

# WEST WALKER WIRE

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## WWCA Celebrates the Season at the 2010 Holiday Party

by Mike Webber

ON DECEMBER 18, our first daytime, kid-friendly Holiday Party was held at the Tapestry Center on Irving Park Road. It was a small start, but just like the Halloween Party and Fall Festival, we hope it will continue to grow.

Those who attended were treated to a wonderful setting, including a Christmas tree, fireplace, and holiday music. Milk, juice, and cookies were enjoyed by all. Kids and adults enjoyed coloring Christmas tree ornaments to take home. It was a great way to get out of the house and meet new neighbors. We hope to see many new neighbors there next year!

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**REMINDER: No January meeting.  
See you March 15 at the  
next WWCA General Meeting.**

**January 15 • 5 p.m.**  
"Farmer Vicki Westerhoff Tells Her Story"  
St. John's Episcopal Speaker Series  
3857 N. Kostner Ave.

**January 19 • 7 p.m.**  
Beat 1723 CAPS meeting  
17th Dist. Police Station Community Rm.  
4650 N. Pulaski Road

**January 22 • 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
Seed Starting Basics Workshop  
Kilbourn Park & Organic Greenhouse  
3501 N. Kilbourn Ave.

**January 22 • 11 a.m.**  
Silver Skates Citywide Speed Skating  
Championships  
McFetridge Sports Center  
3843 N. California Ave.

**January 22 • 2-4 p.m.**  
Retirement Party Open House for  
Margaret Dunne  
Independence Branch Library  
3548 W. Irving Park Road

**February 10 • 6:30 p.m.**  
6th Annual Daddy-Daughter/Mother-Son  
Valentine Dance, Mayfair Park  
4550 W. Sunnyside Ave.

**February 11 • 6:30 p.m.**  
Daddy-Daughter/Mother-Son Valentine  
Dance, Horner Park  
2741 W. Montrose Ave.

**February 12 • 10 a.m.**  
Irving Park Fine Arts Committee  
Presents Storyteller Oba William King  
Irving Park Lutheran Church  
4100 N. Harding Ave.

You can also visit our  
Community Calendar online at:  
<http://westwalker.org/calendar.html>

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# Dear Neighbor,

I HOPE EVERYONE has enjoyed the holiday season and is ready for 2011. The turning of the New Year allows us to reflect on what has been and what will come in the future. I prefer the future, because I can do something about it. That being said, much of this column addresses unfinished business.

Most important, we are still seeking candidates for the *Wire* editor and treasurer positions. As I have noted in the past, a volunteer organization can only run when it has volunteers. Both of these positions are essential to the function of the WWCA. The editor position requires desktop publishing expertise and some general editing and writing tasks. The treasurer keeps track of income, primarily from dues, advertising, and donations, and pays expenses for WWCA operations. The *Wire* editor position must be filled within the next three months, or we will risk losing our ability to publish the *Wire*. Please contact Mike Webber or any officer or board member if you are able to contribute.

Once again, on page 11 of the January *Wire* is a short survey we would like all neighbors to complete. If you haven't done so, please complete one soon, as this is the last month for the survey. The WWCA Board needs the input of all our neighbors in order to adapt and respond to the needs of the community. Please take a few minutes to read and complete the survey. If you prefer, go to the WWCA website ([www.westwalker.org](http://www.westwalker.org)), where you can click on the survey link "We need your input!" and fill out the survey online. Please return the completed written survey to board member Dorie Westmeyer at 4128 N. Springfield Ave., Chicago, IL 60618.

The Zoning Committee is completing its receipt of public comment on the 4247-4259 Elston Avenue residential proposal. If you have not done so and would still like to provide your input, please do so soon. Several plans that were reviewed at the meeting have been posted on the West Walker website for review. I would invite anyone who wishes to do so to review all these materials and forward your comments to me at [webber.wwca@gmail.com](mailto:webber.wwca@gmail.com). You can also use the e-mail link on the West Walker website to forward your comments. My phone number is also included in the *Wire* masthead. All of your comments will be considered by the Zoning Committee and the WWCA Board in making their recommendations regarding this project proposal.

Finally, the Elston Avenue proposal has shown us that there are many people who are very interested in the direction of the development of West Walker. The WWCA Board is considering reinvigorating the Vision Committee to take on the implementation of the goals articulated in the Vision Statement. This concept is in its early stages, but I would like to gauge interest by those who would be willing to participate in the Vision process. Once again, you can't run a volunteer organization without volunteers. Again, please contact Mike Webber or any officer or board member if you are interested.

I wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mike Webber, President, West Walker Civic Association

## WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### **West Walker Mission Statement**

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AS A REMINDER, Chicago City Code requires property owners to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks in front of their properties.

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Series**

ST. JOHN'S Episcopal Church, located at 3857 N. Kostner Ave., is presenting the following speaker series in 2011:

**January 15, 5 p.m.**

"Farmer Vicki Westerhoff Tells Her Story": Vicki Westerhoff distributes fresh produce throughout Chicago and Northern Illinois for nine months of the year through her Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm, Genesis Growers.

**February 19, 5 p.m.**

"Prisoner of Her Past" screening, featuring Howard Reich for Q & A: Howard Reich is the veteran jazz critic of the *Chicago Tribune* and winner of the Deems Taylor Award, two William Jones Investigative Reporting Awards, and three Peter Lisagor Awards from the Society of Professional Journalists, among other honors.

**March 19, 5 p.m.**

"Changing Face of Racial Discrimination: 1910-2010 and Our Response," Reverend Calvin S. Morris: Rev. Calvin S. Morris, Ph.D. serves as executive director of the Community Renewal Society, a faith-based social advocacy organization in Chicago focusing on issues of race and poverty.

**April 16, 5 p.m.**

"Dangerous Religious Ideas," Rabbi Rachel Mikva: Rachel S. Mikva is the Rabbi Herman E. Schaalman Chair of Jewish Studies at Chicago Theological Seminary. She served as a congregational rabbi for 13 years before returning to academia.

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# 39th Ward Report



I HOPE that everyone had a very happy holiday season. After all of the family gatherings, parties, and celebrations comes the clean-up. If you have a live tree, you can recycle it at North Park Village, 5801 North Pulaski, from Saturday, January 1 through Monday, January 17. Your tree will be chipped and

turned into mulch. What do you do with broken or old holiday lights? Recycle them! Lights can be dropped off at 12 locations around the city. The closest location to West Walker is the Edgebrook Ace Hardware at 5423 W. Devon. For more information on these programs, visit [chicagorecycles.org](http://chicagorecycles.org).

Early voting for the 2011 Municipal Election will be held Monday, January 31 through Thursday, February 17. As in past elections, the closest location to the West Walker

community is the Administration Building at North Park Village, 5801 N. Pulaski. Voting hours at North Park Village are 9 a.m. through 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. You can also early vote at the Chicago Board of Elections, 69 W. Washington. They have extended hours on Sundays from 9 a.m. until noon.

Are you interested in having the latest updates about events, city programs, and the 39th Ward news? Please consider joining my e-mail list. I send out periodic e-mails to share up-to-date information with 39th Ward constituents. Your e-mail address is safe and secure—we will never share or release your information. You can sign up for the 39th Ward e-mail news on the lower left of our website at [www.AldermanLaurino.com](http://www.AldermanLaurino.com).

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact my public service office at 773.736.5594 or e-mail us at [Ward39@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Ward39@cityofchicago.org).

*Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward*

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## New Year's Resolutions for a Greener West Walker

by Michelle Kaicener  
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HAPPY NEW YEAR! Hopefully everyone has some great resolutions in mind for the new year. I have a few of my own:

- Plant more edible perennials, herbs, and berries in the garden
- Plant more flowers that attract pollinators, e.g., Echinacea, sage, aster, milkweed, joe pye weed, hyssop, lavender, catmint
- Start riding my bike earlier in the year and use the trailer to go shopping
- Bake bread at home
- Connect in a second rain barrel for more water storage
- Investigate permeable pavers for the yard
- Build the West Walker Sustainability Group

On the last topic, I decided this is the year for getting folks together who are interested in the topic of sustainability. This is a very big topic, which affects many areas of our daily lives, including the way we construct our neighborhoods, the way we procure resources, what we eat, where we work, where we shop.

I hope we will be able to generate some good discussion in our web forum, and gather together to run worthwhile projects for the neighborhood.

Please join us at West Walker Sustainability Group at <http://www.westwalker.net>.

## News from the Irving Park Community Food Pantry

### Pantry Thanks All for Holiday Help!

We want to give a big thank you to everyone in the neighborhood who helped make the Irving Park Community Food Pantry's holiday distributions so successful. We appreciate all of your volunteer efforts and donations of food, toys, and money, which helped make Thanksgiving and the holiday season a little brighter and definitely more filling for many of our neighbors.

During the Thanksgiving distribution on November 17, the pantry supplied the makings for a Thanksgiving dinner to 419 households comprising 1,295 people, all in the 60641 and western portion of the 60618 ZIP codes. Thanks to the 75 volunteers who helped the night before and during the distribution, especially Jim Byrne, Rick Lietsl, and Nick Calderone for their tireless efforts to ensure it moved smoothly.

Thanks also to the groups who held community food drives during the holiday season. These drives helped ensure we had enough food both for our regular distributions and our special holiday programs. Those drives were especially critical when our order from the Greater Chicago Food Depository did not arrive the week of December 8, requiring us to use up our pantry supplies to ensure our clients received their full allotment of a three-day food supply.

Those groups who organized drives in November include: St. Viator's Elementary School, Belding School, St. Patrick's High School, Mather High School, and Disney Magnet II School, Mt. Olive Church Community Canvas, John Arena (candidate for 45th Ward alderman), Orbitz, Weight Watcher's Portage Park location, and Kid Watch. Additional food drives were planned for December and January. If your group would like to coordinate a drive to collect non-perishable food, please contact John Psiharis at 773.283.6296 or [info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org](mailto:info@irvingparkfoodpantry.org).

In December, the Pantry received a \$1,000 grant from the Jewel/Greater Chicago Food Depository Relief grant to help cover GCFD expenses. We also received an \$800 matching gift from Thrivent Financial for our holiday distribution and an anonymous donation of 15 Jewel gift cards. Thanks to everyone for your monetary donations throughout the year.

Board president Kate Roche spoke on the morning  
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- Connie & Davor Engel
- Evelyn McGuire
- Bill Palmer
- Mark Pascale & Susan Matthews
- Gerald Radek
- Vincent Roberts

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show at Polski Radio in early December to promote our services to the Polish community. Several new clients and volunteer inquiries were received immediately after the broadcast. Thanks to Anna Sobor for arranging this opportunity.

Executive Director John Psiharis was elected 2011 co-president of the Northside Anti-Hunger Network, which coordinates activities for 18 local social-services facilities. He will serve alongside Scott Best, director of Common Pantry at 3744 N. Damen Ave.

Our website offers an easy way to donate, and we received some significant contributions over the holiday season from the site. Please check it out at [www.iringparkfoodpantry.org](http://www.iringparkfoodpantry.org). We appreciate all your help and hope everyone has a great 2011!

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### IPFAC Presents Storyteller Oba William King February 12

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is pleased to present a performance for children on Saturday, February 12 at 10 a.m. (please note date change). Oba William King, a storyteller in the West African griot tradition, will weave together songs, stories, and drumming to entertain audiences of all ages. Known as the Poetic Storyteller, King celebrates African American heritage and diversity in his interactive performances.

The performance will be held at the Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. Admission is free of



*Oba William King, a storyteller in the West African griot tradition, will perform for children on Saturday, February 12 at the Irving Park Lutheran Church.*

charge, although donations will be accepted. An informal reception with the artist will follow the performance.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Series, now in its 17th season, was begun by Roger L. Bingham, director of music at Irving Park Lutheran Church. The intent of the series is to bring high-quality, professional musical and theatrical events to the Irving Park neighborhood.

On Sunday, February 27, IPFAC will present a free chamber music concert featuring the Naperville Chamber Players. The concert will feature Dorothy Deen, cello and Marie Bennett, flute. The final classical music concert of the season will take place on April 10 at 2 p.m. at Irving Park Lutheran Church.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee receives funding from Carlson Community Services.

### Three Brothers Garden Yields 725 Pounds of Vegetables

The 2010 growing season was a bountiful one for the Three Brothers Garden, located at 4107 N. Pulaski Road. More than 725 pounds of fresh produce were grown in the garden and delivered to the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, a 30 percent increase over last year's harvest. The food pantry serves people in part of the 60618 zip code, and all of 60641.

Throughout the summer, garden volunteers planted, watered, weeded, and harvested. Approximately 25 regular volunteers helped with the project, while an additional 75 volunteered occasionally. From novices to master gardeners, all were invited to share the experience of growing organic food in the neighborhood. Groups from various scout troops, churches, and employers also worked in the garden, sharing the joy of gardening among friends.

To keep the garden growing, a campaign to raise funds to bring water onto the site will kick off in late winter. Currently, garden volunteers must transport hoses to and from an off-site storage garage and connect them to a nearby building each day that the garden needs to be watered. An on-site water source will make this labor-intensive job quicker and easier for volunteers. The estimate to do the work to City of Chicago code is \$6,000.

Alderman Margaret Laurino (39th Ward), a supporter of green initiatives in the ward, has pledged to match donations for the project up to \$3,000. If you'd like to donate to the project, go to [www.carlsoncommunityservices.org](http://www.carlsoncommunityservices.org) and click on "Giving" and then "Donate."

Begun nearly three years ago by Carlson Community Services and Irving Park Lutheran Church, the mission of the garden is to reduce hunger by providing pantry clients with fresh vegetables. Weekly harvests are held during the summer months and vegetables are delivered





*A Harvest Pot Luck was held in the Three Brothers Garden to celebrate the year's bountiful harvest.*

to the pantry for distribution the next day. In addition to 20 raised growing beds, the garden features an ornamental gathering space and a pergola, providing a peaceful oasis on a busy stretch of Pulaski Road. All are welcome to enjoy the garden!

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Liz Mills, executive director at 773.398.6766 or [lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org](mailto:lizmills@carlsoncommunityservices.org).

## **Retirement Party Open House for Children's Librarian Margaret Dunne**

MARGARET DUNNE, the children's librarian at Independence Branch Library, is retiring after 25 years of dedicated and fun-loving service. She has touched countless lives.

To celebrate her many years of service, we welcome everyone to a retirement party open house at:

Independence Branch Library  
3548 W. Irving Park Road  
Saturday, January 22  
2-4 p.m.

If you are interested in donating any store-bought appetizers, desserts, or drinks, please contact Roberta Bole, president of the Friends of Independence Library, at 773.588.4057 or email her at [robertabole@hotmail.com](mailto:robertabole@hotmail.com); or Mike Kolasinski, Independence Library Artist Council chairperson at [mbkolasinski@earthlink.net](mailto:mbkolasinski@earthlink.net) or 773.583.8391.

We are also accepting monetary donations for a group gift.

# **The West Walker Sustainability Group**

## **The Transformation of Elston Avenue**

### **We Have The Vision We Need A Plan**

### **Support Our Efforts In Transforming Elston Avenue**

into a bustling "Main Street" and pedestrian-friendly shopping district, where we can walk to restaurants and specialty shops, drawing the West Walker community together.  
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*That will only lead to more congestion, parking problems. & more condos*  
**Join the growing number of West Walker residents who want to see other options for 4247 N Elston and a plan for Elston Avenue.**

If you agree, send us an e-mail: [elston@westwalker.net](mailto:elston@westwalker.net) or use our petition at our Website at [WESTWALKER.NET](http://WESTWALKER.NET) and also learn about sustainability.

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## CICS-Irving Park School News

### Open House

CICS-IP is holding an open house for prospective parents

on Tuesday, February 15 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The elementary school, located at Spaulding and Grace, is accepting applications for the 2011-12 school year for children entering kindergarten through eighth grades. The administration, teachers, and parents will be present. For more information, visit our website at [www.cicsirvingpark.org](http://www.cicsirvingpark.org).

### Holiday Luncheon

Our annual holiday staff luncheon was held on Dec. 15. Many thanks to Barry Sorkin and his staff at Smoque BBQ, who generously supplied their tasty treats for our hard-working teachers.

### St. Viator School News

See our beautiful school and recreation center/gym on Saturday, January 29 from 2:30 to 4:30. Find out what makes us special when you meet our teachers, parents and students.

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**PAUL, JACK & JEAN PRIKOS**

This year we will host special open houses highlighting a floor each month, so you can see what St. Viator is like up close. The whole school will be open for viewing, including the library and gymnasium.

On Wednesday, February 16 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. we will highlight the first floor. The 3- and 4-year-old pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classrooms will be showcased, and the parent-run, fine arts program, "Art Zone," will be in session.

Please feel free to contact the school office at 773.545.2173 with questions or to schedule a personal tour with one of our staff. We'd be delighted to show you around.

### Happenings at St. Edward School

Happy New Year! The St. Edward community hopes everyone had a wonderful holiday and would like to wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year.

### Open House

Discovery Sunday 2011 will be held on January 30 from 10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This open house is a great opportunity to see the school and meet faculty and students and learn about the school's superb values-oriented curriculum and its strong computer, after-school care, and music and sports programs, and other extracurricular activities.

Discovery Sunday kicks off Catholic Schools Week and celebrates St. Edward's 100 years of providing quality education.

### 100th Anniversary Celebration

St. Edward School will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sunday, February 20! To honor the school, Cardinal George will celebrate Mass at St. Edward Church at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

A dinner-dance will follow Mass at the Irish American Heritage Center. Tickets can be purchased on St. Edward School's website at [www.stedwardschool.com](http://www.stedwardschool.com).

For more information, call St. Edward School at 773.736.9133.



# YOUR OPINION IS IMPORTANT! PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

Dear Neighbors:

The West Walker Civic Association (WWCA) is constantly striving to improve our efforts for our community. In order to serve you best, we need your input. Please take a moment to fill out the questionnaire and return it to: **Dorie Westmeyer, 4128 N. Springfield Ave., Chicago, IL 60618.** You can also fill out this survey online at **www.westwalker.org**.

### A. WWCA MEETINGS

WWCA currently sponsors six community meetings annually. Typically there is a guest speaker followed by a community meeting.

1. Have you attended a meeting in the past year?  
\_\_\_yes (go to question 2)  
\_\_\_no (go to question 3)

2. If you have attended a meeting, did you find it beneficial?  
\_\_\_yes (additional comments) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_no (additional comments) \_\_\_\_\_

3. If you do not attend WWCA community meetings, please tell us why (check all that apply):  
\_\_\_a. I don't know when or where the meetings are  
\_\_\_b. I don't have time  
\_\_\_c. The meeting time is not convenient  
\_\_\_d. I can't bring my children  
\_\_\_e. The speakers are not interesting to me  
\_\_\_f. It should just be a community meeting without a speaker  
\_\_\_g. I am just not interested in going to a meeting  
\_\_\_h. The meetings run too long  
\_\_\_i. There is no agenda for the meeting  
\_\_\_j. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

4. If we continue with WWCA meetings, what type of meetings would you like to see? (check all that apply)  
\_\_\_a. Brief community meeting  
\_\_\_b. Social events for the whole family  
\_\_\_c. Meeting on a weekend vs. a weeknight  
\_\_\_d. Other speakers (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_e. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### B. WEST WALKER WIRE

The West Walker Wire is a free neighborhood newsletter that is published and delivered 10 times a year to your home.

5. Do you read the West Walker Wire?  
\_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

6. Tell us how you feel about the Wire (check all that apply):  
\_\_\_The information is helpful  
\_\_\_The articles are interesting  
\_\_\_I like that it is free  
\_\_\_I like that it is delivered to my home  
\_\_\_I wish there was more information about (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_I wish it was delivered more in advance of the West Walker monthly meeting  
\_\_\_I would like to save a tree. It should be an electronic newsletter  
(more options at top of 2nd column)

\_\_\_The WWCA should save printing costs by changing the Wire to an electronic newsletter  
\_\_\_I patronize businesses who advertise in the Wire

### C. WEST WALKER WEBSITE

7. What would you like to see on the Website?  
\_\_\_Crime statistics in our neighborhood  
\_\_\_A place to submit my concerns  
\_\_\_Local business coupon offers  
\_\_\_Calendar of West Walker events  
\_\_\_Event information  
\_\_\_Links to (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### D. WEST WALKER EVENTS

The West Walker Civic Association sponsors several events throughout the year.

8. Please tell us which West Walker events you attend:  
\_\_\_The Winter Social (February)  
\_\_\_The Garage Sale (May)  
\_\_\_Walk West Walker Scavenger Hunt (May)  
\_\_\_The 4th of July at Independence Park (July)  
\_\_\_West Walker Cup Golf Outing (September)  
\_\_\_The Halloween Fall Festival (October)  
\_\_\_Art in My Backyard (AIMBY)

9. Would you like to see more West Walker sponsored events (check all that apply)?  
\_\_\_Food drive for the Irving Park Pantry  
\_\_\_Fundraiser for the homeless in our neighborhood  
\_\_\_Holiday party  
\_\_\_Sports day in the park (basketball, softball, soccer, etc.)  
\_\_\_Family picnic  
\_\_\_Carnival  
\_\_\_Street fair  
\_\_\_Taste of West Walker (sample food from neighborhood restaurants)  
\_\_\_Ice cream social  
\_\_\_Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_We have enough events already

Additional comments or ideas \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

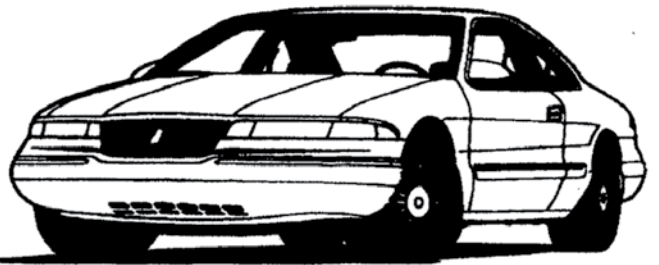
10. Are you a member of the West Walker Civic Association?  
\_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey!**  
(Optional) Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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