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1B United States Epidemics Good riddance flu fall vaccine plan fluoride long COVID **RAWSEP Top Excerpt about possible availability of Vaccines both for Flu and Covid 19 in Fall 2025** Fall vaccines what is the plan? At this time every year VRBPAC the external FDA advisory committee for vaccines determines the flu vaccine formula Secretary Kennedy canceled this meeting so we do not have a US recommendation for the formula However manufacturers are still moving forward based on WHO recommendations This is okay US recommendations rarely differ Similarly VRBPAC has not determined a Covid19 vaccine formula for fall I am not worried yet for two reasons 1 The Covid formula is usually determined in June This is because the mRNA platform gives us more time vaccines can be made within 3 months vs 6 months for the flu vaccine This may be bad news for Novavax which takes 6+ months to manufacture This brings us to the second point 2 Covid19 has not dramatically changed although we are keeping an eye on a variant in South Africa so there is a good chance the vaccine formula wo not be changed this fall ACIP the external advisory committee for the CDC which Secretary Kennedy put on hold has been rescheduled for mid April The purpose of the committee is to determine vaccine policy who should get vaccines as opposed to what is in the vaccines This recommendation is very important for insurance coverage The mid April meeting covers other vaccines the flu and Covid vaccine policy is



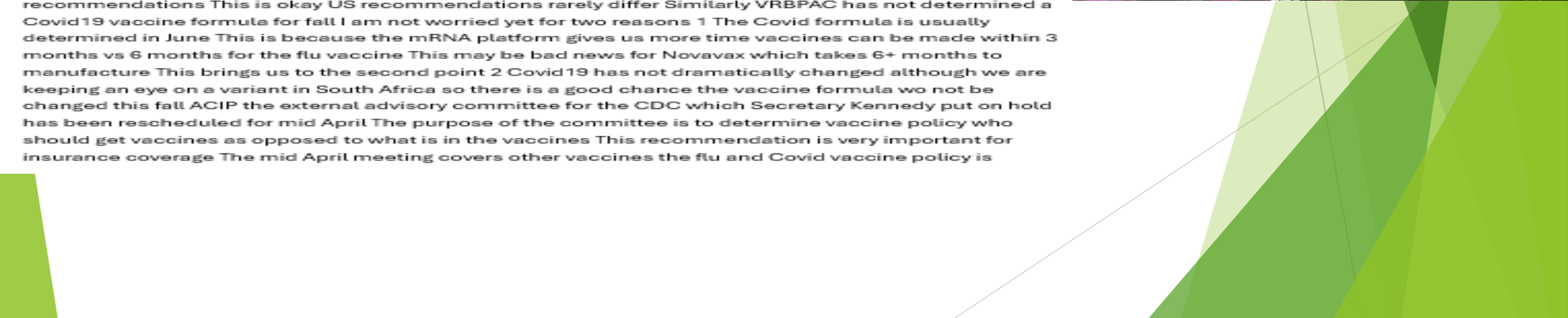
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reserved for the June meeting What this means for you Flu and Covid vaccines are still expected this fall The big question will be Will they be covered by insurance? Stay tuned **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** March 31 2025 Your Local Epidemiologist Covid research back and yes measles Flu good riddance to a rough season Flu season is finally wrapping up Across most of the US influenza like illnesses fevers coughs sore throats are dipping just below epidemic levels The exceptions? Maine and New York are still seeing high activity Influenza like illness levels over time Source CDC Annotated by YLE It was a rough one This flu season saw the highest number of hospitalizations in the past 15 years We are still waiting on final death counts especially among kids but unfortunately we expect the trend to follow Influenza hospitalizations over time Source CDC Annotated by YLE What this means for you While colds circulate year round the worst is likely over Hopefully that means fewer disruptions and tissues ahead for your family Shake up at FDA The most concerning news? Dr Peter Marks the top vaccine official at the FDA was told to resign or be fired and officially stepped down Friday He is served under multiple presidents and helped lead Operation Warp Speed I personally appreciated his steady head during FDA meetings Republicans and Democrats praised his service In his resignation letter Marks warned Secretary Kennedy is not interested in scientific facts citing misinformation and lies This is incredibly concerning particularly because it is following a pattern Last week Director of Communication at CDC resigned citing similar concerns Public health alerts Utah banned fluoride in drinking water last week If you are in Utah should you put fluoride into water yourself? You will be fine if you are using toothpaste and going to the dentist The most at risk will be lower income families still struggling to find dentists who take their insurance The impact will go beyond cavities as poor dentition can lead to stigma and shame for a child and can serve as a visible sign of poverty See more about the benefit and risk in a previous YLE post Source YLE Measles There are now more than 500 cases nationwide so far more than double last year It is still low compared to pre vaccine days but it is not something to ignore Ohio now has a small but growing outbreak 10 cases The panhandle outbreak is exploding it is now up to 476 cases with more than 73 cases reported in 3 days in Texas This outbreak has now spilled over to three states Oklahoma New Mexico and Kansas where cases are all still growing It also spilled over into Mexico Chihuahua state which now has up to 95 cases Meanwhile children given supplemental doses of cod liver oil and Vitamin A from their parents are showing up in the hospital in West Texas for liver toxicity If you want a deeper dive here is the excellent SITREP report from Yale School of Public Health students For our neighbors up in Canada there are a few details on your outbreak here too Yale Vmoc Special Report Measles Outbreak Southwest Us 3 30 2025 Measles cases are also popping up in other states due to travel DC This case traveled to several places while contagious including taking the Amtrak from DC to New Jersey and flying to Minnesota Cherokee Nation Oklahoma case which may not be linked to the Texas outbreak PA A vaccinated case who traveled to Texas is in Bucks County While infected he went to a Starbucks but remember that vaccinated cases are less contagious Tennessee case in Shelby County Meanwhile in Idaho lawmakers introduced a Medical Freedom Act that would ban schools and businesses from requiring proof of vaccination Idaho already has the lowest kindergarten M rate in the country 79% The Idaho school nurse association is opposing the bill What this means for you If you and your kids are up to date on vaccines you are well protected I am most concerned about infants under 12 months who are too young for the Mvaccine In outbreak areas they can be vaccinated early starting at 6 months Also pay attention to local policies and speak up if something does not align with your values



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Good news Long COVID research funding restored Last week Long COVID research was on the chopping block one of many budget cuts hitting public health But thanks to advocates including you! and bipartisan support from four key senators funding has been reinstated This is a huge win Long COVID research can help millions suffering from chronic symptoms and potentially unlock answers for other post viral illnesses too What this means for you Speaking up works Especially when it comes to chronic diseases which remain a focus for this administration Use the right language with the right audience here are tips from a former CDC Chief of Staff under the first Trump administration Question grab bag All those cuts you mentioned to immunization records measles tracking wastewater tracking et cetera Would those be required cuts or are they things a state could decide to pay for outside federal funding? Great question What is being cut are CDC passthrough funds money Congress gives to CDC which then goes to states for public health infrastructure Fun fact 80% of the CDC budget goes directly to communities Without this federal support states will need to cover the gap But many simply ca not For example in Rhode Island one CDC grant made up 12%of the state health department budget The impact will vary by state If these programs matter to you show up at town halls and contact your reps One of our YLE team members was just at the NYC town hall where this came up! Poll Subscribe to Your Local Epidemiologist to vote on this poll Only subscribers can vote on this poll What is on your mind regarding your health today? Progress of MAHA Tips to engage with local state rep Mosquito season PEPFAR HIV global efforts cut You are now fully caught up to start your week Remember your voice matters especially at the local and state level Love the YLE team

1C United States Guest Essay Trump Is About to Bet the Economy on a Theory That Makes No Sense Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization The New York Times March 31 2025 My local bookstore has been taking advantage of me for years I have run a trade deficit giving it money with nothing but books in return At the same time I have been taking advantage of my employer running a trade surplus with it as it gives me a salary with nothing but educational services in exchange Thinking that way about the kinds of exchanges we all engage in is obviously absurd But that is precisely the reasoning behind the reciprocal tariffs Trump is expected to announce this week The details have not yet come into view but if he does follow through it is clear the plan would add to what are already the highest tariffs in the nation since the 1940s Their effect will be lower economic growth higher inflation higher unemployment the destruction of wealth and a tax increase on American families It will deal a blow to the rules underlying the global trading system and further empower China Trump has cycled through numerous rationales for tariffs They will raise revenues with foreigners footing the bill They will help American manufacturers and national security They will provide leverage against Mexican fentanyl and Canadian sovereignty In all of these cases there is a bit of truth and a lot of falsehood But the one argument Trump has returned to again and again is that other countries are taking advantage of the United States He measures the degree to which they are doing so by the magnitude of our trade deficit with them that is how much more money we spend on the goods and services of another country than we get from selling it our goods and services The United States has leverage between Canada and Mexico because we are their main trade partner But China is the largest trading partner for a majority of countries in the world Give these countries a choice between economic relations with the United States and with China they would probably choose the latter in a heartbeat And where economic relations go political



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relations will follow The tariffs this week are another step toward hurting the US economy and creating a geopolitical system that increasingly has China at its center

2 Florida Richard Carlson Journalist Who Led Voice of America Dies at 84 The father of the conservative commentator Tucker Carlson he had a long career in journalism before moving to Washington and entering government service in 1985 **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times March 31 2025 Richard Carlson who ran Voice of America during the last years of the Cold War died on March 24 at his home in Boca Grande Florida He was 84 His son Tucker Carlson the conservative commentator and former Fox News host said the cause was pneumonia The younger Carlson said that before his death his father who strongly believed in the role of Voice of America did not know about the Trump executive order issued 10 days earlier aimed at dismantling that government funded broadcaster A federal judge blocked the plan temporarily on Friday Voice of America provides news programming in 49 languages to dozens of countries where citizens have limited access to independent journalism including China and Iran

3 France Marine Le Pen Barred From French Presidential Run After Embezzlement Ruling The sentence made the far right leader ineligible for five years excluding her from the 2027 election unless she can secure a more favorable outcome on appeal Marine Le Pen head of the National Rally party at the French Parliament in Paris in January She was defeated in three successive presidential elections in 2012 2017 and 2022 **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times March 31 2025 Marine Le Pen the French far right leader was found guilty of embezzlement by a criminal court in Paris on Monday and immediately barred from running for public office for five years setting off a democratic crisis in France The verdict effectively barred the current front runner in the 2027 presidential election from participating in it Jordan Bardella the protégé of Ms Le Pen and a likely presidential candidate in her absence objected on social media Hard right leaders across Europe including Viktor Orban the Hungarian prime minister appeared to agree The verdict infuriated Ms Le Pen who has already mounted three failed presidential bids An opinion poll on the presidential election published on Sunday gave Ms Le Pen 34 to 37 percent of the vote more than 10 points ahead of her nearest rival President Emmanuel Macron is term limited and cannot run again The case involved accusations that her party the National Rally illegally used several million euros in European Parliament funds for expenses between 2004 and 2016 The court sentenced Ms Le Pen 56 to four years in prison with two of those years suspended The other two years could be served under house arrest She was fined 100000 euros or about \$108000 The electoral ineligibility of Ms Le Pen is effective immediately As a result she will only be able to run in 2027 if she secures a more lenient ruling on appeal The appeals process is slow in France The presiding judge Bénédicte de Perthuis acknowledged that a politician prevented from running for office might later win on appeal But the gravity of the case and the apparent refusal of those accused to acknowledge the facts made political disqualification necessary the judge said The verdict could usher in a period of renewed political turmoil if Ms Le Pen decides to lash out against the fragile government of France or if anger spills over into the streets The government struggled to pass a budget this year and could still be toppled at any time by lawmakers in the lower house the National Assembly where the party of Ms Le Pen is the single largest The verdict does not affect her current mandate as a lawmaker in the lower house But if Macron



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A protest at a Tesla dealership in Austin, Texas, on 29 March 2025. Photograph: Brandon Bell/Getty Images

In San Francisco, a crowd of around 200 people gathered in front of the Tesla showroom. Protesters spilled into the busy street and onto the median, confusing the self-driving Waymos trying to get around people darting back and forth.

calls snap parliamentary elections as he did last year she will not be eligible to run again Given the current impasse in a divided assembly such a dissolution this year is plausible Ms Le Pen and her party stood accused of embezzling a sum close to \$5 million in European Parliament funds over more than a decade The court ruled that Ms Le Pen had played a central role in the scheme to siphon funds from the European Parliament and to fill up its coffers at a time when they were precariously empty Ms Le Pen was a European lawmaker from 2004 to 2017 The party used lawmaker assistants who were paid with European Parliament funds to perform tasks for the party that were unrelated to EU business the court ruled

4 Italy As Tensions Escalate Between Trump and Europe Meloni Is Caught in the Middle Each new crisis whether over Ukraine or tariffs has made the balancing act of the Italian prime minister that much harder **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** March 31 2025 12:01 am ET Amid raucous questioning by opposition members in the Parliament of Italy this month Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni noted that she had been asked repeatedly Are you with Europe or with the United States? The prime minister responded that she was always with Italy and by extension Europe I do not blindly follow Europe or the United States she said adding But I am also for the unity of the West and I think that is necessary for both Europe and Italy Just a couple of months ago when Trump was inaugurated Ms Meloni seemed perfectly positioned to be a bridge between him and Europe She was the only European leader at his inauguration matched his hostility toward liberal ideals befriended Musk and seemed eager to land the role Instead as tensions between Europe and Washington escalate she finds herself caught in the middle balancing her ideological affinity with Trump with the need for Italy to help bolster the European security and economy For an annual carnival parade that is famous for political satire This year one float featured a 50 foot statue of the prime minister The creator of the float had dressed the figure of Ms Meloni in a pink suit jacket swaying inside a pair of oversize gray jodhpurs of the kind once favored by the fascist dictator Benito Mussolini The float creator said that he had left it deliberately unclear whether Ms Meloni was donning the jodhpurs or shedding them Various spectators said that accurately reflected the current political discussion in Italy surrounding the ambiguity at which the prime minister excels She is very clever at understanding when she has to wear them said a 48 year old Italian woman an agricultural project manager When she is meeting Trump she puts them on the jodhpurs of Mussolini but when she goes to Brussels she takes them off But I do not think that she can go on like this for long

5 Ukraine and Nebraska Guest Essay My Fellow Republicans and Trump We Must Stand Up to Putin The writer is Don Bacon a Republican US Representative for the Second District of Nebraska **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times March 31 2025 Now Vladimir Putin is dragging his feet on a full cease fire deal hoping the United States will cave to his demands for a complete end to military and intelligence assistance to Ukraine The United States must also firmly oppose any approach that rewards Putin for his ruthless aggression In recent weeks too many of my fellow Republicans including Trump have treated Russia with velvet gloves shying away from calling out the Putin flatly illegal war and even blaming Ukraine for starting it my party must reaffirm our commitment to opposing the Putin expansionism and to supporting the Ukraine defense of its sovereignty That starts with honestly acknowledging the origins of the present conflict Supporting Ukraine is about sending a clear



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message to authoritarian leaders worldwide that America will not appease or condone the violent conquest of the weak by the strong The administration must be crystal clear that we are aligned with democracy free markets and the rule of law If we stray from these values we risk losing what makes America a great nation It is possible to end the war for Ukraine preserve our moral clarity by holding Russia accountable and advance American long term national interests in the process

6 **Russia Putin Keeps Pushing With Trump and on the Battlefield The drones of the Russian leader are deluging Ukrainian cities while his negotiating tactics test the patience of the friendliest White House he has faced in decades Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times March 31 2025 The White House for two months has warmly embraced the Kremlin But Putin of Russia has given little in return His forces have carried on bombarding Ukraine both on the front and deep into the Ukrainian heartland He has barely budged in peace negotiations freighting an agreement to a unconditional 30 day cease fire with many conditions His subordinates have dragged out talks voicing requirements for a limited Black Sea truce in recent days Then during an Arctic appearance late last week Putin suggested a temporary Ukrainian government might need to be installed under the auspices of the United Nations and an election might need to be held to pave the way for a lasting end to the war The implication was that a quick peace would not be in the offing with Putin again suggesting he could not cut a deal with President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine whom Moscow for months has been tarnishing as illegitimate The Putin comments made peace seem further away raising questions about what the American leader will do if he realizes he has hit a wall in his negotiations with Moscow It is an illusion from the Trump camp that Putin will supply what they want Putin has completely different interests There is no overlap

7 **Headlines The New York Times March 31 2025** United States American Wealth Is at a Record High Sentiment Is Low and Falling The New York Times United States DOGE Accesses Federal Payroll System Over Objections of Career Staff The New York Times United States Eli Lilly Drug Reduces Mysterious L p a Particle Involved in Heart Attack Risk The New York Times United States Estimates Imply That Tariffs Could Fall Heavily on Consumers The New York Times United States Opinion For the Sake of God Fellow Lawyers Stand Up to Trump The New York Times United States How Much Does America Spend The New York Times United States How Trump Supercharged Distrust Driving US Allies Away The New York Times United States Opinion Nothing Ever Goes Wrong in the Trump White House The New York Times United States Opinion The Trump Tariffs Make Absolutely No Sense The New York Times United States Richard Carlson Journalist Who Led Voice of America Dies at 84 The New York Times Florida A Special Election That Was Supposed to Be a Snoozer Is Suddenly Buzzing The New York Times Florida Special Elections 2025 Tracking Turnout by Party for FL 1 and FL 6 The New York Times Texas Opinion I Live Near the Texas Measles Outbreak Here is How We Got Here The New York Times Lithuania 3 US Soldiers Found Dead in Lithuania After Their Vehicle Sank in a Swamp France Marine Le Pen Barred From French Presidential Run After Embezzlement Ruling France The Embezzlement Conviction of Marine Le Pen What to Know and What is Next Italy As Tensions Escalate Between Trump and Europe Meloni Is Caught in the Middle Ukraine Opinion I am a Republican Who Still Supports Ukraine America Must Not Give In to Putin Russia A NATO Plane Tracks and Dodges Russia in the Baltic Sea The New York Times Russia Putin Keeps Pushing With Trump and in Ukraine War The New York Times



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