



AP Photo/Patrick Sison
Pedestrians walk past the Lucky Lee's restaurant in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of New York on Thursday.

NYC Chinese eatery heats up cultural appropriation debate

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A New York City restaurant owner who touted her "clean" American-Chinese cuisine and derided Chinese dishes as swimming in "globs of processed butter," sodium and MSG is renewing the long-simmering debate about stereotyping and cultural appropriation in the restaurant world.

Arielle Haspel, who is white and a certified health coach, told the dining website Eater that she wanted to offer modified, "clean" versions of typical Chinese menu items. In a now deleted Instagram post, Haspel said that a Chinese noodle dish, lo mein, can make people feel "bloated and icky."

Online critics pounced, including New York Baohaus restaurateur and author Eddie Huang who dismissed Lucky Lee's as "the Fyre Fest of food & wellness," on the restaurant's Instagram page.

Haspel has since apologized, but her comments are the latest misstep in a succession of restaurateurs and TV chefs who have been criticized for insensitivity when dealing with food from a culture that's not their own.

Robert Ku, a professor of Asian American studies

and food studies at Binghamton University, New York, said Haspel came off as relying on age-old stereotypes of Chinese food being unsanitary or grotesque. It was especially tone-deaf in New York City where most locals regularly eat Chinese food, he added.

"These are long-standing tropes that have followed specifically Chinese food more than any other cuisine," said Ku, who has written about the cultural politics of Asian food in the U.S. "What she's focused on is health and being clean, which implies the others were not."

He also said it's a myth that Chinese-American restaurants use MSG. Most cut it out of their kitchens in the 1970s because it was so unpopular, making Haspel's reference problematic, Ku said.

Haspel was apologetic in an interview Friday with the *New York Times*.

"We were never trying to do something against the Chinese community. We thought we were complementing an incredibly important cuisine, in a way that would cater to people that had certain dietary requirements," she said. "Shame on us for not being smarter about cultural sensitivities."

S&P 500 notches 3rd straight weekly gain as U.S. stocks rally

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Stocks notched solid gains on Wall Street Friday, erasing most of the losses the market sustained after an uneven week of trading.

The strong finish gave the S&P 500 its third straight weekly gain. The benchmark index is now just under 1% from its most recent all-time high set on Sept. 20, reflecting the strong rebound for the market this year after a dismal slide in December.

Banks led the gains Friday after a solid quarterly profit report from JPMorgan Chase opened the latest round of highly anticipated company earnings. Banks have been benefiting from higher interest rates, which allow them to book fatter profits from making loans.

Disney surged to an all-time high after it announced plans to offer its own video streaming service. Disney will be going head-to-head with Netflix, which declined.

The market was coming off a wobbly week as investors worried that the early first-quarter earnings reports would come in even weaker than the low expectations analysts already have.

The solid results from major banks on Friday were encouraging, but investors need to see more, said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at CFRA.

"In general, you need to have the financial companies participate in order for a market advance to continue," Stovall said. "Investors will be waiting, listening for other news that would be beneficial not only to banks, but to industrial and technology stocks."

The S&P 500 index rose 19.09 points, or 0.7%, to 2,907.41. The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed 269.25 points, or 1%, to 26,412.30. The average still



AP Photo/Richard Drew
The logos for The Walt Disney Company and Chevron appear above a trading post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Friday.

finished slightly lower for the week.

The Nasdaq composite gained 36.80 points, or 0.5%, to 7,984.16. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks picked up 5.66 points, or 0.4%, to 1,584.80.

Bond prices fell. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury rose to 2.56% from 2.50% late Thursday.

Indexes in Europe and Asia closed broadly higher.

In addition to banks, technology, communications and industrial companies helped lift U.S. stocks Friday. Health care was the only sector to lose ground. So far this year, it's lagging the other 10 sectors in the S&P 500.

The market got an early boost from new economic data out of China showing the world's second-largest economy benefited from a surge in exports last month, even as Beijing and Washington continued to negotiate a resolution to their costly trade war.

The gain marks a turnaround from a severe con-

traction in February and helped put investor fears over a global economic slowdown in check.

The data on Chinese exports suggests that growth is potentially going to rebound, said Tom Martin, senior portfolio manager with Global Investments.

"It wasn't as bad as people had expected it might be," he said.

Investors will be focusing over the next few weeks on company earnings reports in hopes of gleaning clues about the trajectory of the U.S. economy and corporate profits. Citigroup, United-Health Group and Johnson & Johnson are among the larger companies releasing results next week.

Analysts expect companies in the S&P 500 to report a 3.4% drop in earnings per share from a year earlier, which would be the first decline since the spring of 2016. The expected drop in profits is due almost entirely to weaker profit margins.

Traders were encouraged Friday by JPMorgan's quar-

terly report card. The investment banking giant rose 4.7% after it reported solid profits for the first quarter.

Wells Fargo initially rose after its results beat analysts' forecasts, but its shares turned lower by midmorning and never recovered. The stock fell 2.6%.

JPMorgan and Wells Fargo's latest results show that higher interest rates during the quarter drove increases in revenue. Those higher rates allow banks and financial companies to charge more for loans and credit cards.

The trend helped boost shares in other major banks. Goldman Sachs picked up 2.5%, Bank of America added 3.8% and Citigroup rose 2.3%.

Disney surged 11.5% after it released plans to offer a streaming entertainment service dubbed Disney Plus. The service is scheduled to roll out on November 12 at \$6.99 per month. That's well below the \$13 monthly price tag for rival Netflix, whose stock fell 4.5%.

Galloway new area manager for Stearns home loans

PENDLETON — Stearns Lending announced Greg Galloway of Pendleton is the company's new area manager for home loans.



Galloway

Galloway was branch manager for Stearns and has more than 20 years of retail lending experience. The company in a written statement explained Galloway's responsibilities include

oversight of loan production, recruiting and business development efforts in the Pacific Northwest market. Jim Linnane, Stearns national head of retail lending, said the company was excited to add the industry veteran.

"Greg Galloway brings a tremendous background of leadership to Stearns," Linnane stated. "He has

a proven track record of building high quality production teams, and has experience as a leader in sales, operations and business development will accelerate our efforts to build our brand."

Galloway in the announcement also stated he was happy for the opportunity and looking forward to building on what Stearns started in the Pacific Northwest.

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