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1. Preventing the Next Pandemic: Vaccine Diplomacy in a Time of Anti-science

By Peter J. Hotez

Attributes the global rise of epidemic infectious disease to many factors, including war, climate change, shifting poverty, urbanization, and anti-vaccination views — culminating in the dramatic outbreak of COVID-19. Examines the culture of anti-science and anti-vaccination that is contributing to declines in previous global health gains and increases in vaccine-preventable and neglected diseases. Emphasizes that vaccine diplomacy and partnerships are critical for preventing more pandemics in a post-COVID world.

Johns Hopkins University Press, 2021, 192 pages 362, 19698 H832P 2021

2. The Sports Revolution: How Texas Changed the Culture of American Athletics

By Frank Andre Guridy

Describes how the Lone Star State was at the center of America's investment in sport from the 1960s through the 1980s, with the confluence of television, professional sports leagues and franchises, changing demographics, and the civil rights and feminist movements. Includes discussion of the Dallas Cowboys, Washington Senators (now Texas Rangers), Houston Astros, and San Antonio Spurs. University of Texas Press, 2021, 418 pages

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3. The People's Revolt: Texas Populists and the Roots of American Liberalism

By Gregg Cantrell

Narrates a detailed history of the Texas Populist Party in the 1890s, which arose from farmer and worker cooperatives in the industrial, post-Civil War South. Profiles the careers of Populists and explores their views on financial policy, religion, and racial and gender equality. Argues that although the Texas Populists of the 1890s saw little political success in their time, they should be considered important influences on modern American liberalism.

Yale University Press, 2020, 555 pages 324, 276402 C233P 2020

4. The Grid: The Fraying Wires Between Americans and Our Energy Future

By Gretchen Bakke, Ph.D.

Presents a historical and social perspective of America's electrical grid technology, the laws that shaped the current system, and the economics that drive it. Examines the current challenges in modernizing the grid's deteriorating and failing infrastructure systems. Notes Americans endure more outages than people in other industrial countries and more minutes of outages each year. Considers factors necessary to transition from fossil fuels to clean, renewable energy. Bloomsbury, 2016, 352 pages 333.7932 B168G 2016

5. CSSB 1: The House Appropriations Committee's Proposed Budget for Fiscal 2022-23

By House Research Organization

Provides an overview of the House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1 (CSSB 1), the House Appropriations Committee's version of the

state budget for the 2022-2023 biennium. Addresses significant budget issues along with House and Senate proposals for funding individual state agencies and programs. Includes supporters' and critics' opinions regarding CSSB 1.

House Research Organization, 2021, 42 pages L1801. 9 ST 94 87F-2

6. Summary of House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1: 2022-23 Biennium (House)

By Legislative Budget Board

Summarizes appropriations found within the House Committee Substitute for the General Appropriations Bill, SB 1, 87th Legislature. Highlights major funding items, trends in state government expenditures, and constitutional spending limits. Includes article-specific chapters, a guide on how to read General Appropriations Bills, and a chart comparing the committee substitute to the House version of the General Appropriations Bill, HB 1, 87th Legislature.

Legislative Budget Board, 2021, 132 pages L1300.8 B859 2022_23SH

7. Summary of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1: 2022-23 Biennium (Senate)

By Legislative Budget Board

Summarizes appropriations found within the Senate Committee Substitute for the General Appropriations Bill, SB 1, 87th Legislature. Highlights major funding items, trends in state government expenditures, and constitutional spending limits. Includes article-specific chapters, a guide on how to read General Appropriations Bills, and a chart comparing the introduced version to the committee substitute.

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