

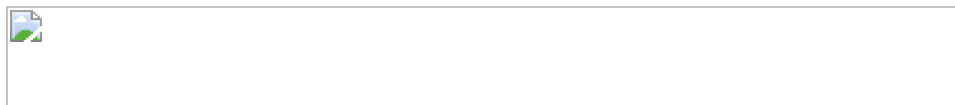
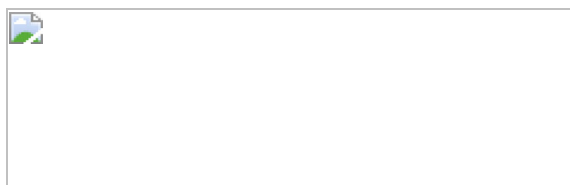
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**Ladies & Gentlemen, below please find this week's edition of *Executive Insight Brief* from The Roosevelt Group. Stay safe and have fun this weekend, but don't forget the true meaning of the holiday.**

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## Budget & Appropriations

### [Fizzling legislative agenda leaves Democrats wondering about midterms \(The Hill\)](#)

Democrats once hailed Build Back Better as the policy that could help them win the midterms. But as even the possibility of a scaled-back version of President Biden's signature legislation fizzles in the 50-50 Senate, some are wondering if the president will have anything comparable to campaign on as the election season inches closer. The White House considers the \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure law passed last fall as a major legislative accomplishment. They also see Biden's \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief bill as a win. And they say the fight over some version of Build Back Better isn't over. But some in the party question whether those feats are enough to energize voters, particularly after Democrats spent months last year talking about lowering child care costs, paid leave and extending the now-expired temporary expansion of the child tax credit as an answer to the pressures families are feeling from inflation.

### [Pelosi Says She Hopes U.S. Congress Can Pass China Competition Bill by July 4](#)

### [The US defense budget's latest casualty is readiness \(Defense News\)](#)

America's military leaders state time and again that China's forcible assault on Taiwan, and therefore our response to it, is a near-term challenge. Given the lengthy time to plan,

program, build and field credible combat power, a 2027 problem is really one of today. Alarm bells should be ringing in Congress as the president's latest defense budget cuts readiness. Given that ongoing support for Ukraine is straining some key U.S. military supplies and munitions, everyone should be concerned the China fight would demand even more and faster. As this Pentagon team is plagued with "next war-itis" by overly biasing research and development dollars to prepare for future wars over purchasing from hot production lines today, the result is the erosion of our few remaining competitive advantages.



### [Industry pushes for NASA reauthorization](#)

## Aerospace & Defense

### [B-21 first flight to come in 2023 \(Defense News\)](#)

The first flight of the B-21 Raider is expected to take place next year, manufacturer Northrop Grumman said Wednesday. The public unveiling of the Air Force's next stealth bomber is still expected later in 2022, the company said in a release. First flights of a new

aircraft typically take place several months after such rollout ceremonies. The first B-21 finished its first in a series of ground tests at Air Force Plant 42 in Palmdale, California, earlier this month, according to Northrop. The loads calibration test was the most critical in the process, the company said. The drill involves configuring the aircraft's instruments and verifying its structural integrity by subjecting it to varying amounts of stress.

### [Automated maintenance tool tracker wins top \\$225K prize at US Air Force competition](#)

### [Navy finds multiple failures in 'preventable' sub accident in Indo-Pacific \(Breaking Defense\)](#)

An American fast-attack submarine that hit an uncharted seamount in the Indo-Pacific last year could have prevented the incident if not for an "accumulation of unit-level errors and omissions in navigation planning; watch team execution; and risk management," according to a newly released service investigation. Following the grounding in October 2021, the service was forced to bring the Seawolf-class submarine Connecticut (SSN-22) state-side for repairs and quickly relieved the boat's command triad. Since then, the Navy had been tight-lipped on further details about the Connecticut's grounding, pending the command investigation being completed. The documents published today lay heavy blame upon the boat's leadership and junior officers for not maintaining Navy standards.

### [Say goodbye to JAIC and DDS, as offices cease to exist as independent bodies June 1](#)

### [Marine Corps seeks 'information command' in Force Design 2030 update \(C4ISRNET\)](#)

The U.S. Marine Corps commandant wants to forge a new command focused on information operations and improved coordination. The creation of the Marine Corps Information Command, or MCIC, was included in a May 9 update to Force Design 2030, Gen. David Berger's plans, criticized by some for being out of touch, to optimize the Corps and counter contemporary threats. "We believe that in a conflict with a peer adversary, first moves may be in space and cyber, so we must enable our stand-in forces," expeditionary units and expeditionary forces "to integrate with, and have access to, those capabilities now," the document states. Force Design 2030 was first published in March 2020 and was amended a little more than a year ago. The latest update, arriving this month, placed particular emphasis on reconnaissance, data collection and maintaining a low profile.

## Advanced Technologies

### ['Collaborative, Portable Autonomy' Is the Future of AI for Special Operations \(Defense One\)](#)

For a future fight against a near-peer military, U.S. special operators say they need smart, networked sensors and drones that can work together in contested environments with little human supervision. But as “collaborative autonomy” comes within technical reach, just how independent should these things get? “We are going to use a lot of sensors, whether they're unmanned aerial systems, unmanned ground systems, unmanned maritime systems, unintended sensors, all working together, and what our goal is to have those working together collaboratively and autonomously,” SOCOM's top acquisition executive, James Smith, said at NDIA's SOFIC conference in Tampa, Florida, last week.

### [US Army terminates science and technology effort for strategic long-range cannon](#)

### [American kamikazes: Pentagon has big plans for suicide drones \(FedScoop\)](#)

Multiple branches of the U.S. military are eager to add more loitering munitions to their arsenals. The weapons will give them new tools, but the technology also poses a threat to American forces that must be countered, experts say. These types of systems, sometimes referred to as kamikaze drones or suicide drones, are different than traditional munitions because of their ability to loiter and search for targets to strike. They are also different than the large unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) that gained fame during the post-9/11 wars such as the MQ-9 Reaper. The latter uses sensors onboard the aircraft to find targets and then launches missiles to attack them. By contrast, loitering munitions — often armed with warheads — are designed to go on one-way missions. When they find a target, they intentionally crash into it to destroy it.

### [Navy Eyes Next-Gen Tech to Transform Shipyards](#)

### [Congress and Pentagon seek to shore up strategic mineral stockpile dominated by China \(Defense News\)](#)

Congress has repeatedly authorized multimillion-dollar sell-offs of the U.S. strategic minerals stockpile over the past several decades, but Washington's increased anxiety over Chinese domination of resources critical to the defense industrial base has prompted lawmakers to reverse course and shore up the reserve. The House Armed Services Committee will seek to bolster the National Defense Stockpile of rare earth minerals in the fiscal 2023 defense authorization bill, Defense News has learned. And earlier this week, the Defense Department submitted its own legislative proposal to Congress asking the

committee to authorize \$253.5 million in that legislation to procure additional minerals for the stockpile.



## Military Installations & Communities

### [Commission recommends 9 new names for Army bases that honor Confederates \(POLITICO\)](#)

The Naming Commission, a panel created by Congress last year to oversee the removal of Confederate names from Defense Department property, has recommended nine new names for Army bases that commemorate Civil War rebel leaders. “The Naming Commission sought to find names that would be inspirational to the Soldiers and civilians who serve on our Army posts, and to the communities who support them,” said retired Navy Adm. Michelle Howard, the commission’s chair, in a statement on Tuesday. The commission is required to submit its final report to Congress by Oct. 1, and the Pentagon will have until early 2024 to carry out the commission’s suggestions. The commission also is reviewing a much longer list of Defense Department “assets,” including streets and buildings on military bases.

### [Marine Corps Considers Abandoning Parris Island Amid Rising Extreme Weather Threats](#)

### [VA Offers \\$20 Million in Prizes for New Ideas to Reduce Suicides Among Veterans \(Military.com\)](#)

The Department of Veterans Affairs is launching a contest that will dole out \$20 million in prizes to entrants with the best ideas for reducing the thousands of veteran suicides that occur in the U.S. each year. The competition, called Mission Daybreak, seeks to bring in "fresh thinking, outside perspectives and innovative concepts" that the department could use to help save veterans. Top winners will take away prizes of \$3 million and \$1 million, while others will get \$250,000 and \$100,000 for chosen proposals, according to a website for the VA contest. "To end veteran suicide, we need to use every tool available," VA Secretary Denis McDonough said Wednesday in a press statement. "Mission Daybreak is fostering solutions across a broad spectrum of focus areas to combat this preventable problem."

### [Food giveaway for Colorado Springs military families draws a crowd](#)

### [Guam Would Get Command Center With Integrated Air Picture in Missile Defense Agency Budget \(Air Force Magazine\)](#)

The strategically important U.S. territory of Guam would get 360-degree sensor coverage, missile defenses, and a command center in a plan put forth in the Missile Defense Agency's fiscal 2023 budget request. MDA director Vice Adm. Jon A. Hill made the case for the array of new defensive systems during a May 23 event at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C., after highlighting all the capabilities that would be located on the island if Congress approves the plan. "Location does matter," Hill said. "If you just go look at where Guam is on the map, it is inside an area that is absolutely tactically relevant," Hill said of the Pacific island that is 2,500 nautical miles from mainland China and home to U.S. military installations including Andersen Air Force Base and Naval Base Guam with its Polaris Point Submarine Base.

## Homeland Security

### [Cyber Threats to Health, Education Sectors Increase with Ransomware, Limited Security Resources \(Homeland Security Today\)](#)

The healthcare sector and supporting critical infrastructure sectors "can no longer look at the challenges through just a cyber and/or physical lens but must consider all threats to operational resilience," while the education sector suffers from equity issues reflected in reduced cyber protection capabilities in under-funded K-12 districts and colleges, experts told lawmakers. "With the rise in digital health care, the proliferation of advances in technology and the efficiencies of connecting devices and data, the cyber threat surface in

health care has ballooned and the threat actors have followed,” Health Information Sharing and Analysis Center (H-ISAC) President and CEO Denise Anderson, also representing the Health Sector Coordinating Council Cybersecurity Working Group, said at the hearing of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee on May 18 to examine cyber threats to the healthcare and education sectors.

### [Multi-country monkeypox outbreak in non-endemic countries](#)

#### [ISIS Plotting To Assassinate George W. Bush In Dallas \(Forbes\)](#)

An Iraqi man in the U.S. accused of being linked to ISIS operatives was plotting to kill George W. Bush, going so far as to travel to Dallas in November to take video around the former president’s home and recruiting a team of compatriots he hoped to smuggle into the country over the Mexican border, according to an FBI search-warrant application filed March 23 and unsealed this week in the Southern District of Ohio. The FBI said it uncovered the scheme through the work of two confidential informants and surveillance of the alleged plotter’s account on the Meta-owned WhatsApp messaging platform. The suspect, Shihab Ahmed Shihab Shihab, based in Columbus, Ohio, said he wanted to assassinate Bush because he felt the former president was responsible for killing many Iraqis and breaking apart the country after the 2003 U.S. military invasion, according to the warrant.

### [Fact Sheet: Implementation of the Credible Fear and Asylum Processing Interim Final Rule](#)

#### [Border Patrol Agents Were Among the First Responders to Texas Elementary School Shooting \(Government Executive\)](#)

Border Patrol agents were among the first to arrive on the scene of a shooting at an elementary school in Texas on Tuesday that has left at least 18 children and one teacher dead so far. One of the agents is reported to have “shot and killed the gunman.” “U.S. Border Patrol Agents responded to a law enforcement request for assistance [for] an active shooter situation inside Robb Elementary School in Uvalde,” tweeted Marsha (Catron) Espinosa, a Homeland Security Department spokesperson, on Tuesday night. “Upon entering the building, Agents & other law enforcement officers faced gun fire from the subject, who was barricaded inside.” Uvalde is close to the U.S.-Mexico Border and Border Patrol agents often assist local law enforcement officials, said the report.

## Transportation & Infrastructure



### [Broadband Forum Launches App-Enabled Services Gateway Project to Revolutionize Service Providers' Business Plans \(Yahoo! Finance\)](#)

The demand for better network services and faster innovations have presented operators with a distinct opportunity to look towards end-user network gateways such as Wi-Fi routers as a platform to unlock a myriad of third-party applications and services. The app-enabled services gateway project from Broadband Forum helps service providers effectively deploy, activate and manage third party applications such as parental controls, Wi-Fi analytics, streaming services and security solutions to consumers on a centralized Internet gateway device or other Customer Premises Equipment (CPE). Service providers can also differentiate and scale their business models to provide a more customizable offering to each subscriber.

### [CISA, DHS S&T, DOD Introduce Results of an Assessment Into the 5G Security Evaluation Process](#)

### [Tesla, other EV companies ask for federal investment in heavy-duty truck charging \(The Verge\)](#)

Tesla, along with other electric vehicle companies and environmental groups, asked the Biden administration to invest in charging infrastructure for electric buses, trucks, and other medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. The groups want the administration to allocate 10 percent of the money for electric vehicle charging in the bipartisan infrastructure bill signed last November — a pot that includes \$7.5 billion — to go toward infrastructure for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles, they said in a letter to Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg this week.

### [Amtrak has unveiled sleek new high-speed trains](#)

### [Inside the Government Fiasco That Nearly Closed the U.S. Air System \(ProPublica\)](#)

A nationwide rollout of new wireless technology was set for January, but the aviation industry was warning it would cause mass calamity: 5G signals over new C-band networks could interfere with aircraft safety equipment, causing jetliners to tumble from the sky or speed off the end of runways. Aviation experts warned of “catastrophic failures leading to multiple fatalities.” To stave off potential disaster, the Federal Aviation Administration prepared drastic preventive measures that would cancel thousands of flights, stranding passengers from coast to coast and grounding cargo shipments. “The nation’s commerce will grind to a halt,” the airlines’ trade group predicted. On Jan. 18, following nail-biting

negotiations involving CEOs, a Cabinet secretary and White House aides, an eleventh-hour agreement averted these threats of aviation armageddon.

## Biotechnology & Healthcare

### [Opponents of federal vaccine mandate seek rehearing \(ABC News\)](#)

A federal appeals court is being asked to reconsider its decision allowing the Biden administration to require that federal employees get vaccinated against COVID-19. A panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last month vacated a lower court ruling blocking the mandate and ordered dismissal of a lawsuit challenging the policy, which was ordered by President Joe Biden in September. However, that 2-1 ruling by the appellate panel doesn't take effect until May 31. On Saturday, opponents of the mandate, led by a group called Feds for Medical Freedom, filed a petition asking that the April ruling be vacated and that the full 17-member court hear new arguments in the case. On Monday, the 5th Circuit asked the government to respond by June 2; it was unclear if the court would take any action before then.

### [Monkeypox isn't like COVID-19 — and that's a good thing](#)

### [Virginians could lose access to Medicaid as eligibility gets reexamined. But how many is 'a very big unknown.' \(The Virginian-Pilot\)](#)

Virginia Medicaid rolls have swelled from around 1.5 million to over 2 million people since the COVID-19 public health emergency began in March 2020. As part of a federal bill from that month, states could not remove anyone from their rolls. But as the country transitions out of the early pandemic phase and the public health emergency comes to an end, the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services will reexamine who is eligible to remain on the rolls. Every one of those 2 million members will have to be evaluated to see if they are still eligible for Medicare coverage over a 12-month period. And various health groups do not have an idea of exactly how many Virginians will lose access to Medicaid. The public health emergency has been extended in the past and its next expiration date was set for July 15.

### [States expanding Medicaid coverage of maternity services](#)

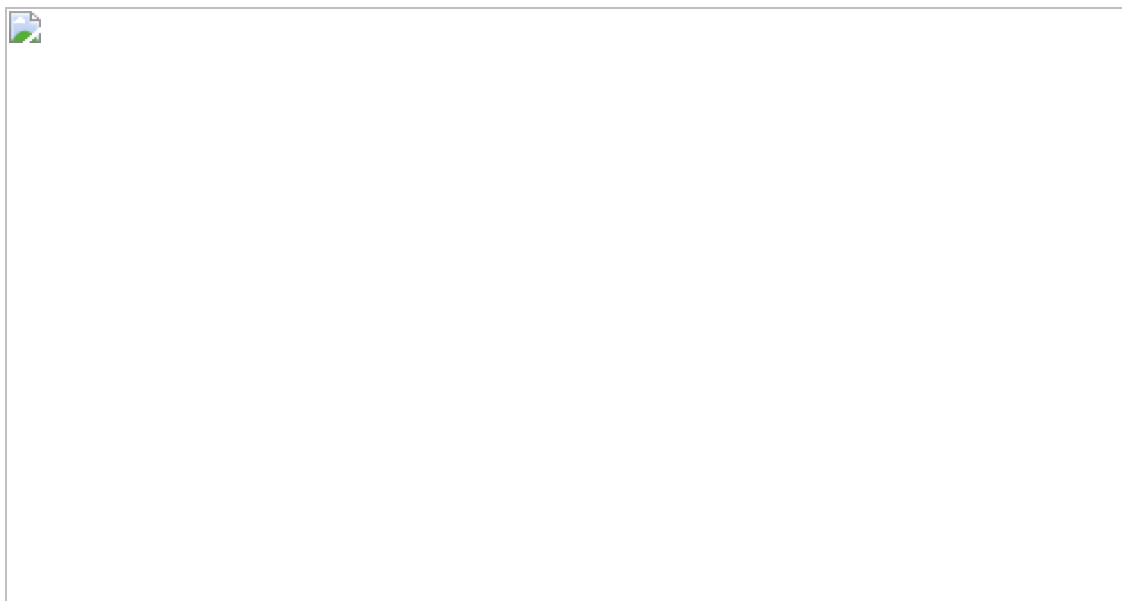
### [ARPA-H threatens the biomedical innovation pipeline \(ASBMB Today\)](#)

The creation of the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health has put funding for the National Institutes of Health, and therefore the fundamental research it sustains, in jeopardy. The president's fiscal year 2023 budget proposal, released in late March, requests a sizeable increase in NIH funding — almost all of which is intended for ARPA-H. That would leave just a \$275 million boost to the NIH's base budget, which is what funds basic research by the extramural research community. Such a nominal increase will not keep up with inflation or the rising costs of conducting research, so, if Biden's request for fiscal 2023 comes to pass, we can expect the American research enterprise's output to decline and the careers of scientists and training of the next generation of researchers to stall.

### Climate & Development

[Methane 'front and center' in US-China climate talks, John Kerry says \(Yahoo! Finance\)](#)

The stop-and-start diplomacy between the U.S. and China over climate change may finally be gaining momentum after John Kerry, America's top diplomat on the issue, met with his Chinese counterpart Tuesday at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. That meeting, the first in-person sit-down between the two parties in months, came right before Kerry spoke with Yahoo Finance Editor-in-Chief Andy Serwer for a wide-ranging interview. "I just came from that meeting," he said when the topic of China came up, adding that he would be gathering with the Chinese again in Berlin later this week and that officials were making progress. The talks between the world's top two emitters of greenhouse gases focus on one issue in particular: methane.



## [New data reveals climate change might be more rapid than predicted](#)

### [Senator Wants DoD Climate Change Goals Locked into Law \(Military.com\)](#)

As the military services roll out their climate change plans, a key senator is pushing to ensure the goals are met by enshrining them in law. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and an Army National Guard veteran, is introducing a bill Thursday that would set renewable energy goals for the Defense Department that match targets the military services have announced in recent months. It's important to codify the goals, Duckworth said, "so that it isn't dependent on who happens to be secretary of defense." Under the Biden administration, which has made countering climate change a top priority, the military services have been setting energy goals, including the Navy on Wednesday releasing a climate plan that targets reducing emissions by 65% by 2030 and reaching net-zero emissions by 2050.

## [Is Parris Island doomed? Some say yes as waters rise, but the Marines fight to defend it](#)

### [Massachusetts climate change case against Exxon can proceed, court rules \(CBS News\)](#)

A lawsuit by the state of Massachusetts accusing ExxonMobil of misleading the public about climate change can go forward, the state's highest court has ruled. Massachusetts' Supreme Judicial Court on Tuesday rejected a bid by ExxonMobil to dismiss the lawsuit. The case, filed in 2019 by Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey alleges Exxon launched an effort, "reminiscent of the tobacco industry's long denial campaign about the dangerous effects of cigarettes," to deceive consumers and investors about climate change. A lower court ruling previously rejected the company's argument that a state law shielded it from the lawsuit. The state's Supreme Judicial Court upheld that ruling on Tuesday.

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## Next Week's Hearings

### **No Hearings Next Week**

Congress is out of session next week due to a state work period for the week of May 30th to June 3rd.



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