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SOLVING THE WORLD’S MICROPLASTICS PROBLEM

‘CHEMICAL OF CONCERN’



Some microplastics are deliberately manufactured to be small, like confetti released at celebrations. Some cities, such as Boca Raton, Florida, have restricted plastic confetti. PHOTOS BY GETTY IMAGES

4 solutions cities and states are trying after global treaty talks collapsed

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Microplastics seem to be everywhere – in the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat. They have turned up in human organs, blood, testicles, placentas and even brains. While the full health consequences of that exposure are not yet known, researchers are exploring potential links between microplastics and negative health effects, such as male infertility, inflammation, liver disease and other metabolic problems, and heart attack or stroke. Countries have tried for the past few years to write a global plastics treaty that



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James promises to keep ‘fighting for justice’

NY attorney general takes aim at Trump policies

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NEW YORK – Some public figures go into hiding after being charged with a crime, but not New York Attorney General Letitia James. The Empire State’s top prosecutor delivered passionate remarks to an Oct. 13 rally for New York City mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani, four days after a federal grand jury in the Eastern District of Virginia indicted her on charges of bank fraud and making false statements to a financial institution. And judging from the reception she received from the 3,200-person crowd at an ornate Manhattan theater, James has little reason to lie low. James was greeted by a minute-long standing ovation, and the room erupted into thunderous applause repeatedly as she inveighed against what many view as President Donald Trump’s politicization of the Department of Justice.

“We see powerful voices trying to silence truth, punish dissent – and, yes, weaponize justice for political gain,” James said, in a clear reference to Trump’s campaign of retribution against high-profile opponents. “We are witnessing the fraying of our democracy, the erosion of our system of government,” James said, to intermittent whoops and cheers from the crowd. “This, my friends, is a defining moment in our history. Let us stand together to defend our rights, to protect every safeguard, every institution, every immigrant, every norm, and every rule of law.” Trump has long railed against James, who sued the real estate tycoon for allegedly defrauding lenders. A New York judge agreed with James and ordered Trump to pay a penalty of about \$454 million. A New York appeals court threw out that financial penalty in August, but James’ office has appealed that decision. The president has called James epithets such as “Corrupt” “SCUM” and “a Complete and Total Disaster.” In September, Trump forced out a

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NOAA winter forecast predicts above-average temps

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While it may feel like the cooler autumnal weather has just arrived in New York, the winter months are not far away. You may, however, be able to delay digging out

your snow gear this season since the forecast calls for a potentially mild fall and early winter. The annual National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s U.S. winter outlook report from the Climate Prediction Center predicts above average temperatures for much of the country – in-

cluding New York – through December. The three month outlook through February in New York does also does not call for wetter/drier or warmer/cooler conditions in New York. The forecast It does however look to be warmer and drier than average in the southern United States and also predicts a warmer winter

in the northeast.

NOAA fall forecast for New York

- The National Weather Service forecasts a 40% to 50% chance of

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