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2 United States and Health Robert F Kennedy Jr RFK Jr contradicts experts by linking autism rise to environmental toxins US health secretary bucks expert opinion as research shows rise in diagnoses due to better tools and screening **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian April 16 2025 The US health secretary Robert F Kennedy Jr said in his first press conference that the significant and recent rise in autism diagnoses was evidence of an epidemic caused by an environmental toxin which would be rooted out by September Autism advocates and health experts have repeatedly stated the rise in diagnoses is related to better recognition of the condition changing diagnostic criteria and better access to screening Doctor Peter Marks who previously served as the top vaccine official at the FDA before stepping down due to the misinformation and lies by RFK recently expressed his scepticism about the RFK promise to identify the causes of autism by September If you just ask me as a scientist is it possible to get the answer that quickly? I do not see any possible way Marks said You can be incredibly supportive of people but giving them false hope is wrong Kennedy has a long history of suggesting a link between childhood vaccines and autism despite a lack of scientific evidence and many studies that have found there is no link

3 United States and Health Trump administration Trump signs healthcare order that includes a win for pharma companies Order instructs health department to work with Congress on changing law that allows Medicare to negotiate drug prices Reuters Tue **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian April 15 2025 Donald Trump directed his health department on Tuesday to work with Congress on revamping a law that allows Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices seeking to introduce a change the pharmaceutical industry has lobbied for Drugmakers have been pushing to delay the timeline under which medications become eligible for price negotiations by four years for small molecule drugs which are primarily pills and account for most medicines That would align with the 13 year wait until more complex biotech drugs become eligible for Medicare price negotiations The ability of Medicare for the first time to directly negotiate prices on selected medicines was part of the Inflation Reduction Act of former President Joe Biden Medicare covers 66 million Americans mostly aged 65 and older Drugmakers have complained about the terms of the negotiating powers of Medicare saying it would stifle innovation In particular the industry has opposed the time frame for negotiation eligibility for most drugs When drugs have no competition the law now allows the government to negotiate prices for complex biologic or biotech drugs after 13 years on the market but after nine years for drugs taken as pills and capsules Trump cannot implement the change through executive order but his order instructs the Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F Kennedy Jr to work with Congress on changing it

4 Germany The Guardian view on the grand coalition of Friedrich Merz: gambling on a new center ground Editorial The deal signed last week between the center right CDU and center left SPD paves the way for vital investment in the biggest economy in Europe **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian April 14 2025 As a new administration prepares to take power in Berlin it seems unlikely that human euro signs will welcome the latest German Finance Minister to take on former role of Wolfgang Schäuble known for his austerity politics who delivered a balanced German budget in 2014 for the first time since 1969 The prohibition on German debt continued in the Merkel era But in dramatic fashion the spending taps are set to be turned on Via a swiftly staged March vote in the outgoing Bundestag debt brake dogma was consigned to history by the chancellor-elect Friedrich Merz The way was thus paved for groundbreaking expenditure on defense and the overhaul of an economy being left behind in a changed suddenly menacing world So much

for the theory now for the practice Merz the center right leader of the Christian Democratic Union CDU last week concluded the fastest set of coalition talks since 2009 Pending approval of the deal by Social Democratic party SPD members he is expected to be sworn in as chancellor in by early May In office the grand coalition agreed between the CDU and the SPD handed seven ministries including finance and defense will immediately be confronted by challenges that dwarf those faced by almost all its predecessors The US under Donald Trump whether as economic partner or military ally can no longer be relied upon an era defining shift whatever the outcome of the current tariff wars and The Trump negotiations with Moscow over Ukraine China once a vast outlet for the exports which fueled growth has morphed into a fearsome competitor including on German soil A stagnant economy combined with a post Merkel backlash against migration has accelerated the rise of Alternative für Deutschland AfD one of the most extreme far-right parties in Europe Last week a poll fatefully placed the AfD in the lead for the first time The pressure from the right both from within his own party and from the AfD is having an impact Merz appears to be looking for wriggle room on agreed coalition commitments to the less well off and to climate targets Nevertheless the broad economic thrust of the deal remains right for troubling times The European Central Bank must play its part by keeping yields on a leash With short term growth acutely vulnerable to mood swings in the White House the effects of spending will take time to be felt in the everyday lives of people But the prospect of a transformative increase in public investment offers the hope of industrial renaissance and a restoration of the trust of voters in the political center Alongside his SPD counterparts last week Merz confidently announced that Germany was back on track Europe badly needs him to be right

5 Hungary The United States has removed sanctions on a close aide of the Hungarian prime minister Viktor Orbán **Excerpts edited by RAWSEP for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501c3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian April 15 2025 Marco Rubio the secretary of state spoke on Tuesday with his Hungarian counterpart the foreign minister Péter Szijjártó and informed him of the move The Secretary informed Foreign Minister Szijjarto of the removal of senior Hungarian official Antal Rogán from the US Department of the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List of the US Department of the Treasury The two also discussed strengthening US Hungary alignment on critical issues and opportunities for economic cooperation Orbán and his Fidesz party have been among Donald The Trump most vocal supporters in Europe The administration of Joe Biden imposed sanctions on Rogán on January 7 2025 over alleged corruption in a move that Budapest pledged to challenge once Trump returned to the White House on January 20 2025 Rogán is a close aide of Orbán and has run his cabinet office since 2015 Throughout his tenure as a government official Rogán has orchestrated the system for distributing public contracts and resources to cronies loyal to himself and the Fidesz political party in Hungary the US treasury department said at the time Accusations of corruption and cronyism have dogged Orbán since he came to power in 2010 while the relations of Budapest with Washington became increasingly strained during the presidency of Biden due in part to the warm ties of Budapest with Moscow despite the war in Ukraine Rogán has been close to Orbán for decades running his Hungarian government media machine and helping orchestrate the Orbán election campaigns

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7 United States and Climate Trump Administration Halts Building of Giant Wind Farm Off New York Coast Governor Kathy Hochul quickly responded that she would fight this decision every step of the way **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 April 16 2025 Just as construction was starting on a massive wind farm off the coast of Long Island the Trump administration ordered an immediate halt on Wednesday that could spell a serious setback for hopes of powering New York City with offshore wind Doug Burgum the interior secretary called for the cessation of all construction activities on the Empire Wind project which was designed to provide enough electricity to power about 500000 homes in New York On the first day of his new term in office President Trump signed an executive order that limited the approval of offshore wind farms But Empire Wind had already received all of the permits it needed to get underway Ms

Hochul and Phil Murphy the Governor of New Jersey also a Democrat have championed the development of offshore wind as a solution to the growing demand for electricity of their states Their plans were critical components of the Biden goal of generating 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030 Equinor a Norwegian company is leading the Empire Wind project It acquired a lease of the site from the federal government in 2017 and placed the winning bid in the first large scale competition in New York State for a contract to provide electricity from offshore wind The company announced in December that it had secured \$3 billion in financing for Empire Wind 1 The company said construction of the project began in 2024 and was expected to be completed in 2027 Equinor is also building a port for its offshore wind project at the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal which it said had created 1500 jobs David Schoetz a spokesman for Equinor said in a statement on Wednesday that the company had just received notice from the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management which regulates offshore wind projects to halt work We will engage directly with BOEM and the Department of Interior to understand the questions raised about the permits we have received from authorities the statement said We will not comment about the potential consequences until we know more The chief executive of the American Clean Power Association a renewable energy trade group said in a statement Doubling back to reconsider permits after projects are under construction sends a chilling signal to all energy investment

8 United States and Politics A Top Democratic Official Plots to Take Down Party Incumbents David Hogg a young liberal activist and now a vice chair of the Democratic National Committee is leading an effort to unseat the older lawmakers in the Democratic Party in primaries David Hogg who survived the 2018 school shooting in Parkland Fla is also the president of Leaders We Deserve which is planning a \$20 million campaign to elect younger Democrats in solidly blue districts **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 April 15 2025 Less than three months after the young political activist David Hogg was elected as a vice chair of the Democratic National Committee he is undertaking a new project that is sure to rankle some fellow Democrats: spending millions of dollars to oust Democratic members of Congress in primary elections next year Hogg 25 who emerged on the political scene as an outspoken survivor of the 2018 school shooting in Parkland Fla said his party must squelch a pervasive culture of seniority politics that has allowed older and less effective lawmakers to continue to hold office at a moment of crisis And so he is planning through a separate organization where he serves as president Leaders We Deserve to intervene in primaries in solidly Democratic districts as part of a \$20 million effort to elect younger leaders and to encourage a more combative posture against President Trump In an interview Hogg said he understood that he would face blowback for his decision to serve simultaneously as a top official in the party which is typically focused on electing Democrats over Republicans and as a leader of an effort to oust current Democratic lawmakers The national president of College Democrats of America said he supported The efforts of Hogg His willingness to challenge the status quo while holding an official role is part of the reason why I believe he is a good leader for Gen Z

9 United States and Senate Sanders and Ocasio Cortez Electrify Democrats Who Want to Fight Trump Bernie Sanders and his apparent heir Alexandria Ocasio Cortez have drawn enormous crowds on their Fighting Oligarchy tour energizing a beaten down Democratic Party Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Representative Alexandria Ocasio Cortez of New York have held rallies across the West in recent weeks pushing a message that President Trump and his billionaire allies like Elon Musk must be stopped **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 April 16 2025 The biggest political rallies

anywhere in America right now are being headlined by an 83 year old senator in the twilight of his career and his 35 year old protégée Roughly 36000 people in Los Angeles More than 34000 attendees in Denver And another 30000 on Tuesday night near Sacramento Those monster crowds more than 200000 people in all according to organizers have turned out to cheer on a fiery anti Trump anti billionaire message from Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Representative Alexandria Ocasio Cortez of New York during their Fighting Oligarchy tour of Western states Sanders even surprised attendees at the Coachella music festival near Los Angeles last week popping onstage to introduce the singer Clairo and make an appeal to young people An adviser to Sanders said 21 percent of those who signed up to attend the Sanders events reported that they were independents and 8 percent said they were Republicans At the Folsom rally some Democrats who in the past had backed other candidates said they were coming around to the Sanders way of thinking An 84 year old man a self described political independent showed up The 84 year old man said because he was worried about the direction of the United States and was not seeing anyone else on the left taking charge

10 Georgia 2 Protesters at Marjorie Taylor Greene Town Hall Are Subdued With Stun Guns Three people including the two who were subdued with stun guns were arrested Protesters booed and shouted at the Georgia representative prompting police to forcibly remove several people Three were arrested two of whom were subdued with stun guns 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 April 16 2025 A town hall for Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia outside of Atlanta on Tuesday quickly deteriorated into chaos as police officers forcibly removed several protesters Ms Greene a Republican firebrand and loyal ally of President Trump had barely reached the podium to speak when a man in the crowd at the Acworth Community Center stood up and started yelling booing and jeering at her As her supporters stood and clapped several police officers grabbed the man and dragged him out of the room I ca not breathe! The man shouted as he was told to put his arms behind his back The police then used a stun gun on him twice Back inside the room Ms Greene was unfazed as she greeted attendees at the event in Acworth Ga northwest of Atlanta She thanked the officers drawing applause from the crowd of about 150 people If you want to shout and chant we will have you removed just like that man was thrown out she said We will not tolerate it! Minutes later as Ms Greene started to play a video of former President Barack Obama discussing the national debt police forcibly removed and used a stun gun on a second man who had stood up and started to heckle Over the next hour as Ms Greene trumpeted the efforts of the Department of Government Efficiency to shrink the government and played clips of herself railing against witnesses in committee hearings police officers escorted at least six people from the room according to a spokesman for the Acworth Police Department Three people including the two who were subdued with stun guns were arrested In between disruptions at the event Ms Greene Instead of taking questions directly from the audience read and answered prescreened questions from a slide deck Why is MTG supporting Musk and DOGE and the slashing of Medicaid Social Security offices libraries and more? read one question from a person identified only as Sarah This is outrageous Well Sarah unfortunately you are being brainwashed by the news that you are watching Ms Greene replied to whoops and cheers from the crowd Outside several hundred protesters lined the street waving signs that bore phrases such as Pro America Anti Trump and Resist! Asked if she thought using stun guns on protesters at the event was an appropriate response Ms Greene reiterated her praise for the law enforcement officials You know who was out of line? The protesters Ms Greene said There was a place designated outside for the protesters because we support their First Amendment rights

11 Georgia United States and Tariffs Marjorie Taylor Greene Bought in Market Dip Before Trump Paused Tariffs Profiting From the Rally The Georgia congresswoman purchased at least tens of thousands of dollars in stock

the day before and the day of President The Trump pause of a sweeping set of tariffs that sent the market soaring **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 April 14 2025 Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene Republican of Georgia disclosed on Monday that she had purchased between tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of stock on April 8 and 9 the day before and the day of President The Trump announcement that he was pausing a sweeping set of global tariffs a pivot that sent the stock market soaring out of a sizable slump Ms Greene bought between about \$21000 and \$315000 in stocks on those days The day before The Trump move she also dumped between \$50000 and \$1000000 in Treasury bills according to required public disclosures made to the House The report came as Democrats in Congress have demanded investigations of whether Trump whipsawing moves on trade might have been aimed at manipulating the market and giving his allies a lucrative opportunity for insider trading Members of Congress are required to report their stock trades within 30 days of making them though they only have to mark down broad ranges rather than specific dollar amounts Ms The Greene April 8 and 9 trades 21 each in the range of \$1001 to \$15000 are some of the first among members of Congress that will be reported over the coming month as lawmakers detail their financial moves around the time the president encouraged people to buy the dip ahead of his pause on tariffs THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO BUY!!! Trump wrote on social media the morning of April 9 About four hours later he said he was pausing most tariffs on every country except China an announcement that resulted in massive one day gains in stocks Ms Greene one of The Trump most loyal allies in the House and an active stock trader appeared to heed the advice making an unusually large volume of stock purchases That day she bought stock in several companies including Apple which has since gone up in value by about 5 percent She also bought stock in other technology companies as well as energy firms such as Devon Energy Corporation and the pharmaceutical giant Merck & Company according to her public disclosures The day before she purchased stock in Palantir whose value has since gone up 19 percent and in Advanced Micro Devices Inc whose stock has since risen 21 percent She also sold the Treasury bills as government bond yields were rising amid the tariff chaos Ms Greene had previously purchased up to \$500000 in Treasuries before April 2 when Trump announced his most expansive tariffs to date The tumult in the stock market caused by The Trump erratic moves on tariffs has led Democrats to question who is gaining financially because of it Ms Greene is not alone in appearing to have capitalized on the market volatility While there has been no evidence of insider trading Democrats have zeroed in on the potential for malfeasance as a way to attack The Trump tariff moves and suggest that he and his friends are exploiting decisions that have hurt ordinary people a group of Democrats led by Senators Adam Schiff of California and Ruben Gallego of Arizona wrote in a letter last week to Paul Atkins the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission In the letter they demanded that Atkins open an investigation to determine whether Trump or any insiders had engaged in insider trading or other securities law violations