



# NEWS FROM THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW ROCHELLE **SEPTEMBER 2019**

## **WHAT WE DO**

The League registers voters and disseminates information about voting, to help make this basic right of citizenship a reality for every citizen. We provide information on community issues through our monthly *Coffee & Conversation* speakers and through interviews on our cable program, *City People and Issues*. We organize events to introduce candidates for state and local office, and encourage voters to submit questions for debate. Young people are introduced to political careers through our state and county League programs, including *Students in Albany*.

## **Bring your thoughts and prayers here.**



## **LWVNR Sponsors Lecture, "Seeds of Failure: Courts, Congress, the Constitution & Voting Rights"**

The first Edith Corbin Memorial Lecture, sponsored by the LWV of New Rochelle, will take place on Tuesday, September 17th, at 7 PM in the Ryan Library auditorium at Iona College, 715 North Avenue. The speaker will be Dr. Jeanne Zaino, (right) a member of the Political Science and International Studies faculty at Iona College.

Dr. Zaino, a widely sought after speaker at universities, non-profit organizations, corporate institutions, and conferences around the world, has also served as Iona's Chair of the Political Science Department, Director of the Honors Program, and Dean of the School of Arts & Science.

The late Edith Corbin, a former president of the New Rochelle League, left a bequest to the League. The Board will fund a series of annual lectures with her gift.



## LWVNR July 4th Ceremony Celebrating Women's Rights



The League of Women Voters of New Rochelle held a July 4th reading of the Declaration of Sentiments outside 120 Paine Avenue, the historic New Rochelle home of Carrie Chapman Catt, a leader of the suffragist movement and founder of the League of

Women Voters. This privately owned home is identified by a curbside plaque describing the home's history.

The celebration began with the reading of the Declaration of Sentiments by Michael H. Deane, a New Rochelle resident. This document, declaring women's demands for equal rights, came out of the first Women's Rights Convention, at Seneca Falls, NY in 1848. Largely written by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, one of the convention organizers, it was modeled after the Declaration of Independence. The document declared that "all men and women are created equal" and listed the economic and legal rights they realized were unjustly denied women; rights taken for granted today.

League Board member and historian Sydelle Herzberg (right) then spoke quite eloquently about the suffrage movement, describing the 72 year struggle that culminated in the passage of the 19th amendment. Herzberg also spoke about her own experience as a young woman trying to get into law school during a time when women were routinely denied access to higher education, making history come alive for everyone in attendance.



See the video of the ceremony here.



The National Women's History Alliance is offering some interesting items to celebrate the 19th Amendment, including [Centennial Sashes](#), their special

32-page publication [Women Win the Vote Gazette](#), a small 12 month [Hear Us Roar 2020 Women's Suffrage Centennial Calender](#), and an 18 month [Woman and the Vote](#) calendar. The free July/August issue of [Library of Congress Magazine](#) highlights the Library of Congress' suffrage exhibit.



## COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Senator Shelley Mayer will be our guest speaker at the League of Women Voters Coffee and Conversation on Friday, September 20 from 9:30 - 11 am in the New Rochelle Public Library's first floor

Meeting Room.

Coffee and Conversation is an ongoing series of informal public gatherings, with guests discussing public issues. The meetings, open to all, are sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New Rochelle.

Coffee and light refreshments will be served. For further information, email [lwnewro.org](mailto:lwnewro.org).



## The 'Glass Ceiling' Is Tired. Women Are 'Reinventing the Game.'

When Christine Lagarde was nominated by the European Council to be [the next president of the European Central Bank](#), the first woman to hold the position, critics wondered if the move was indicative of the "[glass cliff](#)" — the phenomenon in which women seem more likely to be put in charge of an organization at a crisis point. (The E.C.B. is grappling with a sluggish eurozone economy.)



And when Senator Elizabeth Warren, who is running for president, was asked in a town hall recently if she was worried about being "Hillary'd" — apparent shorthand for the sexism Hillary Clinton faced in the 2016 election — Warren respond that she would "[persist](#)." Remember when the blanket term for gender bias was simply "glass ceiling"?  
--NYTIMES, 7/26/19

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## Voter Service News

On Sunday, September 8th, the LWVNR will have an information/registration table at the annual New Rochelle Street Fair (see flyer, below)

Voter Service is signed up to participate in the annual National Voter Registration Day drive on Tuesday, September 24th. The LWVNR will register students and provide valuable information about the newly enacted law for Early Voting in NY. Volunteers are needed mid-morning to mid-afternoon at most schools on that day.

We will also promote Vote 411.org on September 24th as the site for candidate, registration, and voting information. **Vote411.org is now LIVE! Try it here.**

In October, look for hard copies of the Vote411.org pamphlets in public spaces such as the NRPL and City Hall.

On October 21st, the LWVNR will sponsor a Candidates Forum at City Hall.

**For more information or to VOLUNTEER, please email [royjoanalex@yahoo.com](mailto:royjoanalex@yahoo.com).**

**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS<sup>®</sup>  
OF NEW ROCHELLE

**EARLY VOTING COMES TO NEW ROCHELLE!**

**Where:**  
All early voting will take place at New Rochelle City Hall, Beaufort Place, New Rochelle

**Days and Hours :**

Saturday 10/26 and Sunday 10/27,  
12 - 5 pm

Monday 10/28, Wednesday 10/30, and Friday 11/1,  
8 am - 4 pm

Tuesday 10/29 and Thursday 10/31,  
12 - 8 pm

Saturday 11/2 and Sunday 11/3,  
12 - 5 pm

<https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com>  
[www.elections.ny.gov](http://www.elections.ny.gov)  
For information, contact [royjoanalex@yahoo.com](mailto:royjoanalex@yahoo.com)

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**VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

**NEW ROCHELLE STREET FAIR**  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 (11 AM - 5 PM)  
CITY HALL, 515 NORTH AVE., NR

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AN HOUR OR MORE TO REGISTER VOTERS AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LEAGUE**

**WE'LL TRAIN YOU!**

Contact [royjoanalex@yahoo.com](mailto:royjoanalex@yahoo.com)  
for more information

## New Rochelle Community Group Files Complaint With NYS Education Dept Over Illegal Hiring of Superintendent

A parent member representing The Collective, the New Rochelle community group of parents, educators and activists opposed to the CSDNR June 28th hiring of Dr. Laura Feijoo as Superintendent, filed on Monday, July 29th, 2019 an official petition with the New York State Education Department citing willful violation of three Board Policies and calling for the vacating of the signed contract via state intervention. In calling for the vacating of the employment contract between the CSDNR and Feijoo, the petition also calls for state intervention over the matter in order to mandate that the school board form a citizens advisory committee involving the community in a proper superintendent search.

The petition outlines the sequence of events of the past year, based on public records, the school board's hearings and actions related to the superintendent search and how they violated three of its Board Policies:

- Failure to involve the community via "Community Involvement in Superintendence Search"—Board Policy 8260
- Failure to form a citizens advisory committee via "Community Advisory Committees"—Board Policy 2211
- Failure to govern the amount of time the community should receive notice before a special meeting is held—Board Policy 9330

-- BLACK WESTCHESTER, 7/30/2019

[READ THE REST AT SUPERINTENDENT](#)

## NEW CITY PEOPLE AND ISSUES INTERVIEWS AVAILABLE ON VIMEO



NY State Assemblywoman Amy Paulin talks with host Tamar Tait about new legislation dealing with women's issues, energy policy and development and on her interest in government and legislation. Watch vimeo [here](#).

Peter Korn, former city manager and convener of the Sister City Program between New Rochelle, NY and La Rochelle, France talks with host Ina Aronow about the historical connections between the two cities and their present day cultural and government interactions. Watch vimeo [here](#).





**CONSTITUTION DAY LECTURE**  
**"Seeds of Failure: Courts, Congress, the Constitution & Voting Rights"**

by internationally renowned author and Professor of Political Science and International Studies

**DR. JEANNE ZAINO**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

7 PM IN THE RYAN LIBRARY

**IONA COLLEGE**

715 North Avenue, New Rochelle

THE FIRST EDITH CORBIN MEMORIAL LECTURE

**SPONSORED BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW ROCHELLE**

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

[lwnewrochelle@gmail.com](mailto:lwnewrochelle@gmail.com)



Did you know that 4 MILLION 17-year-olds turn 18 before the November election?

If you are 17 1/2 you can register to vote NOW.

Don't miss the opportunity to play a role in electing your leaders.

Your vote is your voice.

RSVP BY AUGUST 30TH



A MULTI-CHAMBER HAPPY HOUR

WITH GEORGE LATIMER

SEPTEMBER 17TH

HERRINGTON AVENUE, WHITE PLAINS

5:30-7:30PM

BRING YOUR FAVORITE LITTLE BITES OR BEVERAGES FROM YOUR TOWN AND SAMPLE 45 MINUTES FROM ACROSS THE COUNTY IN OUR NETWORK AND MORE!

RSVP BY 9/10/19

[www.bigideasandlittlebites.com](http://www.bigideasandlittlebites.com)

**LARCHMONT-MAMARONECK LOCAL SUMMIT PRESENTS**  
**STATE OF THE STATE**

NYS Senator Shelley Mayer and NYS Assemblyman Steve Otis



**Sept 10th, 7:45-9:00 am, Nautilus Diner**  
**1240 W. Boston Post Rd, Mam'k**  
**Cost: \$8 for breakfast.**

## New Canal Tugboat In Service

See VIDEO of two recent Canal Corp. tugboat dedications...and the stories behind their names. With NYS Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul; 20th District Congressman Paul Tonko; NYPA President-CEO Gil C. Quiniones; Canal Corp. Director Brian Stratton and Coline Jenkins, President of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Trust.



## Where Women Made History ... Right Under Your Feet

**“Finding monuments to honor women should not be a scavenger hunt.”**

— *Chirlane McCray, New York's first lady*



Boston Harbor. The Washington Monument. The Statue of Liberty. These are the sites of American history many of us learned about in school.

But what about the old stone church in Akron, Ohio, where Sojourner Truth delivered her famous “Ain’t I a Woman?” speech? Or the Manhattan entrance to the Brooklyn Bridge, where a little-known plaque honors Emily Roebling, who oversaw construction when her husband, the bridge’s architect, fell ill? (Roebling was the first person to walk across the bridge, bringing a chicken for good luck.)

Researchers estimate that women’s stories make up just [0.5 percent](#) of recorded history. When it comes to public monuments they are largely invisible — absent from landmarks, statues and street names. Of the country’s 5,200 historical memorials, women represent [less than 8 percent](#) of the subjects. Of New York City’s [145 historical statues](#), [just five](#) are of women. --NYTIMES, 8/13/19

READ THE REST AT **MONUMENTS**

**It's time for an Equal Rights Amendment.** Despite the significant advances that have been made in recent decades, women continue to face discrimination on the basis of sex. The symptoms of this systemic discrimination are clear in the ongoing fights against unequal pay, workplace harassment, pregnancy discrimination, domestic violence, and limited access to comprehensive healthcare. It is not enough to treat the symptoms; we must address the root cause of inequality by amending the Constitution and **passing the ERA.**

## Critical U.S. Election Systems Have Been Left Exposed Online Despite Official Denials



The top voting machine company in the country insists that its election systems are never connected to the internet. But researchers found 35 of the systems have been connected to the internet for months and possibly years, including in some swing states.

For years, U.S. election officials and voting machine vendors have insisted that critical election systems are never connected to the internet and therefore can't be hacked.

But a group of election security experts have found what they believe to be nearly three dozen backend election systems in 10 states connected to the internet over the last year, including some in critical swing states. These include systems in nine Wisconsin counties, in four Michigan counties, and in seven Florida counties—all states that are perennial battlegrounds in presidential elections. --VICE, 8/8/2019

**READ THE REST AT EXPOSED**

## Unlocking the Youth Vote in 2020

Maggie Flaherty was so upset that she was too young to cast a ballot in the 2016 presidential election that one of her first missions when she arrived as a freshman at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire the following year was to register to vote.

Then the California native learned about a new proposal from state Republicans that would subject college students who vote in the state to residency requirements such as getting in-state driver's licenses and vehicle registrations.

"That costs money," said Flaherty, who along with a classmate and the American Civil Liberties Union sued the state after the law passed. "And I don't think it should cost money to be able to vote." -WAPO, 7/11/2019

**READ THE REST AT YOUTH**





## JOIN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW ROCHELLE

The League depends on the work and financial support of all of its to carry out its programs. Membership is open to women and men of voting age. Joining our local league confers membership in the State and National Leagues, enables you to receive publications from all three levels, and provides the opportunity to be involved in local, state and national issues.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MEMBERSHIP

RENEWAL

INDIVIDUAL \$60/YEAR

HOUSEHOLD\* \$85/YEAR

\* ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE MAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHECK PAYABLE TO LWV NR

I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE LEAGUE WITH A **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** CONTRIBUTION

MADE PAYABLE TO **LWV EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

\$100

\$50

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

### RETURN THIS APPLICATION WITH YOUR CHECK TO

The League of Women Voters of New Rochelle

46 Long Vue

New Rochelle, NY 10804

or

Join and/or Donate via **PAYPAL** on our website: [www.lwvnewro.org](http://www.lwvnewro.org)

## New York Named Among Best For Women's Equality

Women won the right to vote almost a century ago after a long, arduous fight and the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920. Unfortunately, the gender gap in 21st century America continues to grow, according to a recent report from WalletHub.

The disparity in equality between men and women is especially seen in the workplace, where women are disproportionately underrepresented in leadership positions, and only make up 25 percent of lawmakers and less than 29 percent of business executives, according to the [report](#).

For New York women, the state ranks 4th in the country on gender equality issues. WalletHub's data set ranged from the income gap between men and women workers to the disparity in the share of lawmakers in state legislatures.

Maine ranked as the best state for women's rights in the United States with a total score of 76.75, whereas Utah ranked as the worst with a score of 25.10 — 15 points below Idaho, the state in the 49th position.. --PATCH, 8/22/2019

[READ THE REST AT NEW YORK](#)



## CRAVING FREEDOM, JAPAN'S WOMEN OPT OUT OF MARRIAGE

The bride wore a birthday cake of a dress, with a scalloped-edge bodice and a large hoop skirt. A veil sprouted from her black bob. Moments before the wedding began, she stood quietly on a staircase, waiting to descend to the ceremony.

"Wow," she thought. "I'm really doing this."

This was no conventional wedding to join two people in matrimony. Instead, a group of nearly 30 friends gathered in a banquet room in one of Tokyo's most fashionable districts last year to witness Sanae Hanaoka, 31, as she performed a public declaration of her love — for her single self.

"I wanted to figure out how to live on my own," Ms. Hanaoka told the group, standing alone on a stage as she thanked them for attending her solo wedding. "I want to rely on my own strength."

Not so long ago, Japanese women who remained unmarried after the age of 25 were referred to as "Christmas cake," a slur comparing them to old holiday pastries that cannot be sold after Dec. 25. --NYT, 8/3/2019 [READ THE REST AT OPT OUT](#)

## NEW ROCHELLE NEWS

### **Mercy College Leases Three CNR Campuses**

Mercy will be leasing CNR's main 15-acre campus in New Rochelle as well as the Rosa Parks campus on 125th street near the Apollo Theater in Harlem and its campus in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. The lease for New Rochelle property is with CNR and the leases for the Harlem and Brooklyn sites are with their respective landlords.

Mercy College announced on Aug. 6 that it plans to register nearly 1,700 students from CNR for fall classes. It will be teaching most of the programs CNR had offered and has made offers to hire 70 faculty and staff who have been working at the school. In addition to faculty, it made job offers to CNR support staff, operations, campus safety and information technology personnel. --WESTFAIR ONLINE, 8/8/19

[READ THE REST AT MERCY](#)

### **School Board Votes to Keep SROs out of district**

The New Rochelle Board of Education voted to keep school resource officers out of schools districtwide, following a recommendation from the Culture and Climate Committee.

Minister Mark McLean, NAACP branch president, says he supports the Board of Education for its decision to not have SROs, saying they would jeopardize the safe environment in school.

"It has a disproportionately negative impact of African American and Hispanic students," he says.

Instead of school resource officers, the district will continue using security guards, and the school's buildings, grounds and classrooms will have the most up-to-date security features. --News12, 8/7/19

[READ THE REST AT SROS](#)

### **New Family Court Location Found In New Rochelle**

The county has chosen a new site for Family Court in New Rochelle. The Board of Legislators Monday approved a lease for the new location, which will be a 35,000-square-foot space on two floors of a yet-to-be-constructed building at 26 Garden St. — a short distance from the New Rochelle Transit Center. The court is expected to move into the new facility in 2021.

Legislator Terry Clements, a Democrat who represents New Rochelle, Pelham and Pelham Manor for District 11, said she was pleased the site is right by the transit hub and is convenient and accessible.

"This has been a long process, but the outcome is an example of how county and local government and community members, working together, can achieve solutions that benefit everyone," she said. --PATCH, 7/16/19

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**COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**  
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SAVE THE DATE**



**Holy Trinity  
Greek Orthodox  
Church**

10 Mill Road,  
New Rochelle  
914.235.6100

**September 12, 13, 14 & 15**

Thurs: 6-11pm; Fri: 6-12am; Sat: 2-12am; Sun: 1-9pm

Greek Food and Pastries  
Live Music, DJ & Dancing  
Flea Market  
Bakalika (Greek Deli)  
Marketplace with Jewelry, Clothing, Giftware, Toys & More  
Rides & Games

Intersection of Mill Road and North Avenue

**VISIT THE LWVNR AT OUR  
VOTER INFO/REGISTRATION  
TABLE ON SEPT. 8TH**



The Mobile Shredder is coming to New Rochelle !! Residents can bring up to 4 file-size (10"x12"x15") boxes for shredding. Saturday September 14 10:00am - 1:00pm Rear of City Hall, 515 North Ave., New Rochelle

**National Day of Action to DEFUND HATE**

**When:** Friday, September 13, 11:00 AM

**Where:** District Office of Congresswoman Nita Lowey,  
White Plains, NY



The Pelham Picture House FREE Senior Cinema screenings  
Every Tuesday at 2:30 pm in the Main Hall.

## An Evening with Harlow Giles Unger

NY Times bestselling author Harlow Giles Unger presents his latest book "Thomas Paine & the Clarion Call for American Independence" Author Talk - Q& A Book signing & Refreshments Evening takes place on the remaining land of Paine's farm NYS granted to the founding father in 1784.

Saturday, September 14th, 5 pm

The Thomas Paine Cottage Museum

20 Sicard Road

New Rochelle, NY 914-633-1776

All donations & proceeds benefit Thomas Paine Cottage Educational Programs.

A poster for 'Arts After Dark' at the Pelham Art Center. The background is a vibrant abstract painting with red, orange, and blue brushstrokes. The text is white and black. At the top, it says 'Pelham Art Center'. The main title 'arts after dark' is in large, bold, lowercase letters. Below that, it says 'FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6'. Further down, it describes the event: '21+ art fun in the studio & gallery come create, mingle, and enjoy refreshments at the Art Center'. The time is '7-10 PM'. To the right, there is a logo for '& gourmet gin tasting by POMP & WHIMSY'. At the bottom left, there is a small logo and the address '155 Pitts Ave, Pelham'. At the bottom right, it says 'Pelham Art Center kindly suggests a \$20 donation for this event'.

## 10th annual Native Plant Weekend at Rosedale Nurseries to benefit THE NATIVE PLANT CENTER

September 7 & 8, 2019  
9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Shop a wide selection of native trees, shrubs, perennials, grasses, and ferns for your garden. Personal shoppers on hand to help you make selections. Join us each day for free talks by native plant experts.

### Saturday, September 7

11 a.m.: Greek Native Plants for Pollinators, Kim Hannon

2 p.m.: Native Groundcovers to Natural Milk, Missy Fabel

### Sunday, September 8

11 a.m.: Native Perennials to Plant Now, Barbara Fischer

2 p.m.: Beeble-bee Friendly Gardening with Native Plants, Karalyn Lamb

57 Saw Mill River Road (Route 9A), Rosedale, NY • (914) 363-1300

"If half of American lawns were replaced with native plants, we would create the equivalent of a 20 million acre national park, nine times bigger than Yellowstone, or 100 times bigger than Shenandoah National Park."  
Doug Tallamy

A poster for the 'Kids Snapper Fishing Derby'. The title is in large, colorful, bubbly letters. Below the title, it says 'SUNDAY September 8, 2019 at Hudson Park Wall'. There are two blue boxes: one with '9:00 am to 12 noon' and another with 'Opened to ages 6-16 years old'. Below that, it says 'Prizes for 1st 2nd & 3rd place contestants'. A red box contains the rules: 'ALL Bait & Tackle will be supplied', 'MUST bring your own fishing gear', and 'MUST be accompanied by an adult'. At the bottom, it says 'Free T-Shirts for Participants! • Hot Dogs and Water Served at Noon!'. Below that, it says 'To REGISTER or for more information please contact the Marina at (914) 235-6930 or visit www.newrochelle.com/marina'. At the very bottom, it says 'SPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF NEW ROCHELLE PARKS IN HONOR OF BOB CERRITA' and has logos for 'New Rochelle Marinas' and 'Your gateway to the Sound'.



The New Rochelle Public Library's Autumn hours are as follows:

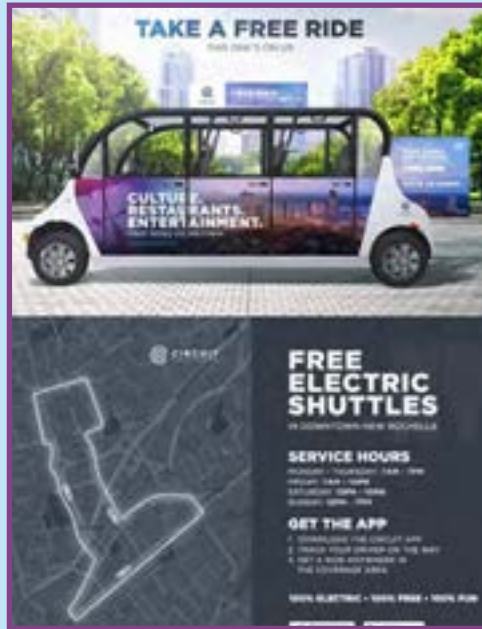
**Main Library:**

- Monday - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursday - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Huguenot Children's Library:**

- Monday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Thursday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday - Closed

**CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW ROCHELLE 2018-19 CALENDAR & DIRECTORY**



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