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WORLD NEWS

Sephora cuts ties with TV star's daughter after college cheating scam:

(Reuters) - LVMH's Sephora beauty chain ended its partnership with Olivia Jade following a massive college cheating scandal involving her celebrity parents who were charged this week in an alleged scheme to help rich Americans get their children into elite universities.

Tuesday with taking part in a scam that steered graduating high school students into elite universities, including Yale, Georgetown and Stanford, by cheating the admissions process. Prosecutors called it the largest such scandal in U.S. history.

"After careful review of recent developments, we have made the decision to end the Sephora Collection partnership with Olivia Jade, effective immediately," a Sephora spokesperson wrote to Reuters in an email on Thursday.

Some of Jade's online videos and photos were paid partnerships with Amazon.com Inc and Hewlett-Packard Enterprise Co.. Representatives from those two companies did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Olivia Giannulli, the 19-year-old daughter of "Full House" actress Lori Loughlin and designer Mossimo Giannulli, is a social media "influencer" who goes by the name Olivia Jade online. Products from her makeup collaboration had been removed from Sephora's website by Thursday afternoon. It was not immediately clear whether her products were available in stores. A representative for Jade could not immediately be reached for comment.

2017 Teen Choice Awards - Arrivals - Los Angeles, California, U.S., 13/08/2017 - Actress Lori Loughlin with daughters Isabella Rose Giannulli (L) and Olivia Jade Giannulli (R). REUTERS/Mike Blake



Jade, who has more than 3 million followers on Instagram and YouTube combined, received backlash online shortly after details of the fraud scheme emerged along with old videos in which she stated that she does not "care about school." Loughlin and Giannulli were accused on Tuesday of paying bribes of \$500,000 in a scheme that involved cheating on college entrance exams to help their daughters, Olivia and Isabella Giannulli, get into the University of Southern California, according to court documents.



William "Rick" Singer leaves the federal courthouse after facing charges in a nationwide college admissions cheating scheme in Boston, Massachusetts, U.S., March 12, 2019. REUTERS/Brian Snyder



John Vandemoer arrives at the federal courthouse in Boston

Reputed Gambino mob boss killed outside home Loughlin and Giannulli were taken into federal custody and later released on separate \$1 million bonds on Wednesday.

The couple are among 50 people charged on



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Editor's Choice



FILE PHOTO: Logo of global biopharmaceutical company Bristol-Myers Squibb is pictured at the headquarters in Le Passage



Attendees listen as Democratic 2020 presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke, standing on counter, speaks during a campaign stop at The Beancounter Coffeehouse & Drinkery in Burlington, Iowa, U.S. March 14, 2019. REUTERS/Daniel Acker



Cuba's Foreign Ministry's General Director for U.S. Affairs Carlos Fernandez de Cossio speaks during a news conference in Havana



A masked student attends a protest rally to demand justice for student Jonathan Quispe who died during clashes with riot police last year in El Alto, outskirts La Paz



An official from France's BEA air crash investigation agency speaks near machines used to listen to tapes with that are recovered from black boxes during a press visit at their offices in Le Bourget



Democratic 2020 presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke speaks during a campaign stop at The Beancounter Coffeehouse & Drinkery in Burlington, Iowa, U.S. March 14, 2019. REUTERS/Daniel Acker



Men carry nine-year-old Ademola Ayanbola, who was rescued at the site of a collapsed building containing a school in Nigeria's commercial capital of Lagos, Nigeria, March 13, 2019. REUTERS/Temi-lade Adelaja/ File photo SEARCH "NIGERIA BOY"

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Nashville	AA 4650		1:00pm	B7	On Time

FILE PHOTO: An American Airlines arrivals board displaying American Airlines flight 2669, which was scheduled to be flown by a Boeing 737 Max 8, arriving from Miami to New York City at LaGuardia Airport, is seen as cancelled, in New York

Measles cases worldwide jumped more than 30 percent last year compared to 2016, with increases recorded in wealthy European countries like Germany where vaccination coverage has historically been high, the UN said last Thursday. The World Health Organization said the worrying trend of resurgent measles cases was a near global phenomenon, but the causes varied among regions. In Europe, experts blamed the problem in part on complacency and misinformation about a vaccine proven to be both effective and safe. Martin Friede, WHO's director of immunisation, vaccines and biologicals told reporters that "supposed experts making accusations against the vaccine without any evidence" has had an impact on parents' decisions.



Measles vaccine.

He specifically cited medically baseless claims linking the measles vaccine to autism, which have been spread in part on social media by members of the so-called "anti-vax" movement. But cases have also spiked in Latin America, partly due to "a collapsing health system in Venezuela," the head of the vaccine alliance Gavi, Seth Berkley, said in a statement. A crippling political and economic crisis in Venezuela has triggered massive inflation, with hospitals struggling to maintain stocks. "What is more worrying than the increase in the cases reported is that we are seeing sustained measles transmission in countries that had previously not seen

Measles Cases Have Risen 30 Percent Worldwide Per UN

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measles transmission for many years," Friede said. "This suggests we are actually regressing."



Multiple countries -- notably Germany, Russia and Venezuela -- have had their

'Not Rocket Science' WHO stressed that the overall global fight against measles had shown impressive results this century. In 2000, there were more than 850,000 cases reported worldwide, compared to 173,000 last year. That progress made the recent setbacks all the more frustrating, said WHO immunisation expert Ann Lindstrand. "We have a safe and effective vaccine," she told reporters. "This is not rocket science, we know what to do." According to WHO guidelines, preventing measles outbreaks requires 95 percent coverage of the first dose of the vaccine.



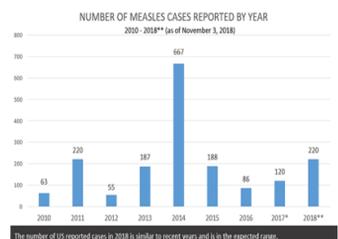
Global coverage has stalled at 85 percent for several years, but the figure is lower in poorer regions like Africa, which had a coverage rate of 70 percent in 2017. Measles is a highly contagious disease, which can cause severe diarrhoea, pneumonia and vision loss and can be fatal in some cases. (Courtesy <https://sg.news.yahoo.com>)

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Measles Cases and Outbreaks Measles Cases in 2018

As of November 3, 2018, 220 individual cases of measles have been confirmed in 26 states and the District of Columbia. The states that have reported cases to

CDC are Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington.



*Cases as of December 30, 2017. Case count is preliminary and subject to change.

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Source: Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), Notifiable Diseases and Mortality Tables Measles Outbreaks

A total of 15 outbreaks (defined as 3 or more linked cases) have been reported so far in 2018.

Outbreaks in countries to which Americans often travel can directly contribute to an increase in measles cases in the U.S.

Spread of Measles

- The majority of people who got measles were unvaccinated.
- Measles is still common in many parts of the world including some countries in Europe, Asia, the Pacific, and Africa.
- Travelers with measles continue to bring the disease into the U.S.
- Measles can spread when it reaches a community in the U.S. where groups of people are unvaccinated. (Courtesy <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/cases-outbreaks.html>)

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Trump Envoy Says It's All Or Nothing On North Korea's Nukes



U.S. Special Representative for North Korea Stephen Biegun (R) with Secretary of State Pompeo (C) and North Korean Vice Chairman Kim Yong-chol. (Photo/AFP/Getty Images)

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The man tasked with laying the groundwork for a nuclear deal with North Korea says the U.S. is committed to an all-or-nothing approach in which sanctions relief would only follow complete denuclearization — a demand North Korea has said it will never meet, and one that could put a deal beyond reach.

Between the lines: In the lead-up to the Hanoi summit, U.S. officials seemed to hint at openness to a step-by-step process in which some economic carrots would be available before North Korea gave up its full nuclear stockpiles. The rhetoric has been more hawkish since. Special envoy Steve Biegun denied the position was shifting, but insisted: "We are not going to do denuclearization incrementally."

• Speaking at the Carnegie Endowment's nuclear policy conference, Biegun said if Kim Jong-un decided to "go big" on denuclearization, as Trump was pressing him to do, it could be achieved "in something approaching a year," to be followed by sanctions relief.

Biegun was also asked about the recent activity at North Korean launch sites: "I don't know what message they are trying to send. We have certainly sent our message loudly and clearly from the president of the United States, that it would not be a productive step to test a rocket

or missile." Biegun acknowledged that the results, after 6 months on the job, have fallen short of his hopes. However, he said "diplomacy is still very much alive."

• Despite the hard line on denuclearization, Biegun said there were "confidence-building" steps under discussion, including the possibility of establishing a liaison office in North Korea.



North Korea may be making improvements at more than a dozen hidden missile bases, contradicting claims from President Donald Trump that his negotiations with North Korean dictator Kim Jung Un are working.

Kelsey Davenport of the Arms Control Association said on another panel at the conference that Kim realizes his "window of opportunity with Trump" could close in a year or so, and wants to capitalize on "the benefits of engaging in the process."

• Citing Kim's messaging on "economic

transformation," she said his focus will continue to be on trading some nuclear concessions for sanctions relief.

• **In that scenario:** "You get economic development, you retain your deterrent, you keep some covert facilities, and you keep your diplomatic rehabilitation" process going. Of course, that's exactly the scenario Biegun ruled out.

What to watch: Even if the U.S. and North Korea can agree in principle to a denuclearization deal, several experts noted, there's a massive risk it could will be undercut by rivals like Russia and China, who have different objectives, and allies like Japan and South Korea, who have different priorities.

• Carnegie's Chung Min Lee said it was hard to see China and Russia putting aside all tensions in their bilateral relations with Washington to get behind the U.S. on North Korea. He also noted the distrust between Seoul and Tokyo, and the fact that South Korea's Moon Jae-in — who has bet big on a breakthrough with Kim — will effectively become a lame duck next year.

• Zhang Yan, president of the China Arms Control and Disarmament Association and a former longtime Chinese diplomat, said it was "inevitable in the future for other parties and stakeholders to get involved in the process."

In other news: One of the women accused of murdering Kim's half-brother in a Malaysian airport in 2017 by smearing a nerve agent on his face has been freed. She and another suspect, who is still in custody, say they thought they were taking part in a TV prank.

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U.S. Envoy On North Korea Says 'Diplomacy Still Very Much Alive' With Pyongyang



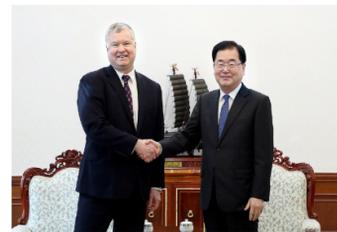
FILE PHOTO: U.S. Special Representative for North Korea Stephen Biegun listens to South Korea's Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha during their meeting at the foreign ministry in Seoul, South Korea on February 9, 2019. (Photo/REUTERS)

FILE PHOTO: U.S. Special Representative for North Korea Stephen Biegun listens to South Korea's Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha during their meeting at the foreign ministry in Seoul, South Korea on February 9, 2019. (Photo/REUTERS) WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S. special representative for North Korea, Stephen Biegun, said on Monday that "diplomacy is still very much alive" with North Korea, despite the collapse of a summit between U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un last month.

But Biegun, speaking at a nuclear conference in Washington, said gaps remain between the two sides and North Korea must show it is fully committed to elimination of its nuclear weapons.

"It's certainly our expectation that we will be able to continue our close engagement," he said, while offering no specifics on when new talks might be held.

Trump and Kim's second summit in Vietnam last month broke down over differences on U.S. demands for Pyongyang's denuclearization and North Korea's demand for sanctions relief.



File photo made available by the Presidential House shows US Special Representative for North Korea Stephen Biegun (left), shaking with South Korean National Security Director Chung Eui-yong (right) during a meeting at the Presidential Blue House in Seoul, South Korea, Feb 4, 2019. Biegun arrived on Feb 3 for working-level talks to prepare for a second summit between leaders of the USS and North Korea slated for later this month, sources said. (U.S. Presidential House Photo)

Biegun said the United States did not know whether Kim would decide to conduct a new missile launch but reiterated Trump's assertion that he would be disappointed if North Korea were to resume testing.

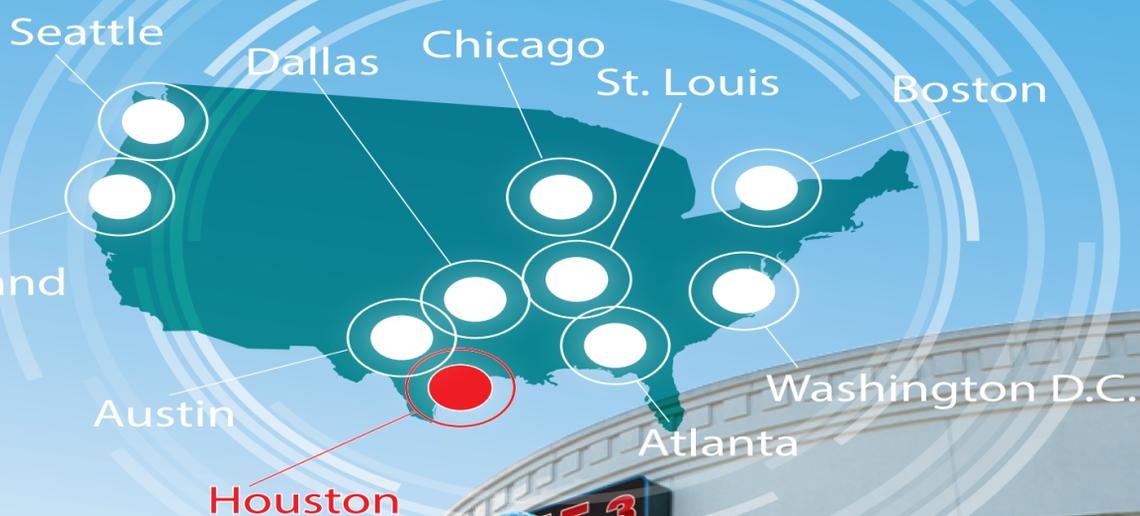
He said the Trump administration takes "very seriously" reports about new activity at North Korea's Sohae rocket site and was monitoring the situation closely. But he cautioned against drawing any snap conclusions.

U.S. think tanks and Seoul's spy agency said last week that North Korea was rebuilding a rocket launch site. Non-proliferation experts have said satellite images indicate North Korea could be preparing to launch a missile or a space rocket in spite of a freeze in testing that has been in place since 2017. (Courtesy reuters.com)



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