

## Protect Act 2024 aims to combat opioid epidemic



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# **RaeVolutionary Buckets**



#### By Micheal Rios

The RaeVolution that is RaeQuan Battle's evolution from a rez kid with a basketball to a professional bucket getter was celebrated in the traditional Tulalip way on Tuesday, August 13. A meaningful, community-led event to celebrate RaeQuan and his most recent basketball accomplishment – signing an Exhibit 10 contract with the Charlotte Hornets – was organized in the days following a breaking story by The Charlotte Observer. It's just the latest development in the lifelong pursuit of Tulalip's favorite baller as he lives out his hoop dreams.

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### Drive-in fun and fundraising

Hundreds of community members gather to support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation The Tulalip Tribes are successors in interest to the Snohomish, Snoqualmie and Skykomish Tribe and other tribes and bands signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliot, January 22, 1855

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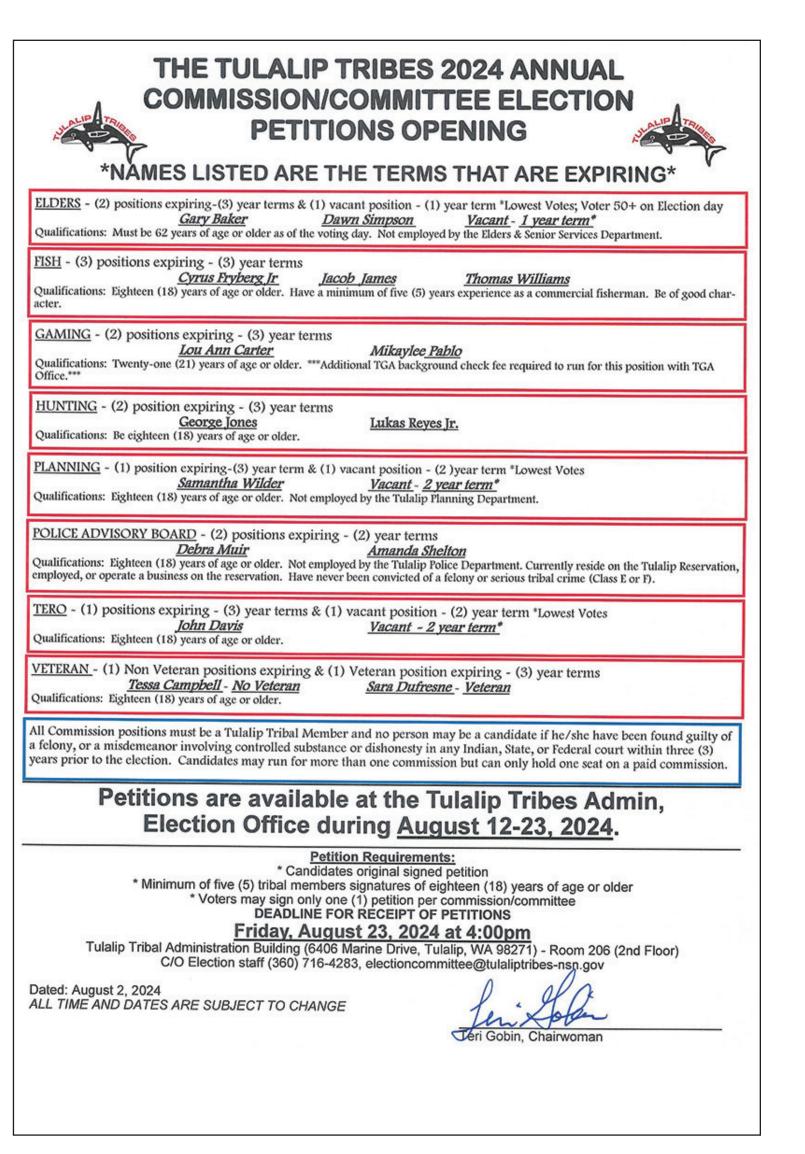
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### **Membership Financial Meeting**

WHEN

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 5:00PM DINNER 5:30PM MEETING BEGINS

WHERE

**Tulalip Gathering Hall** 

#### DETAILS

The meeting will be broadcast live on iAmTulalip.com

Financial booklets will be available for membership pick up at the BOD reception from Tuesday, October 15 to Thursday, October 17 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.



Q&A available while watching on i**AmTulalip** 

## Protect Act 2024 aims to help tribal courts and law enforcement combat the opioid epidemic

By Kalvin Valdillez

On the afternoon of August 6, Representative Rick Larsen (WA-02) visited with the Tulalip Board of Directors, the Tulalip Police Department, and members of the Tribe's Treaty Rights Office and legal team to discuss a bill recently introduced to congress this month.

The bill is officially titled the Protection for Reservation Occupants Against Trafficking and Evasive Communication Act, or the Protect Act for short. If passed, this could have a major impact for tribal nations as they continue to combat the opioid and fentanyl crisis.

Tulalip Chairwoman Teri Gobin opened the gathering and shared, "First of all I want to welcome you to Tulalip and thank you for leading and introducing this bill. It's amazing what this could do for us, the Protect Act of 2024. We've had 71 fentanyl overdose deaths that accounted to an actual overdose, but we've had a lot more deaths than that (due to addiction). The sad thing about it is the children. So many of the children are being left orphaned, both of their parents passing away from overdose. We're having a lot of children who are born addicted, born with it in their system. So, our hands go up to you, we're really excited about moving this forward. It's time."

The Protect Act addresses a glaring jurisdictional issue that currently prevents tribes from prosecuting non-tribal members for illiegal drug activities on the reservation. The act is specific to drug trafficking, but it is key to battling the crisis and preventing loss of life on reservations throughout the country and a big step for tribal court systems.

Providing a little historical context, Vice-Chair Misty Napeahi explained, "The Oliphant v. Suquamish Indian Tribe was passed by



Representative Rick Larsen discusses the Protect Act 2024 with Tulalip Tribal leadership.

the United States Supreme Court • in 1978, which literally took away the ability for tribes to prosecute non-tribal people on the reservation, and that is steeped very much in racism. I feel really thankful for you and the other congress people that are going to sign on to this bill for standing up for tribes. The people that bring the drugs in, they're not dumb. They understand jurisdictional issues and they fully capitalize on it."

BOD Glen Gobin added, "Across this nation there's a fentanyl epidemic that every state is dealing with and are feeling the impact. For tribes, it's even more difficult because of the jurisdictional questions that come up, who has criminal authority over non-Indians on the reservation. This bill looks to address that and bring safety to our community to deal with this. We're looking to protect all of our citizens on the reservation and stand up and be part of this, fight against this epidemic that we're all dealing with."

In Larsen's official press release, he surmises the Protect Act, and it reads as follows:

Specifically, the PROTECT Act:

- Provides parity for Tribal courts to issue search warrants for certain electronic communications, including social media, by adding Tribal courts to the list of courts with "competent jurisdiction" under the Stored Communications Act.
- Expands Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction (STCJ) to crimes associated with drug trafficking.
- Amends the Bureau of Prison's
  (BOP) Tribal Prisoner Program
  (TPP) by expanding eligibility
  to offenders who commit drugtrafficking-related offenses.

According to the Snohomish County Opioid Overdose and Prevention Data and Dashboard, there were 188 overdose deaths in our county alone last year. There have been numerous studies from the likes of the CDC and Washington Post that show Native communities have been hit the hardest by the opioid crisis.

The Washington State Department of Health's Opioid and Drug Use Data Dashboard gives detailed and up-to-date statistics about the epidemic in real time. If you navigate their website and pull up overdose deaths stats based on demographics, the results are shocking. For all other races and ethnicities, there was an average of about 30 deaths per 100,000 people in 2022. The number for Alaskan Natives/American Indians was literally off the charts, with over 120 deaths per 100,000 population.

Director of Treaty Rights Office, Ryan Miller, expressed, "I'm very excited to continue to push this forward and add this as another tool in our ability to fight this problem on our reservation; for the surrounding communities as well. Yeah, we're focused on the Tribe, we're focused on the reservation, but this affects everybody, all of the communities around us. We've got so many tools that we've been successful with, the Healing Lodge and so many other things that have helped us bring our members out of addiction and back in the community. And those have been fantastic, but without that tool to be able to put away the people who bring these drugs on reservation and commit these crimes against our community members, we're not going to be successful. This is a huge step towards that."

You can follow the bill as it goes through the process of becoming a law, as well as read it's official text, by visiting https://www. congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/ house-bill/9310?s=1&r=1.

Said Representative Larsen, "I look forward to working with you all to get the Protect Act passed and signed into law to ensure that tribes have the tools to combat the opioid epidemic and save lives. I raise my hand to all of you for the important work that you're doing to save lives and make your communities safer."

#### Drive In from front page





#### By Wade Sheldon

On Saturday, August 10, hundreds of community members gathered at the Boom City lot behind the Tulalip Resort Casino to support the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Foundation. The event, hosted by Dan and Kelsey Pablo, was the annual drive-in movie fundraiser for their son Keldon. It aimed to raise money and awareness for people suffering from cystic fibrosis. This year's featured movie was Kung Fu Panda 4, and the event successfully raised \$26,744 for the cause.

In addition to the movie screening, Kelsey and Dan organized a raffle with prizes donated by various businesses and local artists. The raffle items included hotel stays in downtown Seattle and Tulalip, Mariner's memorabilia and game tickets, traditional wool skirts, and more.

Various local food trucks and vendors added to the festivities, offering delicious treats like homemade lemonade, snow cones, frybread, and tacos. Attendees enjoyed indulging in the tasty offerings. One of the kids at the event, Tyler, remarked, "This is fun. I liked the red raspberry lemonade I got."

Kelsey explained the history and adaptation of the event. "This is year 16 of a Tulalip Cystic Fibrosis event, but our third year doing a drive-in. For fourteen years, we did a walk at the Amphitheater. Then, when COVID hit, because cystic fibrosis is a lung disease, we couldn't have everyone close, so we came up with the drive-in movie so people could stay in their cars and stay separated. It was like bringing back the Thunderbird."

Fondly recalling his high school memories of the Thunderbird drive-in, Dan shared, "It was always a fun time with friends."

Highlighting the family and community involvement, Kelsey noted how amazing it is to see the money raised and awareness spread. She emphasized that everything is 100 percent donated, with contributions from friends, family, and the community. The raffle constitutes 90 percent of their fundraising since the event is free, aside from sponsorships from the Tribe and a few small businesses.

Dan expressed gratitude, saying, "We would like to thank the Tribe for all the help they have given. They let us use this place, and throughout the year, they help immensely with medical coverage for our son."

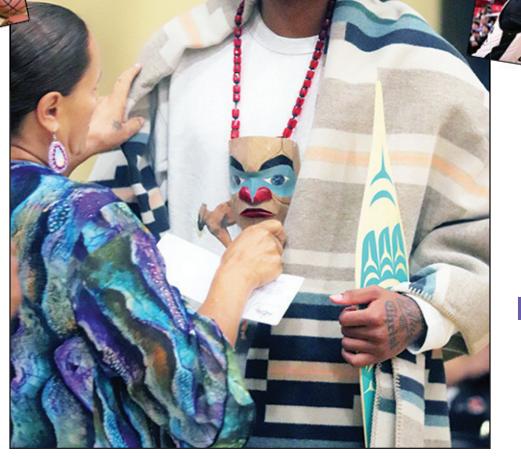
Kelsey concluded, "We are truly grateful. There are a lot of CF families that struggle with supplies and medications, and this event will help with that."

The evening was filled with laughter, camaraderie, and a shared mission. The event's success highlighted the power of collective support in making a difference for those affected by cystic fibrosis.

If you or someone you know is impacted by cystic fibrosis and would like to make a difference by donating or learning more, please consider visiting fightcf.cff. org.



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"All this support gives me the strength to kick down the door of the professional world."

Let's clear up the confusion around what exactly an Exhibit 10 contract is. In the simplest of forms, it's a training camp contract. It allows for RaeQuan to continue to build off his NBA Summer League momentum, dawn the Hornets' signature teal and purple colors, and gain further exposure training with and playing under the tutelage of an actual NBA team. The structure of the contract offers the Tulalip icon a chance to make an NBA roster during training camp or to stay within Charlotte's development system through the G League.

According to Alex Kirschenbaum of Hoops Rumors, "[RaeQuan] could also see his training camp contract converted to a two-way deal with the Hornets up until the day before the regular season begins (October 22). Charlotte currently has one open twoway slot available, with the other two committed to point guard K.J. Simpson and center Moussa Diabate. It's more probable that [he] will be cut prior to the start of the year and will then become an affiliate player with their G League Squad, the Greensboro Swarm."

So essentially, in Rae-Quan's case, the signing of an Exhibit 10 contract with the Charlotte Hornets means that while he wasn't drafted, he still has an opportunity to compete for a spot on the team. If he doesn't make the final Hornets' roster, the contract could be converted to a two-way deal, or he could join Charlotte's G League affiliate. His community supporters will have to wait until October when the '24-'25 NBA season begins for confirmation on his NBA status.

Alas, that's over two months from now. Let us refocus on the present and the hundreds of Coast Salish tribal members, of all ages, who journeyed to the Youth Center on short notice to celebrate the 23-year-old hoops legend before he returned to Charlotte.

"This is something we needed to do because he deserves all the love and medicine we as a community can wrap him in. It's like we always say, 'If one of us makes it, then we all make it," explained grass-roots organizer Sara Hart. "I had support from Kim Kalliber who made the flyer, Jessica Bustad with getting this facility to host, and Chuckie Jones with organizing the coastal jam. I didn't know what the turn out would be with only a few days to make this happen, but seeing the gym full now makes my heart so happy. Our community really came through."

Kicking-off the cultural get-together, RaeQuan was blanketed by sisters Theresa and Shawnee Sheldon before being gifted a hand carved spirit mask necklace and custom paddle created by artist Ty Juvinel.

The 6-foot-5-inch Rae-Quan was impossible to miss throughout the coastal jam that went well into the evening hours. He was either front and center with his mom and grandfather Hank Williams taking in all the glorious spiritual energy, on the court dancing with his fellow culture bearers, or, as was often the case, basking in community fandom by taking photos and signing autographs.

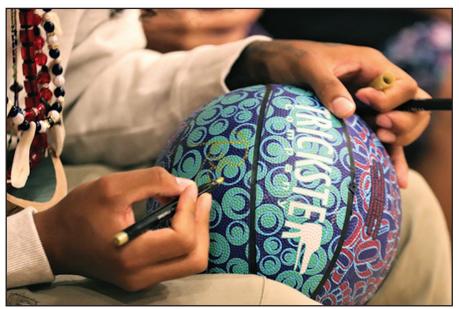
Youth, adults, and elders alike beamed with pride as they stood in the presence of the Tulalip trailblazer of the hardwood. RaeQuan was gracious enough to autograph any items they presented to him and didn't say no to a single photo request. This seemingly simple act was not lost on Marlin Fryberg, who has known RaeQuan since before he could dribble a basketball.

"He definitely has the heart to give back to his community, supporters throughout Indian Country and the kids who idolize him. His desire and willingness to give back is an often-overlooked

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part of his story," said Marlin. "He's had challenges, some big, some small, but every challenge he's managed to rise to the occasion. The whole community is proud of him. We hope he maintains this trajectory to reach heights none of us have seen before. He has a lot of work still to do, but he enters this next stage of his journey knowing he has the support of his Tribe every step of the way.

Tulalip Boys & Girls Club. Marysville Pilchuck High School. The University of Washington. Montana State University. West Virginia University. NBA Summer League. All of these are stages of RaeQuan's basketball journey. As he's journeyed through the world of basketball, he's illustrated determination, adaptation, resiliency, and cultural pride.

He never shies away from telling people where he's from and who he is as a proud Tulalip tribal member. That intention to never forgetting his roots, instead to showcase them whenever possible, is a big reason why so many from throughout Coast Salish territory showed up to shower him with all the positive vibes.

"This means the world to me that people not just from our reservation but other reservations and Canada, too, came together to sing and drum and really send me off on this next journey in the best possible way," shared RaeQuan. "Tulalip and the game of basketball have been my whole world. For them to come together in this way, at this moment is just surreal to me. "Everywhere I go and everyone I meet, I try to represent the Tribe in the best way that I can," he continued. "I wouldn't be here today with the opportunity I have before me if it wasn't for my mom, my grandparents, and all the coaches and community supporters who have been courteous enough to help me along the way. All this support gives me the strength to kick down the door of the professional world."

Breaking down barriers and getting buckets. In true RaeVolution style.

### Therapy Services at the Children's Advocacy Center

#### By Mindy Graber

The Tulalip Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) provides a safe place for children and their families to begin the healing process after experiencing criminal child abuse or witnessing a violent crime. Our therapy team consists of a master's level therapist who provide evidencebased. trauma-informed therapy. Because the trauma of abuse affects the whole family, our services are provided at no cost to each child and their nonoffending family members. To be eligible for therapy services at the CAC, children must either be Tulalip tribal members or descendants, have

experienced criminal abuse/neglect or witnessed a violent crime. We are also able to offer services to non-native children whose crime happened on the reservation or by a Tulalip tribal member. Most of our referrals come directly from CPS or law enforcement as an on-going case.

Therapists receive extensive training in evidence-based therapy models. Because children and adolescents respond in many different ways to traumatic events, it is important that therapists are prepared to provide the very best therapy that research and science have to offer, including Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), and Art Therapy to name a few. These types of specialized treatment are rated as best practice



for use with abused and traumatized children.

TF-CBT is a treatment focused on helping children recognize how some of their thoughts, feelings, and behaviors have been shaped by their trauma. TF-CBT helps children to cope with and change those thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. TF-CBT has proved successful with children and adolescents (ages 3 to 18) who have significant emotional problems (symptoms of posttraumatic stress disorder, fear, anxiety, or depression) related to traumatic life events. It can be used with children and adolescents who have experienced a single trauma or multiple traumas in their lives.

EMDR has become a go-to technique for treating trauma in adults and it's being used to help children, too. EMDR works best for children who have experienced a specific trauma with a clear beginning and end, such as a car accident, or loss of a loved one. It can be tailored to children of all ages. The key to the therapy is what's called "bilateral stimulation," which keeps the mind focused on the present. It can involve rapid eye movement, tapping, lights, or vibrations. This stimulation helps distract from the traumatic memories as they are being stored, making them less painful over time.

DBT is a structured program of psychotherapy with a strong educational component designed to provide skills for managing intense emotions and negotiating social relationships. It can consist of group instruction and individual therapy sessions.

Many elements of this therapy are aimed at teaching clients how to recognize, understand, label, and regulate their emotions and how to handle interpersonal situations that give rise to negative or painful emotions. DBT has proved successful with adolescents and adults.

The CAC's therapy team works with each child and family to determine the best treatment options through standardized assessment procedures and collaboration. We also have the option collaborate with the client's case workers, advocates, medical doctors and psychiatry team if agreed to by the client. This way we are able to give a wrap-around approach to the care provided. If you have more questions about our program or center, please feel free to contact us at childadvocates@tulaliptribes-nsn. gov. **TULALIP TRIBES** 

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#### **Charles Joseph Howard**

Charles Joseph Howard (Charlie), Charlie was born in Tacoma, Washington on November 15, 1963 and passed away peacefully in Puyallup, Washington on August 4, 2024. Charlie was proud to be a Tulalip Tribal Member, he was born to Leona Paul-Howard. Charlie was an amazing machinist for 36 years. He traveled extensively, loved the outdoors, played golf with family and friends, enjoyed concerts, camped at pretty much every camping area in the state. Charlie loved adventure and loved most of all sharing those adventures with his Son Eric.

Charlie is survived by his one and only son Eric Paul Howard, his sister Sharon DeFevers, nieces Lesley Cortez and Lindsay Howard, nephews Jamie DeFevers and William Howard, as well as several great nieces and nephews, cousins and a great many friends who loved him.

A celebration of his life was held Monday, August 12, 2024 at 10 AM at the Tulalip Gathering Hall.

#### **Court notices**

TUL-CV-YI-2009-0287. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: D. C. J.-M. TO: SHANE WALTER MOSES, SR., YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth in Need of Care (YINC) dependency action was reopened in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.05. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled action at a Permanent Plan Review Hearing on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024, at 02:30 P.M. REMOTE at a VIRTUAL, TELEPHONIC HEAR-ING in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. TO CALL IN TO YOUR HEARING VIA GOTOMEETING.COM, PLEASE USE TELEPHONE NUMBER 224-501-3412 AND THEN PLEASE USE ACCESS CODE: 212-638-629. NOTICE: You have important legal rights and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: July 27, 2024.

TUL-CV-YG-2024-0474. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Guardianship of: C. R. F. TO: SANDY RAY FRYBERG., YOU ARE HEREBY NO-TIFIED that a Guardianship Petition was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.05. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled action at an IN PERSON Guardianship Hearing on Thursday, OCTOBER 10, 2024, at 10:30 A.M. IN PERSON in Tulalip Tribal Court; go to: 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. NOTICE: You have important legal rights and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: July 27, 2024. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TUL-CV-CS-2024-0311, Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA, TCSP #2793 TULALIP CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM, Petitioner, vs. William Charles (DOB: 01/16/1976) TO: Mr. William Charles: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on April 22nd, 2024, a Summons and Petition for Full Faith and Credit Recognition of a Foreign Order for Child Support was filed in the above-entitled Court Pursuant to Chapter 2.10 and 4.10 of the Tulalip Tribal Code. This is child support for IC. You are hereby summoned to defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court by filing a written request for a hearing on the summons within 30 days of the sixth time this notice has been published, in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. NOTICE: You have important legal rights and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR HEARING TO CHALLENGE THE FOREIGN ORDER, JUDGMENT RECOGNIZING THE FOREIGN ORDER WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: July 13, 2024.

TUL-CV-P0-2023-0779, SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip, WA. TO: ALLEN WILLIAMS (D.O.B. 08/08/1976). You are hereby notified that a petition for a Domestic Violence Protection Order was filed in the above entitled court pursuant to TTC 4.25. You are hereby summoned to appear regarding the above-entitled action at a hearing on Wednesday October 9th, 2024 at 9AM, in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. NOTICE: You have important legal rights, and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER, JUDGMENT MAY BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published, August 17, 2024.



# August 21st, 2024 12pm-5pm

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