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The Westport Wave

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Cheering Up Just When You Need It

Steve Brigham, Editor

I wasn't expecting it, but then November turned out to be a tough month. Friends got sick, family got sick, and even I got sick. And then there was the Election. Close contests are always tough, especially if you're on the losing side. There are always little things that could have gone differently, but you also know that if you'd won by a big margin those little things wouldn't matter. These days, anything can happen.

So here it is December now, and it's time once again for my traditional bully-pulpit editorial saying that it's still OK to say the word "**Christmas**". Christmas, after all, is both a religious *and* a secular thing, and you don't have to be religious to celebrate it. There are many religious holidays at this time of year, and I think we should embrace them all and have specific symbols of all of them everywhere. But it's secular Christmas that unites everyone the world-over into one big family.

Yeah, I was feeling down when we went looking for our Christmas Tree. But then, I ended up at North Star Nursery (in Fort Bragg, across the highway and a little south of the Botanical Gardens). Go there. At this time of year, it is a wonderfully magical place of incredibly beautiful Christmas decorations and music. Here, Christmas still exists! Suddenly, I found my Life again! I found my America again! I found my Planet again! It's all about Christmas, and may you all have the best one ever! **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



Come join the fun Dec. 9th as we trim and light our Westport Town Tree!

Westport Holiday Tree Lighting Friday, December 9th

Sarah Cullar

This year our Holiday Tree Lighting and activities for the kids will be on Friday, December 9th. Activities will include ornament making, decorating the tree, the tree lighting itself, a visit from Santa, and a holiday movie. Ornament making will be from 3:15PM to 4:30PM at the Recreation Center. At about 4:30PM, we'll head down to the tree site across from the Westport Store and let the kids finish decorating the tree. The plan is to plug in the tree around 5:15PM, and then head back up to the Recreation Center for a visit from Santa and a holiday movie with popcorn, hot cocoa, and hot apple cider. Anyone is welcome to come participate and watch all the fun, or at least be there for the lighting of our Westport Holiday Tree!

WVS Winter Party December 11th

Thad Van Bueren, President, WVS

The Westport Village Society invites one and all to a winter party at the Westport Hotel on Sunday afternoon, December 11th, from 4:00PM to 6:00 PM. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers and provide a festive gathering for the community. Savory treats and beverages will be available, and we invite you to contribute baked goods to share. We'll provide your first beer or glass of wine, and hot cider and other non-alcoholic beverages will also be available aplenty. This is a family-friendly event, so please come and mingle!

If you are artistically inclined, we would love to showcase your concept for a WVS logo at this December 11th event. It will be a great place to display your drawing where all can view and enjoy it. Our only request is that the a logo includes the words "Westport Village Society". Use your imagination—and bring your design to the event so we can mount it on the wall. We offer our thanks to talented members of the community who are willing to offer something for our consideration. Come join us on December 11th and get into the holiday spirit!

WVFD Distributes Holiday Meals

Frank Maurice, Chief, WVFD

For the past 11 years, the Fort Bragg Food Bank has teamed up with Westport Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Dan Maxey to distribute holiday meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to families in need in the Westport area. Dan delivers meals as far north as Rockport and south to Kibesillah, which is about 20 miles in length of the WVFD's response area. In addition, some people also come to the Westport Fire Station to pick up their meals and say Hi to the firefighters there who are distributing the meals.

The Westport Volunteer Fire Department and the Westport Community sincerely thank the Fort Bragg Food Bank and WVFD Assistant Chief Dan Maxey for making these meals possible. If you would like to be included on our Holiday Meals list, please give Dan Maxey a call at (707) 357-4353. Thank You!

Happy Holidays From The Old Abalone Pub

Joywolf

Happy Holidays, with thanks to all for the terrific local support we have received since our reopening this past Spring! In December, we are happily hosting both the Westport Village Society winter party on December 11th and the Westport Volunteer Fire Department annual party on December 17th.

The Hotel and Pub will be closed for our regular seasonal closure from December 4th through February 8th. We will then be re-opening on February 9th, 2017, when the Hotel will be open again for reservations 7 days a week and the Pub will be open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 5:00PM to 9:00PM. Afternoon Tea will be served by Dorine from 3:00PM to 5:00PM every Saturday. Please join us for our lovely, 5-course Valentine's Day Dinner from 5:00PM to 9:00PM on Saturday, February 11th, and/or our Valentine's Champagne Brunch from 9:00AM to 2:00PM on Sunday, February 12th. For more information, please call the Westport Hotel at (707) 964-3688. Thanks so much!

Congratulations to Frank Maurice!

Steve Brigham

The Coastal Mendocino Association of Realtors (CMAR) has recognized Frank Maurice with the Humanitarian/Community Service Award for 2016.

CMAR is the professional organization that provides services to over 120 Real Estate Professionals from the coastal towns of Albion to Westport, Elk, and Manchester, also including the inland towns of Comptche, Philo, Navarro, Boonville, Willits, and Ukiah. The Humanitarian/Community award is given to the individual who has shown kindness and benevolence to their community by volunteering to help others. Frank has shown this time and again in our Westport Community by serving with our Volunteer Fire Department for over 14 years – now he is acknowledged by his professional peers in the real estate field for his willingness to help others within the larger community. **Our Sincere Congratulations To Fire Chief Frank Maurice!**



The Westport Community Church

Westport Community Church December 2016 Calendar

Founded in 1880, the **Westport Community Church** is a multi-denominational church which serves the Westport community and its many spiritual paths. We also function as a meeting hall for the Westport community and its activities. We are doing our best to nurture a tradition of having weekly spiritual gatherings and more at the Church (which is at the end of Abalone Street on the left), with all religious and spiritual denominations both welcome and encouraged to hold both regular and special services here. Please contact Church President Millie Saunders at (707) 964-3030 for use of the Westport Community Church and also to see how you can help keep our Westport Community Church organization improving and our buildings and grounds maintained.

1st Sunday, December 4th, 10:00AM – Our Bi-Monthly Quaker Worship Group

Katherine White leads our regular 1st Sunday Quaker Worship Group meeting. The format is a simple, quiet meditation for 45 minutes followed by Katherine reading Quaker passages and a shared discussion of our experience including sharing of any of our thoughts or readings that one is inspired to bring to the group. This has been and will continue to be a very peace-filled and nurturing experience.

2nd Sunday, December 11th, 10:00AM – Carolyn Cathey, Mendocino Center for Spiritual Living, on “Celebrating Christmas – Eternal Truths For All, Beyond Specific Religions”

Why do we celebrate Christmas? What are the Eternal Truths within the Christmas Season that are meant for all, beyond any specific religion, for year-round and always? What does Christmas mean to you? What do Christmas, Hanukkah, Buddhism, and the Winter Solstice share that we all celebrate in December? Join us for joyful discussion, songs, and Candlelighting. Donations are welcome to support the Church.

Carolyn Cathey’s new book, “Divine Messages from Jesus for a Magnificent Life” is now available in paperback form, with a Kindle version ready soon. For more information, please see www.carolynecathey.com

3rd Sunday, December 18th, 10:00AM – Our Bi-Monthly Quaker Worship Group

Katherine White leads our regular 3rd Sunday Quaker Worship Group meeting. The format is just like our 1st Sunday Service.

Court-Ordered Community Service Opportunities In Westport

Gary Quinton

Do you need to serve court-ordered Community Service or serve in a Sheriff’s Department Work Release program? Why not serve it in your community? We would value your time!

There are several places and varied types of work in Westport where you can provide your hours and get credit towards the satisfaction of your court order, including work for the Westport Volunteer Fire Department, Westport-Ten Mile Cemetery District, and the Westport Village Society. Jobs include grass and weed cutting, painting, handyman work, and more. We can help you with registration paperwork and compliance/completion documents. If you are interested, please call Gary Quinton, (707) 964-7073.



The Westport Grade Road in 1933

(Editor's Note: Hey wait a minute! The Westport Grade Road of 83 years ago looks just like the new road they're building right now! That's Progress!)

Time Warp

Thad Van Bueren

The WVS has acquired many historic photos of the local area, and we plan to share some with you each month. If you have a photo you'd like to share, we'd love to showcase it with details about when it was taken, where, and who – the typical questions you might have looking at an old album. Please send comments and contributions to wvs@westportvillagesociety.org. You can also acquire images from our collection by filling out a

request form on the "Local History" page of our web site at:

<http://www.westportvillagesociety.org/history.html>.

This month we showcase two photos from a large set taken by Caltrans over the years.

Back in the early days the coast highway was Route 56. Section 56A was to the south at Gualala and Section 56G was north near Leggett. The Westport vicinity was in Section 56F. This image (at left) that may interest you is the 1933 view of the slide north of Chadbourne Gulch. Back then the "highway" was a one lane gravel track, not much different than when it was first constructed. The County built this coast road in the 1870s as an overland route for wagons and stagecoaches extending north from Kibesillah to Westport. It was adopted as a state highway in the early 1930s.

The second image (below) was taken from the driveway of the Fee Mansion looking north on January 11, 1962. The old elementary school is prominent on the hill to the right. By this time the old school was superseded by a new one that stood across the highway from the Westport Inn, north of the Westport Store. Welcome to a wrinkle in time!



View from Fee Mansion looking north in 1962. The second Westport School (by then no longer used) is prominent on the hill on the right.



New Kibesillah Bluff Viewing Platform

News About Trails

Thad Van Bueren

The WVS is looking for volunteers to help with maintenance on two well-loved local trails. State Parks would appreciate our assistance trimming vegetation and repairing the stairs down to Pete’s Beach. We also have obtained an encroachment permit from Caltrans and permission from the Mendocino Land Trust to do some brush trimming on the historic trail that goes northwest from the Caltrans parking lot at the south end of the Ten Mile Bridge to the Haul Road. Part of the work is already completed, but more brush trimming is desirable. If you’d like to help, please call me at 964-7272.

In other trail news, have you checked out the Kibesillah Bluff spur trail yet? The parking lot on Highway 1 was completed a few months ago, but the trail out to a viewing platform at the bluff edge just opened recently. It is well worth the short walk to the viewing platform, which has comfortable redwood benches. The views from there are breathtaking. From the Kibesillah Bluff viewing platform you can get a little taste for history if you have a good imagination.

To the north are the massive reefs that are the submerged northern end of the first coastal terrace (there are three in the local marine terraces here compared to five present further south at Caspar).

These reefs were a major attraction for Native Americans for thousands of years. The buildings to the north occupy an area where the first major settlement of colonists was established at Kibesillah in the 1860s. To the south near the Newport Inn the old Newport Landing once stood.

Not-So-Fearless Winter Weather Forecast

Steve Brigham

Traditionally, I have my Fearless Winter Weather Forecast ready by September, or at least by October. But no one ever said that long-range weather forecasting was easy. Last year, with its on-again-off-again El Nino, was maddening – but I still got our annual rainfall total pretty close (I predicted 55 inches at least, and we ended up with 52 inches here on the Headlands).

I actually did have my Fearless Forecast ready this year in September, but it was so unbelievably boring (“Will it rain? Mebbe, mebbe not”) that I didn’t print it. In the interest of better forecasting, I decided to wait a couple of months to see what happened. You can’t go wrong forecasting something that’s already happened.

This past summer, we transitioned to more ENSO-neutral conditions, so this is the year we were supposed to be back to a “normal” rainy season. Whatever that is. Naturally, we promptly hauled off and got over 18 inches of rain in October and November alone (that’s over 40% of our annual rainfall total in just 2 months). This fact has now allowed me to predict that Westport will have a rainy fall, and also that Donald Trump will win the state of Michigan by a little over 10,000 votes (that’s before the recount).

What happened? Well, in this column I’m only dealing with weather, but as far as the weather goes, a weak La Nina showed up this fall, which for the West Coast means wetter in the north and drier in the south, and we got the tail end of the tons of rain they’ve had in the Pacific Northwest. Is a rainy fall in Westport normal? Well, if you talk to some of the old-timers, it used to rain a lot here in the fall. And that’s fine with

me, since after a long dry summer, that's when our plants need rain the most. About the only instance when fall rains aren't welcome is if you start a major road construction project in October, but that's another story.

OK, so how about this winter? Well, since it hasn't happened yet, that's mighty hard to predict. If we can keep up this La Nina thing for another 4 months, we'll have 54 inches of rain total by the end of March (our average annual rainfall total here on the Headlands is around 43 inches). That's more than we got out of El Nino! Or, we could see a mid-winter shift to more ENSO-neutral conditions, and it could be a little drier than that. I do think that we will get more cool nights this winter than in recent years, and maybe even a little dusting of snow in our hills at some point. That would be fun. I'll have another weather forecast for you in a couple of months, after we know what actually happened. That's really the best way to predict anything these days!

Are You Connected? Support Your Local Broadband Service!

Trish Steel

(Editor's Note: For many years now, the only high-speed Internet service in Westport has been by satellite, but now there is a new kind of high-speed service here that merits our attention. So I asked Trish Steel of SeaKay to tell us about this service, and I told her to give us as much information as possible. That she did, and this is really interesting stuff! Like others have around here, I think I might just try SeaKay, and maybe you might want to as well.)

The great advantages of living a rural lifestyle are well known to all of us - no traffic, clean air, natural beauty, no crowds of people. It's probably why we all live here, despite the many (also well-known) disadvantages. However, one major disadvantage of living here has recently been overcome, for Westport residents now have the option for quality, affordable, and high-speed broadband. SeaKay, a non-profit community networking organization, has filled this need by expanding their network to offer their broadband service. They are already providing the Westport Store with free public wi-fi, and for the

affordable rate of only \$45/month, you can receive unlimited, high-speed, low latency, reliable broadband. This is quite different from the higher-priced, data-limited and high-latency satellite or cellular that has been the only option for many residents until now. Best of all, SeaKay is a locally owned and operated and provides this service with no contract or hidden fees. One local Westport resident reported, "I am on SeaKay's service and it is wonderful."

SeaKay needs your support to continue and expand service throughout our community. Right now they only have a small number of households that are subscribers. The current small customer subscriber base may not be sustainable given the operating costs of the network. Broadband opens up so many possibilities for residents, from putting your business online to online educational opportunities to streaming Netflix (or for the more politically-minded, our Board of Supervisors meetings). Tourists want to stay in places where they can keep in touch with family and share their photos of our beautiful ocean views. Broadband access increases the value of your property. We are asking for your support to make sure that all your neighbors know about this service, and encourage them to go to our website at seakaybroadband.net and sign up. Or if you don't have online access, give us a call at 707-376-1234 and we will set you up. A good thing has been started...let's keep it going!

Question and Answers:

Q: How exactly does SeaKay's Fixed Wireless service work? SeaKay Broadband operates a hybrid fiber optic and wireless network to bring high-speed connectivity to our subscribers. We purchase wholesale bandwidth from carrier-neutral datacenters in the San Francisco Bay Area (just like Google and Amazon does) and transport bandwidth north to Ukiah via leased fiber optic lines. At our Network Operations Center (NOC) in Ukiah, we use high-speed point-to-point wireless links to a number of mountain-top distribution points. From these mountaintops, we directly feed other distribution points and also provide wireless service directly to subscribers who have installed a small-sized antennae on their roof (between 6" and 24" in size). From there the signal is brought inside your home to your

computer, or if desired, directed through a router to a wifi signal. Since a line of sight from your rooftop to a relay is required for service, a site visit is necessary to confirm that service is indeed available.

Q: How reliable is it? Does weather and other factors (corrosion) affect service? Is there a maintenance plan?

Fixed Wireless service is extremely reliable and is not affected by weather such as rain, fog, and clouds. And SeaKay Broadband was not affected by any of the recent ATT outages. A majority of our relay sites are solar-powered, which makes for a reliable and sustainable way to power our equipment. Most customer-side equipment installed on SeaKay's coastal network is made of plastic and stainless steel to help extend it's life. SeaKay retains ownership of customer-side equipment and replaces it, free of charge, if it fails. Technicians reside in Mendocino County and in the event of any problems, technicians can be contacted by phone or email (information readily available on our website). We have a solid, standard service agreement policy which you can find on our website as well. Basically, if it's our fault we fix it free of charge, if it's your fault there is a standard hourly rate that is applied.

Q: What are the Internet speeds and costs? Is there an installation fee?

SeaKay offers four speed tiers, with the lowest starting at 4 Mbps download and 2 Mbps upload for \$45/month, which is fully capable of handling Netflix and video. Service tiers are outlined here: <http://seakaybroadband.net/services/residential-and-small-business-internet-services/> All speeds have the extremely important quality of low latency which greatly affects your internet experience. In fact latency is so important that it deserves its own discussion, which you will find next. SeaKay Internet comes with unlimited data, so you won't ever pay penalties, have your service slowed down or have to monitor your usage when the grandkids visit. In addition, we are committed to protecting your privacy and personal data (not all companies are!). There is no contract, and only a one-time standard installation/equipment fee of \$150.

Q: So...what is the big deal about latency?

There is more to an Internet connection than just bandwidth (speed), there is latency. Latency is how long it takes data to travel between its source and destination, and is measured in milliseconds (MS) or "ping" when it's round trip. Satellite ping is typically 500~800 MS, while fixed wireless is typically ~30 MS. Latency manifests as a delay, and this can make a satellite Internet service rated at 20 Mbps with high latency can perform noticeably worse than a fixed wireless service rated at 5 Mbps and low latency. You won't hear satellite providers talking about latency for this reason.

Imagine you have a satellite connection and are sitting at your computer and you click a link. The request for the website goes out from the computer to the modem, out to your dish and transmits to a satellite 22,000 miles away in space. From there the signal bounces back down to earth to the company's ground-based station, called a gateway. From the gateway the signal travels along the terrestrial system connected with the Internet, grabs the data from the website, and takes it back to the gateway, which shoots it back up into space to the satellite, which then shoots it back down to the consumer's home. This means a signal often travels about 90,000 miles (depending on how far the ground terrestrial network is). Although it's pretty amazing and seems to happen quickly, in digital time... it's slow. It's hard for technology to beat physics.

The problem is then compounded by the way today's webpages load. There is not just one request for data, but rather many, often hundreds. You make the first hit to a page, and pay your first latency. Then that HTML calls for perhaps a dozen other downloads. Your second payment. Some of those will call for further downloads, giving you your third, and so on. With https this is all doubled due to the encryption protocol. Each request involves a round trip and each latency adds up and results in a delay. If you were having a skype-chat with a friend with such a connection, you would be out of sync with each other. Such delays make online applications such as video-conferencing, telecommuting (remote logins often fails) and gaming impossible. For a good discussion of latency using a waterpipe analogy (for those folks who like concrete examples) go here: <http://www.speedtest.net/articles/what-is-ping-what-is-latency/>

Q: I've been hearing the wireless signal nullifies some types of cell-phone reception. Is this true?

There is no truth to this whatsoever. Mobile phones use the licensed 700-800 MHz frequency (Verizon, USC, ATT) and 1.7-2.1GHz (T-Mobile, Metro PCS) . SeaKay Broadband operates primarily in the 5.15-5.85GHz unlicensed bands and sometimes in the 900Mhz band. These frequencies do not overlap and do not interfere with each other.

Q: Why should I pay to break my satellite contract and switch?

There are very good quality, community and economic reasons to switch from satellite serve to SeaKay's Fixed Wireless service.

Quality Reasons: Satellite Internet is not considered "broadband" by the California Public Utilities Commission, due to the high latency. Satellite was designed for those without any other options and while it's definitely better than dial-up, even "high speed" can be experienced as slow. Experiment for yourself - use a friend's low-latency broadband and see how it compares to your high-latency Internet. Satellite service can also be influenced by weather and sunspot activity, which do not affect fixed wireless service. With satellite you are disadvantaged for certain applications, and even though you may think you don't have a need to Skype for example, you may want to when family travels to Europe, or when that grandbaby across the county arrives. More possibilities and options are open to you when you are on true broadband, and you won't have to pass up such opportunities. You can change levels of service with a phone call, and as needs change SeaKay can change with it. Satellite has limited capacity in terms of bandwidth (maxed out at about 14 Mbps) and number of customers, and satellites can quickly become over-subscribed. This is why most satellite plans have data caps. Speeds that had been fairly consistent can suddenly drop as more customers are added to the satellite. Airplanes offering "onboard internet" use these satellites which can also cause unexpected congestion. When a satellite reaches capacity, it cannot be easily upgraded since that involves launching new satellites into orbit. Individual data usage is only going up, and so these issues can be expected to increase. Fixed Wireless

can easily scale to reach faster speeds, and the technology is improving all the time.

Community reasons: More subscribers make for a stronger network, both in terms of quality and sustainability. Backhaul costs (getting the data from Ukiah to the Coast) are part of SeaKay's financial equation and if there are too few subscribers to cover these costs, then a start-up network like in Westport may not survive long-term. Having a network adds community value, and allows residents who may not be able to afford the more expensive satellite to have broadband available to them. More subscribers also improve service to an entire area, as one house can act as a line-of-sight relay for another house if necessary. Satellite equipment is larger and heavier (and must be precisely aligned) and so has more visual impacts. And finally, with SeaKay you will be supporting a locally managed and operated Internet Service Provider of a San Francisco based, public-benefit corporation which will invest their profits into expanding their network here in Mendocino, versus ViaSat which is strictly commercial venture headquartered near San Diego. Already SeaKay is providing the Westport Store and the Westport Fire Department with free service and public wi-fi...you won't find the satellite companies offering such services.

Economic reasons: Satellite service locks you into a 2-year contract at expensive prices. At a satellite price of \$115/month for 24 months, you pay a total of \$2,760. For a similar internet experience at the SeaKay medium tier of \$65/month for 24 months, plus the installation fee of \$150, it is only \$1,710 for 2 years (but no contract required!), for a savings of over \$1,000. This would even pay for the "break contract" fee. If you went with the tier 1 at \$45/month, then your savings would be over \$1,500. Even at the most expensive SeaKay tier 4 (\$105/month) you would still pay \$100 less. The economics are in your favor, so why wait to change?

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Did you know that the easiest way to read *The Westport Wave* is on the Newsletter page of our website westportvillagesociety.org – where you'll always find the most current issue as well as four years of monthly back-issues, all in living color!



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

Decorating For The Holidays

Marty Anderson

Well around my house, anyways, you can tell that something's up. First it's one box, then another, then another – then there's a whole avalanche of boxes and then suddenly this *real tree* appears in the living room and then all heck breaks loose and there are decorations going up all over the place! Yep, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Which is fine with me. It's always a little scary at first, but then you just get used to it, and it really makes being in the house on these cold winter days a lot more fun. But do I really have to hear all those stories again about whose grandmother each and every ornament came from? Actually I don't mind that either. I was just talking to Boots (my *Wave* Copy Editor, and also Steve's cat) the other day, and she said the same thing. "Oh yeah, you've never seen so many boxes. And the tree is a real hoot. As for the stories, I always get the general drift, but all I really ever hear is blah blah Bootsie, blah blah blah Bootsie, etc." Anyway, from me and Boots, and all the staff of the *Westport Wave*, we wish you a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

December 2016 Westport Calendar

December 4th – First Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church

December 6th – Westport MAC Meeting, 7:00PM, Westport Community Church

December 8th – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM

December 9th – Westport Holiday Tree Trimming, 4:30PM (Tree Lighting 5:15PM)

December 10th – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Firehouse

December 11th – Carolyn Cathey, Mendocino Center for Spiritual Living, "Celebrating Christmas – Eternal Truths For All, Beyond Specific Religions", 10:00AM at the Westport Church

December 11th – Westport Village Society Winter Party, 4:00PM to 6:00PM, Westport Hotel

December 13th – Super Full Moon, 4:05PM

December 14th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Firehouse

December 18th – Third Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church

December 21st – Winter Solstice, 2:44AM

December 22nd – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM

December 24th – Hanukkah begins at sundown

December 25th – Christmas Day

December 26th – Kwanzaa

December 28th – New Moon, 10:53PM

December 31st – New Year's Eve

January 1st, 2017 – New Year's Day

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