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## Saudi King Abdullah Was Apparently a Big Fan of Viagra

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As more details emerge about the life and times of Saudi King Abdullah, who [passed away yesterday at the age of 90](#), one factoid stands out: His highness was apparently a big fan of Viagra.

In a CIA cable from 2008 [published](#) by WikiLeaks, operatives at the American embassy in Riyadh wrote, “King Abdullah is 92 years old (born 1916), he remains a heavy smoker, regularly receives hormone injections and ‘uses Viagra excessively.’” [Another cable](#) detailed the world of vices available to members of the Saudi royal family.

The full range of worldly temptations and vices are available — alcohol, drugs, sex — but strictly behind closed doors. This freedom to indulge carnal pursuits is possible merely because the religious police keep their distance when parties include the presence or patronage of a Saudi royal and his circle of loyal attendants...

Booze and boner pills: a universal language.

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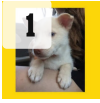
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### Kentucky Teachers Fighting Pension Cuts

Kentucky Republicans are trying to cut teacher pension benefits to fund what's left. Teachers are fighting this change, and at the moment, winning.



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### House Republicans Conclude Pretend Russia Investigation, Declare Trump Innocent

Now Devin Nunes can search for the real colluders.



Yesterday at 5:06 p.m.

### What the Christian Right Sowed, Trump Reaped

A prominent Evangelical who once advised George W. Bush makes the case that his fellow believers lost their way long before falling into Trump's lap.



Yesterday at 3:53 p.m.

### Theresa May: Russia Probably Behind Poisoning on British Soil

A diplomatic Donnybrook between the countries appears imminent.



Yesterday at 3:32 p.m.

### Jared Kushner's Brother Reportedly Donated \$50,000 to Gun-Violence Protest

Joshua Kushner has apparently thrown his support behind March for Our Lives.



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### House Democratic Leaders Rally to Defend Their Illinois Heretic

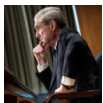
Does a Democratic "big tent" really require that deep blue districts continue to elect congressmen like the right-of-center Dan Lipinski?



Yesterday at 11:42 a.m.

### Trump Plans to Win Nuclear Deal With North Korea — While Killing One With Iran

The president thinks he can get the North Koreans to disarm, while showing them that the U.S. can't be trusted to hold up its end of such bargains.



Yesterday at 11:11 a.m.

### Report: Mueller May Set Aside Obstruction Portion of Trump Investigation

In part to minimize the possibility that the president will try to fire him.



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### Trump's Lawyers Seem to Be Getting Desperate

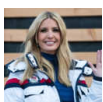
Several leaks from the Trump legal team all point in the same direction.



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### Quiz: What's the Worst Part of This Betsy DeVos Exchange?

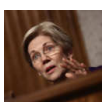
Apparently the Education secretary thought her *60 Minutes* interview would be open book.



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### 9 Things Ivanka Trump Would Like Us to Know

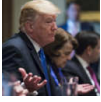
She offered the Washington *Post* some flattering insights into her effort to be the best First Daughter/White House senior adviser she can be.



3/11/2018 at 9:13 p.m.

### The Democratic Party Is Moving Left – Except When You're Not Looking

Senate Democrats' support for an indefensible bank bill shows that when public interest is low, Wall Street can still run Team Blue's show.



3/11/2018 at 9:08 p.m.

### After Taunting Republicans for Being Afraid of NRA, Trump Gives In to NRA

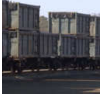
Why Trump sometimes talks about making bipartisan deals but can never deliver.



3/11/2018 at 8:00 p.m.

### A Special Showdown in Trump Country

Republican Rick Saccone should still be the favorite in this heavily Republican district in Pennsylvania, but Democrat Conor Lamb could pull an upset.



3/11/2018 at 5:26 p.m.

### Alabamians Are Sick of New York's Crap

New York City is cutting ties with a Birmingham-area landfill after local outcry over the smell of their imported Gotham sewage.



3/11/2018 at 5:18 p.m.

### Trump Says His Approval Rate Is Near 50 Percent. It Is Not.

No matter how you measure it, the president is just making stuff up.



3/11/2018 at 12:57 p.m.

### Senators Worry Trump Will Get Played by Kim Jong-un

Even supporters of the president are worried that he doesn't quite know what he's doing.



3/11/2018 at 10:48 a.m.

### U.K. Diners May Have Been Exposed to Nerve Agent Used to Poison Russian Spy

Patrons of two establishments in Salisbury have been asked to wash their clothes, though authorities say the risk is minimal.



3/11/2018 at 9:00 a.m.

### Why This Key Trump Adviser Strikes Fear Into GOP Hearts

The possibility that Gary Cohn will be replaced by Trump's nationalist trade guru Peter Navarro has many mainstream conservatives nervous.



3/10/2018 at 5:28 p.m.

### Bannon Tells France's National Front: 'Let Them Call You Racist'

The grandiose strategist, wounded but not defeated, is in the middle of a European tour.

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