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are exempt from needing to back up your claims with data because you podcasted your way into the CBER Director office. However seeing these two chime in reminded me of the joint responsibility for vaccine safety. It also reminded me of **the fact that ACIP is meeting this Thursday and Friday**. And then **I got a bad feeling about what might go down**. Tracy Høeg just dropped a VAERS truth bomb **CALL THE SENATE!** The ACIP meeting beginning Thursday has a vague agenda in place for day 1. The plan is to **cover the entire vaccination schedule and I suspect workshop all the ways they can blow it up**. In my opinion this will be a two pronged attack on the measles mumps rubella **MMR vaccine** and the birth dose of the **hepatitis B virus HBV** vaccine probably with a hefty dose of fearmongering about **aluminum salt adjuvants** thrown in to lay the **groundwork for future attacks on inactivated vaccines**. **I have been an editor at Vaccine since 2021** and as a result I have watched a lot of ACIP meetings. Since becoming co Editor in Chief on January 1 of this year I have watched all of the ACIP meetings both before and after Health and Human Services Secretary RFK Junior fired the entire ACIP in June and replaced them with **Levi Malone and their bumbling cohort of opportunistic anti vaxxers**. At every ACIP meeting this year **Høeg** has represented the FDA and participated in the meetings as a nonvoting agency liaison. It is a perfect opportunity to share the treasures **she unearthed while dumpster diving in VAERS** with other likeminded **anti vaxxers who are empowered to create policy that restricts vaccine access for millions of people**. And who better to meet Høeg joyfully to assist in the **mission to get COVID vaccines taken off the market** than Levi and Malone? Levi chairs the COVID Vaccines ACIP workgroup. At the last meeting he presided over a day of COVID vaccine disinformation during which he relentlessly **fearmongered about vaccine safety** and grossly **overstated risks presented by mRNA vaccines**. It culminated in votes on several nonsensical and unenforceable provisions that effectively **did not really do much to alter COVID vaccine access** because the current ACIP is demonstrably **inept**. **Levi believes that mRNA COVID vaccines are deadly and they should be banned immediately** so I can see why he has got his ponytail in a bunch. Malone is a perennially bitter man who feels slighted that **he Malone is not properly recognized as the real inventor of mRNA vaccines**. Malone is properly recognized as not the inventor because he **did not invent them**. You would think the wealth he has amassed from his Substack empire his book called *Psy War* it is about how the New World Order is seizing control of our minds through coercive public health campaigns which he calls psychological bioterrorism his witness testimony against vaccine manufacturers and his A list status on the anti vax conference and event tour circuit would be some consolation for not being credited for the achievement of someone else. However it is not enough comfort and Malone is constantly aggrieved. At the last ACIP meeting he was like a **poisonous mushroom with a beard** emitting a bilious cloud of toxic negativity every time he made an unnecessarily **furious remark about correlates of protection**. Someone is mad they did not get nominated for Academy membership. But things are looking up for Team MAHA. Because **Malone is the big boy vice chair of ACIP** he has seen the evidence! Because it is politically explosive it remains under top secret ACIP FDA embargo but rest assured it is revolutionary. And it sure sounds like he is announcing that the **big reveal will be at the ACIP meeting**. Malone needs better prompts than Indian guy in a lab coat in front of FDA because **wow does AI Vinay Prasad not look anything like actual Vinay Prasad**. I am stunned by his letter below. The significance and importance of this letter in the context of US and global vaccine policy cannot be overestimated. This is a revolution the likes of which I never expected to see in my lifetime. ACIP Vice Chair Robert Malone and Levi both certainly sound like they are chomping at the bit to take the stunning evidence from FDA and run with it all the way to voting recommendations that will **finish off COVID vaccines for good**. Finally no more censorship! **No more vaccines for many people who want or need them** either. But all revolutions require sacrifice so be prepared to die from a preventable disease to serve this haughty science coded Mall Santa anti public health sovereign citizen political agenda. Pro vax thought police your *Psy War* is over! Viva la revolution! Malone even thinks this is ushering in a revolution that will transform public health by making no anti vax talking point too taboo to manufacture evidence for. No more of the **DOUBLE STANDARDS** group think and epistemic capture. Malone and Levi are so concerned about. From now on **evidence free policymaking** can proceed unhindered in the

federal government If and when this comes up at the ACIP meeting the panel will use this to justify developing recommendations that could be much more effective at removing access from COVID vaccines While we have not yet seen the evidence I am suspicious that its ad hoc presentation and the lack of transparency surrounding its collection and analysis will be sufficient to persuade many experts that it is definitive evidence of causation However this has already set a precedent It certainly seems as though CBER Høeg and ACIP have collaborated on this finding and intend to use it for policymaking regardless of what an external or independent review might find This approach can be extended If policy can be made with evidence that may exist but is analyzed in secret then why bother ensuring that the evidence is high quality? Why validate it? Why have transparency in making vaccine policy at all? It is a lot more convenient for loyalist appointees to make policy based on political objectives and just handwave about the evidence it is supposedly based on Both FDA and ACIP will try to mine VAERS for optional evidence that other vaccines are suddenly unsafe and or ineffective as well Because this occurs within existing regulatory and policymaking frameworks or at least the pretext of these frameworks since ACIP no longer follows theirs there is a veneer of credibility to it To the casual observer it appears like boring government public health science policy in action But it is not This is ideological capture and corruption of democratic evidence based best practices It will get worse before it gets better That is only if we do not raise hell about this approach to developing immunization policy or regulating vaccines Since they plan to use ACIP to credibility wash a justification for stripping access to COVID vaccines and probably attack the mRNA platform in general it is critically important for the public to not accept anything less than a full review of the evidence by qualified experts Both the FDA and ACIP must be held accountable for their actions whatever the evidence may show

4 Bird Flu Vaccine Inside the Bird Flu Vaccine Trial for Monk Seals After the virus returned to Hawaii this fall testing the shots in the endangered seal species became urgent Photo of one of two monk seals that received a bird flu vaccine at the Marine Mammal Center Ke Kai Ola facility in Hawaii

Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The New York Times December 1 2025 Two wild Hawaiian monk seals an endangered species have become the first of their kind to receive vaccines for bird flu part of a new effort to protect the animals from a virus that has been ravaging marine mammal populations around the world The vaccinations represent the next phase of a small study that began this summer in northern elephant seals which are not endangered The vaccine appeared to be safe for elephant seals the researchers found and prompted the marine mammals to begin making antibodies against the virus which is known as H5N1 The quick move to include monk seals was also driven by the discovery that the virus had recently returned to Hawaii the state remote location had previously helped protect the monk seals from the ongoing outbreak If these first two seals continue to do well and the antibody results are encouraging the researchers may expand the vaccination effort In the long run Dr Whoriskey said the goal would be to vaccinate enough monk seals to stave off the sort of mass deaths that have been reported in southern elephant seals Tens of thousands of southern elephant seals have already died from the virus scientists estimate This vaccine is a really important tool that we can potentially use to prevent that sort of catastrophic outbreak she said

5 Hepatitis B Vaccine The Virus That Took My Father Could Become a Greater Threat Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The New York Times December 1 2025 The opinion writer is an emergency physician My father did not know it but by the time his urine had turned dark the color of tea he had only a month or so to live Until then he had seemed fine at most a little tired in the

weeks before. A few days after his diagnosis liver cancer from hepatitis B he was dead. He was 35 years old. Had the hepatitis B vaccine existed back when my father was a child I would not have lost a parent at such a young age my mother left to raise us alone. Today the vaccine is recommended for all newborns in the United States. But I worry that this lifesaving protection will soon be taken away as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is expected to vote on Friday on whether to undo the recommendation. Americans are on track not to have to worry about hepatitis B. But if the committee decides to derail our trajectory I fear I will meet patients and their families shattered by it in the years to come. And when I do I will tell them that I understand that I too lost someone to this disease. The cruel difference is that for them the science to prevent it will have been there all along.

6 Florida and Georgia as well as Alabama Indiana and Texas Republicans Are Misreading What Suburban Voters Want Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The New York Times

December 2 2025 The opinion piece was written by a lifelong Republican Florida Governor Ron DeSantis wants to abolish property taxes for homeowners in his state. Current Georgia Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene wants to abolish them nationwide. Trump ally Elon Musk has spoken out against them. And a number of red states including Alabama Georgia Indiana and Texas recently passed laws or constitutional amendments limiting them. Right wing antipathy to property taxes is not new. Libertarians have long argued that they are the equivalent of paying rent to the government for property you already own. My own city Carmel Indiana shows a new suburban sensibility. A city of one hundred thousand just north of Indianapolis Carmel has been a Republican bastion for decades. It has made big investments in infrastructure amenities and public services. It has built more than 150 roundabouts virtually eliminating traffic congestion. It has an extensive network of trails and parks and millions of square feet of office space. Republicans should be boasting about these successes and looking to Carmel as a model for other towns and cities. Instead some of the most prominent Republicans in the country are waging war on the revenue model that powers them. In doing so they pander to retired baby boomers who are eager to shift taxes away from their homes and onto those still working. Educated voters including in the suburbs have shifted strongly to the left over the past 20 to 30 years. Even Carmel backed Kamala Harris in 2024. One of the causes is that Republican voters are increasingly alienated by state Republican parties that want to impose a Tea Party style austerity governance model on them. They do not want their state to force them to live in a bare bones community. Why would they vote for a party that promises to make their community worse by eliminating its main source of tax revenue? It is great that the Republican Party has expanded its reach to the working class but it is not good to be losing the suburban professional one. This loss could come back to bite Republicans when Trump is no longer on the ballot to drive huge turnout among lower propensity and rural voters. It also sharply shrinks the talent base the G O P can draw on to staff government when it does win. What Carmel shows is that you can keep property taxes relatively low they are capped by the Indiana constitution while still funding a robust set of public services. Carmel has focused public investment on delivering tangible goods and services not excessive entitlements bureaucratic activism and other hallmarks of blue America so that the revenue collected from property taxes goes to improving the quality of life. Rhetoric around eliminating property taxes may play well with boomer retirees in the next political campaign but actually doing so would be the Republican Party eating its demographic seed corn for the future while turning its back on a proven model of success and undermining local communities and the critical public services they rely on.

7 Georgia Ringgold RAWSEP View A Democrat to fill the Marjorie Taylor Greene seat? From the article headline We have become so divided Georgia district prepares for life after Marjorie Taylor Greene Republicans and Democrats alike look to fill House seat of the congressional firebrand when she departs in 2026 Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity and relationship

**to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization** The Guardian  
November 30 2025 Marjorie Taylor Greene for president? One Republican voter just does not think it will work The Greene voters in north west Georgia are concerned about kitchen table The winery business of one longtime Republican voter has been down 30 percent this year which he attributes to economic conditions that are squeezing his customers As a country as individuals in America you used to have some extra income after your bills and stuff and you could splurge a little bit on this or that go out to eat or something Now by the time you pay your bills and stuff from what I am seeing from the average people out here there is nothing left over That is the problem that needs solving he said

8 Tennessee Democrat Aftyn Behn versus Republican Mike Van Epps in race for a Tennessee House Seat today December 2 2025 Johnson and Trump Try to Avoid an Upset House Loss in Tennessee Speaker Mike Johnson **put Trump on speakerphone during a Monday stop** in the state underscoring the unusual amount of national attention on a House special election **Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization**

The New York Times December 1 2025 The crowd milling around the sleek multimillion dollar barn full of gleaming vintage cars was already a snapshot of the Republican elite in Tennessee There were donors state representatives five members of Congress the governor and the **candidate for the state House special election on Tuesday Matt Van Epps** He was among those who pointed to one clip in which Ms Aftyn Behn professed a hatred for Nashville and its downtown tourist scene of pedal taverns country music and bachelorettes as a sign that she is out of touch with the district How the hell can you elect a person like that? Trump asked Ms Behn the opponent of Matt Van Epps speaking to supporters on Monday downplayed the criticism National Republicans are panicking because the story of the South is changing and they can see it happening right here she said Ms Behn for her part spent the weekend canvassing with Democrats across the district and held a virtual rally with Ms Ocasio Cortez and former Vice President Al Gore the last Tennessee Democrat to rise to the highest levels of national politics Gore told the hundreds of supporters gathered on the Zoom call that Tennessee has proven again and again that we can answer the call of democracy and that great cause of American democracy is calling us once again tomorrow Ms Ocasio Cortez said that in a district so favored by Republicans it takes a very special kind of person with a very special kind of guts to run as a Democrat

9 Tennessee What to Watch For in the Last Big Election of 2025 A special election for a House seat in Tennessee was supposed to be an easy Republican victory But national spending and Democratic enthusiasm have made it an unusually high profile race **Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times December 2 2025 Voters in Tennessee are set to provide the

2025 final big sign of where the political environment stands as the Trump approval ratings slip and Democrats grow more hopeful heading into the 2026 midterm elections The state will hold a special House election on Tuesday for a seat that Republicans once thought was safe but are now nervously defending The race for the Seventh Congressional District has unexpectedly drawn outside attention and a surge of spending from national groups Trump has held multiple telephone rallies for the Republican nominee Matt Van Epps including calling into an event on Monday that Speaker Mike Johnson attended On the Democratic side former Vice President Kamala Harris took time on a book tour stop in Nashville this month to urge people to vote for the party nominee Aftyn Behn and Representative Alexandria Ocasio Cortez and former Vice President Al Gore a Tennessean held a telephone rally on Monday Republicans are still favored to keep the seat which Representative Mark Green abruptly vacated for the private sector in July But they are nervous that Democratic enthusiasm elsewhere in the country could spill over into ruby red Tennessee and lead to a disquietingly narrow victory or a shock defeat Can a liberal Democrat close the gap in ruby red Tennessee? Ms Behn won the Democratic primary race with an unabashed record of progressive activism and policy positions that conventional political wisdom would say are far too liberal for a state that once elected more centrist Democrats She

has downplayed the Republican attacks as a sign that her campaign is surging At least one clip in which she proclaims a hatred for Nashville and the pedal taverns and bachelorettes that populate downtown probably mirrors some local sentiment

10 Virginia Democrat Virginia Democrat flips seat in state legislature by taking on datacenters  
John McAuliff won on November 4 2025 against a Republican by focusing on something affecting all his constituents the cost of energy Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The New York Times November 30 2025 John McAuliff a 33 year old small business owner and former civil servant was one of the more unlikely Democrats to win election to the Virginia legislature this month after a campaign in which he could at times come off a bit like a Republican McAuliff was among the 13 Democrats elected to the legislature in the Virginia elections earlier this month as part of a blowout victory for the party that gives it firm control of the southern state government Along with wins in New Jersey California and elsewhere the results put some wind back into the sails of the Democrats nationwide a year after their drubbing at the hands of Trump and the Republicans The northern Virginia district of subdivisions farmland and quaint little towns that he sought to represent had not elected a Democrat to the house of delegates in decades so McAuliff would go door to door on an electric scooter informing those who answered his knocks that he was running to preserve their way of life Though he did not outperform Abigail Spanberger the Democrat who romped to victory in the gubernatorial election the McAuliff margin indicates he managed to sway some Republicans to choose him over Higgins said Chaz Nuttycombe the founder and executive director of State Navigate a nonpartisan election tracker in Virginia He ran ahead compared to other folks and that would be because of him winning over Republican leaning voters

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RAWSEP View Clean energy Heat Pumps heat a house evenly and so should be ideal for houseplant life Indoor Residential Wood Burning may be the worst environment for houseplants since they only toast objects in front of them from one side and the other side is exposed to cold unheated air continuously Not to mention toasted skin syndrome for houseplant owners in a home heated in an unbalanced way from indoor residential wood burning From the article headline Houseplant hacks how can I stop my plants dying when I turn on the central heating? Houseplants The Guardian Grouping plants together and placing them at least half a meter away from radiators and vents will help Houseplant hacks how can I stop my plants dying when I turn on the central heating? Ease your houseplants into winter by giving them a seasonal reset and moving them away from radiators Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The Guardian December 2 2025 The problem As soon as the heating is switched on houseplants start to struggle Warm dry air strips moisture from leaves dries soil faster and turns cozy corners into arid microclimates Many people mistakenly think radiator heat is similar to sunlight warm and life giving but it is not Sunlight provides energy for photosynthesis while radiator heat is dry stagnant and relentless closer to a slow cooker than sunshine The hack Before turning on the heating give your plants a seasonal reset Move them away from radiators or vents at least half a meter ideally Group plants together to create a pocket of humidity or place a bowl of water nearby to counteract dryness Top dress tired soil with fresh compost trim off any yellowing leaves and wipe dust from the foliage so the plants can breathe Water lightly then let them rest in bright indirect light to adjust before winter sets in A humidifier that appears to be made of wood on a desk near a plant with large green leaves in front of a grey wall Houseplant hacks do humidifiers really help houseplants? The method You are easing them into a slower season As daylight hours decrease growth naturally slows so plants need less food and water By preparing them before the heating starts to blast you minimize temperature shock and prevent that slow cooked dehydration that sneaks up indoors The test Last year I skipped this ritual and my calatheas crisped

within weeks This autumn after a gentle reset and relocation they are thriving Leaves are supple no brown edges in sight The verdict A small pre heating ritual prevents plant carnage Prepare them now and you will not spend winter watching your greenery cook

12 United Kingdom Pollution from Landfills I kept smelling a horrible nasty smell the risks of the old dumping grounds of England For some the smell brings on nausea and headaches Others fear forever chemicals seeping into the water UK and European hidden landfills at risk of leaking toxic waste into water supplies Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization

The Guardian

December 2 2025 There are concerns that older landfills predating pollution laws may also contaminate groundwater rivers and even drinking water At the former Common side landfill in Cheshire last year levels of polychlorinated biphenyl PCB which have been linked to immune reproductive nervous and endocrine harm were found to be 1 thousand times above UK norms PCBs have polluted the area streams since the 1970s and despite a fine being issued to the site owner in 1994 no cleanup followed The council is now reassessing the site It is a sham says a local farmer who lives next door to the Common side landfill which closed in the 1970s There is three quarters of a million tons of chemicals rubble and waste and 50 different chemicals that have been tipped in there He added that sludge regularly comes off the tip causing him to worry it could pollute the drinking water United Utilities which manages water supply in the north west said water quality has remained good It added Since being made aware of concerns about PCBs in the area we have conducted enhanced testing these were also clear We will continue to carry out these additional tests

13 United Kingdom The cost of Pharmaceuticals RAWSEP View Trump Tariffs and Jacking up the cost of Pharmaceuticals to either the UK or the US or both From the article headline To Avoid Tariffs UK Agrees to The Trump Demand to Pay More for Drugs Trump has complained that wealthy countries like Britain pay too little for drugs leading America to bear much of the burden of the costs of medicines Trump has complained that wealthy European countries pay too little for medicines

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The United States and Britain announced a deal on Monday in which Britain would avoid potential tariffs on drug exports by agreeing to spend more on certain medicines covered through its national health service In Britain a public body uses a complex formula to determine whether and how much the government will pay for new drugs part of a process that results in lower drug prices there compared with the United States Trump and top officials in his administration have complained that wealthy European countries like Britain pay too little for medicines forcing the United States to pay what they believe is an unfair share of the costs of drugs American consumers ultimately bear some of those costs when they pay health insurance premiums and taxes For months Trump has been threatening to impose tariffs on imported medicines and though he has not followed through on those threats British officials have sought reassurances that their companies would get preferential treatment as part of a broad trade agreement in May The largest AstraZeneca a multinational drug company with headquarters in Britain and Sweden in October secured a three year reprieve from any US pharma tariffs Pfizer Eli Lilly and Novo Nordisk recently secured the same exemption The Britain pharmaceutical manufacturing sector is important to its economy though it makes only a small share of the overall supply of medicines in the world The most important hubs for drug production in the world include India China the United States and Ireland Britain makes active ingredients for about 2 percent of medicines sold in the United States according to US Pharmacopeia a nonprofit that tracks the drug supply Pharmaceutical companies stand to profit from the change They share The Trump view that European countries like Britain are paying too little for medicines The British government has been trying to end a standoff with these companies over pricing including whether to lower a special rebate that companies pay to the health service for branded medicines to limit government overspend Under the deal announced on Monday

that rate would be lowered to 15 percent next year down from about 23 percent. These commitments begin to address industry concerns on NHS access to medicines and the UK record high and unpredictable payment rate the chief executive of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry said. This year several major companies have pulled back on investments in Britain arguing that the country has become a less lucrative place to do business. In September Merck said it would abandon plans to build a new lab in London which was already under construction. The chief executive of Eli Lilly said Britain was probably the worst country in Europe for drug prices from the perspective of pharmaceutical companies. AstraZeneca has scrapped plans to upgrade a vaccine manufacturing site in Liverpool and a research lab in Cambridge and instead emphasized large investments in the United States. One major frustration is that the percentage of the health budget of Britain devoted to drugs has dropped to about 9 percent from 12 percent in 2015 a British government minister told lawmakers in September. It has just gone down steadily and that has to be reversed he said. Such a change would allow the government to ensure rapid uptake of the best new medicines and have more equitable access across the country he said. But some researchers say Britain would be better off spending more on interventions like hip and knee replacements which have been shown to provide greater health benefits for the same money. With the NHS budget being quite limited and constrained the more we are spending on pharmaceuticals the less we have available for other existing treatments and services said the director of the Pharmaceutical Policy Lab at the London School of Economics.

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