agent as [evidence the danger posed by the ex-president is](#)

["imminent."](#)

- **DA Fani Willis Election Interference RICO Case;** Judge Scott McAfee presiding; no trial date set.
 - No news.
- **Other Trump News**
 - Trump Media & Technology Group's (DJT) [closed at \\$27.66](#), down from last Friday's close of \$37.05.
- **Enablers**
 - For the first time, Boris Epshteyn was [arraigned in Arizona](#) on nine felony counts in the state's fake electors case. Epshteyn is thought to be an unindicted co-conspirator in [Jack Smith's DOJ case](#) and DA Willis' [Georgia case](#).
 - Taking the [advice of Trump-appointee Justin Walker](#) on the D.C. Court of Appeals, on Friday, Steve Bannon filed an emergency direct appeal to the [Supreme Court](#) to keep him out of prison. Walker was the only judge to vote to overturn Bannon's contempt of Congress conviction. Bannon is supposed to present himself at the [low-security federal prison](#) in Danbury, Connecticut on July 1. He was hoping for a comforter assignment. Oddly resistant for a guy who's adopted a gangster persona.
- **"Tourists"**
 - 'I will not say I'm sorry': 73-year-old man who assaulted police at Capitol on Jan. 6 [sentenced](#).

Elections

- **President Biden**
 - Melinda French Gates [backs Biden](#) in her first-ever presidential endorsement.
 - Fox "News" poll [finds a three-point shift](#) in Biden-Trump matchup since May, with President Biden leading 50% to 48%. [Trump is upset!](#)
 - As of the end of April, the [Biden campaign had opened](#) 24 field offices in Pennsylvania; 30 in Michigan and 44 in Wisconsin.
 - Not being in a swing state, Washingtonians don't get much exposure to the president's campaign ads. Here are some:
 - President Biden's latest campaign ad, [Character Matters](#).
 - The Seneca Project's [A Time For Choosing](#).
- **Trump**
 - Trump campaign's [fundraising boost](#) helps erase Biden's cash advantage.
 - Trump [sold out on Tik Tok](#) to get cash from a major shareholder.
 - Trump [sold out on crypto](#) for the cash.
 - As Trump promises donors big policy favors, [the cash pours in](#).
 - St. Louis reporter says the [Trump campaign is screening local media questions](#) about 2020 election and threatening exclusion.
 - What Trump says he would do

- He says he would defund schools that require that children be vaccinated to attend. [Why that matters](#).
 - [Terminate](#) the U.S. Constitution.
 - In an effort to curry the favor of tech CEOs, Trump proposed [handing out green cards](#) to millions of migrants who graduate from a U.S. college, many of whom would become U.S. citizens. Whatever happened to "[I love the poorly educated](#)"?
 - Trump acolyte [Steve Bannon was displeased](#).
 - This week, Trump, who *still* thinks the Chinese paid for the tariffs he imposed on Chinese imports in his only term*, went beyond advocating for a 10% tariff on all imported goods. Now [he wants to replace the federal income tax with tariffs on all imports](#). Sounds great - except when you don't any income to tax because you don't have a job. That's exactly what happened when the GOP passed the [Smoot-Hawley tariffs](#) in 1930 that applied a 20% tariff on imports. The tariffs caused a trade war that deepened the Great Depression with business closings and unemployment. To implement Trump's plan today, the tariff would have to be 120% to 130%. *American businesses paid for Trump's Chinese tariffs and passed them on to [American consumers in the form of higher prices](#) (or, less likely, absorbed the cost themselves).
- **Tuesday's election results**
 - [Virginia's primary results](#)
 - The Trump *and* McCarthy vendetta against Bob Good (R-VA-5) seems to have paid off. Good briefly supported Ron DeSantis and he is one of the "Crazy Eight" who voted Kevin McCarthy out of the Speakership. The Trump/McCarthy endorsed challenger, John McGuire, appears to have won with 50.3% of the vote. As of Thursday, McGuire was up by 327 votes. Good [demands a recount](#).
 - Democrats have [nominated Eugene Vindman](#), twin brother of Alexander Vindman, to represent VA-7. He was a deputy legal advisor for the [United States National Security Council](#) (NSC) until he was reassigned on February 7, 2020.
 - Catch-up on the Crazy Eight
 - In addition to Bob Good, seven GOP-ers voted to oust McCarthy from the Speakership. McCarthy left the House with an estimated \$20 million to burn in retaliation. Here's what's happened so far:
 - Matt Gaetz (R-FL) is [facing a last minute challenger](#), Aaron Dimmock for the GOP nomination. Dimmock's campaign treasurer previously worked for American Patriots PAC, the committee McCarthy used to support his preferred candidates in the 2022 election. The primary is Aug. 20.
 - Matt Rosendale (R-MT) [decided not to run for re-election](#) after rumors he had impregnated a 20-year-old staffer, saying that "defamatory rumors" and alleged death threats had impeded his ability to serve. He had been considering running for the U.S. Senate.

- Nancy Mace (R-SC) won her primary in South Carolina, staving off [McCarthy-backed candidate Catherine Tempelton](#) by more than 25 percentage points.
 - Andy Biggs (R-AZ) has no GOP challenger.
 - Ken Buck (R-CO), not seeking re-election.
 - Eli Crane (R-AZ) [just got a challenger](#) in the form of former Yavapai County Supervisor Jack Smith, who says he has taken no money from McCarthy nor ever spoken to him. The primary is Aug. 1.
 - Tim Burchett (R-TN) has no GOP challenger.
- **Next Tuesday's big primaries: New York and Colorado**
 - [In New York](#)
 - Former CNN anchor John Avlon (D) is vying to represent NY-1 and then unseat GOP-er Nick LaLota.
 - Rep. Jamaal Bowman (D) is facing a torrent of AIPAC spending to get George Latimer (D) elected in NY-16.
 - The *Cook Political Report* rates NY-22, currently represented by first-termer Brandon Williams (R), as one of the most vulnerable Republican seats in the country. State Sen. John Mannion (D) and DeWitt Town Councilor Sarah Klee Hood (D) are vying for the nomination.
 - In Colorado
 - Lauren Boebert (R-CO-3) nearly lost to Democrat Adam Frisch in 2022, so when Ken Buck (R-CO-4) decided not to run, she opted to run there. [Six other Republicans are running for this very safe GOP seat](#). Boebert is ahead in fundraising and has the backing of Trump, House Speaker Mike Johnson and the state party.
 - In Boebert's old district, Adam Frisch (D) is [running unopposed](#) for the Democratic nomination. Six Republicans are running for the the district's GOP nomination.
 - GOP state party chair [Dave Williams](#) (endorsed by Trump) is running to replace the retiring, odious Doug Lamborn in Colorado's CD 5. His opponent is the aptl-named, Mike Johnson-endorsed Jeff Crank. Kudos to the two Democrats running the Democratic nomination for a seat that has been in the hands of the GOP since it was [created in 1973](#).
- **U.S. House**
 - The most powerful pro-Israel group in American politics - AIPAC - isn't talking about Israel in their effort to [unseat progressive Democrats](#) like Jamal Bowman (D-NY), AOC (D-NY), Ilhan Omar (D-MN) and Summer Lee (D-PA)
 - There sure are a lot of [Republican billionaires funding the Democratic primaries](#).
 - Rep. Cori Bush's Democratic challenger (funded by AIPAC) [once managed a GOP congressional campaign](#). The primary is Aug. 6.
- These 25 rainbow-flag waving companies [donated \\$18 million to anti-gay politicians](#) since the last election.
- **In Ohio**

- Republican lawmakers are [working on sweeping changes](#) to Ohio's election administration.
- **In Pennsylvania**
 - United Sovereign Americans [files lawsuit](#) targeting Pennsylvania's voter rolls.
 - State court judge allows RNC and Pennsylvania Republicans to [defend law disqualifying undated and misdated](#) mail-in ballots. Thousands of misdated and undated ballots [were rejected](#) in Pennsylvania's 2024 primary. "[Naked ballots](#)" were disqualified, too.

President Biden and His Administration

- US Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy [asks Congress to require warning labels](#) on social media platforms - just like cigarettes.
- On June 11, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau [proposed a rule](#) that would remove medical debt from most credit reports. Landlords and businesses check credit scores, so the rule would help increase credit scores, thereby helping people find housing and get jobs. The CFPB is accepting comments on the proposed rule through August 12. States, such as New York, already have such a rule in place.
- On Tuesday, the S&P 500 and Nasdaq [hit new highs](#), a reminder that in the Oct. 22, 2020 debate, Trump predicted the "[stock market will crash](#)," if Joe Biden were to be elected.
- The deadline to apply for student loan forgiveness is June 30. [Here's what borrowers need to know](#).
- Federal agencies [update plans](#) for adapting to climate impacts.

In Congress

- **Senate**
 - Democrats [introduced a bill to reform the Comstock Act](#), which, unless reformed, could be used to prevent the shipment of mifepristone and other drugs used in medication abortions, instruments and equipment used in abortions, and educational material related to sexual health.
 - The Senate Budget Committee [held a hearing this week](#) about the Trump tax cuts. When the Trump tax cuts were passed in 2017, GOP-ers claimed they would research and development, thereby making U.S. companies more competitive and provide better jobs. What did companies actually do? They bought back shares, which reduces the shares outstanding, causing the share price to go up, thereby increasing CEO pay. [Watch](#) former Labor Secretary Robert Reich discuss. (Kathy adds that increasing CEO pay means the CEO class can donate more money to GOP campaigns. Rinse and repeat.)
 - The Trump tax cuts (variously estimated as adding [\\$1.7 trillion](#) and [\\$2.5 trillion](#) to the national debt) expire in 2025 and the GOP wants to extend and expand them.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) is [prepping Democrats](#) for a 2025 tax fight.

- "Exceptions to abortion bans are fiction. They don't exist in Texas." That's what Lauren Miller said about her need to flee Texas to get the abortion care she needed to save the life of one of the twin babies she was carrying. Miller [testified](#) before the Senate Judiciary Committee on June 12. [Neither senator from Texas attended the hearing.](#)
- The Senate seems to be [making progress on legislation](#) to protect kids online and doesn't allow state AG's to harm LGBTQ kids.
- Senate Democrats have added language to the annual defense authorization bill to require women to register for the U.S. Selective Service. Currently only eligible males between the ages of 18 and 25 are [required to register](#). "It's not like World War II where we need a lot of infantry. We need cyber experts, we need intelligence analysts, linguists, etc. Wait a second, there are a lot of women out there that can do this better than men," [Sen. Jack Reed \(D-RI\) said](#) in response to GOP ire that this is a woke policy.

- **House**

- Andy Biggs (R-AZ), Thomas Massie (R-KY) and Eric Burlison (R-MO) say they are introducing a resolution invalidating the Jan. 6 committee and withdrawing the subpoenas that were disregarded by Peter Navarro and Steve Bannon. This appears to be an effort to keep Bannon out of jail. [Watch](#) attorney Michael Popok discuss.
- Rep. **Becca Balint** (D-VT) [introduced the bill to reform the Comstock Act](#) in the House.
- The House Ethics Committee is [investigating Matt Gaetz \(R\)](#) for sex trafficking and drug use.
- All the things, so far, House Republicans want to do to honor Trump:
 - Paul Gosar (R-AZ) introduced [H.R.8620](#) to resurrect the \$500 bill and [put Trump's picture on it.](#)
 - Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA) introduced [H.R.7845](#) to designate the Washington Dulles International Airport in Virginia as the "Donald J. Trump International Airport."
 - Gregory Steube (R-) introduced [H.R.8750](#) to designate the entire United States plus coastal waters as the "Donald John Trump Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States."
 - Anna Paulina Luna (R-FL) introduced [H.R.8386](#) to "award a Congressional Gold Medal to President Donald J. Trump in recognition of his exceptional leadership and dedication to strengthening America's diplomatic relations during his presidency" for his administration's [foreign policy successes.](#)
 - Plus, a little revisionist history:
 - Elise Stefanik (R-NY) introduced [H.Res.547](#), to expunge the "January 13, 2021, impeachment of President Donald John Trump."
 - Marjorie Taylor Green introduced [H.Res.538](#) to expunge the "December 18, 2019, impeachment of President Donald John Trump."

In the Courts

- **Supreme Court**

- The Supreme Court announced four decisions on Thursday:
 - In *Moore v. U.S.*, [Kavanaugh in a 7-2 decision shot down a fake case](#) that would have blown up the tax code. The case was designed to preempt a wealth tax such as the one proposed by Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA).
 - In a 6-3 decision written by Thomas, the Supreme Court [upheld the conviction](#) of a California woman who said she did not know about a stash of methamphetamine hidden inside her car.
 - The court ruled 6-3 in [Chiaverini v. City of Napoleon](#) that valid criminal charges do not create a categorical bar on a subsequent malicious prosecution claim. It leaves “for another day the follow-on question of how to determine in those circumstances whether the baseless charge caused the requisite seizure.”
 - In [Gonzalez v. Trevino](#), the court agreed 8-1 with Sylvia Gonzalez that requiring her to provide examples of people who also mishandled a government petition but were not arrested “goes too far” in her suit alleging that she was arrested in retaliation for speech protected by the First Amendment.
- And on Friday
 - By a vote of 8-1, the court [upheld a federal ban](#) on gun ownership by domestic abusers. More than half of all mass shootings are perpetrated by people with a record of domestic violence. Even this Supreme Court knows it shot itself in the foot with its previous disastrous decision in [New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen](#).
 - Justice Sonia Sotomayor sounded “[alarm bells](#)” for marriage equality in her dissent to the court’s 6-3 ruling against Sandra Muñoz, a U.S. citizen who argued that the federal government’s denial of a visa for her husband, who lives in El Salvador, deprives her of her constitutionally protected right to liberty. “A citizen does not have a fundamental liberty interest in her noncitizen spouse being admitted to the country,” Barrett wrote.
 - In a 5-4 ruling, the Supreme Court [rejected a settlement](#) between Texas and New Mexico over use of water from the Rio Grande.
- The court has yet to announce decisions on [19 of the 61 cases](#) it heard this year, including presidential immunity.
- Is Amy Coney Barrett [the new moderate](#)? Sounds like [she’s fed up with Clarence Thomas’ sloppy originalism](#).

- **In Lower Federal Courts**

- Gold bars and Sen. Bob Menendez’s online searches take [central role at bribery trial](#).

- **State Courts**

- A Clark County judge [dismissed](#) the Nevada ‘fake electors’ case, saying it should have been filed in a court closer to where the alleged crime occurred. The three-

year statute of limitations ran out in December, so this case is unlikely to be refilled.

In the States

- How right-wing PragerU's videos [gained a foothold](#) in Oklahoma, New Hampshire, Montana classrooms with help from Republican officials.
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- **In Arkansas**
 - On Friday, three people were killed In [Arkansas grocery store shooting](#).
- **In Florida**
 - A Florida, Faith Rittenhouse, the sister of Kyle Rittenhouse, has started a [GoFundMe page](#) for herself and her mother (who did not drive Kyle to Kenosha after all). "We've struggled emotionally, mentally, and financially to piece our lives back together. With my brother's unwillingness to provide support or contribute to our family, we've been left to navigate this journey on our own." They are facing eviction and are asking for \$3,000. So far, the page has raised \$4,698 with 85 donors. Unless they donated anonymously, neither Trump, Gaetz, Anna Paulina Luna, DeSantis, Rubio nor Rick Scott have ponied up.
- **In Hawaii**
 - Hawaii [agrees to 'historic' settlement](#) in youth climate case.
- **In Louisiana**
 - U.S. News and World Report [ranked](#) Louisiana as the worst state in the nation for the second year in a row. Nola.com [responded](#). (Washington state is ranked 8th best state.)
 - New law [requires all Louisiana public school classrooms](#) to display the Ten Commandments. (Louisiana ranks 40th in the nation for education, so they'll have to teach them how to read first. Sex education is not required in Louisiana. How will teachers explain adultery to them?)
 - First in the nation, [Louisiana legalizes surgical castration](#) for people who molest children under the age of 13.
- **In Mississippi**
 - Mississippi is one of ten states that hasn't accepted the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion, thereby losing \$1 billion a year in federal money. As a result, Mississippi has the [highest rate of preventable death](#). The other nine states [are the usual suspects](#): Texas, Florida, Kansas, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and (surprise!) Wisconsin.
- **In Texas**
 - **Trumper and** pastor Robert Morris [resigned from Gateway Church in South Lake](#) after the "young lady" with whom he had said he behaved "inappropriately" when he was 21 turned out to have been 12 years old at the time. It was not until

she was 35 that she admitted to herself how skeezy the pastor's behavior had been. The now 54-year-old woman, reported the behavior to church elders but nothing happened until she posted her story at [The Wartburg Watch](#). Over the years, Morris had discussed the relationship as an example of overcoming "moral failure." He blamed the child for the relationship continuing for 4.5 years.

- Texas lieutenant governor [pledges to pass](#) Ten Commandments bill.
- In Washington:
 - King County Superior Court Judge Michael Scott [granted a request](#) from the ACLU to temporarily block parts of the law that give parents access to all medical and mental health counseling records for their children. The rest of the parental rights law remains in effect.
 - Lawmakers are considering funding city and county road maintenance by adding delivery fee for online purchases and retail purchases that are delivered to buyers. [Such a few could generate millions of dollars](#).
 - Washington's public lands commissioner, Hilary Franz, is voicing skepticism about a [federal proposal to kill thousands of barred owls](#) in the Pacific Northwest to help the threatened northern spotted owl.
 - The average price for gasoline in Washington [fell last week to \\$4.18/gal](#).
 - For the first time, [Feds acknowledge](#) that the 11 dams on the Snake and Columbia rivers devastated Northwest tribes and fish stocks.
 - Opposition heats up over the [proposed wood pellet mill](#) in Hoquiam and is asking that it's state air quality permit to be rescinded.
 - Johnson & Johnson [pays \\$123 million](#) to WA following opioid lawsuit.
 - Poll finds that [Washington voters](#) want their lawmakers working all year long.

In the World

- The Health Effects Institute says [air pollution is linked to nearly 2,000 child deaths](#) a day.
- UK's richest family got [jail terms from a Swiss court](#) for exploiting staff at a Swiss villa.
- **Israel/Hamas War**
 - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dissolved the influential War Cabinet that has overseen the fighting in Gaza days after centrist Benny Gantz resigned over frustration with Netanyahu's handling of the war.
 - From [Al Jazeera](#):
 - At least 25 killed, 50 wounded in Israeli attack on tents of displaced people in Mawasi, says Palestinian Health Ministry.
 - Israeli tanks pushed deeper into western Rafah in south Gaza, firing shells at displaced people's tents, with one armoured vehicle blown up by a Hamas-planted improvised explosive device.
- **Ukraine/Russia**
 - [Watch](#) this interview with geopolitical author, [Peter Zeihan](#), who says that Putin 'is done' as losses in Ukraine degrade the Kremlin's ability to field soldiers.

- U.S. [slaps sanctions](#) on leaders of Russia software firm Kaspersky.
- Ukraine's military [can use US-supplied long-range missiles](#) to strike targets deeper inside Russia if it is acting in self-defense, the Pentagon said on Thursday.
- Kyiv [launches mass drone assault](#) on Putin's forces on Crimea and southern Russia.
- South Korea will consider [supplying arms to Ukraine](#) after Russia and North Korea sign strategic pact.
- Putin [threatens to arm North Korea](#) and warns U.S. ally South Korea against 'big mistake.'
- Washington to rush [air defence interceptor missiles](#) to Ukraine.

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