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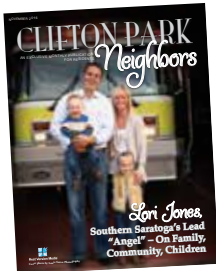
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ON THE COVER

Lori Jones & Family



Hello CLIFTON PARK RESIDENTS

I love the holiday season! I look forward to this time when, even though our lives tend to get even more hectic, people seem to slow down long enough to be just a little more kind to each other. We are reminded to spend extra time with our families, to stop long enough to acknowledge all that we have and to give thanks.

We are very lucky to have many opportunities in the Capital Region to reach out and help others this holiday season as well as all year round. Be sure to keep an eye on our Non-Profit Spotlight feature to learn more about some of these wonderful organizations. This month, our feature story is about Lori Jones from the Southern Saratoga County Chamber Angels. This organization is a fantastic way to get involved and help out local families for this holiday season. Be sure to check it out!

We are also adding a new feature – Calling All Neighbors. Watch for this feature to pop up in future issues. We will need your responses to help grow our magazine and to make it more relevant to you and the community. We look forward to hearing what you have to say!

Hope you all have a wonderful
Thanksgiving!

Jenna



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CALLING ALL NEIGHBORS!

Welcome to our new feature, Calling All Neighbors, to give you a chance to share a little bit about who you are so we can learn more about each other as neighbors! We will pose a question and then share some of your responses in our next issue. Here goes for this month:

Tell us how you spread holiday cheer!

Look for your responses in our December issue...

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Forget Me Not, A Personal Quest

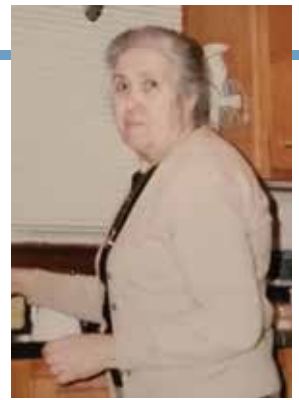
By Sandra Sa-Greenway, owner of The S. Saxon Co. Fine Jewels

Alzheimer's is one of the most mysterious and still incurable diseases since first diagnosed in 1906 by German physician, Alois Alzheimer. This chronic neurodegenerative disease usually starts slowly and progresses over time. This is caused by the buildup of proteins in the brain eventually destroying neurons, or building blocks, in the brain. Alzheimer's is currently affecting 1 in 9 people age 65 and older. So little is known about the cause of this disease, and by the time someone is diagnosed the only solution is medication to slow the progress, not to cure it. Unfortunately, research is a slow progress since most studies are done on cadavers.

This topic is dear to our hearts because my husband and I have experienced two different cases on both sides of our families. My grandmother, Zulmira Sa, began to show symptoms in the early '90s, after a trip to Portugal to mourn the loss of her brother. Upon her return, she brought me a gift, a doll. I noticed that the look in her eye had changed and she was reverting back to when I was a little girl, but of course I was in my 20s. Although still physically

well and strong, I saw a slow deterioration of her mentality. As more time passed, symptoms became more pronounced and finally so obvious that the medication she was taking was no longer effective, and conversations we once had concluded for good. She passed away peacefully in 2001. It is so challenging to try to do the best that you can, but yet, nothing left to be noticed.

My father-in-law, Steve Greenway, is currently a victim of Alzheimer's. His story is a much improved situation than my grandmother's. He was diagnosed in 2004 and immediately became part of a worldwide pharmaceutical study and began taking the cognition-enhancing medication, Aricept. The fact that he was diagnosed early and quickly began taking medication made all the difference in the world. This helped him with his independence until 2013, when he stopped driving completely after not remembering the way home. Unfortunately, there haven't been any further breakthroughs since then. This is why The Alzheimer's Association is so dear to our hearts. **Now, more than ever, we are able to sponsor and support the cause through our business, The S. Saxon Fine Jewels, where we will donate a portion of our sales in awareness during the month of November. Through Love, Hope & Faith we can find a cure. ■**



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COVER STORY

By Pete Bardunias

Photos by Louis Torres Photography

Lori Jones is a woman on a mission – as a businessperson, community volunteer and most importantly as a Mom. She calls upon that experience to lead our area's effort to bring holiday cheer to children in need. The Southern Saratoga County Chamber Angels, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, serves some 2,000 children in conjunction with partners CAPTAIN Youth & Family Services, the Southern Saratoga YMCA, the Mechanicville Area Community Services Center and the Franklin Community Center. Under her leadership, the Angels were recognized as the official local charity for the Fireball Run "Adventurally" TV series, as well as recipient of several corporate grants. Lori shares her thoughts on this important mission:

Q: Please tell us about yourself, your family, business background and how long you have lived in the area.

A: I was born and raised in Niskayuna, studied at Siena College, have lived in Saratoga County (Clifton Park then Stillwater) for 10 years. I now reside in Stillwater with my husband, two children (daughter, age 4 and son, age 1½). I enjoy spending time with family and friends, shopping and dancing. I've been in banking for many years, starting at Trustco Bank from 2002-2007, then moving over to Pioneer Bank until 2012. When my daughter was born I decided to take some time off in order to raise her.

Q: Why are you so passionately involved with the Chamber Angels? How do you feel it makes a difference?

A: When I first got involved, I had no idea how many families in our area were in need of assistance. It was really eye opening. I wanted to be more involved and volunteered to help out as often as I could. This was such a new experience and I



Lori Jones,

Southern Saratoga's Lead
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have enjoyed participating every year. The drop-off day when all of the gifts are in the room at the firehouse is amazing to see. It warms my heart to know how many kids are going to wake up on Christmas morning and have presents to open up that they would not otherwise have. And to know that they will go back to school with new clothes and shoes, and a warm winter coat is just awesome.

Q: ...and you can see joy in the faces of the recipients too, right?

A: When the families pick up their gifts, or have them delivered to them by their schools, you can just see how amazed they are at how many gifts they are being given. They are so appreciative and the heartfelt thank-yous we receive make it all worth it. The program continues to grow and we continue to help more and more families, which is bittersweet. I love that we are able to increase the number of children we help each year, but it is sad to know that there are so many that need our help.

“The drop-off day when all of the gifts are in the room at the firehouse is amazing to see.”

Q: Please share some experiences you think were especially illustrative of how the Angels performs its mission.

A: The generosity of local businesses and community members is the reason we are able to help hundreds of kids each year. For instance, there was a young mom last year who contacted me around Thanksgiving time, seeking assistance for her 4 children. They had just recently moved to the area and her husband only had part-time work until after the holidays. The school suggested she contact me directly to see if there was any way we could help, even though it was very last minute. The Angels helped out her family and when she came to pick up the gifts, she was so incredibly grateful. She told me she never expected her family to be in that situation and promised that when her



School Counselor, Mary Quinn and Lori Jones

family was back on their feet they would pay it forward.

Another time, a sponsor had a question about an item that was on the child's wish list. I called the family to clarify a size and ask for a few more ideas for toys (our shoppers are very generous) and started talking with the mom. She explained that

be able to give them anything. They are overjoyed returning to school with new clothing and talk about how Santa put gifts under their trees. The older children have renewed faith in humanity. Some of them are very aware of their family's financial struggles, and are thrilled to have gifts on Christmas morning. Over the years, many, many families have communicated their gratitude for the program and sponsors – some with tears, hugs and letters. Mary says some families even donate gifts when they are back on their feet.

Q: Are there things that the community at large can do to be of support?

A: Sponsor a child...or 2, or 3, or 4. The average amount spent per child is about \$100-\$150. We also have Christmas trees at several area locations where you can purchase individual gifts if you did not want to sponsor a child's entire wish list.

To volunteer, donate or sponsor a child, please visit www.chamberangels.com, email info@chamberangels.com, or call the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County at (518) 371-7748. ■

they had major electrical problems where they were living and they had to cut in to the wall of her daughter's bedroom to fix the problem. She had the wall patched but didn't have any money to paint her room. The sponsor heard this and bought an extra gift card to Home Depot for the family.

Q: You have a special story to share with us from a volunteer counselor, right?

A: Yes, Mary Quinn, a certified school counselor at Shatekon Elementary School, shared that she has worked with the Chamber for about 20 years, at both Shatekon and Chango Elementary Schools. In her words, the Chamber Angels and their sponsors make sure that children are "remembered by Santa", because some of our young children have said that they are not sure if Santa will

Do you know a neighbor who has a story to share? Nominate your neighbor to be featured in one of our upcoming issues! Contact us at jcaputo@bestversionmedia.com.

New Treatment for Asthma Patients

By Ellis Medicine

What is Asthma?

Asthma is characterized by episodes or attacks in which the airways from the mouth and nose to the lungs temporarily become narrow due to a tightening of muscles that surround the bronchial wall and the production of excess mucus. There are many things that trigger asthma attacks, including allergens such as pollen or mold, irritants such as cigarette smoke, exercise and the weather.

Asthma is a chronic respiratory disease that affects about one in 15 Americans (or about 20 million people in the U.S.), according to the Centers for Disease Control. The number of asthma cases has been on the rise since the early 1980s. Not only can asthma impact your daily life, it can be deadly if not controlled properly.

Ellis Medicine was the first hospital in the Capital Region to offer the bronchial thermoplasty procedure for patients with severe asthma. Bronchial thermoplasty is an FDA-approved treatment for asthma patients over the age of 18 whose asthma is categorized

as "severe persistent" and not well controlled. This clinically proven procedure has been shown to improve quality of life for patients.

In asthmatics, the smooth muscle in the airways is chronically swollen. The bronchial thermoplasty opens the airways by reducing the amount of smooth muscle.

Benefits of bronchial thermoplasty:

- Quick return to normal activities
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- Less likely to suffer future asthma attacks
- Reduced visits to the emergency room
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- Fewer missed days from work or school

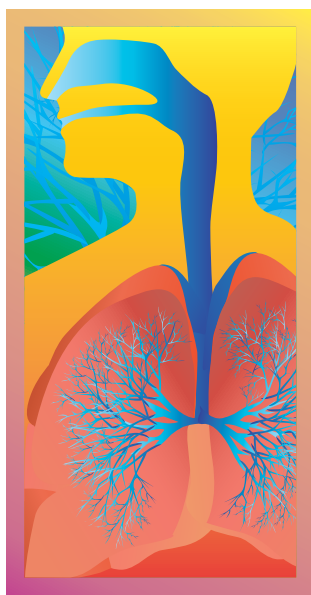
"This outpatient procedure is performed under moderate sedation, and often takes less than an hour to complete," explained Dr. Brian McDonald, a board certified pulmonologist who performed the first bronchial thermoplasty procedure at Ellis Medicine in 2013. "The procedure heats the lung's airway walls, reducing some of the extra muscle present, allowing the airways to stay open and help the patient breathe better."

David Giardono of Schenectady was the first patient to have the bronchial thermoplasty procedure at Ellis. "I'm looking forward to doing the activities I've had to avoid since being diagnosed with asthma a decade ago," said Giardono.

The procedure is performed with a long tube with a camera that navigates the airways. It sends radio waves to heat and remove smooth muscle. The procedure is typically completed in three sessions and lasts about 35 to 40 minutes under general anesthesia.

"The procedure will enable people to live more actively," said Dr. McDonald. "It offers hope for those who suffer from severe asthma."

If you or someone you love has asthma, talk with your doctor about a referral to Ellis Medicine's Asthma Education Program. For more information, call 518.347. LUNG (5864). ■



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Monday, Nov 7

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@Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library

Join us for a quiet story time for parents and children ages 2-6. Wear your pajamas! No registration required.

Time: 6:15pm | Cost: FREE

Tuesday, Nov 8

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@Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library

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Shenendehowa Area Cub Scouts Perform Pinewood Derby Experiment

Contributed by Christopher Gersey, Cub Scout Pack 45 Committee Chair

Clifton Park Cub Scout Pack 45 recently hosted a STEM event open to all Cub Scouts in the Shenendehowa school district at the Shenendehowa United Methodist Church. Scouts from Clifton Park Packs 42, 43, 44 & 45 ran an experiment to see which common design features of a Pinewood Derby® car could be proven to actually make the car go faster. The design parameters were Car Shape, Weight, Added Weight Placement Location, and Wheel Base Length. Sixteen cars were created with the different options so that the scouts created a full factorial statistical design. The cars were randomly raced against each other with each car racing once on each track.

The Scouts overwhelmingly voiced their opinion that weight and weight placement on the rear axle were very important in making the car go faster, and they were able to draw several other conclusions from the day's experiment. They also found some results that prompted them to consider a new future experiment as well. Mr. Gersey from Pack 45 and Mr. Vanden Berg from Pack 44 plan to complete the analysis of the results and compile the findings in an instructional narrative for other Packs to use as a STEM learning tool.

Area Cub Scout Packs are currently recruiting new members. View the ShenScouts Facebook page for



Shen area Cub Scouts and family at the pinewood derby experiment

information from your local Pack or visit www.beascout.org for more information. ■

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Shen's Administrators Give Generously to the Bountiful Backpack Program.....

By Rebecca Carman

The district-wide Bountiful Backpack Program is a partnership with the Regional Food Bank of NENY that is designed to meet the needs of hungry children at times when other resources are not available, especially on weekends. The program provides a backpack filled with food that is child-friendly, shelf-stable, and easily-consumed. Bags are packed each week by volunteers and discreetly distributed by school staff to participating children every Friday afternoon.



Each bag includes:

- 2 breakfast items (cereal, oatmeal packets, graham crackers, granola bars)
- 3 entrées (mac & cheese, PB & J, SpaghettiOs, tuna fish, soup)
- 2 juice boxes (100% juice)
- Milk card for 1 gallon of milk

(distributed every other week)

- 1 loaf of bread
- Fresh fruits (apples, oranges, etc.)
- Canned vegetables (distributed once a month)
- 2 snacks (cookies, popcorn, pudding, etc.)

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Shen's Bountiful Backpack Program – addressing weekend food insecurities for children at times when other resources are not available.

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The Elnora Train Station

By John L. Scherer, Clifton Park Historian

This photo is of the railroad station and freight depot in Elnora about 1900. Elnora was an important freight depot on the D&H Railroad. Molasses arrived for Smith's Grain and Feed Store, and molding sand was loaded on the train for shipment to foundries. Mr. C. D. Hammond, supervisor of the D&H Railroad, named the community Elnora, after his wife, in 1882. It was previously known as Hubbs

Corners. Until about 1950, when service ended, residents could take the train to shop in Schenectady, Mechanicville or Troy. An overpass replaced the railroad crossing in the 1920s. In 1989, an east bound train collided with a train that was stopped by the station and freight cars toppled on to the building. Only the freight section of the station remains. ■

Elnora Train Station



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By Ophthalmic Consultants of the Capital Region

In this world where patients can easily look up health information online and everyone is a jack of all trades, there are still many health situations where seeing a specialist not only makes sense, but could make a huge difference in your outcome. Glaucoma falls into the must see specialist category.

Glaucoma is a group of diseases that can damage the eye's optic nerve. It is a leading cause of blindness in the United States. Often, with Glaucoma, there are no symptoms at first. Without treatment, people with glaucoma will slowly lose their peripheral, or side, vision. Over time, straight-ahead vision may decrease until no vision remains.

Dr. Asher Weiner, a Glaucoma Specialist at Ophthalmic Consultants of the Capital Region, helps patients preserve their vision every day. As a glaucoma specialist, he is pioneering new treatment protocols, such as the MIGS (Minimally Invasive Glaucoma Surgery) Trabectome and iStent. "The MIGS procedures provide patients with options that are, in general, safer and have faster recovery times than traditional surgical options," explained Dr. Weiner.

Not only is Dr. Asher Weiner up on the latest treatment

options, he is also connected to a glaucoma specialist community in which the physicians discuss outcomes and issues. "As part of a national glaucoma specialist network, I have insights that other doctors may not," stated Dr. Weiner. "For example, we recently noticed that patients, who had a procedure called Trabeculectomy and use a CPAP mask for sleep apnea, were at risk for a devastating eye infection that could cause the loss of an eye within 1 day," explained Dr. Weiner. "I immediately contacted patients who had the Trabeculectomy and requested that they stop using the CPAP for sleep apnea."

If you have glaucoma, seeing a specialist such as Dr. Asher Weiner, can make all the difference in your vision. Their ability to be on the forefront of glaucoma treatment, as well as being plugged into a community of other specialists, may increase your chances of preserving your eyesight. To make an appointment with Dr. Asher Weiner call 518-777-2777 or visit myoccr.com. ■



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Should It Stay or Should It Go?

By Beth Grzybowski, Keller Williams Realty

I'd like to change the title of The Clash's song, "Should I Stay or Should I Go," to Should *It* Stay or Should *It* Go when addressing home staging with my clients. I really don't mean their adult child, like mine, living back at home, or their crazy, non-compliant, puppy-eyed jumpy dog, or even their sometimes ill-tempered partner. Let's keep it simple and let's just get rid of the old to make room for the new and that goes for everything in the house.

It's a new movement in which we keep only things that "spark joy" as described in, *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing* by Marie Kondo. Essentially, keep only those things that make you happy (okay, forget about what I said about the partner thing).

Decluttering is a natural part of the staging process. Transform your rooms so prospective buyers can see themselves living there. This makes for fabulous photos too for those late night internet searches. I like to keep the rooms clean, simple and streamlined so that buyers can focus on your home's features instead of your stuff.

We hold on to way too many things for way too many

reasons: emotional attachment, recycle/reuse potential, and, most often, avoiding the hassle of getting rid of the junk. As a once full-time, stay-at-home mom, I kept as much as I could to pass down from one kid to the next. My weekly calendar included Friday morning garage sales where I bought \$.25 cent games that my kids equated to Toys 'R Us treasures!

Fast forward two decades and I'm humming along "should it stay or should it go" as I clean my own house. The kids have to stay because I made a commitment long ago to facilitate them flying out of the nest and I'm sticking to it. The stuff, however, goes! My mantra for life is less is more and you can't take it with you. It makes photographing homes easier on the eye and for buyers to really see what they're purchasing.

The clash for me? Never allowing my clients to see my basement where I hoard . . . er . . . store my staging items for my next listing. Stay joyful my friends and let go.

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Gil's Garage: Proudly Serving the Capital Region for 50 Years and Counting

By Tina Costolo, Daughter of Michael Brewster

In October of 1966, Gil and Lucille Brewster opened a Sunoco Station located in the heart of Burnt Hills, New York. The original Gil's Garage was a small two bay repair facility that also offered fuel. In the



The original Gil's Garage, 1966

late 1970s, with a growing customer base, Gil and Lucille purchased land across the street from the original location and formally opened a four bay repair station that no longer offered fuel to its patrons and solely focused on automotive repair. Sadly, Gil Brewster passed away in 1985 and his eldest son, Michael, stepped in as president of Gil's Garage, Inc. Gil's two daughters also began their longstanding careers at Gil's Garage while Gil's youngest son pursued a career as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. Throughout the years, Gil's Garage expanded multiple times, however, in 1999, in an effort to meet the high demand, the Brewster family invested in a 16 bay state-of-the-art facility at the Burnt Hills location. In August of 2012, Gil's Garage

expanded with the opening of its first satellite location, known as Gil's Garage of Halfmoon.

Throughout the years, Gil's Garage has made a business of turning employees and customers into one big, extended family. We believe in educating the consumer and specifically letting them know the importance of regular maintenance to help prevent more serious, costly work down the road. We live by a company culture established long ago by our founder, Gil: "Treat everybody on the other side of the counter how you want to be treated." It is a motto we have lived by since our inception and we are so grateful to have continued to serve the



Photo by Liz Lajeunesse

community for 50 years.

We are so thankful to the Clifton Park and Halfmoon families and businesses for so warmly welcoming us to their neighborhood. Today, there are now three generations of the Brewster family working in all phases of the production process and our success would not be possible without the support of our Capital Region family. The Brewster family and the team at Gil's Garage are proud and honored to be celebrating 50 years of exceptional automotive service and repair to the Capital Region. ■

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Welcome to the Neighborhood

By Pete Bardunias, President/CEO, the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County

The ribbon is cut as **Accounting for All** (518-383-2406, www.accountingforall.com) celebrates its new location at 5 Corporate Drive in Halfmoon. Owners, Larry and Jean Teal, did the honors as Halfmoon Town Supervisor Kevin Tollisen and Chamber of Southern Saratoga County (CSSC) President/CEO Pete Bardunias look on. In attendance were staff members of the firm, as well as the CSSC's volunteer Ambassador team. Ravi Modasra (3rd from right) of Realty USA did the matchmaking between tenant and landlord. Accounting for All specializes in "CFO for Hire", services that enable even small businesses or nonprofits to access the highest-quality professional oversight and guidance from a Certified Public Accountant's perspective.



Three generations of the Bowman Family join three generations of Petuskes to open **The Farmer's Wagon**, a collaborative farm stand at the intersection of Moe and Grooms Road in Clifton Park. The Petuskes know vegetables, and the Bowmans know fruit, so the relationship was a natural! Clifton Park Town Supervisor Phil Barrett (center) was on hand with Chamber of Southern Saratoga County (CSSC) President/CEO Pete Bardunias (holding watermelon) and the CSSC's volunteer Ambassador team. After the ribbon was cut, Rick Petuske and Kevin Bowman shared a handshake as their families looked on. Despite its "developed" reputation, Clifton Park retains a large number of agriculture businesses, which grow many types of produce and raise animals such as cows, sheep, horses and even llamas and alpacas!

EDITORS NOTE: The October issue of Clifton Park Neighbors incorrectly identified T&J Electrical Associates Managing Partner Joe Sestito, who was standing at the center of the ribbon cutting photo alongside his son Nick, elected officials and volunteers from the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County. Also pictured was Anthony LaFoy, Superintendent and Partner in the firm. In addition to being in our community for so many years, T & J was also a major sponsor of the recent Fireball Run visit to southern Saratoga County and the XO Tower restoration project in Mechanicville. We apologize for the error.

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Annual Members' Show

By Emma Huneck, Saratoga Arts

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The Annual Member's Show is on display in The Arts Center Gallery from November 4 - December 31, 2016. Gallery Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm and Saturdays, 11am-5pm.

Saratoga Arts is located at 320 Broadway in Saratoga Springs.



Ben Schwab,
"Points of Interest",
Oil on Canvas, 2016.

Also on display at Saratoga Arts is *Neighborhood Connection*: Ben Schwab, open until November 28th in the Saratoga Arts Reception Area Gallery. Ben is a Saratoga Arts Artist Grant Recipient displaying paintings that combine photographs that capture the diversity and vitality of neighborhoods across Saratoga County. ■

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