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Conversation Young man watches over pots and pans cooking on a wood burning stove Kitchen
with wood fired stove creating white smoke Millions of people are G2 United States
Appliance expert exposes the actual HVAC problems leaving homeowners in the cold
The Cool Down An appliance expert took to YouTube to help reassure uncertain HVAC buyers
about the benefits of heat pumps United States RAWSEP View This article does not
mention the adverse health effects of wood burning only chimney fires which can lead to house fires
From the article headline As the wood burning season heats up chimney inspections could
avert fire NewsCenter1 As the temperatures cool down wood burning fireplaces heat
up Each year there are an estimated twenty thousand chimney fires in the United States causing United
States Do not Believe This Extremely Common Heat Pump Myth Slash Gear Despite what
you hear heat pumps can handle harsh winters Here is why the Do not work in the cold belief is just a
myth and debunk other United States Electric Heat Pumps Prevail Despite Fickle Federal
Energy Policy Clean Technica Heat pumps typically work by exchanging air like a refrigerator except
they can work both ways to provide either heating or cooling as needed Water United States
The Hands Down Best Window Heat Pumps To Buy This Winter According To Reviews House
Digest While they do not have enough power to heat an entire house a window heat pump can
warm a single room or in some instances a larger open space like United States RAWSEP
View Unfortunately the end of Federal Rebates for Heat Pumps on 12 31 2025 appears to have some
effect in dampening consumer ability to purchase Heat Pumps From the article headline
Heat Pump A C Shipments Fall for 5th Straight Month ACHR News The Air Conditioning
Heating and Refrigeration Institute data show that heat pump a c furnace and water heater shipments
all fell in October in United States Home Battery Rebate Reduction See The Impact Solar
Quotes We take a look at the impact the rebate reduction will have on financial support for
some popular home storage systems Top 5 Heat Pump Brands United States Homeowner
gets honest about heat pump HVACs after frigid temperatures roll in The Cool Down When the
temperature in winter plunges many homeowners brace for sky high heating bills But cold weather heat
pumps provide a surprisingly efficient United States How the Changes to the Federal Battery
Rebate Will Impact You Energy Matters Homes with high evening electricity use low feed in tariffs or
plans to add electric vehicles or heat pumps will still see strong benefits United States HVAC
industry insiders break down the ultraefficient tech helping homeowners save big on The Cool
Down But heat pump engineer Gwendolyn van der Linden told CNET that number I would have never
been able to afford any kind of bike without this rebate Heat pumps can actually be more than 1
hundred percent efficient according to several heating experts who spoke with CNET United States
Jim Chalmers makes surprising decision about cash boost MSN Heat Pump Even If You Do
not Qualify GO Banking Rates 4 Reasons To Upgrade to a Heat Pump Even If You Do not Qualify for a 2
thousand dollar Tax Credit United States Realtor breaks down the home appliances that US
homeowners are rushing to install It is amazing The Cool Down A realtor on TikTok shared a viral
video about heat pumps one of the cleanest and most energy efficient heating and cooling systems
G3 Arizona The Maricopa County Air Quality Department has declared a No Burn Day for
Saturday and Sunday Arizona Emergency Information Network Az EIN Eliminate wood burning in

fireplaces stoves chimeneas and outdoor fire pits Convert your wood burning fireplace to natural gas or propane A No Burn Day issued for Saturday December 1 Maricopa County Wood burning in residential fireplaces chimeneas outdoor fire pits PM comes from combustion cars industry wood burning or dust stirred up into Arizona News Flash A No Burn Day issued for Saturday December 1 Maricopa County Particulate Matter 2 point 5 PM 2 POINT 5 also known as dust for Maricopa County Arizona The following mandatory restrictions are in effect during a No Arizona San Tan Valley SRP Offers New Rebates to Help Customers Save Energy and Money Year Round San Tan Valley dot com ENERGY STAR® heat pump water heaters are up to four times more efficient than standard models SRP customers who install one can receive a 5 hundred dollar rebate Arizona Thousands urged to stay inside in California Arizona unhealthy Newsweek The South Coast Air Quality Management District AQMD said that the no burn rule bans burning wood pellets and manufactured fire logs in any G4 California Agency Again Declares No Burn Day for Much of Southern California The South Coast Facebook The No Burn rule prohibits burning wood as well as manufactured fire logs such as those made from wax or paper Do your part to help keep our air Smoke from wood burning can cause health problems according to the AQMD Fine particulate matter called PM 2 POINT 5 can get deep into the lungs to cause California Los Angeles No Burn Order Extended Through Monday for Much of Southern California My News LA dot com The South Coast Air Quality Management District extended a No Burn Alert for 24 additional hours Sunday prohibiting wood burning in fireplaces California Los Angeles December 13 2025 Los Angeles among most polluted cities in the world IQ Air An air quality alert is in effect across much of the region due to elevated fine particulate pollution prompting a mandatory wood burning ban in the 4 stainless steel interior California Los Angeles Issues Air Quality Alert and Wood Burning Ban Amid Sunny Hood line The No Burn rule bans burning wood pellets and manufactured fire logs in any indoor or outdoor wood burning device per the statement issued by California Pasadena No Burn Order Extended Through Sunday for Much of Southern California Pasadena Now The South Coast Air Quality Management District extended a No Burn Alert for 24 additional hours on Saturday prohibiting wood burning in California Pasadena No Burn Order Extended Through Monday for Much of Southern California Pasadena Now Smoke from wood burning can cause health problems according to the AQMD Gas and other fireplaces which do not burn wood are also not restricted California Santa Clarita Mandatory Wood Burning Ban In Effect Monday KHTS Radio The South Coast AQMD has issued a mandatory wood burning ban effective Monday December 8 15 until 11 59 pm The No Burn rule bans burning wood Mandatory Wood Burning Ban In Effect Tuesday KHTS Radio wood burning ban effective Tuesday December 9 until 11 59 pm The No Burn rule bans burning wood pellets as well as manufactured fire logs in any Mandatory Wood Burning Ban In Effect Monday KHTS Radio The South Coast AQMD has issued a mandatory wood burning ban effective Monday Dec 15 until 11 59 pm California Thousand Oaks Council approves fire ordinance changes despite ambiguities Thousand Oaks Acorn To that end the ordinance prohibits combustible materials in Zone Zero including vegetation mulch wood chips vines synthetic turf planting G5 Colorado Curbing climate change would also reduce harmful air pollutants saving millions of lives University of Colorado Boulder Air pollutants such as nitrogen dioxide NO2 fine particulate matter PM 2 POINT 5 and ozone are among the main components of the smog that often Colorado Rio Grande National Forest Fall Winter Slash Pile Burns Planned USDA Forest Service Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health For more information see <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health> For more G6 Idiot Corner California Clamath Fire Danger Level Downgraded to High USDA Forest Service Klamath stoves look like wood burning fireplaces that can be used for cooking or to generate warmth Campfires require a valid California Campfire Idiot Corner RAWSEP View This article obviously is oblivious to the adverse health consequences of wood burning PM 2 point 5 emissions It is not comforting to causes early deaths of your family members and yourself not

to mention the near neighbors who are forced to breathe in the air pollution you needlessly create

From the article headline Washington Vashon Fire officials urge safer burning as winter begins Vashon Maury Island Beachcomber The holidays on Vashon are made for wood burning fires The smell drifts from chimneys clings to sweaters and fills the air with the comforting Idiot Corner United Kingdom Government must assess the rural impact of wood burning stove rules Countryside Alliance wood burning stoves for heat While welcoming the government ambition to reduce exposure to fine particulate matter PM 2 POINT 5 and improve public Idiot Corner WEB Sizzling Fire Shower Experience by Feuerwasser Instagram Back to the basics wood fire and calm Meet our Woodfired Hot Tub crafted in Thermo Wood with a 30wood smoke G7 Minnesota Eden Prairie More homeowners turn to heat pump water heaters as energy costs rise Eden Prairie Local News Heat pumps transfer heat rather than generate it A heat pump water heater draws heat from the surrounding air compresses it to raise the temperature G8 Nebraska Peninsula Clean Energy Rebates 2025 – Super Brothers Leads Bay A NORTHWEST NEWS CHANNEL NEBRASKA Super Brothers Plumbing Heating and Air partners with Peninsula Clean Energy to expand heat pump and electrification upgrades across the Bay Area G9 Texas Austin Peninsula Clean Energy Rebates 2025 Super Brothers Leads Bay Area Home Electrification KXAN Austin heat pump water heaters HPWHs mini split heat pumps and smart electrical panels with generous regional rebates Peninsula Clean Energy Home G10 Vermont Rutland Notice of Adoption of Solid Waste through Open Burning Ordinance Rutland Herald wood in an outdoor fireplace or fire ring or burning natural wood when there is snow surrounding the open burning site The full text of the G11 Washington Tacoma Thousands of residents apply for instant rebates after officials roll out 12 hundred dollar e bike incentive The Cool Down I would have never been able to afford any kind of bike without this rebate A cleaner more affordable future might be just one heat pump away G12 Australia Runaway Home Battery Rebate Forces Rethink Solar Quotes The success of the Albanese Government home battery rebate is piling pressure on the program funding and policy settings Top 5 Heat Pump Brands G13 United Kingdom London Air Pollution Tied to Diminished Benefits of Regular Exercise Endocrinology Advisor PM 2 POINT 5 35 to 50 micrograms per cubic meter Risk reductions varied by PM 2 POINT 5 exposure hazard ratios 0 point 75 0 point 67 0 point 34 0 point 34 and 0 point 30 for 35 to 50 25 to 35 15 to 25 G14 Scotland Aberdeen Air Source Heating expands energy independence options with launch of home Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce The rebate is delivered as a Virtual Visa® Reward Card and applies to up heat pump book a free home survey at www Aberdeen air source dot com G15 Germany Greater exposure to PM 2 POINT 5 and PM 10 is associated with a higher BAD score the Maastricht study Nature We evaluated the following pollutants particulate matter PM nitrogen dioxide NO2 and soot PM is categorized as PM 2 POINT 5 fine particles with Germany Third of Germans would opt for heat pump if given the choice survey Clean Energy Wire Heat pumps which use electricity to efficiently transfer heat from outside into homes were clearly more popular than all other heating technologies G16 Israel Traffic pollution alters the atmospheric electric field study finds Phys dot org particulate matter PM 2 POINT 5 and nitrogen oxides NOx influence the potential gradient PG a key measure of the atmospheric electric field under Israel Cyprus Greece How accurate are operational dust models in predicting Particulate Matter PM levels in NHSS Copernicus dot org Ground based observations from regional background stations support model performance assessment across different PM fractions PM10 PM 2 POINT 5 and G17 India Choking on Air The Meghalaya PM 2 POINT 5 Problem Highland Post PM 2 POINT 5 refers to tiny inhalable airborne particles dust soot smoke less than 2 point 5 micrometers in diameter making them 30 times smaller than a hair India The Delhi evening commute delivers the worst lung damage of 2025 new study finds India Today particulate matter PM 2 point 5 and 23 percent higher concentrations of PM10 compared to morning commuters

The study conducted by researchers from India New study Evening commute in Delhi causes more lung damage than morning travel MSN PM 2 POINT 5 and 23 percent more PM 10 compared to morning travelers The transcript notes that air pollution accounted for 15 percent of all deaths in Delhi last G18 Thailand Bangkok PM 2 POINT 5 drops to good range but Lat Krabang still tops the list Nation Thailand The Bangkok Air Quality Information Centre on December 9 at around 7am reported citywide levels of fine particulate matter PM 2 POINT 5 not exceeding 2 point 5

H19 United States RFK Junior Lack of Knowledge of Medicine and Science FDA Commissioner Marty Makary brings the Quackery Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization

Doctor Angela Rasmussen Newsletter December 14 2025 It is just as alarming to hear the FDA Commissioner Marty Makary parrot major anti vax talking points that his agency is actively attempting to implement in its overhauled regulatory processes as it is to hear him say that Lyme disease is probably a homegrown bioweapon It is even more alarming considering that Makary is doing this to promote the Høeg and Prasad efforts to eviscerate the childhood vaccine schedule The ideas that too many shots are bad or aluminum salt adjuvants are dangerous do not sound as outrageous or ridiculous as the idea that HIV came from a lab but they are still conspiracy theories they lack supporting evidence so a conspiracy is created to explain why there is no evidence I cannot prove that my claim that Danish kids get fewer shots and less aluminum and are thus healthier than American kids because the truth is being suppressed! By Big Pharma the Biden administration Fauci wokeness trans people scientists lockdown loving academic and public health elites and anyone else who can be conveniently demonized Yet substituting evidence for conspiracy theories is not an acceptable method of scientific inquiry Competent scientists develop hypotheses and test them dispassionately to falsify or confirm them with evidence Incompetent scientists including gastrointestinal surgeons turned thirsty venal opportunists with no sense of ethics or professional integrity develop hypotheses and construct elaborate fiction to ensure that they are upheld

H20 California RFK Junior Lack of Knowledge of Science and Medicine California Hires Former CDC Officials Who Criticized Trump Administration A former director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and a former chief medical officer of the agency will advise the state on public health issues Susan Monarez and Doctor Debra Houry have been hired as consultants for the California Department of Public Health Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The New York Times December 14 2025 Governor Gavin Newsom plans to announce on Monday that California has hired two former leaders of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who accused the Trump administration of abandoning scientific standards One is Susan Monarez a former director of the CDC who was fired by the White House in late August after Health and Human Services Secretary RFK Junior tried to remove her from her position and she resisted leaving The other is Doctor Debra Houry a former chief medical officer of the CDC who quit partly in protest over the firing of Doctor Monarez Both will now serve as consultants for the California Department of Public Health Newsom has been working to elevate his national profile as a leading Democratic voice against President Trump and to position himself for a possible 2028 presidential run He has tried to make California a Democratic bulwark on the West Coast and has repeatedly countered moves by the Trump administration In the public health arena the Newsom latest hires build on an earlier effort to create an alliance of West Coast states for vaccine policy California Oregon and Washington all led by Democratic governors have agreed to work together to review scientific data and make vaccine recommendations independently of the federal government Newsom is also a member of the Governors Public Health Alliance a coalition of 15 Democratic governors And California in September became the first US state to join the World Health Organization Global Outbreak Alert Response Network an international effort to track and respond to emerging

diseases It is unclear whether the CDC will continue to participate in the network after January 20 when the United States will formally end its relationship with the WHO In her new role Doctor Monarez is expected to advise California health officials on how to modernize the state public health infrastructure including the systems used by medical centers to report emerging outbreaks to the state government The Covid 19 pandemic exposed weaknesses in the outdated manual systems that many states rely on to transfer information between hospitals and public health agencies Doctor Houry said in an interview that her goal was to help California explore ways to develop its own tools for example a test for a dangerous new infectious disease and to share data with other states without needing to rely on federal authorities California has entered a one year contract with Katelyn Jetelina an epidemiologist who rose to prominence during the Covid pandemic Doctor Jetelina said her venture Your Local Epidemiologist aims to ensure that the state policies closely reflect the public health concerns of residents and are communicated clearly to the public Doctor Houry said the goal in each case was to complement efforts by the CDC rather than to replace them People may view this as partisan and they can draw their own conclusions she said But in my mind it is always been about health and populations and not politics

H21 Connecticut Monroe and Norfolk **RAWSEP View** Monroe negotiated a large software company price down but Norfolk turned to a smaller software company **From the article headline** Rural Volunteer Fire Departments Private Equity Finds a New Source of Profit in Volunteer Fire Departments Rural departments have long relied on cheap software solutions to keep their operations running But fire chiefs report sharp price increases as investors have entered the market With industry upheaval volunteer fire departments are losing access to software tools and scrambling to find affordable alternatives **Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization** The New York Times December 14 2025 The Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department operates on an annual budget of 132 thousand dollars barely enough to sustain its aging rigs train unpaid crews and keep the lights on at the station in the hills of northern Connecticut Not long ago it faced a different kind of emergency The software system it relied on to track detailed incident information was no longer going to be usable A company backed by private equity investors ESO Solutions had acquired the platform and planned to shut it down The alternative software it was offering would raise the community costs from 795 dollars per year to more than 5 thousand dollars Urgently looking for an alternative the department found a cheaper system but then ESO bought up the other brand We do not have a big tax base said an assistant fire chief in Norfolk Much of the software used by firefighters and other emergency responders was initially created by people who worked in those fields and felt a calling to keep prices affordable But now fire chiefs around the country are scrambling to manage shrinking options and soaring costs as corporations flush with cash from Wall Street have raced to dominate the market The emergency services department had to turn to a new vendor one that has a strategic partnership with ESO The costs went up Managing Budgets a longtime manager at the Stevenson Volunteer Fire Company in Monroe Connecticut built the ROVER platform starting more than two decades ago He was among those who initially complained when he saw the cost for the ESO fire software He was eventually able to negotiate a price that was only double the previous cost to the department He said the escalating prices could drive some departments back to using paper records But he was too slow to raise prices at ROVER over the years While some of the prices he was quoted for new software seemed excessive others did not including his final deal with ESO Would I like it to be less? Sure he said Do I feel like I am being gouged? No! In Norfolk in 2025 the maintenance budget jumped 5 thousand dollars because a truck needed a new set of tires Yet the department has limited funding forcing it to turn to silent auctions and karaoke fund raisers The problem with the ESO software proposal was not just the higher cost for the new product When the department made the decision to drop ESO and asked the company for a copy of the Norfolk computer records to begin migrating to an alternative system if the department wanted the data before the ESO

contract came to an end it would cost 12 hundred dollars The department switched anyway to a smaller company Alpine Software that is charging it 22 hundred dollars a year less than half of the initial ESO quote By the calculation of the financial manager it was worth it

H22 New York City Santa Con Fleece Love and Vomit The Worst Santa Con Stories from New Yorkers The bar crawl and charity fund raiser has been eliciting strong reactions in the city for more than 25 years Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization The New York Times December 12 2025 Santa Con is the annual bar crawl that floods the streets of New York City with raucous boozy takes on Santa Claus For more than a quarter of a century Santa Con has been a fact of life beloved by some detested by others The event began in San Francisco in 1994 as a jolly commentary on the consumerism of Christmas in the years since it arrived in New York in 1998 critics have accused it of becoming a disruptive debauched frat party Last month we asked New Yorkers to share their most vivid memories of the annual Santa invasion They described the event as pointless obnoxious and confusing What no one seemed to feel though was ambivalence the reactions it inspires are the subject of a new documentary by the director Seth Porges who in 2021 discovered a trove of footage of the early years of the event At the time the director of the documentary considered himself a Santa Con hater He thought the event was the absolute worst day of the year and the closest thing we have to a zombie apocalypse But then he started watching recordings of the first gathering of Santas he was not instantly horrified by it In the late 1990s the event made landfall in Portland Oregon followed by Los Angeles before reaching Manhattan We have to go hard in New York City said a member of the Brooklyn Cacophony Society and an organizer of the first Santa Con in New York The now 53 year old man thought the gathering could be a way to deliver on the reputation for mayhem and public spectacle that is part of the New York City mythology In the documentary which debuted last month at DOC NYC the 100 Santas who attended are captured winding through Central Park bumping into Michael Moore on 5th Avenue and leading a mock protest outside the United Nations Headquarters The New York City organizer said he remembers wrapping cigarettes in the back pages of The Village Voice and handing them out to children He worries some of that spirit has been lost A few years ago he happened to be in the West Village on the day of Santa Con He told a crowd of Santas that his friends had started the event They were like Oh whatever and probably vomited in front of me he said The original organizers of Santa Con ended up distancing themselves from the event the Cacophony Society hosted a funeral for Santa Con in 2014 But the event had already taken off among a younger generation Not everyone shares that excitement Public opinion of Santa Con curdled around the 2010s Fliers posted around the Lower East Side warned Santas to keep their distance For some Santa Con presents an occupational hazard The event was unpopular among the emergency room staff at Beth Israel Hospital in Manhattan said a volunteer nurse there during Santa Con in 2011 The side effects were not so fun for those who had to be the cleanup crew Around 2015 a man and his girlfriend were sitting at a bar on West 4th Street when they heard the sound of glasses shattering behind them A group of plastered Santas had gotten in a fight A bartender hopped over the bar to try to break it up When the bartender returned he crouched down and stood up with two or three full pitchers of urine Santa Con devotees think the event is unfairly maligned and point out that it became a 501c3 nonprofit in 2012 For every urinating Santa there are 300 amazing costumes said the executive director of the Costume Kult Arts Collective Santa Con is here to stay you are not getting rid of it he said They have got attorneys now

H 23 South Carolina Spartanburg JFK Junior Lack of Knowledge of Medicine and Science
A Measles Outbreak Brings With It Echoes of the Pandemic In South Carolina parents struggle to

deal with infections that have brought quarantines and remote learning Health care workers are bracing for an increase in cases Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization

The New York Times

December 13 2025 Late night emails sent to parents informing them that someone in the classroom of their child has been infected with measles Pediatricians fielding calls from concerned mothers about the vaccination status of their children An anxious father running into the waiting room of a hospital a sick baby in his arms asking for help What began in the fall as a trickle of measles infections in Spartanburg County S C has since grown into an outbreak that has sickened more than 110 people prompted more than 250 residents to quarantine and unsettled many more Across the upstate region of South Carolina a conservative stronghold where both the manufacturing industry and the population has boomed in recent years many families have felt familiar echoes of the pandemic this week Some children who were near infected classmates have resorted to remote learning with adults calling out from work to take care of them Frustrations about the length of quarantines are bubbling up in the community And national divisions over the efficacy of vaccines that deepened during the pandemic have remained as pertinent as ever with many in Spartanburg still resistant to vaccinations especially those meant for their children As pediatric hospitals brace for cases to rise health officials are working to inform families that the vaccine for measles a virus that was declared eliminated from the United States more than two decades ago is safe and effective There is a moment in any kind of outbreak when the temperature sort of changes and questions and concerns of parents shift from curiosity to fear said a pediatrician and the founder of Parkside Pediatrics which serves families in the Spartanburg area At the same time the clinicians move from being watchful to much more vigilant Republican South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster said the state was not going to issue vaccine mandates for measles We have been through that with Covid and we do not want to go in that direction he said People need to understand it is dangerous just like a lot of other diseases If there is some way to prevent it you ought to do it Republican South Carolina State Senator Josh Kimbrell has tried to persuade vaccine skeptical constituents that the MMR vaccine is safe and effective The first time a constituent of mine dies because of measles I am going to lose my mind Kimbrell said because we should never have a person in America die of measles in 2025 because they would not take a damn vaccine

H24 GermanyThe Turbulent Times of Friedrich Merz The new chancellor believes the world needs a stronger Germany He is still navigating how to do it Excerpts edited for brevity and clarity and relationship to Residents Against Wood Smoke Emission Particulates a 501C3 nonprofit organization

The New York Times December 15 2025 The plane ferrying Friedrich Merz to Berlin looked as if someone had spruced up Air Force One and then shrunk it in the wash As is customary with new chancellors Merz had to give up driving when he took office in May But he is a licensed pilot and midflight he told me that he was somehow still allowed to take a plane up some days This plane? No he said It was larger than the ones he was licensed to fly Merz took over the leadership facing a host of economic and security challenges For some Europeans that might seem like a metaphor In seven months in office Merz has emerged as the closest thing Europe has to a political pilot in an extraordinary time of upheaval including a reversal in relations with the United States But the continent and his country need him to fly even higher Europe is caught between a militarily aggressive Russia and a rhetorically hostile American administration that no longer wants to guarantee European security The German economy which is the largest of Europe is wobbling Its politics once a model of stability and consensus have fractured The Merz political center is threatened by an ascending far right party which now leads some national polls and which appears to be the preferred partner for many in the Trump administration The Merz leading role in confronting those challenges will be on display this week On Sunday and Monday he hosted negotiations between Volodymyr Zelensky the president of Ukraine and

two envoys from President Trump Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff in hopes of reaching a peace agreement that Europe and Ukraine can accept On Monday evening a large group of European leaders will join the negotiators in Berlin for a dinner Later in the week critical debates loom in Brussels over funding for the Ukraine army and a trade agreement that could boost German growth Merz remains confident he can navigate it all The chief complaint about him is that he has been slow to deliver results despite those efforts Merz got an earful in September when he addressed a meeting of the VDMA a trade group representing German machine manufacturers over the pace of his economic plans Merz has watered down plans to appease his governing partners the center left Social Democrats He has struggled to hold his narrow majority together on difficult votes over judicial nominations and changes to public pensions Merz has broken taboos about military spending Trump has proved even more difficult to persuade Merz has been reluctant to pressure the president on his trade policies which hurt the German export driven economy He fears retaliation and his advisers say he harbors no illusions that he can change The Trump mind Merz knows time is running out to recharge economic growth The far right populist party Alternative for Germany or AfD has gained some ground with appeals to economically distressed voters Still the chancellor remains optimistic Business leaders said that the direction of the Merz economic plans were fine but that the pace was too slow At an auto show Merz bounded through exhibits like an exuberant salesman beaming over the latest advancements in electric vehicles and cars which drive themselves Business leaders said in a private meeting he was energized and upbeat about German industry despite its prolonged slump On the flight back to Berlin Merz elaborated on his plans to revive the economy his love of America and his connection with Trump He never wavered in his conviction that all would work out the economy German politics the war Perhaps that is what you expect from a man who spent his life grinding toward a goal and then finally reached it As we prepared to land the chancellor told me about how he still flew his private plane I asked how long that might last In Germany he said they say Fly until the doctor comes

H25 Headlines The New York Times December 16 2025 Automobiles **RAWSEP View**
 Return to Dirty Energy with Gas Powered Vehicles chosen over Electric Vehicles to manufacture And Ford will lose a lot of money in the process! **From the article headline** Ford Will Take 19 point 5 billion dollar Hit as It Rolls Back Electrical Vehicle EV Plans The New York Times
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H26 Headlines The New York Times December 15 2025 Australia Deaths
 Police Plan to Charge Suspect in Bondi Massacre The New York Times Austria
 Music RAWSEP View Wozzeck is the first opera by Austrian composer Alban Berg created between 1914 and 1922 and premiered on 14 December 1925 at the Berlin State Opera Based on the Georg Büchner play Woyzeck 1836 it depicts the tragic slide of a soldier into madness and murder amid militarism and oppression From the article headline The Berg Wozzeck Keeps Shocking Us

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 the Odds The New York Times Wisconsin Milwaukee Trial to Start for Judge Accused of Helping
 Undocumented Immigrant Evade Agents The New York Times

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 Beach Shooting The New York Times Australia Deaths Witnesses Fled Bondi
 Beach as Gunmen Targeted Jewish Event The New York Times **California RFK Junior Lack of**
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 President of Chile The New York Times Film The Year Hollywood Finally Confronted
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