

Surge in measles cases leads to fines, quarantines

NEW YORK (AP) — Quarantines in California. Fines in New York City. Orders for some people to avoid public places in Rockland County, New York.

As an outbreak of measles surges across the United States — with 704 cases this year and counting — some local health officials are trying to deal with contagion in unvaccinated communities by turning to extraordinary police powers from the past.

“Unfortunately, we are revisiting diseases from another generation,” said Jason Schwartz, an assistant professor of health policy at the Yale School of Public Health. “And now we are revisiting public health responses from another generation” in instances where vaccination programs have fallen short, he said.

Not long ago, measles was thought to be a problem that was mostly solved. The once-common disease became rare after a vaccine became available in the 1960s. In 2000, health officials declared the disease eliminated in the U.S., meaning that all new cases stemmed from infected travelers and not from home-grown transmission.

Parents say their son now is part of ‘history of evil’

POWAY, Calif. (AP) — The parents of a 19-year-old college student suspected of attacking a Southern California synagogue said Monday that they are shocked and saddened that “he is now part of the history of evil that has been perpetrated on Jewish people for centuries.”

John T. Earnest’s parents said they raised him and his five siblings in a family, faith and community that rejected hate.

“Our son’s actions were informed by people we do not know, and ideas we do not hold,” the parents said in a statement, which didn’t include their names.

A gunman on Saturday burst into the Chabad of Poway near San Diego on the last day of Passover, a major Jewish holiday that celebrates freedom, and opened fire with an assault-style rifle, killing a woman and wounding a rabbi and two others.

NRA’s LaPierre fends off backlash, wins re-election

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Wayne LaPierre, the public face of the National Rifle Association for decades, fended off a backlash inside the organization over its finances and direction, winning re-election Monday as the gun lobby’s CEO.

The move, announced on the NRA magazine’s American Rifleman website, came during a closed-door meeting of the group’s board of directors.

It was unclear if the debate that has roiled the 5-million-member organization in recent weeks would still lead to significant changes in its operations. Board members did not return messages for comment; their phones had been confiscated before entering the meeting room.

The board also elected a slate of leaders, including Carolyn Meadows as president. She bypassed the person who traditionally would have been next in line to become president.

For the past two decades, the NRA has faced criticism from among its ranks that its leaders had become corrupted by the millions of dollars flowing into its coffers. The criticism has included allegations of excessive personal spending. Now the pressure has increased, with New York’s attorney general opening an investigation that could threaten the group’s tax-exempt status.

Director of ‘Boyz N the Hood,’ dies at 51

NEW YORK (AP) — Director John Singleton, who made one of Hollywood’s most memorable debuts with the Oscar-nominated “Boyz N the Hood” and continued over the following decades to probe the lives of black communities in Los Angeles and beyond, has died. He was 51.

Singleton’s family said Monday that he died in Los Angeles, surrounded by family and friends, after being taken off life support. Earlier this month, the director suffered a major stroke.

Singleton was in his early 20s, just out of college, when he wrote, directed and pro-

duced “Boyz N the Hood.” Based on his upbringing and shot in his old neighborhood, the low-budget production starred Cuba Gooding Jr. and Ice Cube and centered on three friends in South Central Los Angeles, where college aspirations competed with the pressures of gang life. “Boyz N the Hood” was a critical and commercial hit, praised as a groundbreaking extension of rap to the big screen, a realistic and compassionate take on race, class, peer pressure and family.

Singleton became the first black director to receive an Academy Award nomination, and was nominated for best screenplay. At 24, he was also the youngest director nominee in Oscar history.

AG gives letter of resignation to President Trump

WASHINGTON (AP) — Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein submitted his resignation Monday, ending a two-year run defined by his appointment of a special counsel to investigate connections between President Donald Trump’s campaign and Russia. His last day will be May 11.

Rosenstein’s departure had been expected since the confirmation of William Barr as attorney general. The White House nominated a replacement for the department’s No. 2 slot weeks ago.

Rosenstein intended to

leave around mid-March but stayed on for the completion of special counsel Robert Mueller’s Russia investigation.

Mueller last month submitted his report to the Justice Department, and Rosenstein was part of a small group of department officials who reviewed the document and helped shape its public release.

Europe, this town on the Mediterranean coast has become a beachhead for the arrival of the far-right in Spain, the latest country to be hit by a wave of nationalist populism.

El Ejido was where the far-right Vox party made its most impressive gains during Sunday’s national elections, with its promises to defend Spain’s unity and quash the separatist push in northeastern Catalonia, while also railing against the women’s movement and animal-rights activists who want to ban traditional Spanish bull-fighting.

That message helped power Vox to 10% of the vote nationwide, giving Spain’s parliament its first lawmakers from the extreme right since the 1980s.



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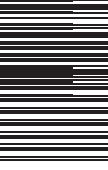


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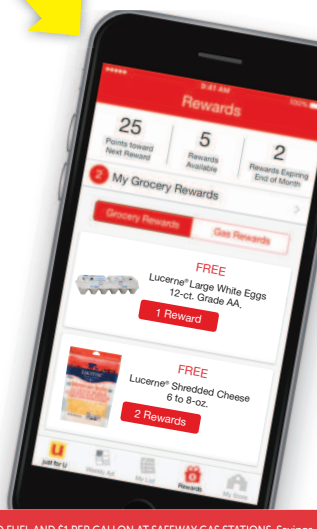
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