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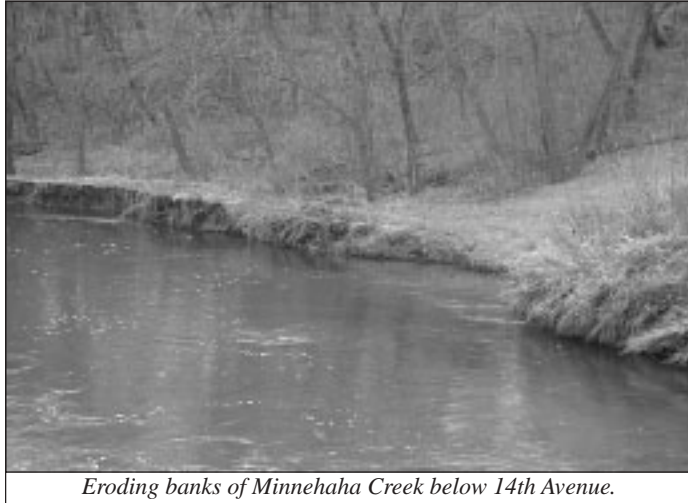
2005 City of Minneapolis Election Results

Mayor: R. T. Rybak

City Council - Ward 11: Scott Benson

Park and Recreation Board - District 5: Carol Kummer

For complete results, visit <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections/2005results.asp>.



Amelia Frevort

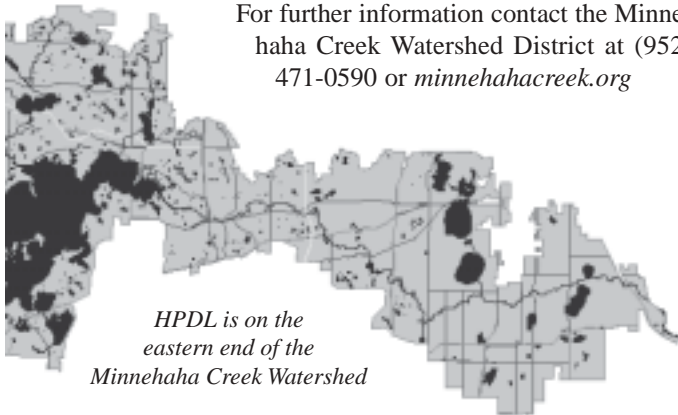
Eroding banks of Minnehaha Creek below 14th Avenue.

Minnehaha Creek Banks

The Minnehaha Creek Watershed District held a public meeting October 6th for a proposed project to repair sections of the stream bank on Minnehaha Creek between Portland and Bloomington Avenues. There are approximately 15 individual locations in this one-mile stretch of the creek that need repair.

The stretch from Portland Avenue to Bloomington Avenue is labeled "Reach 8" and is identified as a high priority for repairs. Various methods will be used to stabilize the creek banks including plantings and placing river rock to maintain a natural appearance. Storm water pipes will be cut back. Work could start as early as winter 2006. The water level needs to be low for work to begin. No disruptions for our neighborhood are anticipated.

For further information contact the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District at (952) 471-0590 or minnehahacreek.org



HPDL is on the eastern end of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed

Simple Ways to Improve the Creek

By Grant Larson, David Rokke, Kyle Marxhausen and Jimmy Rokke

Did you know that what you do in your own backyard can affect the plants and animals in the ocean thousands of miles away? We're not talking about playing outside but about the pollutants people use everyday.

We're the Hale-Field Lego League Team and we're doing a research project on the ocean. We wanted to tie the pollution problems found in the ocean back to our neighborhood and the Minnehaha Creek. We found that nitrogen from fertilizer, animal waste, decomposing plant life and chlorine from the salt used on roads and sidewalks not only harm the Creek but negatively impact the Gulf of Mexico as well.

Here are some simple ways that you can help the Minnehaha Creek that goes in to the Mississippi River which dumps into the Gulf of Mexico:

- e Wash your car on the grass so the grass absorbs the chemicals.
- e Pick up after your pets so the nitrogen from the waste doesn't wash off into the watershed.
- e Plant native grasses on your boulevard; they will use less water and absorb harmful chemicals which will stop them from going into the sewer.
- e Sweep up your sidewalk salt and reuse it so it doesn't wash into the sewers.
- e Don't rake your leaves into the gutter; they will flow into the sewers.

All of these things are simple yet effective and will make the Minnehaha and Mississippi Watersheds healthier.

Grant and David are 6th graders at Field. Kyle and Jimmy are 4th graders at Hale.



Bill Helgeson



Rick Broberg



Erroll Foy



Jeremy Haberman



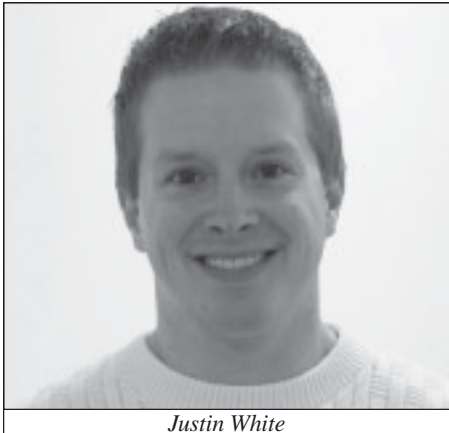
Don Christensen



Kevin Hurbanis



Molly Gravholt



Justin White

HPDL Board

At-Large Opening

There is one seat available on the HPDL Community Association's Board of Directors. Diamond Lake or Page residents and business owners may fill this position. Directors attend monthly Board meetings on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. - and serve in an area of interest as an officer or member of a committee. The following are some of the HPDL committees and their projects: Newsletter, Housing (HPDL housing loan programs, Southside Housing Fair), Gardening (community gardens), Transportation (airport issues, Cedar/Edgewater Blvd.), Business Association (Treasure Hunt, Business Fair), Environment (Diamond Lake water Quality, Earth Day Clean Up), Crime Prevention (Safety Fair), and Building Community (Frost Fest and Picnic in the Park). Board members must 16 or older. Call the HPDL Office at (612) 824-7707 or emailoffice@hpdl.org if you are interested in joining the Board!

Not pictured: Jeff Rau, Elizabeth Alderman Lee, and Joyce Suek

Yes!

I want to help HPDL keep my neighborhood a great place to live.



Here is my tax deductible contribution:

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HPDL, 5144 13th Avenue So., Minneapolis, MN 55417. **Thank You!**

From the Chair

By Bill Helgeson

This is my first article as Chair of the HPDL Community Association. I am very lucky that over these last 14 years since HPDL began in 1991, many people have volunteered many hours to serve on the HPDL Board and its many committees. They have put HPDL in the great position that it is today.

We recently had our Phase II Action Plan approved by the NRP Policy Board. This will provide a source of funding to HPDL until 2009. After that, however, NRP funding for all neighborhood and community groups is up in the air. One of my goals as Chair this year is to begin the process that will make HPDL a more self-sufficient organization over the next four years. That process has already begun by making changes to our budget that will cut our expenses by 26% this coming year. We will continue to look at other ways to cut our current expenses. However, a big area we need to work on is the area of fund-raising. We've never had to do that much in the past because most of our funding was provided by NRP. This is a major change for this organization. If you have any thoughts or suggestions on fund-raising, feel free to contact me at bill@hpd.org

We have a great Board of Directors this year. I want to thank Elizabeth Alderman Lee, Richard Broberg, Don Christensen, Erroll Foy, Molly Gravholt, Jeremy Haberman, Jeff Rau, Joyce Suek, Kevin Hurbanis and Justin White for volunteering to serve this year. I look forward to working with them to make the HPDL Community Association the best organization it can be.

Diamond Lake neighborhood children raise money for Hurricane Katrina survivors

Friends in the Diamond Lake neighborhood took it upon themselves to raise money for the survivors of Hurricane Katrina. By holding a Kool-Aid and candy stand, they were able to raise \$110! The girls helped "families make their house a home" by donating the money to Oprah's Katrina Home Registry.



This duck is worth a prize.



The Cake Walk is a FrostFest favorite.



Peggy, Lillie, Nicole and Megan raise money for Katrina survivors.

From City Hall

By Scott Benson
City Council Member, Ward 11

Starting next January, the City is implementing a system known as Minneapolis 311.

This system replaces dozens of phone numbers that residents call for City services ranging from garbage pickup to street repair. In many cases, the 311 agent will be the one and only person the caller will need to speak with for a particular request. The call operators will have access to a searchable database to provide answers to questions about the city, city services or regulations. In addition, the operators will have the ability to immediately send notification to city departments for requests that will take a response by city staff, such as fixing pot holes or reporting an abandoned vehicle.

This should make for a much more convenient system for residents. Rather than trying to figure out whether you call traffic and parking control or the police department to report an aban-



doned vehicle on your street, one call to 311 will make sure that the correct city staff is notified and your report is acted upon. In addition, all requests for service will be provided a tracking number, allowing residents to check back later to find out the status. Similar systems are currently in place in several cities throughout the United States including New York and Chicago.

Thank you for the opportunity to update you about the happenings at City Hall. If you would like more information, I publish an electronic newsletter to keep you up to date on what is happening at City Hall. If you want to subscribe, please e-mail me at scott.benson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us and put "E-mail Update" in the subject line. If you have any questions or want to learn about something more in depth, please feel free to e-mail me or call my office at (612) 673-2211.

Rental Licensing Primer

As many of you know, rental property is licensed in Minneapolis. The police department's SAFE staff frequently get questions at block club meetings and other events about how licensing works and how it is monitored. Sometimes neighbors worry that there are criminal activities taking place and want to know how to address the problems in partnership with the city.

The Minneapolis Rental Licensing ordinance basically covers two areas: the physical condition of the property and the conduct of tenants and guests on the property. Housing Inspections is responsible for issues related to the physical condition of the property. The SAFE crime prevention specialists monitor issues related to the conduct of the tenants.

When the conduct of tenants becomes a problem, Rental Licensing becomes a "three strikes and you're out" process. Landlords are sent warning letters as certain types of illegal conduct occur at their property. The first letter is considered a warning, a "heads up" for the owner. The owner, who may not be aware of the problems, has been officially advised that problems are occurring.

When another incident occurs within a one-year period from the date of the first incident, a second letter is sent. The landlord is required to respond to that second letter

within five days by contacting the crime prevention specialist and sending in a written management plan outlining the steps they will take to address the problems at the property.

If a third conduct incident occurs, SAFE, city rental licensing staff and the city attorney investigate the incident and recommend a rental license revocation hearing be held, *if* the incident meets the ordinance's legal criteria. The owner faces losing their rental license for that property.

Criteria For Incidents

There are basically five types of tenant and guest conduct for which the city can hold a landlord accountable. They are narcotics, prostitution, weapons violations, noisy parties and disorderly conduct.

Narcotics: Illegal drugs found on the property constitutes a conduct incident. In the case of narcotics, state law requires that the owner begin eviction proceedings against the tenant. In order to attempt an eviction the narcotics must be tied directly to the tenant or guest of the tenant.

Prostitution: The prostitution activity must occur on the property and be documented with a police report.

Illegal Weapons: "Illegal" is the key word. Some examples of illegal weapons inci-

dents that constitute a conduct violation are sawed-off shotguns, an assault weapon and weapons with the serial numbers removed. As with narcotics, weapons must be tied directly to the tenant or a guest of the tenant.

Noisy Parties: The ordinance specifies that three confirmed noisy parties are required to make up one conduct incident. The police normally document noisy parties when they respond to a 911 call about the disturbance.

Disorderly Conduct: Multiple documented incidents of disorderly conduct that disturb two or more neighboring households. Block club impact statements are crucial in enforcing disorderly conduct complaints.

It's important to understand that each conduct incident is reviewed independently by a 3rd Precinct crime prevention specialist and the city attorney before any action can be taken. Each case is reviewed on its own merits. Because of court challenges, the city attorney will not proceed on rental licensing actions without thorough, accurate, provable documentation.

If you need further information, call Sue Roethele, your crime prevention specialist at 3rd Precinct, (612) 673-2839.

Residents Gather to Support Marathon Runners

“What are ya doin’ with that loud music?!” It was one of the first years that Joel Quinnell had held his now-annual party to support runners of the Twin Cities Marathon. The race had officially started, but the runners hadn’t yet made it to Quinnell’s location on the marathon route, the intersection of Columbus Ave and Minnehaha Pkwy on the north side of the creek. His 85-year-old aunt made the trip from her home in Fairbault to join in the festivities, and she saw a woman begin to walk towards her from the other side of the creek. The woman didn’t look happy, and as she approached, the first words out of her mouth were “What are ya doin’ with that loud music?!” Quinnell’s aunt sensed that the woman was about to call the police, and what the woman said next was a pleasant surprise. “Well, whatever it is, I’d like to buy that tape.”

Quinnell and his family moved into their home in 1996, but it wasn’t until 1998 that he held the marathon party at his home. For the first couple years, he made his way several houses down the block and helped other residents with their marathon parties.



A wheelchair racer speeds through HPDL.

“They only had a tiny boombox,” he said. In 1998 he asked them if they would mind if he hosted his own party and take advantage of his DJ system: huge speakers, multiple five-disk CD players, receivers and powerful amplifiers. Every year since then, his party has grown. And this year, there was a little music note to mark his location on the official map of the marathon.

Quinnell has a knack for selecting the right songs to encourage the runners, which became obvious when the time came to play Y.M.C.A. Never before had I seen hundreds of people running down the street making out those four letters with their arms raised above their heads and singing along.

Music is definitely not the only thing Quinnell offers. He and other volunteers hand out thousands of cups of water, bananas and orange slices. Passing bananas and oranges to the runners isn’t too difficult, but passing the cups of water is another story. “There is an art,” said Amy Scheller. “We’ve been training all year.” She and her friend, Lorissa Gottschalk, live up the street from Quinnell. “Water!”, they yell out to the runners. Most of the time, the hand-off is smooth, but sometimes the runners end up with an empty cup or no cup at all. “That time I let go too soon,” said Scheller as the cup tumbled on the ground behind the runner.

Dozens of Quinnell’s friends, family and area residents came to support the runners and have a good time. The water and fruit is for the runners, but there’s much more

for those who come to help. Inside a large tent you can find soda, coffee, fruit juice, donuts, potato chips, pizza, potato salad, candy and more. Kowalski’s supplied the water, and Qwest, Quinnell’s employer, sponsored the event last year. He hopes to have more sponsors next year and make this annual event bigger and better every year.

One of the volunteers this year may help Quinnell’s case to get more sponsors. Mayor R.T. Rybak showed up shortly after the lead runners passed to help hand out water. When asked why he decided to hang out at this location, he said, “I started with a plan to do the whole thing, but then I ran into a great party and a porta-potty. I knew it would be fun but not this much fun.”

Everyone I talked to expressed that same thing. “It’s always fun to see ‘em,” said Marnie Hunt, who was there with her 11-month-old son, Matthew, and her husband, Doug Huisken. When asked whether Matthew would grow up to be a runner or a spectator, she confidently replied, “Spectator.” That’s the other thing those at the party shared; none of them seemed to have any interest in running. Quinnell’s aunt said, “I could run for about a block, but then I just walk. I hate running.”

So if you don’t like running, you may have thought that the Twin Cities Marathon didn’t have anything to offer you. But if want to have a lot of fun, make sure to find your way to the party next year to cheer, hand out water and fruit and simply have a great time. Those who do like running will be glad you did.



A cup of water awaits a runners grasp.

Nominate your home for the 2006 Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour

Nomination/application forms are now available for the 2006 Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour, which is scheduled for May 6-7. The Tour is a celebration of city living—a chance to share your remodeling projects, neighborhood enthusiasm and historic or otherwise unique home to inspire others. The Tour has several goals, but the primary goal is to show housing and remodeling options that make city living interesting, exciting and possible at all life stages. The Neighborhood Revitalization Program is coordinating and presenting the tour.

The 2006 Tour will be on Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, May 7, from noon to 5 p.m. Submissions are due by January 10. Early submissions are encouraged.

For more information about the Tour and to download the nomination/application form, visit <http://www.nrp.org>.



HPDL Newsletter Seeking Photographer

Marie Foss, a Diamond Lake neighborhood resident, has been volunteering as photographer for the HPDL newsletter since 2003. She recently graduated from Minneapolis Community and Technical College with a degree in photo and digital imaging and has accepted a full-time position as a photographer for the Sun Newspapers covering Bloomington, Edina, Eden Prairie and Richfield. We will surely miss working with her and having access to her creative talents. If you would like to see some of her work, she currently has an exhibit at Washburn Library, 5244 Lyndale Ave S.

If you are interested in being a photographer for the HPDL newsletter, please contact Jeremy Haberman at jeremy@hpd.org.

Nokomis Healthy Seniors

Nokomis Healthy Seniors, located at 4553 34th Ave. S, is open every Thursday morning for “Nurse Is In” from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. You can schedule a pedicure or get your blood pressure checked. If nothing else you can stop in to chat over a cup of coffee and Scandia bakery coffee cake.

At Ebenezer Lutheran Church, located at 1830 East 41st St., we sponsor two monthly support groups. The Macular Degeneration Group meets at the church on the second Thursday of the month from 10-11:30 a.m. Julie Rindelaub from Vision Loss is the facilitator. On the last Thursday of the month, the Caregiver Support Group meets at 1 p.m. The group is open to anyone serving as a caregiver for a loved one. If you have any questions about these groups, please call the office at (612) 729-5499.

Nokomis Healthy Seniors also sponsors two community blood pressure clinics. On the first Thursday of the month at 12 noon, seniors can go to congregate dining at Holy

Cross Lutheran Church, located at 1720 East Minnehaha Parkway. In addition to having your blood pressure checked, you can eat a meal there by calling Evelyn at (612) 729-6668 two days in advance. The cost of the meal is \$3. The other blood pressure clinic is held at Standish Green, 2210 East 40th St., at 12 noon on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Health Programs are monthly meetings designed to promote your health. Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month at Faith Lutheran Church, 3430 East 51st St. These programs are free and open to the public. This month’s program, a foot-care seminar, will be given by Sandi Meemken with Footworks at 1:30 p.m. on November 30. There will not be a program in December. In the spirit of reducing waste, please remember to bring your own mug to the programs. If you need a ride to any of these activities, please call Margo at (612) 729-5499.



A Creek Runs Through It

Monday, January 9th,
7:00 PM at Pearl Park

Minnehaha Creek has long caught the imagination of poets, composers, political leaders and ordinary citizens. Rich Cairn, local historian and activist, has compiled a Digital Watershed Atlas for the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District. Sample the Atlas as he tells stories of the natural and human history of the watershed. Imagine what the region looked like before settlers poured in during the summer of 1862. Learn about the creek’s dramatic role in the early settlement of this area. See how changes over the years have affected the creek. And discuss where we might go from here.

Snow Information

With winter fast approaching, here is a quick reminder of what to do when the white stuff falls. Minneapolis has many great resources to let you know when a snow emergency is declared and where you can park while the plows are removing the snow. Check out the City of Minneapolis website at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/snow or call **612-348-SNOW (7669)** for the latest information. Remember that sidewalks need to be shoveled within 24 hours after a snowfall for home and duplexes. For those on corners, please remember to remove the snow from the corner so those people crossing the street can gain easy access to the sidewalk.

Community Resource Guide

The HPDL Business Association is creating a Community Resource Guide, which lists the businesses, churches and other organizations in HPDL. Do you have a business in HPDL that we don’t know about? If you would like to be part of the directory but are not currently on HPDL’s mailing list, please contact Rosie at the HPDL office at (612) 824-7707 or office@hpd.org.



Help stop area graffiti

Recently, there has been an increase in graffiti on private and public property in the Ericsson and Northrop neighborhoods from E. 42nd St. South to E. 46th St. and through parts of the Standish, Regina, Field, Hale and Minnehaha neighborhoods. Many sites, including businesses, garages, fences and an apartment building, have been vandalized with graffiti. Most of the graffiti has occurred at night.

There is very little or no suspect information, and Minneapolis police urge residents to call 911 if they see graffiti crimes in progress.

What you can do:

The Minneapolis Police Department is fighting graffiti crime with increased attention from street officers and we need your help.

- Be especially alert to activity on the streets and in the alleys at night. Pay extra attention to those locations where there have been graffiti crimes in the past, and call 911 if you see graffiti occurring. Call 911 for all in-progress graffiti incidents.
- Call 911 if you see any suspicious behavior, such as people loitering in the alleys or between buildings.
- Call the Graffiti Hotline Number at (612) 673-2090 to report any graffiti in your area. You must have the exact address of the vandalism for a report to be taken.
- Graffiti encourages more graffiti, so it should be removed it as soon as possible. In cold weather, removing the graffiti may be impossible, but if you can cover it temporarily with primer or another covering, that will help reduce the chance of recurrence. Ask your hardware store for suggestions.
- Graffiti removal tips are online at <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/graffiti>.
- If you have information about persons involved with graffiti crime, call the Graffiti Hotline at (612) 673-2090.
- Improve lighting on your block. Alleys can be especially dark and extra lighting will aid visibility. Call Xcel Energy at (800) 960-6235 for information about additional alley lighting and the Nightwatch Program.
- Motivate your block club and neighborhood association by talking with neighbors about the issues of graffiti, or get organized around a graffiti-removal project. Encourage youths to help.

Call Crime Prevention Specialist Sue Roethle, 3rd Precinct–Sector 3 SAFE, at (612) 673-2839 or the HPDL office at (612) 824-7707 for more information about what you can do.

HPDL Needs You!

If you can spend a few hours a month, have an interest in your community, and want to affect what happens in your own neighborhood, please give us a call. Rosie or Viola at the HPDL office would love to hear from you. The number is (612) 824-7707.

HPDL Committee Meetings

- Building Community Call
- Business Association Call
- Commercial Development Call
- Crime and Safety Second Tuesday
- Housing Call
- Newsletter Call
- Environment Call
- Gardening Every Wednesday
(Spring - Fall)
- Phase II Planning Call
- Transportation Call

HPDL Board:

- Rick Broberg
- Don Christensen
- Erroll Foy (Secretary)
- Molly Gravholt (Treasurer)
- Jeremy Haberman
- Bill Helgeson (Chair)
- Kevin Hurbanis
- Elizabeth Alderman Lee
- Jeff Rau
- Joyce Suek
- Justin White (Vice Chair)

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HPDL was founded in 1991. It is bound by 35W, 62nd Street, Cedar Avenue, and Minnehaha Creek. HPDL serves as a forum/clearinghouse for ideas; provides a meeting place to air grievances, define concerns and develop solutions; provides opportunities to work with other organizations across the city; serves as a conduit between residents and government; and helps us to celebrate our neighborhoods and their own special uniqueness within our diverse city.

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HPDL Community Calendar

Jan. 9 Monday	Minnehaha Creek Community Meeting 7 p.m.	Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lk. Rd.
Jan. 23 Monday	HPDL Board Meeting 7 p.m.	HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.
Feb. 3 Friday	Frost Fest 6 - 8 p.m.	Pearl Park 414 E. Diamond Lk. Rd.
Feb. 27 Monday	HPDL Board Meeting 7 p.m.	HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.
March 11 Saturday	South Minneapolis Housing Fair 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	South High School 3131 19th Avenue South
March 27 Monday	HPDL Board Meeting 7 p.m.	HPDL Office 5144 13th Ave. S.

You make the call:

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Humane Society . . . (763) 522-4325	
Animal Control	348-4250
CCP/SAFE Spec. Sue Roethle . . .	673-2839
Burned Out Street Lights	673-2429
Airport Noise	726-9411
Graffiti	673-2090
Pearl Park	370-4906
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County Commissioner Gail Dorfman ⁽³⁾ Peter McLaughlin ⁽⁴⁾	348-7883 348-7884
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