

## QUEENS TODAY MAY 7, 2024

**A SHOOTING AT A RICHMOND HILL** party venue on Saturday morning left one dead and three others wounded, ABC reports. The shooting erupted around 1:30 a.m. at Volume 17, a party spot in the neighborhood where a baby shower was being held. Upon arrival at the scene, police found three people with injuries including a 24-year-old man who had been shot in the chest, a 26-year-old man hit in the right arm and a 45-year-old man shot in the left leg. A 43-year-old man was also treated at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center with two gunshot wounds to the right arm and one to the left leg. All victims were last believed to be in stable condition. There are currently no details about how the shooting began, and no arrests have been made. Residents told ABC that the venue opened up recently, but has been the source of some trouble in that short amount of time.

**A QUEENS MARRIED COUPLE, BOTH** officers with the NYPD, reportedly strangled each other in a fight and were hit with charges, Queens Patch writes. The officers, Alex Lall and Shaye Lall, both 24, were arrested early Monday on charges including strangulation and endangering the welfare of a child. The fight happened in front of their infant child, who was unhurt. Alex Lall also faces an additional charge of second-degree harassment, authorities said.

**QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT DON-**ovan Richards endorsed Johanna Carmona in the contentious race in the 37th Assembly District, the Sunnyside Post reports. Carmona, who is backed by the Queens County Democratic Party, is running against DSA-backed Claire Valdez and incumbent Juan Ardila in the upcoming June primary. "Johanna Carmona represents the best of Queens and the future of our leadership," Richards said.

**ASTORIA'S NUR THAI WAS AWARDED** best Halal food in Queens by the Queens Chamber of Commerce, Queens Post reports. "Nestled in the heart of Astoria, Nur Thai is proud to be a part of this vibrant community, and we are thrilled to be awarded first place in the inaugural Queens' Chamber 'Best Halal Restaurant' competition! This achievement is a testament to our team's exceptional quality and dedication to every dish we serve," said Sazzad Hossain, director and COO of the Amani Hospitality Group, which operates Nur Thai. "We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, including our talented chefs, skilled waitstaff and hardworking kitchen team, for their hard work and unwavering commitment to excellence. Their passion for bringing our customers authentic flavors and exceptional service truly sets us apart. We also thank our loyal guests and the supportive community for their trust and patronage. Their support has made this milestone possible."



## City's controversial housing plan begins review in Queens

Members of Queens Community Board 5 heard the proposal for the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity, a citywide plan intended to change zoning in the five boroughs.

Eagle photo by Ryan Schwach

**By Ryan Schwach**  
Queens Daily Eagle

The Adams administration officially began rolling out its controversial plan to rezone a large swath of the city, known as the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity, last week.

It began in Queens, where the Department of City Planning began its public review process for the proposal that is intended to bring "a little more housing to every neighborhood."

The Land Use Subcommittee of Queens' Community Board 5, which represents the heavily residential neighborhoods of Ridgewood, Glendale, Middle Village, Maspeth, Fresh Pond and Liberty Park, was among the first to get the city's pitch on the plan, which has

been in the works for the better part of Mayor Eric Adams' two years in office.

The meeting, held in the small Myrtle Avenue office of Community Board 5, saw community board members pepper city officials with questions about the details of the plan. At times, board members interrupted DCP's presentation and instead sought answers from a Queens urban planning consultant who has already positioned himself as a major opponent to the City of Yes proposal.

City of Yes for Housing Opportunity, the third portion of the city's rezoning plan, is intended to overhaul the city's pre-existing zoning laws, and allow for more housing to be built in every neighborhood. The plan intends to serve

as a counter to how housing is currently built: in large numbers in specific neighborhoods, like Long Island City or Flushing.

The City of Yes Housing Opportunity plan includes provisions to allow for the building of apartments above commercial spaces, the end of parking mandates and other proposals.

"City of Yes for Housing Opportunity' proposal – the most ambitious pro-housing proposal in New York City's history," Mayor Eric Adams said at a kick-off for the proposal's public review process last week.

"To address this housing crisis, we need to think bigger and act faster, and that's what our plan does," he added. "We are calling our city

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## Queens Surrogate Court race down to two

Judges Cassandra Johnson and Wendy Li will face off for the Democratic primary race for Surrogate Court judge.

Photos via campaigns

**By Jacob Kaye**  
Queens Daily Eagle

The race for the coveted spot on Queens' Surrogate Court bench is down to two.

Queens attorney Donna Furey was booted from the ballot in court on Monday, leaving the upcoming race for Queens Surrogate Court judge between current judges Cassandra Johnson and Wendy Li.

Though Furey, an Astoria-based attorney, was first ruled to be ineligible for the primary race by the city's Board of Elections, a judge on Monday confirmed the ruling, finding that she didn't have the requisite number of petition signatures to make the ballot. Furey's attorneys didn't even show up to court to argue the challenge, sources told the Eagle.

Now, Johnson and Li will face off in the Democratic Primary race for the seat in June.

With no Republican candidates vying for the seat, the race's winner will almost certainly go on to win the general election for the seat in November.

The election is arguably the most critical judicial race for the Queens County Democrat.

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# Johnson and Li to face off in race for Surrogate Court judge

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ic Party, whose preferred candidates have held the seat for decades.

Johnson, who currently serves as a judge in Queens County Supreme Court, Civil Term, has received backing from the county party, while Li, who currently sits as a jurist in Manhattan Civil Court, is running as an insurgent.

With Furey now officially off the ballot, the surrogate judge race becomes simplified – it's the county party against a well-funded challenger.

Hank Sheinkopf, a political strategist, said that Furey's forced exit from the race likely will give a boost to Johnson.

"It gives an advantage to the organization candidate," Sheinkopf said.

Johnson's campaign, which challenged Furey's petitions in court, did not respond to a request for comment on Monday.

A representative for the Queens County Democratic Party also did not respond to the Eagle's request for comment.

In a statement, Li criticized the Queens County Democratic Party-backed candidate for fighting to get Furey off the ballot – though, challenging an opponent's ballot petitions is a common practice.

"In a democratic society everyone has the right to run for public office," Li said. "The people win when they have a choice at the polls, not when candidates are prevented from presenting their cases."

Surrogate Court in New York City is often referred to as one of the last vestiges of "political patronage" in the city.

The court primarily deals with guardianships, estates and wills, which means that large amounts of money are often up for question in the court.

"It's a big deal," Sheinkopf said.

The seat is currently held by Judge Peter Kelly. The judge was elected as a Supreme Court justice last year but has been appointed to serve as acting surrogate judge, serving out the



The race for Queens Surrogate Court is arguably the most critical judicial race for the Queens County Democratic Party, whose preferred candidates have held the seat for decades. Eagle file photo by Walter Karling

final year of his 14-year term on the Surrogate Court bench.

Kelly will serve until the end of the year, when either Li or Johnson take to the bench.

The Queens County Democratic Party is hoping it's Johnson that heads to the court on Sutphin Boulevard.

Johnson's rise through the ranks of Queens' judiciary has been swift.

Supported by the Queens County Democratic Party, she was first elected to Civil Court in 2021.

In 2023, she was again selected by the Queens County Democratic Party to run on the party's line for one of several Supreme Court vacancies in the borough. She won her election, becoming the first Haitian American woman to be elected to a State Supreme Court.

A Queens native, Johnson attended St.

John's University in Queens for both her undergraduate and law degrees. After graduating, she began working as an attorney with a private firm in Brooklyn for a year before she entered the city's Human Resources Administration as a staff attorney.

She spent the intervening years as a law secretary, law clerk and briefly as a senior court attorney for the Law Department. She first was admitted to practice law in New York in 2007 after graduating from St. John's University School of Law.

Johnson also currently serves as the corresponding secretary for both the Queens County Women's Bar Association and the Macon B. Allen Black Bar Association.

Her opponent and former judicial colleague, Li, was first elected as a judge in 2018, winning a race for Manhattan's Civil Court.

Since then, she's sat in Kings County Criminal Court, Queens Civil Court and Manhattan Civil Court.

Li, who grew up in China, spent a bulk of her career working as a private attorney. Li also served as a board director and secretary of the Asian American Judges Association of New York from 2020 to 2023.

Thus far, Li has vastly outraised Johnson, bringing in over \$275,000 in campaign contributions. Johnson has raised around \$51,800, as per the latest filings with the New York State Campaign Finance Board, which were made in January. The next filing deadline isn't until the end of May.

Despite heavy restrictions on how judicial candidates can bring in money – they can't raise money themselves and they are extremely limited in how they can pitch themselves to voters – Li has done well, though a number of large donations she's received have come from outside of Queens.

She brought in a \$5,000 donation from a donor in Manhattan, and another from a donor in Staten Island. She's also brought in large sums from donors located in Long Island, Connecticut and New Jersey.

During a recent interview unrelated to this story, Li chalked up the donations coming from those outside of Queens to the universality of the Surrogate Court race.

"This is a local race in Queens," Li told the Eagle. "However, I think that the importance is greater than that. Machine politics exists everywhere."

Despite Li's financial haul, Sheinkopf said that the now two-person raise is Johnson's – and the Queens County Democratic Party's – to lose.

"It's hard to imagine how the organization loses," Sheinkopf said. "It would be a very politically damaging loss."

## Court upholds New York's ammunition background check law

By Robert Abruzzese  
Queens Daily Eagle

The U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York has denied a preliminary injunction against the state's law requiring background checks for ammunition sales.

The decision counters a challenge led by the New York State Firearms Association.

New York Attorney General Letitia James, who is representing New York State in the matter, expressed her approval of the court's decision, emphasizing the importance of stringent gun safety laws aimed at reducing gun violence.

"Our gun safety laws are meant to protect New Yorkers and help the residents of this state live free from gun violence," James said.

"Part of these common sense laws is a strong background check provision for purchasing ammunition, and this court decision will help keep that effort in place," she added. "My office will continue to fiercely defend New York's gun laws because we know that every New Yorker deserves to feel safe in their home and community."

The law in question is part of New York's Concealed Carry Improvement Act, enacted in 2022, following the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, which mandated that individuals must pass a background check when purchasing ammunition.

The lawsuit challenging this requirement was filed in September 2023 by the New York State Firearms Association and four individuals.

The court found that the plaintiffs had not demonstrated a likelihood of success on the merits, allowing the law to remain active throughout the ongoing litigation.

Challenges to the legislation have succeeded in the past.

In late 2023, a Second Circuit Court of Ap-



The U.S. District Court for the Western District in Buffalo has upheld the state's law requiring background checks for ammunition sales, a decision praised by Attorney General Letitia James as crucial for enhancing public safety and reducing gun violence.

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peals struck down a provision of the law that required concealed carry permit applicants to disclose their social media accounts.

It also struck down a portion of the law that banned possession by default on private property or in places of worship.

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# Many city marshals have been disciplined for misconduct, chief investigator testifies

By Greg B. Smith  
THE CITY

Over the last five years the city Department of Investigation has taken disciplinary action against nearly a dozen of the 28 city marshals who are responsible for collecting financial judgments and executing evictions, DOI Commissioner Jocelyn Strauber revealed Thursday.

During a hearing before the City Council's Committee on Oversight and Investigations, Strauber did not provide details of the marshals' actions but said her watchdog agency had filed disciplinary charges against 11 city marshals since 2019.

Until now the only case that's been publicly disclosed is DOI's sanctioning of a city marshal named Vadim Barbarovich, who resigned in 2020 after admitting that he'd moved to enforce financial judgments against debtors whose assets are located outside of New York City — assets that are outside the marshals' jurisdiction.

During the hearing Strauber did not name the marshals who've faced sanctions, and DOI did not immediately provide THE CITY with a list of their names. But at least one other marshal, Stephen Biegel, has been accused of doing the same thing Barbarovich did — imposing a lien to collect on a debt from a bank account located outside New York City.

Marshals are tasked with enforcing court-ordered evictions and money judgments. They are unsalaried civilians appointed by the mayor to five-year terms who are allowed to keep 5% of whatever they collect, but must turn over to city coffers 4.5% of the gross amount collected. Some marshals have collected more than \$1 million annually.

In Biegel's case, Zomongo.TV USA Inc., a Delaware-based marketing company, filed a civil suit against him in Manhattan Supreme Court on Wednesday alleging that he'd put a hold on funds in Zomongo's account in an Arizona bank that has no New York branches. Biegel moved to seize \$908,000 pertaining to a judgment for a defaulted loan and another \$45,000 in fees marshals are allowed to collect for their efforts called "poundage."



Department of Investigation Commissioner Jocelyn Strauber speaks at the Jacob Javits Federal Building, Feb. 6, 2024.  
Credit: Ben Fractenberg/THE CITY

Zomongo had obtained the loan from Capital Advance Services (CAS), one of 30 companies New York Attorney General Letitia James sued in March, labeling them a predatory lender who used misleading tactics and charged exorbitant interest of more than 600% to small businesses. Zo-

mongo's suit alleged that CAS "almost exclusively" relied on Biegel to enforce judgments against their debtors in New York.

In 2021 Zomongo asked the court to dismiss the levy imposed by Marshal Biegel and in 2022 Lillian Wan, then a Brooklyn Supreme Court jus-

tice (now an appellate division judge), declared the levy void.

In the lawsuit filed Wednesday, Zomongo's attorney, Ashlee Colonna Cohen, noted the similarity to the DOI case against Barbarovich, the marshal who resigned in 2020.

In that case, DOI examined records related to 107 levies Barbarovich claimed to have served within New York City. DOI demanded documentary proof of service and determined Barbarovich misrepresented to DOI that he'd personally served all 107.

DOI found his official records contained proof of personal service to only 15 of the levies.

Zomongo's lawsuit accused Biegel of a "brazen and intentional violation of his duties as a New York City marshal" and a "reckless disregard of statutes limiting his authority." The suit alleged that levy imposed by Biegel "led to the demise of Plaintiff's business."

Biegel did not return a request from THE CITY seeking comment on the allegations spelled out in the suit.

During Thursday's hearing, oversight committee chair Gale Brewer (D-Manhattan) pressed Strauber on DOI's oversight of the marshals, noting that she'd received complaints from the Legal Aid Society about marshals not providing tenants with proper notice of eviction two weeks before executing an eviction as required.

Strauber, who noted DOI had received 550 complaints about city marshals and initiated 30 investigations of them since 2019, noted that her agency has issued a directive to all city marshals about this requirement, and is working on setting up an internet portal where tenants and Legal Aid lawyers could get an immediate alert of a notice once it's filed.

But she acknowledged that the portal is not yet up and running.

"It's not clear to me that that portal is working the way we would like it to be," she said.

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# Third Parties Will Affect Presidential Race, But Laws Will Prevent Them From Winning

By **Barry C. Burden**  
The Conversation

Once again, the U.S. is entering a presidential campaign with some voters expressing curiosity about independent and minor-party candidates. None of those candidates has a real shot at victory in November, but they might influence the race and politics beyond the election.

There was a time about a century ago when minor-party and independent candidates were a prominent feature of the U.S. political system. While mostly limited to victories in state and local elections, they offered perspectives screened out by the Democrats and Republicans, on issues ranging from immigration to trade.

Occasionally, a promising presidential candidate will bring issues from outside the two-party system. Wealthy businessman H. Ross Perot won 19% of the popular vote in 1992 on a message opposing free trade and federal budget deficits. George Wallace's segregationist platform allowed him to win electoral votes in five southern states in 1968. Progressive Robert La Follette picked up 16% of the vote in 1924 while railing against corporate power and corruption.

As a scholar of political parties, I find these cases remarkable because the U.S. political system generally reinforces two-party dominance.

## Scaring away minor parties

A theory outlined by French scholar and jurist Maurice Duverger says that a system where a single person who gets the most votes wins office — as is the case with most prominent elections in the U.S. — will tend to foster two big parties.

The effect of what's known as "Duverger's law" often scares away minor-party supporters when the major-party race becomes competitive. Those minor-party supporters want to avoid spoiling the election by tilting it to the party they like least.

In addition, growth of the federal government has discouraged local alternatives to the two major parties that pop up in more decentralized systems. It seems that the more political discourse is focused on national political issues rather than state and local concerns, the more that state parties come to resemble their national counterparts.

## Making it hard to run

The Democrats and Republicans are not passive observers of Duverger's law. The two major parties have largely run minor-party competitors out of business in intentional ways.

First, Democratic and Republican officeholders adopt laws making it more difficult for others to run. Creation of the secret ballot around the turn of the 19th century provided one such opportunity. In nearly every state, lawmakers adopted state-created ballots and then banned ballot "fusion," a once-widespread practice that allows multiple parties to nominate the same candidate.

Fusion would allow small parties to hitch a ride on big-name candidates without their supporters being concerned about "spoiling" the election. For example, if the Libertarian Party also endorsed a Republican presidential candidate, voters inclined toward the Libertarians could vote for the candidate that both parties endorsed. This allowed voters to support their preferred parties without jeopardizing the GOP's



American millionaire and political candidate Ross Perot is seen in 1970 in Vietnam, where he was trying to get information on American prisoners of war. AP photo

chances of defeating the Democratic nominee.

Legislators also implemented "sore loser" laws over the course of the 20th century. These laws prevent candidates who fail to win primaries from running in the general election, stopping a candidate initially inside a party from then running outside the two-party structure.

While major parties guaranteed themselves lines on the ballot by making sure state laws put their parties on ballots, minor-party and independent candidates must gather signatures on petitions to compete.

Requiring more signatures tends to reduce the number of candidates who appear on the ballot. Although lawsuits brought by candidates have led to some rules around petitioning to be struck down, it remains a significant hurdle in many states.

The major parties often marginalize minor parties by co-opting minor-party concerns into their platforms. Especially when a new party or independent candidate attracts support around a neglected issue, at least one of the major parties will try to weave it into their appeals.

In the New Deal era, Democrats tacked



Ralph Nader, consumer advocate and former third-party presidential candidate, stands in front of a model of a 1960s-era Corvair at the American Museum of Tort Law in Connecticut. AP photo by Jessica Hill

in a liberal direction after being challenged by the Populist Party, which had championed policies for labor unions and farmers. After seeing Perot draw so much support for his reform proposals in 1992, Republicans corralled many of his supporters in the 1994 midterm elections by advocating for ideas Perot had advanced, such as a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution and congressional term limits.

## Nationalized politics

Current times might seem ripe for an independent or minor-party candidate for president. The public generally wants more than two choices. There is widespread dissatisfaction with the two major parties and the people they will likely nominate to run for president.

There is little doubt that the Democrats and Republicans have become highly polarized on policy issues and their political styles. It is tempting to believe that polarization of the major parties opens more opportunities for less ideological parties to compete. This would mimic the late 19th century in the U.S., when major-party polarization was high and minor parties were frequent competitors.

But polarization actually discourages flirting with a minor party because the costs of losing are greater.

The current era differs from the late 19th century because in earlier periods of U.S. history voter concerns were more parochial, media outlets were more locally oriented and parties were mostly state-based entities. That left a lot of room for third-party progressives in the upper Midwest and conservative Dixiecrats in the South to find support.

Lately, party politics has become nationalized, and national issues dominate even local politics. The homogenization of party politics across the country over the past century has led to greater similarity in a party's platforms across the states. Nearly every political issue that arises coincides with the alignment between the major parties, rather than being taken up by a splinter group in a state or region.

## Chicken and egg

There are substantial hurdles to minor-party success. On one hand, a campaign organized around a single individual such as Perot or Wallace can get hung up on the liabilities of that person, and the organization can evaporate when its leader leaves the scene.

On the other hand, a campaign organized around a larger movement or set of ideas can suffer from the lack of a compelling figure to lead it. The Green Party is reasonably well organized and often gets on the ballot, but it is missing an attention-grabbing leader. The group No Labels tried to gain ballot access for a bipartisan ticket in 2024 but failed because it could not identify compelling candidates.

Although a third party is not likely to have much electoral success anytime soon, they do enrich American politics.

The campaigns of Perot in 1992 and Ralph Nader and Pat Buchanan in 2000 increased overall voter turnout. Injecting new ideas and forcing the major parties to incorporate a wider array of interests remain the most tangible results of minor-party and independent campaigns.

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## Megan Valentine Tackles Something New

By **Andy Furman**  
Brooklyn Daily Eagle

Megan Valentine has always been ahead of the curve.

The director of athletics and recreation at St. Joseph's University, Brooklyn has been a believer to "see it – and be in it."

And she will be at it again on Saturday, May 18, when St. Joseph's University, Brooklyn hosts the very first women's Evolution Flag Football Clinic at The Hill Center, 212 Vanderbilt Ave., Brooklyn.

"Women's flag football is growing," Valentine told the Eagle last week in a phone conversation. "The numbers are exploding."

In fact, Valentine claims women's flag football is the fastest growing sport among high school and college women. "Probably, women's wrestling is right next to flag football," she said.

The daylong clinic commences at 10 a.m. with a session recommended for participants with fewer than two years of experience participating in girls' flag football, Valentine notes. The second clinic session is set for 3 p.m. with participants with more than two years of experience in flag competition.

And those clinics will serve as book-ends to a "Women in Football" panel discussion.

"I did a lot of networking and cold calling to fill our panel," Valentine says.

It shows.

Dana Sparling, executive director of the Women's Gridiron Foundation and former VP of Operations and general manager of the New York Sharks Women's tackle football team (2002-2018), as well as a receiver for the U.S. National Flag team will serve as a panelist.

Need we say more?

But dare we do.

Kandice Mitchell, a Team USA Tackle Football team member; LaTonja Lee, former athletic trainer for the New York Sharks women's pro football team; and Sarah Parady, director of on-campus recruiting and social media for Columbia University football, are also panelists.

For the participants, the clinics will provide skills and flag football drills, according to Valentine. "Our clinicians," she says, "will be a mixed group of men and women."

Joining Sparling as a clinician will be Jim Kelly, former head sprint football coach at Caldwell University; Don Sellari,



Megan Valentine, the director of athletics and recreation at St. Joseph's University, Brooklyn.  
Photo courtesy of St. Joseph's University Athletics

former safety and linebacker at Rutgers University; and Frank DeMaio, former quarterback at Caldwell University and the program's career leader in yards, completions, and touchdowns.

The growth of Women's flag football certainly goes far beyond The Hill Center at St. Joseph's University.

The NFL is even involved.

The New York Jets' support of girls' flag football began in 2011 with the Public Schools Athletic League (PSAL), becoming the first NFL club to help launch a varsity girls' flag football league.

"The Jets donated flag football belts and balls for us," Valentine said. The New York Jets will support close to 200 girls' flag football programs domestically in 2024, according to published reports and over 3,000 participants.

While St. Joseph's University may have plans to start an NCAA Division III flag football team, Valentine says the school will probably start with a club-based team at first.

Presently, there are 15 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) colleges that offer women's flag football. Four of those schools are in Florida, the rest are suited mostly in varying Midwest and Southern states, including: Kansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, Tennessee, Georgia, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Mississippi. Others are located in California.

The first NCAA school to launch a women's flag football program was Immaculata University in Pennsylvania. "The Atlantic East Conference," said Valentine, "now competes in women's flag football."

Megan Valentine is always looking for firsts. Prior to joining St. Joseph's University, she was the first woman to hold the title of director of intercollegiate athletics at SUNY Polytechnic Institute.

While serving in an athletic administrative role at SUNY Fredonia, Valentine introduced a pioneering seminar on "Engaging and Empowering Female Leaders in Intercollegiate Athletics."

And while women's flag football may be a Jenny-come-lately to the athletic scene, Megan Valentine and St. Joseph's University are ready for the challenge.

It is nothing new for her.

Evolution Girls Football Clinic will take place on Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at St. Joseph's University, The Hill Center, 212 Vanderbilt Ave. Registration will cost \$100, \$25 for the panel discussion only. Visit [sjbkathletics.com/gff-clinic](http://sjbkathletics.com/gff-clinic) to register.

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A girls' flag football game in a New York City park.

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A promo for the upcoming Evolution Girls' Flag Football Clinic at St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn.

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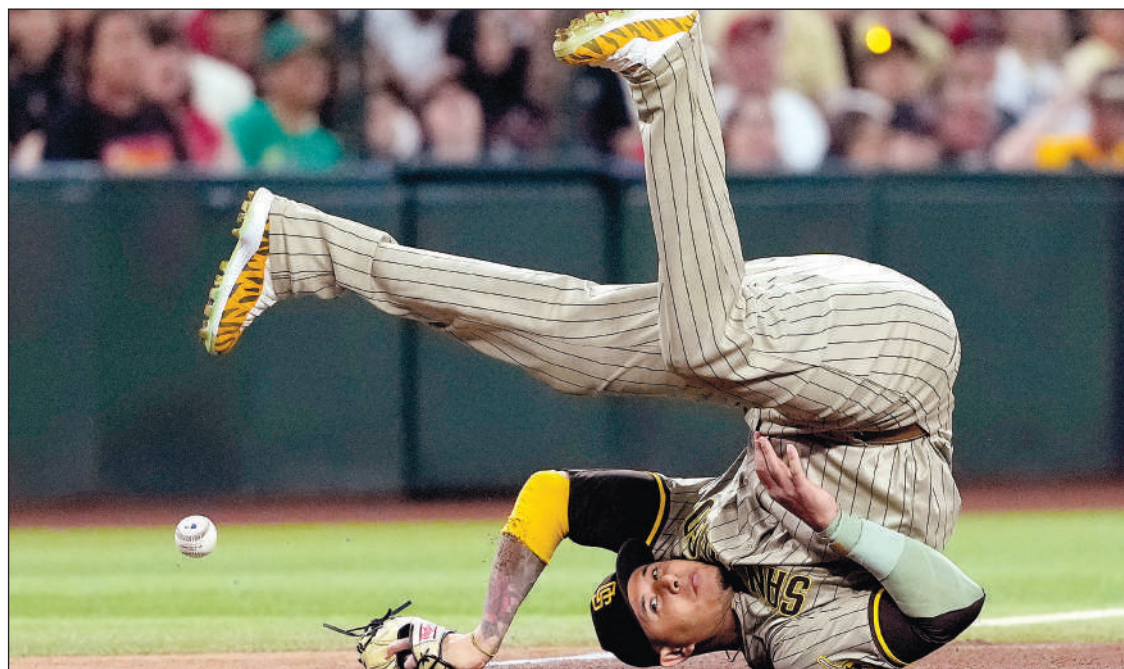
**CHINA — You won't see this in the Kentucky Derby:** An artist performs a horse-riding skill in the "Historic ode to the horses", a traditional horse riding show at the Inner Mongolia Ethnic Minorities Cultural Sports Center during a five-day holiday for international labor day in Hohhot, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Friday, May 3, 2024.

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**LOUISVILLE — Galloping in the mud, fighting for the rail:** Brian Hernandez Jr. rides Thorpedo Anna, right, to win the 150th running of the Kentucky Oaks horse race at Churchill Downs Friday, May 3, 2024, in Louisville, KY.

Photo: Abbie Parr/AP



**PHOENIX — Contortion is legal — anything to stop a grounder:** San Diego Padres' Manny Machado falls after stopping a base hit by Arizona Diamondbacks' Lourdes Gurriel Jr. during the sixth inning of a baseball game, Saturday, May 4, 2024, in Phoenix.

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**LOUISVILLE — One of many curiosities...** In addition to the unpredictable array of horses' names, the Kentucky Derby always offers an array of striking hats. Shown here, the hat of a race fan as she walks through the grounds of Churchill Downs before the 150th running of the Kentucky Derby horse race Saturday, May 4, 2024, in Louisville, KY.

Photo: Charlie Riedel/AP





# Our World In Pictures



**LAS VEGAS** — ‘If mouthguards could speak, that’s a big OUCH...’: Jaime Munguia lands a left to Canelo Alvarez in a super middleweight title fight Saturday, May 4, 2024, in Las Vegas.

Photo: John Locher/AP



**ST. PETERSBURG** — A group of cadets sing a cappella Barry Manilow’s hit “Feelings”... **NOT:** Russian Navy cadets march during a rehearsal for the Victory Day military parade at Dvortsovaya (Palace) Square in St. Petersburg, Russia, Sunday, May 5, 2024. The parade will take place at St. Petersburg’s Palace Square on May 9 to celebrate 79 years since the victory in WWII.

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**MADRID** — ‘OHHH, the humanity!’: Andrey Rublev, of Russia, reacts during a final match against Felix Auger-Aliassime, of Canada, at the Madrid Open tennis tournament in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, May 5, 2024.

Photo: Manu Fernandez/AP



**SEATTLE** — Are these guys praying, or butting, or both? Seattle Sounders FC midfielders Léo Chú, left, and Cristian Roldan, far right, try to get on the end of a corner kick against Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder Daniel Aguirre (37) and defender John Nelson during the second half of an MLS soccer match, Sunday, May 5, 2024, in Seattle.

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# Denial and uncertainty are looming over a Biden-Trump rematch 6 months out from Election Day

By Steve Peoples and Zeke Miller  
Associated Press

This North Carolina voter is nervous. Will Rikard, a 49-year-old father of two, was among several hundred Democrats who stood and cheered for Joe Biden as the first-term president delivered a fiery speech recently about the billions of dollars he has delivered to protect the state's drinking water.

But afterward, the Wilmington resident acknowledged he is worried about Biden's political standing in the looming rematch with former Republican President Donald Trump.

"There's not enough energy," Rikard said of Biden's coalition. "I think people are gonna need to wake up and get going."

Exactly six months before Election Day, Biden and Trump are locked in the first contest in 112 years with a current and former president competing for the White House. It's a race that is at once deeply entrenched and highly in flux as many voters are only just beginning to embrace the reality of the 2024 campaign.

Wars, trials, the independent candidacy of Robert Kennedy Jr. and deep divisions across America have injected extraordinary uncertainty into a race for the White House in which either man would be the oldest president ever sworn in on Inauguration Day. At the same time, policy fights over abortion, immigration and the economy are raging on Capitol Hill and in statehouses.

## Voters in denial

Hovering over it all is the disbelief of many voters, despite all evidence to the contrary, that Biden and Trump — their respective parties' presumptive nominees — will ultimately appear on the general election ballot this fall.

"I think we have an electorate that's going through the stages of grief about this election," said Sarah Longwell, who conducts regular focus groups with voters across the political spectrum as co-founder of Republican Voters Against Trump. "They've done denial — 'Not these two, can't possibly be these two.' And I think they're in depression now. I'm waiting for people to hit acceptance."

Trump is in the midst of the first of potentially four criminal trials and facing felony charges. The Constitution does not prevent him from assuming the presidency if convicted — or even if he is in prison.

Biden, who will turn 82 years old just weeks after Election Day, Nov. 5, is already the oldest president in U.S. history; Trump is 77.

Privately, Democratic operatives close to the campaign worry constantly about Biden's health and voters' dim perceptions of it. In recent weeks, aides have begun walking at Biden's side as he strolls to and from Marine One, the presidential helicopter, on the White House South Lawn in an apparent effort to help mask the president's stiff gait.

Still, neither party is making serious contingency plans. Whether voters want to believe it or not, the general election matchup is all but set.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper, a Democrat, said many voters are recovering from what he called "a knock-down, drag-out fight" that was the 2020 presidential election.

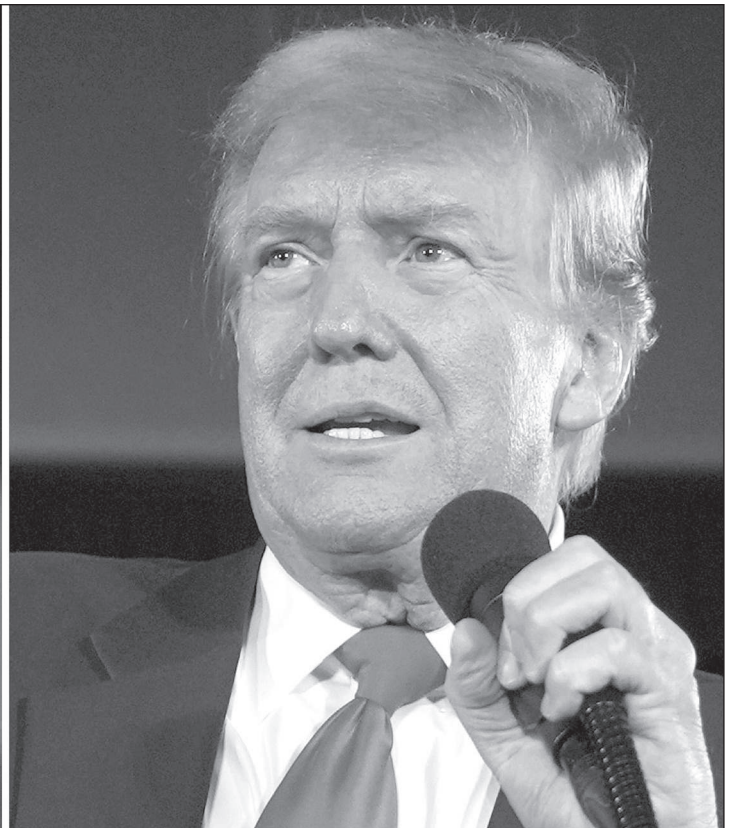
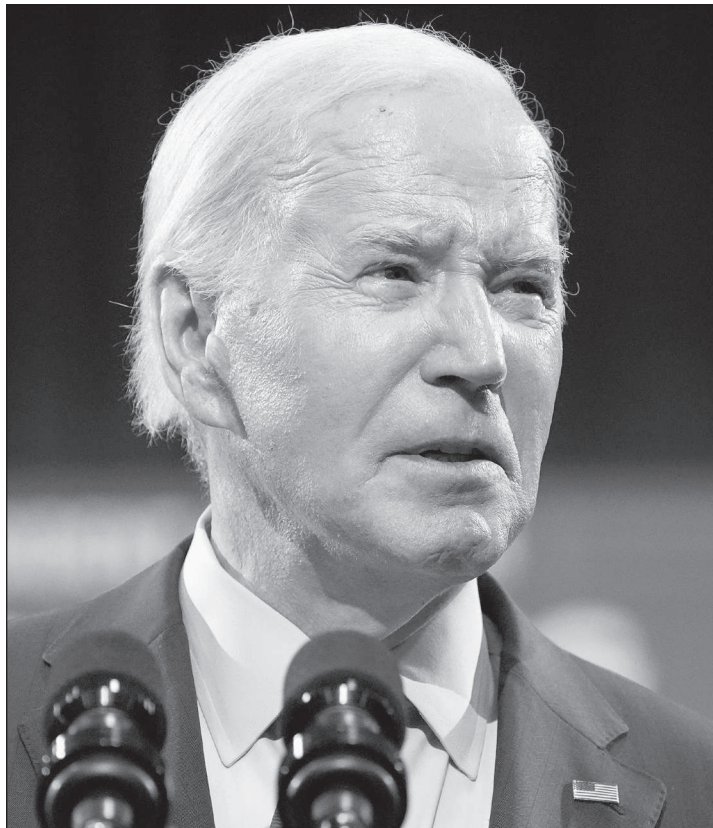
"Many of them have not wrapped their heads around the fact that it is, in fact, going to be a rematch," Cooper said in an interview. "When they do, I don't think there's any question that Joe Biden is going to win the day."

## Getting to 270 electoral votes

Even before voters begin paying close attention, the political map in the fight for the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency is already taking shape.

Biden's campaign is increasingly optimistic about North Carolina, a state he lost by just 1 percentage point in 2020. Overall, the Democratic president's reelection campaign has several hundred staff in more than 133 offices in the seven most critical states: Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Nevada, Wisconsin and North Carolina.

Trump's team has barely begun to roll out swing-state infrastructure, although he campaigned in Wisconsin and Michigan over the past week, sending a clear signal that he wants to block



In this combination photo, President Joe Biden speaks May 2, 2024, in Wilmington, N.C., left, and Republican presidential candidate former President Donald Trump speaks at a campaign rally, May 1, 2024, in Waukesha, Wis. Just six months before Election Day, Biden and Trump are locked into the first presidential rematch in 68 years that is at once deeply entrenched and highly in flux as many voters are only just beginning to embrace the reality of the 2024 presidential election. AP Photo

Biden's path to reelection via the Democrats' Midwestern "blue wall."

Trump campaign senior adviser Chris LaCivita said Trump is making plans to invest new resources in at least two other Democratic-leaning states.

At a private donor retreat in Florida on Saturday, LaCivita discussed the campaign's plans to expand its electoral map into Virginia and Minnesota, based on the Trump team's growing optimism that both states are within reach.

"We have a real opportunity to expand the map here," LaCivita told The Associated Press. "The Biden campaign has spent tens of millions of dollars on TV ads and in their 'vaunted ground game'. And they have nothing to show for it."

Biden's campaign welcomed Trump's team to spend money in Democratic states. "The Biden campaign is going to relentlessly focus on the pathway to 270 electoral votes, and that's what our efforts represent," campaign communications director Michael Tyler said.

Biden has been spending far more aggressively on election infrastructure and advertising heading into the six-month stretch toward Election Day.

In the eight weeks since Trump essentially clinched the Republican nomination, his campaign has spent virtually nothing on television advertising, according to the media tracking firm AdImpact. Outside groups aligned with Trump have spent just over \$9 million.

Over the same period, AdImpact found, Biden and his allies have spent more than \$29 million spread across Michigan, Arizona, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Trump's team has been unusually conservative, in part, to avoid the perceived mistakes of 2020, when his campaign essentially ran out of money and was forced to cut back on advertising in the election's critical final days, but also because it has struggled to reignite its appeal with small donors and because of the diversion of some dollars to the former president's legal defense.

Trump's team insists it will soon ramp up its advertising and on-the-ground infrastructure, although LaCivita refused to offer any specifics.

## Voters underwhelmed with their options

It is clear that Biden and Trump have serious work to do to improve their standing with voters.

While optimistic in public, Biden allies privately acknowledge that his approval ratings may be lower than Democrat Jimmy Carter's numbers at this point in his presidency. Trump's ratings are not much better.

Public polling consistently shows that voters don't like their 2024 options.

Only about 2 in 10 Americans say they would be excited by Biden (21%) or Trump (25%) being elected president, according to an AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll conducted in March. Only about one-quarter of voters in the survey say they would be satisfied about each.

A CNN poll conducted in April found that 53% of registered voters say they are dissatisfied with the presidential candidates they have to choose from in this year's election.

Another major wild card is Kennedy, a member of the storied political dynasty and an anti-vaccine conspiracy theorist who is running as an independent. Both major campaigns are taking him seriously as a potential spoiler, with Trump's allies notably ramping up their criticism of Kennedy in recent days.

## Biden's plan to remind voters what Trump presidency was like

For now, Biden's team is most focused on reminding voters of Trump's divisive leadership. Three years after Trump left office, there is a sense that some voters may have forgotten what it was like with the former reality television star in the Oval Office — or his efforts to overturn the 2020 election that have landed him in legal peril.

"The plan is reminding voters of what life was like with Trump and also demonstrating to voters that the ways in which the world feels uncertain to them now are not, in fact, caused by the president, but can actually be navigated by this president," Biden pollster Molly Murphy told the AP. "Voters will trust his leadership and stewardship, knowing that things can be a lot worse if it's Donald Trump."

Biden's team is also betting that fierce backlash to new restrictions on abortion, which Trump and Republicans have largely championed, will drive voters to Democrats like it did in the 2022 midterm election and 2023 state races.

But Biden's success also is dependent on the Democrat's ability to reassemble his winning coalition from 2020 at a time when enthusiasm is lagging among critical voting blocs, including Blacks, young voters and Arab Americans unhappy over the president's handling of the war in Gaza.

## Trump's plan to turn his legal woes into advantage

Trump has been forced to adapt his campaign to his first criminal trial in New York. Prosecutors allege he committed financial fraud to hide hush money payments to a porn actor,

Stormy Daniels, who says she had a sexual encounter with Trump. He denies her claim and has pleaded not guilty.

For now, Trump is forced to attend the trial most weekdays. A verdict is likely still weeks away. And after that, he faces the prospect of more trials related to his efforts to overturn the 2020 election and his handling of classified documents. The Supreme Court is weighing whether Trump should be granted immunity, or partial immunity, for the actions he took while in office.

Trump over the past week wedged in campaign stops around his court schedule, rallying voters in Wisconsin and Michigan, where the abortion debate is raging.

Trump seemed to be searching for a way to lessen the political sting from the upheaval over the Supreme Court's overturning of national abortion rights. The former president suggested the issue will ultimately bring the country together as states carve out differing laws.

"A lot of bad things will happen beyond the abortion issue if you don't win elections, with your taxes and everything else," he told Michigan voters.

Trump's camp privately maintains that his unprecedented trial in New York will dominate the news — and voters' attention — for the foreseeable future. His campaign has largely stopped trying to roll out unrelated news during the trial.

Even if Trump were to be convicted by the New York jury, his advisers insist the fundamentals of the election will not change. Trump has worked aggressively to undermine public confidence in the charges against him. Meanwhile, more traditional issues work in his favor, including stubbornly high inflation and the situation at the U.S.-Mexico border, in the view of the Trump team.

LaCivita said that such issues constantly reinforce Biden's weakness as "the news of the day keeps getting worse."

Both sides seem to agree that the dynamics of the race may yet shift dramatically based on any number of factors, from how the economy fares or the course of the wars in Gaza and Ukraine to crime or migration trends or other foreseen events. Potential candidate debates this fall could be another wild card.

Such uncertainty, said Biden's battleground states director Dan Kanninen, can play to their favor.

"That dynamic is an opportunity as much as a challenge for us," he said, "because we will have the resources, the infrastructure and the operation built to be engaging voters throughout all those difficult waters."

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, PLAINTIFF, VS. THERESA SOTO, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY ENTERED ON DECEMBER 12, 2023, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON THE OUTSIDE STEPS OF THE QUEENS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 88-11 SUTPHIN BOULEVARD, JAMAICA, NY 11435 ON JUNE 7, 2024 AT 10:45 A.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 3036 91ST STREET, EAST ELMHURST, NY 11369. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF QUEENS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 1388 AND LOT 24. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$571,426.58 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX #706294/2013. CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THE REFEREE

SHALL COMPLY WITH THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT'S COVID-19 POLICIES CONCERNING PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. THESE POLICIES, ALONG WITH THE QUEENS COUNTY FORECLOSURE'S AUCTION RULES, CAN BE FOUND ON THE QUEENS SUPREME COURT - CIVIL TERM WEBSITE. ARTHUR W. GREIG, ESQ., REFEREE KNUCKLES, KOMOSINSKI & MANFRO, LLP, 120 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, SUITE 215, TARRYTOWN, NEW YORK 10591, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

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## SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-HE3, PLAINTIFF, -AGAINST- WAVENY ALEXANDER AKA WAVENY AGATH ALEXANDER AKA WAVENY A. ALEXANDER INDIVIDUALLY, ADMINISTRATOR AND EIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, TINA ALEXANDER, SHANEZA ALEXANDER, TYRONE ALEXANDER INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, JAE ALEXANDER INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, JOHN ALEXANDER INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, DORELL ALEXANDER INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, ONEAL C. ALEXANDER INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER IF LIVING AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, GRANTEEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENOR, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTUTES, OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THE ABOVE AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTUTES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THE ABOVE AS MAY BE DEAD, AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCES ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, EGBERT B. ALEXANDER AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, TERENCE ALEXANDER AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, BRENT ALEXANDER AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER IF LIVING AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, GRANTEEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENOR, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTUTES, OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THE ABOVE AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTUTES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THE ABOVE AS MAY BE DEAD, AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCES ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, HAZEL ALEXANDER AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, MICHELLE ALEXANDER AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, TESHINA JADE ALEXANDER AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, ANTHONY ALEXANDER AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER IF LIVING AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, GRANTEEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENOR, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTUTES, OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THE ABOVE AS MAY BE DEAD, AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCES ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, EON SHANE ALEXANDER AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER, DELON ALEXANDER AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF EGBERT ALEXANDER AND EGBERT ALEXANDER'S, UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTUTES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES,

LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING UNDER, BY OR THROUGH SAID DEFENDANT WHO MAY BE DECEASED, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN., ADVERTLIGHT COLLECTIONS, INC., CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, CAVALRY SPV I LLC, LR CREDIT 10, LLC, DEFENDANTS. INDEX NO. 703843/2021 SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS PLAINTIFF DESIGNATES QUEENS COUNTY AS THE PLACE OF TRIAL. VENUE IS BASED UPON THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MORTGAGE PREMISES IS SITUATED. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ANSWER THE COMPLAINT IN THIS ACTION AND TO SERVE A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER OR, IF THE COMPLAINT IS NOT SERVED WITH THIS SUMMONS, TO SERVE A NOTICE OF APPEARANCE ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE DAY OF SERVICE (OR WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER SERVICE IS COMPLETE IF THIS SUMMONS IS NOT PERSONALLY DELIVERED TO YOU WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW YORK). IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR OR ANSWER, JUDGMENT WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU BY DEFAULT FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED ACTION IS TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE TO SECURE \$491,200.00 AND INTEREST, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF QUEENS ON JUNE 17, 2005, IN BOOK CRFN 2005000350105, COVERING PREMISES KNOWN AS 146-45 181ST STREET, SPRINGFIELD GARDENS, NY 11413. THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE WITHIN ACTION IS A FINAL JUDGMENT DIRECTING THE SALE OF THE PREMISES DESCRIBED ABOVE TO SATISFY THE DEBT SECURED BY THE MORTGAGE DESCRIBED ABOVE. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: BAY SHORE, NEW YORK APRIL 24, 2024 /S/ BY: LINDA P. MANFREDI, ESQ. FRENKEL, LAMBERT, WEISS, WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF 53 GIBSON STREET BAY SHORE, NEW YORK 11706 (631) 969-3100 OUR FILE NO.:01-065730-F00

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# Wall Street rises to add to last week's gains



Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange in New York, Wednesday, May 1, 2024. AP Photo/Seth Wenig

By Stan Choe  
Associated Press

U.S. stocks rose Monday and added to their gains from last week, as technology companies once again led the way. The S&P 500 rose 52.95, or 1%, to 5,180.74. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 176.59, or 0.5%, to 38,852.27, and the Nasdaq composite jumped 192.92, or 1.2%, to 16,349.25.

Tech stocks were at the forefront, with familiar ring-leaders Nvidia and Super Micro Computer again pulling the market higher. They've had a couple hiccups recently, but a frenzy around artificial-intelligence technology has Nvidia up 86.1% for the year so far after Monday's 3.8% gain. Super Micro is up 192.1% after its gain of 6.1%.

Vistra, an electricity and power generation company, rose 2.1% after investors learned it will join the widely tracked S&P 500 index on Wednesday. Freshpet jumped 10.4% after reporting better results than expected in large part because it sold 30% more food for cats and dogs, and Berkshire Hathaway added 1% after Warren Buffett's company reported its latest quarterly results over the weekend.

They helped to offset a 9.7% slide for Spirit Airlines, which reported a slightly worse loss than expected. The carrier said it's facing increased competition in many of its markets, particularly between the United States and Latin America.

Apple slipped 0.9% after Berkshire Hathaway revealed it had pared its stake in the tech giant.

The U.S. stock market has been swinging sharply since setting a record at the end of March. It sunk for weeks on fears that stubbornly high inflation would prevent or at least delay the Federal Reserve from delivering the cuts to interest rates that Wall Street craves.

But markets found a burst of optimism at the end of last week following a cooler-than-expected jobs report. It suggested the U.S. economy could nail the tightrope walk of staying strong enough to

avoid a bad recession, but not so firm that it puts too much upward pressure on inflation.

Goldman Sachs economist David Mericle said he still expects two cuts to rates this year, in July and November, after Fed Chair Jerome Powell "pushed back strongly against the possibility of further rate hikes" at his press conference last week.

This upcoming week won't include such highly anticipated events as last week's Fed meeting or monthly jobs report. The bulk of companies in the S&P 500 have also already reported their results for the first three months of the year, with more than three-quarters of them topping profit expectations, according to FactSet.

But several more big names are still on the way this week, including The Walt Disney Co. and Uber Technologies.

In the bond market, which has been dictating much of the action in the stock market recently, Treasury yields held mostly steady.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury edged down to 4.49%, from 4.50% late Friday. The two-year Treasury yield, which more closely tracks expectations for the Fed, was also relatively little changed.

Traders are betting on a nearly 89% chance that the Fed will cut its main interest rate at least once before the end of the year, according to data from CME Group. That's up from from an 81.6% probability seen a week earlier. Lower rates would help ease the pressure on the economy and financial system.

In stock markets abroad, several exchanges were closed for holidays. Indexes rose relatively modestly in France and Hong Kong. They jumped 1% in Germany and 1.2% in Shanghai.

Corporate profit reports have been better than expected not just in the United States but also in Europe and Japan, according to strategists at Deutsche Bank. Global earnings growth is on track for a second straight quarter of growth following four consecutive declines.

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# 2ND DEPARTMENT / PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICES

## SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS NYCL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, PLAINTIFFS, -AGAINST- DAVID SINGH, IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, HIS/HER REPRESENTATIVE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING UNDER, BY OR THROUGH SAID DEFENDANTS WHO MAY BE DECEASED, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE AMENDED COMPLAINT HEREIN, DAVID PERSAUD, QUEENS SUPREME COURT, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, CITY OF NEW YORK PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & FINANCE, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "JOHN DOE NO. 1" THROUGH "JOHN DOE NO. 100" INCLUSIVE, THE NAMES OF THE LAST 100 DEFENDANTS BEING UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, IT BEING INTENDED TO DESIGNATE FEE OWNERS, TENANTS OR OCCUPANTS OF THE TAX LIEN PREMISES AND/OR PERSONS OR PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN OR A LIEN UPON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, IF THE AFORESAID INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS ARE LIVING, AND IF ANY OR ALL OF SAID INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS BE DEAD, THEIR HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, AND THE ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THEM, AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING UNDER, BY, THROUGH, OR AGAINST THE SAID DEFENDANTS NAMED AS A CLASS, OF ANY RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, DEFENDANTS.

INDEX NO. 716000/2019  
DATE OF FILING: 3/27/2024  
PLAINTIFF DESIGNATES QUEENS COUNTY AS THE PLACE OF TRIAL. VENUE IS BASED UPON COUNTY IN WHICH PREMISES ARE SITUATED. SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS TAX LIEN FORECLOSURE BLOCK: 11859; LOT: 47 A/K/A 135-24 126 STREET TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ANSWER THE COMPLAINT IN THIS ACTION AND TO SERVE A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER, OR, IF THE COMPLAINT IS NOT SERVED WITH THIS SUMMONS, TO SERVE A NOTICE OF APPEARANCE, ON THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY(S) WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER THE SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE DAY OF SERVICE (OR WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE SERVICE IS COMPLETE IF THIS SUMMONS IS NOT PERSONALLY DELIVERED TO YOU WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW YORK); AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR OR ANSWER, JUDGMENT WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU BY DEFAULT FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT OF THE ABOVE ENTITLED ACTION IS TO FORECLOSE THE FOLLOWING TAX LIENS: A TAX LIEN IN THE ORIGINAL TAX LIEN PRINCIPAL BALANCE OF \$29,548.09 WITH INTEREST AS DESCRIBED IN A CERTAIN TAX LIEN CERTIFICATE DATED AUGUST 15, 2013 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY REGISTER FOR THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, COUNTY OF QUEENS, ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2013 IN CITY REGISTER FILE NUMBER ("CRFN") 2013000371680, WHICH

WAS ASSIGNED BY TAX LIEN CERTIFICATE ASSIGNMENT DATED MAY 31, 2015 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY REGISTER FOR THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, COUNTY OF QUEENS, ON JUNE 17, 2015 IN CRFN 2015000207551 (THE "2013 TAX LIEN"); A TAX LIEN IN THE ORIGINAL TAX LIEN PRINCIPAL BALANCE OF \$2,509.58 WITH INTEREST AS DESCRIBED IN A CERTAIN TAX LIEN CERTIFICATE DATED AUGUST 13, 2014 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY REGISTER FOR THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, COUNTY OF QUEENS, ON AUGUST 20, 2014 IN CRFN 2014000278035, WHICH WAS ASSIGNED BY TAX LIEN CERTIFICATE ASSIGNMENT DATED APRIL 30, 2016 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY REGISTER FOR THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, COUNTY OF QUEENS, ON MAY 11, 2016 IN CRFN 2016000162669 (THE "2014 TAX LIEN"); AND A TAX LIEN IN THE ORIGINAL TAX LIEN PRINCIPAL BALANCE OF \$22,321.89 WITH INTEREST AS DESCRIBED IN A CERTAIN TAX LIEN CERTIFICATE DATED AUGUST 12, 2015 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY REGISTER FOR THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, COUNTY OF QUEENS, ON AUGUST 25, 2015 IN CRFN 2015000295054, WHICH WAS ASSIGNED BY TAX LIEN CERTIFICATE ASSIGNMENT DATED DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY REGISTER FOR THE BOROUGH OF QUEENS, COUNTY OF QUEENS, ON JANUARY 23, 2018 IN CRFN 2018000025608 (THE "2015 TAX LIEN") UPON THE PREMISES DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ADDRESS: 135-24 126 STREET BLOCK: 11859 LOT: 47 COUNTY: QUEENS THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE WITHIN ACTION IS A FINAL JUDGMENT DIRECTING THE SALE OF THE PREMISES DESCRIBED ABOVE TO SATISFY THE DEBT SECURED BY THE TAX LIENS DESCRIBED ABOVE. PLAINTIFF DESIGNATES QUEENS COUNTY

AS THE PLACE OF TRIAL. VENUE IS BASED UPON THE COUNTY WHERE THE PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED UPON IS LOCATED. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO THE PLAINTIFF WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: NEW YORK, NEW YORK MARCH 27, 2024 THE LAW OFFICE OF THOMAS P. MALONE, PLLC BY: THOMAS P. MALONE, ESQ. ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS 60 EAST 42ND STREET, SUITE 553 NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10165 PH: (212) 867-0500 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: THE FOREGOING SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS IS SERVED UPON YOU BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF THE COURT DATED MARCH 12, 2024 AND FILED ALONG WITH THE SUPPORTING PAPERS IN THE QUEENS COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

#217078  
**SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE**  
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS INDEX NO. 709075/2014 DATE FILED: 4/19/2024 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WILMINGTON TRUST

COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASSALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR LEHMAN XS TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, PLAINTIFF, -AGAINST- KEVIN CANTY; AMBER TAMM CANTY; K.C.; K.C.: 'ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE JESSICA MERA A/K/A JESSICA CANTY, IF THEY BE LIVING OR IF THEY BE DEAD, THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF; NOMURA CREDIT CAPITAL; CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; CITY OF NEW YORK PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; CITY OF NEW YORK TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; RICHARD BOWEN; JAHDON HART; MARIE BELLANTON, DEFENDANTS. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 97-44 104TH STREET, OZONE PARK, NY 11416 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ANSWER THE COMPLAINT IN THIS ACTION AND TO SERVE A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER, OR A NOTICE OF APPEARANCE ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE DAY OF SERVICE. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IF DESIGNATED AS A DEFENDANT IN THIS ACTION, MAY APPEAR WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS OF SERVICE HEREOF. IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR OR ANSWER, JUDGMENT WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU BY DEFAULT FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: THE FOREGOING SUMMONS IS SERVED UPON YOU BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF THE HON. LUMARIE MALDONADO-CRUZ, A JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, QUEENS COUNTY, ENTERED APR. 18, 2024 AND FILED WITH THE COMPLAINT AND OTHER PAPERS IN THE

QUEENS COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED ACTION IS TO FORECLOSE A CONSOLIDATION AND/OR MODIFIED MORTGAGE (HEREINAFTER "THE MORTGAGE") TO SECURE \$340,000.00 AND INTEREST, RECORDED IN THE QUEENS COUNTY OFFICE OF THE CITY REGISTER ON OCTOBER 13, 2006, IN CRFN 2006000573994 COVERING PREMISES KNOWN AS 97-44 104TH STREET, OZONE PARK, NY 11416 A/K/A BLOCK 4885, LOT 68. THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE WITHIN ACTION IS A FINAL JUDGMENT DIRECTING THE SALE OF THE PREMISES DESCRIBED ABOVE TO SATISFY THE DEBT SECURED BY THE MORTGAGE DESCRIBED ABOVE. PLAINTIFF DESIGNATES QUEENS COUNTY AS THE PLACE OF TRIAL. VENUE IS BASED UPON THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MORTGAGED PREMISES IS SITUATED. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: APRIL 3, 2017 STEVEN M. PALMER, ESQ. ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY SHAPIRO, DICARO & BARAK, LLC ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF 175 MILE CROSSING BOULEVARD ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14624 (585) 247-9000 FAX: (585) 247-7380 OUR FILE NO. 14-037928

# 2ND DEPARTMENT / New Business Formations

**JJ42E LLC**  
JJ42E LLC ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH SSNY ON 3/28/2024. OFF. LOC.: QUEENS CO. SSNY DESIG. AS AGT. UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: THE LLC, 133-10 39TH AVE, FLUSHING, NY 11354. GENERAL PURPOSES.  
#216958

**RENARI AM LLC**  
RENARI AM LLC, ART. OF ORG. FILED WITH SSNY 12/26/2017. OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT FOR PROCESS. SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS TO: C/O ROBINSON BROG LEINWAND GREENE GENOVESE & GLUCK, P.C., ATTN: CHARLES MCKEEN, ESQ., 875 3RD AVE., 9TH FL., NY, NY 10022. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACT OR ACTIVITY.  
#216582

**RENARI NM LLC**  
RENARI NM LLC, ART. OF ORG. FILED WITH SSNY 12/26/2017. OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT FOR PROCESS. SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS TO: C/O ROBINSON BROG LEINWAND GREENE GENOVESE & GLUCK, P.C., ATTN: CHARLES MCKEEN, ESQ., 875 3RD AVE., 9TH FL., NY, NY 10022. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACT OR ACTIVITY.  
#216583

**ROOTED PSYCHOTHERAPY, MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PLLC**  
ROOTED PSYCHOTHERAPY, MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PLLC FILED ARTS. OF ORG. WITH THE SECT'Y OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 3/18/2024. OFFICE: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED AND SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: C/O THE PLLC, 675 136TH ST, APT A, FLUSHING, NY 11367. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACT.  
#216821

**ASF INTERNATIONAL LLC**  
ASF INTERNATIONAL LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH THE SSNY ON 03/07/24. OFFICE: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC, C/O KHANDKER AHNAF ABRAR, 169-24 HILLSIDE AVENUE, FL2 SUITE 3, JAMAICA, NY 11432. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.  
#217094

**JACKSON AVENUE BAGELS LLC**  
NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF JACKSON AVENUE BAGELS LLC APPL. FOR AUTH. FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 04/08/24. OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. LLC FORMED IN DELAWARE (DE) ON 04/04/24. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO C/O CORPORATION SERVICE CO., 80 STATE ST., ALBANY, NY 12207-2543. DE ADDR. OF LLC: 251 LITTLE FALLS DR., WILMINGTON, DE 19808. CERT. OF FORM. FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE, DIV. OF CORPS., JOHN G. TOWNSEND BLDG., 401 FEDERAL ST. - STE. 4, DOVER, DE 19901. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.  
#217111

**AGGELIS PROPERTY MGT LLC**  
AGGELIS PROPERTY MGT LLC ARTICLES OF ORG. FILED NY SEC. OF STATE (SSNY) 4/25/24. OFFICE IN QUEENS CO. SSNY DESIGN. AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC 15205 11TH AVE WHITESTONE NY 11357. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.  
#217263

**D&C SBA LLC**  
NOTICE OF FORMATION: D&C SBA LLC, ART. OF ORG. FILED WITH SEC. OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 04/03/2024. OFFICE LOC.: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL THE PROCESS TO: 20935 NORTHERN BLVD, UNIT 209, BAYSIDE, NY, 11361, USA. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.  
#217416

**11106 METAMARTIAL LLC**  
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: METAMARTIAL LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 4/5/2024. NY OFFICE LOCATION: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS XSAVIER DANIELS 31-62 33RD STREET, ASTORIA, NY, 11106. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.  
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# Trump fined \$1,000 for gag order violation in hush money case as ex-employee recounts reimbursements



Former President Donald Trump attends his trial at the Manhattan Criminal court, Monday, May 6, 2024, in New York.

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By Michael R. Sisak, Jennifer Peltz, Eric Tucker and Jake Offenhartz  
Associated Press

The judge in Donald Trump's hush money trial fined him \$1,000 on Monday and, in his sternest warning yet, told the former president that future gag order violations could send him to jail. The reprimand opened a revelatory day of testimony, as jurors for the first time heard the details of the financial transactions at the center of the case and saw payment checks bearing Trump's signature.

The testimony from former Trump Organization controller Jeffrey McConney provided a mechanical but vital recitation of how the company reimbursed payments that were allegedly meant to suppress embarrassing stories from surfacing during Trump's 2016 presidential campaign and then logged them as legal expenses in a manner that Manhattan prosecutors say broke the law.

McConney's appearance on the witness stand came as the first criminal trial of a former U.S. president entered its third week of testimony. His account lacked the human drama offered Friday by longtime Trump aide Hope Hicks, but it nonetheless yielded an important building block for prosecutors trying to pull back the curtain on what they say was a corporate records cover-up of transactions designed to protect Trump's presidential bid during a pivotal stretch of the race.

At the center of the testimony, and the case itself, is a \$130,000 payment Trump's then-lawyer and fixer Michael Cohen made to porn actor Stormy Daniels in October 2016 to stifle her claims of an extramarital sexual encounter with Trump a decade earlier.

The 34 felony counts of falsifying business records accuse Trump of labeling the money paid to Cohen in his company's records as legal fees. Prosecutors contend that by paying him income and giving him extra to account for taxes in monthly installments for a year, the Trump executives were able to conceal the reimbursement.

McConney and another witness testified that all but two of the monthly checks were drawn from Trump's personal account. Yet even

as jurors saw the checks and other documentary evidence, prosecutors did not elicit testimony Monday showing that Trump himself dictated that the payments would be logged as legal expenses — a designation that prosecutors contend was intentionally deceptive.

McConney acknowledged during cross-examination that Trump never asked him to log the reimbursements as legal expenses and never discussed the matter with him at all. Another witness, Deborah Tarasoff, a Trump Organization accounts payable supervisor, said under questioning that she did not get permission to cut the checks in question from Trump himself.

"You never had any reason to believe that President Trump was hiding anything or anything like that?" Trump attorney Todd Blanche asked.

"Correct," Tarasoff replied.

The testimony followed Judge Juan M. Merchan's sober warning to Trump that additional violations of a gag order barring inflammatory out-of-court comments about witnesses, jurors and others closely connected to the case could land the former president behind bars.

The \$1,000 fine imposed Monday marks the second time since the trial began last month that Trump has been sanctioned for violating the gag order. He was fined \$9,000 last week — \$1,000 for each of nine violations.

"It appears that the \$1,000 fines are not serving as a deterrent. Therefore going forward, this court will have to consider a jail sanction," Merchan said before jurors were brought into the courtroom. Trump's statements, the judge added, "threaten to interfere with the fair administration of justice and constitute a direct attack on the rule of law. I cannot allow that to continue."

Trump sat forward in his seat, glowering at the judge as he handed down the ruling. When the judge finished speaking, Trump shook his head twice and crossed his arms.

Yet even as Merchan warned of jail time in his most pointed and direct admonition, he also made clear his reservations about a step that he described as a "last resort" and said he would only do so if prosecutors recommended it.

"The last thing I want to do is put you in jail," Merchan said. "You are the former president of the United States and possibly the next president, as well. There are many reasons why incarceration is truly a last resort for me. To take that step would be disruptive to these proceedings, which I imagine you want to end as quickly as possible."

The latest violation stems from an April 22 interview with television channel Real America's Voice in which Trump criticized the speed at which the jury was picked and claimed, without evidence, that it was stacked with Democrats.

Once testimony resumed, McConney recounted conversations with longtime Trump Organization finance chief Allen Weisselberg in January 2017 about reimbursing Cohen for a \$130,000 payment intended to buy Daniels' silence over her account of a sexual encounter at a 2006 celebrity golf outing in Lake Tahoe, California.

Weisselberg "said we had to get some money to Michael, we had to reimburse Michael. He tossed a pad toward me, and I started taking notes on what he said," McConney testified. "That's how I found out about it."

"He kind of threw the pad at me and said, 'Take this down,'" said McConney, who worked for Trump's company for about 36 years, retiring last year after he was granted immunity to testify for the prosecution at the Trump Organization's New York criminal tax fraud trial.

A bank statement displayed in court showed Cohen paying \$130,000 to Keith Davidson, Daniels' lawyer, on Oct. 27, 2016, out of an account for an entity Cohen created for the purpose.

Weisselberg's handwritten notes spell out a plan to pay Cohen \$420,000, which included a base reimbursement that was then doubled to reflect anticipated taxes as well as a \$60,000 bonus and an expense that prosecutors have described as a technology contract.

McConney's own notes, taken on the notepad he said Weisselberg threw at him, were also shown in court. After calculations that laid out that Cohen would get \$35,000 a month for 12 months, McConney wrote: "wire monthly from DJT."

Asked what that meant, McConney said: "That was out of the president's personal bank account."

McConney testified that he had instructed Tarasoff to record the reimbursements to Cohen as a legal expense, reasoning that "we were paying a lawyer so I said to post it to legal expenses in the general ledger."

McConney suggested it was his idea alone to log the payments that way, acknowledging under cross-examination that Trump never directed him to log Cohen's payments as legal expenses, nor did Weisselberg relay to him that Trump wanted them logged that way.

"Allen never told me that," McConney testified. In fact, McConney said he never spoke to Trump about the reimbursement issue at all. Regardless, Trump lawyer Emil Bove suggested, the "legal expense" label made sense — and was not duplicitous — because Cohen was a lawyer at the time.

"OK," McConney responded, prompting laughter throughout the courtroom. "Sure. Yes."

After paying the first two checks to Cohen through a trust, the remainder of the checks, beginning in April 2017, were paid from Trump's personal account, McConney testified.

With Trump, the only signatory to that account, now in the White House, the change in funding source necessitated "a whole new process for us," McConney added.

Tarasoff, the other witness who testified Monday, said that once Trump became president, checks written from his personal account had to first be delivered, via FedEx, "to the White House for him to sign."

The checks would then return with Trump's Sharpie signature. "I'd pull them apart, mail out the check and file the backup," she said, meaning putting the invoice into the Trump Organization's filing system.

Prosecutors are continuing to build toward their star witness, Cohen, who pleaded guilty to federal charges related to the hush money payments, went to prison and has been disbarred. He is expected to undergo a bruising cross-examination from defense lawyers seeking to undermine his credibility with jurors.

# College campus unrest has some NYC high schoolers rethinking their next steps

By Michael Elsen-Rooney  
Chalkbeat

As tensions reached a boiling point on college campuses in recent days over pro-Palestinian student protests and encampments, many New York City high schoolers were watching closely.

For juniors and seniors weighing their college plans, the events are offering critical information about the cultures of the campuses they may soon be joining — and in some cases swaying their decisions.

And some have been directly affected by the fallout from the protests and overwhelming police response at City College of New York and Columbia University.

The High School for Math, Science, and Engineering, known as HSMSE, is located on the Harlem campus of the City College of New York, steps away from a student-led tent encampment that NYPD officers raided late Tuesday night, sparking violent clashes with protesters and leading to nearly 200 arrests.

As the tumult arrived at their doorstep, the high school canceled in-person classes Wednesday, following the lead of City College.

“I think the way a college reacts to such a big issue like the protests right now can be kind of indicative of the way they react in the future,” said Gabriela Picazo, an 18-year-old senior at HSMSE, who plans to attend Brown University next year, one of the few colleges that reached a deal with protesters to end its tent encampment.

Students at HSMSE said the pivot to remote classes Wednesday posed some challenges, particularly for last-minute preparation for Advanced Placement exams that start this week. But they understood the decision was meant to keep them safe.

“It’s kind of dystopian seeing this area that’s supposed to be a safe space where we go eat and relax being flooded with cop cars and all the hostility there,” said one senior at the school, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to share his opinion on the situation freely.

Students were expected to return to in-person classes Thursday, but were told not to enter the campus quadrangle during the school day, according to a notice from the school’s principal obtained by Chalkbeat.

New York City’s public school system has seen its own controversial student protests, including a raucous demonstration at Hillcrest High School over a teacher posting a photo holding an “I Stand With Israel” sign, and a citywide walkout in support of a ceasefire in the Gaza Strip.

## Protests and backlash prompt reflection on college plans

The protests on campuses across the country, as well as the response from administrators and law enforcement at colleges, have been top of mind for New York City high schoolers preparing to enroll in college. Many have been particularly gripped by the response at Columbia and City College, prompting some Jewish and Muslim students, as well as other applicants, to reconsider their options.

Hawa Fisiru, a senior at The Laboratory School of Finance and Technology in the Bronx, plans to attend Columbia this fall. The university’s history of student activism was a selling point: Fisiru participated in Black Lives Matter protests in 2020 and helped collect food for residents affected by a Bronx apartment building fire that killed 17 people in 2022.

Fisiru decided to enroll before pro-Palestinian student protestors launched an encampment, but said she’s “glad to be part of a student body that is, you know, really doing things.”

Despite the upheaval there, Fisiru is not having second thoughts about committing to Columbia. She received a full scholarship, and remaining in the city will allow her to stay close to family.

Still, Columbia’s response has left her concerned about what the mood on campus will be when she arrives this fall.

“I would have loved to, like, you know, have a calm freshman year, but I can’t help what’s going on, and I support what the students are doing,” she said. “I feel like they’re fighting for humanity and for what is right.”

But Safa Al-Omari, who is also a senior at The Laboratory School of Finance and Technol-



Police look on during pro-Palestine demonstrations at The City College Of New York as the NYPD cracks down on protest camps at both Columbia University and City College on April 30, 2024. High school students considering their post-graduation plans are watching the protests closely.

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ogy, is still deciding where to attend college. She has been leaning toward attending City College, though she’s also considering Hunter College.

Al-Omari, who was born in Yemen and came to the United States in 2016, said she wants to do more research about City College’s response to pro-Palestinian protesters before making a final decision.

“Being Middle Eastern, I have a lot of feelings about what’s going on,” Al-Omari said. “I would not want to go to a college that is arresting students based on them speaking for people who are suffering.”

Meanwhile, a Jewish family told CNN they opted against Barnard College, which is affiliat-

ed with Columbia, even though it had been their child’s first choice.

Bronx senior Kennedy Betances is also trying to decide between City College, which offered a generous financial aid package, and Fordham University, which she feels might be a better fit, since she hopes to become an environmental engineer.

She wants to learn more about the reaction to student protesters on each campus before making a decision.

“I can also see myself involved in activism on campus, and I wouldn’t want the institution that I committed to, that I’ve worked at, that I’m taking out student loans for, to just like, essentially

turn their back on me, and leave me in the dust,” Betances said.

Picazo, the HSMSE senior planning to attend Brown University next year, was disheartened by news that dozens of student protesters were arrested last December at the university. But she was encouraged to learn that Brown struck a deal this week with student protesters to end a recent encampment without police involvement.

“It does kind of reassure me about the community that I’m going to join in the future,” she said.

Her classmate, 17-year-old senior Orlena Fella, said being so close to the City College protests has made her realize she wants to be around some of that same political activism when she’s in college.

“I started to realize that I do hold some value in just having that space for discourse and having students that do take a side or share out their perspective and feel comfortable doing so,” she said.

For some high school juniors getting ready to apply to college next year, watching sharp backlash to pro-Palestinian student protestors at some colleges could also raise uncomfortable questions about how they should approach their own college applications.

One Brooklyn high school junior, who spoke on the condition of anonymity so as not to jeopardize her college applications, said she’s involved with the Palestine Club at her high school, but is wary of including that on her resume because she fears it will hurt her application.

“Everyone I’ve spoken to said to not because colleges may ‘throw my application out the window,’” she said.

The tumult on college campuses comes as the city school system faces its own ongoing questions about its handling of student protests and antisemitism.

Schools Chancellor David Banks is slated to testify next week before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce — the same Republican-led committee that recently grilled Columbia President Minouche Shafik on her response to campus protests.

In recent days, Banks has touted a number of efforts to address bias and educate students about the conflict, including an anti-hate crime curriculum, initiatives to teach Jewish and Muslim history, and a review of the discipline code with city principals.

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Seniors at The Laboratory School of Finance and Technology in the Bronx (left to right): Kennedy Betances, Safa Al-Omari, and Hawa Fisiru.

Image courtesy of David Fulco

# City of Yes housing plan comes before Queens board

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councilmembers to listen to New Yorkers in need of more affordable housing and say 'yes' to the 'City of Yes for Housing Opportunity.'"

Before it can be implemented, City of Yes needs to go through the normal city review process, first passing through the beginning form of self governance the state has to offer – local community boards, whose opinions on the plan are taken in an advisory capacity.

However, if the first phase of the platform is any indication, the mayor won't be getting a city's worth of yeses ahead of the project's implementation.

While supported by many housing advocates, City of Yes has received heavy opposition from residential communities in the outer boroughs, who worry the increase in housing will negatively change the fabric of their neighborhoods.

The first phase of the platform – City of Yes for Economic Opportunities – was approved by less than half of the city's 59 community boards.

Monday's meeting, where the eight members of the Land Use Committee, including committee Chair Walter Sanchez and District Manager Gary Giordano, heard out the proposal from two DCP employees, Derek Jasmin and Matthew Mbamelu, could be a taste of what is to come for the housing portion of the plan.

Also present was Paul Graziano, a career urban planner and perennial City Council candidate. Graziano, who lives far outside of CB5, has positioned himself as a premier opponent to City of Yes, and has been retained by the Queens Civic Congress and other organizations to do analysis on the massive zoning proposal.

Graziano has spent the last several months on a barnstorming tour around community boards, arguing that City of Yes will essentially destroy neighborhoods in Queens.

In a phone conversation with the Eagle on Thursday, Graziano likened City of Yes to a nuclear bomb going off, and called it "apocalyptic."

At the meeting itself, DCP's Jasmin and Mbamelu, did their best to try and dispel that notion, and garner support from the Western Queens board members.

"City of Yes for Housing Opportunity is a citywide plan that will encourage incremental housing growth over a wide geography," Jasmin said as part of the presentation.

"Our housing demand is greater than our housing supply," he said, highlighting a 1.4 per-



Community Board 5 members were already skeptical of the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity plan, and made their thoughts known to City Planning employees last week during a committee meeting.  
Eagle photo by Ryan Schwach

cent housing vacancy rate, which is 0.88 percent in Queens.

DCP also pointed to the Big Apple's growing population. Graziano however was quick to point out the dip in population following the pandemic, but statistics show that rate has steadily rebounded since.

However, it showed members' of the board's seemingly pre-existing distrust of the DCP employees, and trust in Graziano, who they have retained in other capacities.

"Paul Graziano is shaking his head, what's the answer?" board member Paul Kerzner asked Graziano at one point during the meeting.

Committee chair and newspaper publisher Sanchez tried to reign the meeting back into listening to the proposal, at that point.

Questions from members of the board continued, specifically on the "transit-oriented development" piece of the proposal – which will allow more three-to-five story apartment build-

ings on wide streets and corners within half a mile of the subway. They also had a number of questions about an accessory dwelling unit proposal, which would allow for more backyard cottages, garage conversions and basement apartments, which city officials say will allow homeowners to earn rental income and while also providing more housing.

Board members said that they were worried that ADUs would be built too tiny for comfortable living, despite DCP's insistence that other regulations would stop units from being too small.

Another major sticking point for the board was the aspect of City of Yes that would eliminate parking mandates for new buildings, a proposal which will more than likely be protested by Queens neighborhoods without a lot of transit access.

The point of eliminating the mandate would allow the space where parking spots would be

to be used for more apartments. However, Graziano questioned why a developer couldn't just not build more and pocket the extra cash made from not building the parking.

"When you have more supply, and it somewhat matches the demand, naturally, the price is lower," said Mbamelu, arguing that building more units will be financially beneficial to developers.

After the full presentation was given, board members, particularly Sanchez, implored DCP to take their thoughts into consideration.

"More discussion, as opposed to everybody saying, 'No,'" he said.

Ultimately, the committee decided not to give a recommendation at the meeting, and will bring their thoughts to the whole board.

Throughout May, other Queens community board members will hear the proposal before giving their recommendation.

Regardless, the plan is scheduled to go to a City Planning vote in September.

# Body-worn cameras pulled from Rikers after one catches fire, injuring captain

By Jacob Kaye  
Queens Daily Eagle

The city's Department of Correction pulled all of its 3,480 body-worn cameras off of every officer after one caught ablaze on Friday, injuring a captain.

According to the DOC, a captain working at the George R. Vierno Center on Rikers Island was hurt when her body-worn camera caught fire without warning.

The captain was rushed to Mount Sinai Hospital after suffering burns and smoke inhalation.

In response to the dangerous camera, the DOC pulled all of its body-worn cameras off its uniformed staff members until an investigation into the incident is completed.

The troubled jail complex where over two dozen people have died in the past two years is expected to be body-worn camera-free for at least a week or two.

"Our thoughts are with our captain who was injured in this incident," DOC Commissioner Lynelle Maginley-Liddie said in a statement.

"The safety of our staff is paramount, which is why I am removing all body-worn cameras from service out of an abundance of caution while we investigate how and why this incident

occurred," she added.

Friday's incident was the first of its kind for the DOC, which first rolled out body-worn cameras for all of its uniformed staff in 2015. However, similar incidents have happened twice to NYPD officers.

The current DOC cameras are manufactured by Reveal Media.

The pulling of the cameras comes as the DOC's management of Rikers Island remains under heavy scrutiny.

Advocates and lawmakers have in the past advocated for the expanded use of the body-worn cameras around a number of specific issues, including the DOC's difficulties in producing detainees to their court appearances and medical appointments.

According to a DOC spokesperson, there are 12,400 security cameras positioned throughout Rikers' facility which remain in operation and run 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Officers are also still able to use handheld cameras to monitor incidents in the jail complex.

The DOC spokesperson said that the agency had alerted the federal monitor appointed by a federal judge to oversee conditions in the jail of their decision to remove the cameras.



The Department of Correction pulled all of its over 3,000 body-worn cameras, similar to the ones pictured here, after one caught fire and injured a captain.  
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