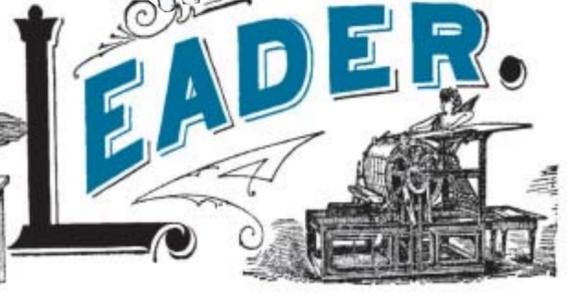




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Fred Lecomte for The Westfield Leader

NEW MAIN UNDERWAY...A crew installs a new, eight-inch gas main for Elizabethtown Gas Company along North Avenue to improve the company's distribution system in that area.

## Westfield HS Construction Is In Full Gear; Projects Expected to Continue Into April 2003

By STEVEN KRAKAUER Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

The sight of large cranes carrying steel beams and the sound of hammering and heavy machinery has become a constant at Westfield High School (WHS) since construction began on a series of editions and redevelopments last year.

According to School Board Secretary and Business Administrator Robert Berman, everything is going according to plan.

Three major parts of the construction are expected to be completed by the time school resumes in September.

The main Cafeteria will be expanded on the first floor, and the art room on the second floor will be renovated. These are located on one side of the central courtyard.

Across the opposite side of the courtyard will be an expansion of the guidance office on the first floor, and a renovated faculty room on the second floor.

In the front of the school, on Dorian Road, the gym storage area expansion is expected to be complete by the beginning of the school year as well.

Although a minor project, the foods room at WHS will be completely renovated and be ready for use when school commences in September.

Dr. Robert Petix, WHS Principal, said, "I'm pleased so far, but I remain cautiously optimistic that we'll continue on schedule. It's always a concern that any one aspect can hold up

the remaining parts of construction."

The diminishing parking situation at the high school has been a major concern. Mr. Berman noted that the driveway off Trinity Place leading to the main parking lot has been demolished, and plans for a new driveway are taking into account the need for getting more spaces.

The touted new science wing will be worked on throughout the summer

and into the school year. WHS will add a third floor and expand the first and second floors to incorporate new labs and science rooms. The expected completion date for the new wing is April, 2003 and, according to Mr. Berman, "everything is running on time."

Although the wing will continue to be constructed during the school year, Mr. Berman doesn't think noise

will be a problem.

"It was probably more of a distraction last year, with the work in the courtyard. Most of the cinderblock will already be up and some brick will be laid, so the work is mostly interior with very little noise," Mr. Berman said.



Steven Krakauer for The Westfield Leader

INSIDE LOOKING OUT...Construction is ongoing throughout the summer at Westfield High School. The skeleton of the new three-story science wing is up on the side of the school near Trinity Place.

## Borough School District Prepares For Sept. Construction Deadline

By TRACY EVANS Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

As the first recipient of funding under the state's new Educational Facility and Financing Act, Mountainside has made the renovation of two schools a primary district goal.

Beechwood School, which was previously leased by the town to a special education program, will be re-opening to accommodate Moppet through second grade of the expanding student population.

Deerfield School will be remodeled to accommodate the remaining grades, 3 through 8. Despite the large enrollment, this move will help to maintain the academic integrity that is the goal of the borough's school board.

"We are program-driven," explained Chief School Administrator Dr. Gerald Schaller, "and we are meeting that challenge as far as ad-

ressing each child's needs."

Dr. Schaller elaborated on the desire to provide accelerated classes to those individuals requiring specialized attention. In addition, he hopes to cap class sizes off at a maximum of 21 students for the younger grades.

In accordance with the State Department of Education's new facility plan, Noel Musial, the architect hired for the project, has designed the appropriate adjustments.

Both the exterior and interior of Beechwood School are withstanding alterations in order to meet the demands for larger classroom size. Since each grade level is subject to its own set of guidelines by the state, Deerfield School will be making the appropriate renovations to accommodate middle school students where younger grades were once taught. Such improvements in the current school will include an additional sci-

ence room and computer lab.

With a total of \$6,867,000 going toward the construction on both schools, the process was more than ready to commence. However, an unforeseen obstacle stood in the way of construction earlier this summer. Asbestos was detected in both Deerfield School and the newly acquired Beechwood School, which posed a delay in initial action.

The current status of Beechwood School is completely asbestos-free, while Deerfield School continues to wait for clearance to begin the remodeling.

While progress has been slow to date, Mr. Musial remains optimistic about meeting the projected September deadline.

"The contractor has fallen behind, but we're staying on top of them," he remarked, acknowledging the interests of the board.

In the event that the proposed finish is not met, Dr. Schaller has begun to consider alternative options for the students. His foremost concern is to lessen the level of distraction, such as noise, that may interrupt the students' school days.

The school board has stressed the focus of the construction to first afford the availability of such spaces as

## Atlantic Ambulance Service Donates New Defibrillator to Mountainside

By MICHAEL POLLACK Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Mountainside's Borough Council meeting of Tuesday July 16 opened with a presentation of a new, recently donated, portable defibrillator from the Atlantic Ambulance Service.

For the past seven months, Atlantic Ambulance Service has provided Mountainside with emergency ambulance care during the daytime hours when the borough's rescue squad has been understaffed and/or unable to

respond to emergencies.

Richard Donovan, a representative from Atlantic Ambulance Service, told the council and audience members, "The automatic external defibrillator (AED) is able to shock a patient who has suffered from sudden cardiac arrest."

Mr. Donovan continued, "The present standards state that this device should be applied within four to eight minutes. It's very important that there be enough of these in the

community."

Mr. Donovan also explained the technological merits and success stories of the device. "It's a miracle of the new computer technology. It's able to interpret heart rhythms through a computer, and it will not fail. It's safe technology and good technology. We've seen dramatic increases in the amount of people that have been saved in recent years."

"I hope we never need it, but it's

## Whitaker, Fellow GOPs Challenge 9-0 Democratic Freeholder Board

By FRED ROSSI Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Three seats on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be at stake this November as Republicans try to gain a foothold on a governing body that has been in Democratic hands since the mid-1990s.

One local GOP candidate, Joel Whitaker, President of the Fanwood Borough Council, said that the, "overriding question to be addressed (in the coming campaign) is whether the county is well-served by having a 9-0 Freeholder Board. There is some doubt that it is."

Mr. Whitaker, along with fellow Republicans Anira Clericuzio of

Cranford and Elyse Bochicchio Medved of Rahway, will be seeking the seats currently held by Freeholders Angel Estrada and Nicholas Scutari, both of whom are seeking re-election, and Freeholder Rick Proctor, who was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Assemblywoman Linda Stender and is seeking election in his own right.

Mr. Whitaker told The Westfield Leader that, "it might be a good idea to have a person to ask questions," of a heavily-Democratic Freeholder Board. He said the fact that there have been few if any "no" votes cast

by the Freeholders in recent times, "raises a lot of questions."

He said he is disturbed about the significant increase in the county portion of local property taxes expected this year as well as the use of county open space funds to buy property and then "build a building" in the Watchung Reservation.

Mr. Whitaker also spoke of the Freeholder Board's more recent admission that there may be plans to develop part of Summit property purchased with open space funds.

Mr. Whitaker, who was elected to the county council in Fanwood and also owns a business newsletter publishing company in Fanwood, said he continues, "to have deep reservations about the so-called trash train. Why should New York City be dumping its garbage in Union County?" He said he found it, "amazing that the Freeholders acquiesced," in the plan.



Cheri Rogowsky for The Westfield Leader

SET IN STONE...Michael Ferlauto of Precision Monument Setters of Cedar Grove and Tim Dobson spent last Thursday setting stones in place which will comprise the 9/11 Memorial Park near the Westfield Traffic Circle.

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CYAN YELLOW MAGENTA BLACK



KIDS OF SUMMER...Some of Westfield's smallest residents enjoyed the summer morning last Saturday in the trees at Mindowaskin Park.

## Fourth Marking Period Honor Rolls Posted By Principal Shulack at Roosevelt School

WESTFIELD — Roosevelt Intermediate School Principal Dr. Ken Shulack recently announced that 294 students or 63 percent of the seventh and eighth grade student body were named to the fourth marking period honor roll for the 2001-2002 school year.

### DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL GRADE 7 - 51 Students

- Kimberly Angus
- Luke Baran
- Gregory Boyle
- Theodore Chou
- Christine Cobuzzi
- Anthony Cocuzza
- Catherine Cordeiro
- G. Peter Cornell
- Cecilia De Corral
- Emily De Rosa
- Ashley Dunnan
- William Farrell, 4th
- Alena Fleming
- Alexander Forsthanster
- Claire Fox
- Angelina Garneva
- Emily Gee
- Leanne Hewit
- Daniel Kahaner
- Anna Koehler
- Kate Kovalenko
- Bryan Krichilsky
- Sarah Lapidus
- Thomas Malaspina
- Lauren McCurdy
- Amanda McQuade
- Rebecca Monnet
- Ryan Need
- Ellen Ramage
- Nicole Reich
- Lindsey Romano
- Ian Schwartz
- Julie Ann Shelman
- Marlena Sheridan
- Thomas Sheridan
- Leanne Skorge
- Darrell Ann Smith
- Jacqueline Snyder
- Zachary Sproull
- Kelsey Stewart
- Kelsey Sullivan
- Katherine Taylor
- Nicole Vendetti
- Samantha Vitale
- Leigh Weissman

- Brian Lee
- Mary Kate Luker
- Heather Welham
- Molly Williams
- Aron Zavaro

### REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 7 - 109 Students

- Justin Adams
- Sara Anthony
- Peter Antonelli
- Matthew Anzalone
- Stephanie Baeder
- Adam Becker
- Daniel Bellovin
- Caitlin Bludgus
- Eric Brandman
- John-Russell Brockway
- Lindsay Brown
- Melanie Brown
- Julia Brundage
- Scott Cantor
- Robert Cariste
- Patrina Caruana
- Matthew Carville
- Emily Catalado
- Tiffany Cayado
- Julia Cederroth
- Chloe Cherin
- Christopher Chou
- Stephanie Christiano
- Jessica Cohen
- Caitlyn Costello
- Samuel Crawford
- Tara Daly
- Brian Davidson
- Holly DeSantis
- Scott Dyer
- Aaron Eisenberg
- Samara El-Sherbeini
- Jonathon Fichter
- Nicole Finkel
- Andrew Ford
- Remi Formal
- Sarah Garry
- Andrew Gately
- Patrick Gessner
- Irene Goodman
- Kate Statton
- Anne Greenberg
- Caroline Hansen
- William Harbaugh
- Peter-John Harley
- Matthew Harris
- Amanda Hayden
- Kevin Hennessey
- Alexandra Jenkins
- Phillip John
- Samuel John
- Daniel Johnson
- Troy Johnson
- Benjamin Zakarin
- Madeline Joyce
- Christopher Kalis
- Edward Kane
- Any Kaplan
- Emily Kieczkowski
- Elizabeth Kline
- Bryan Knapp
- Adam Koll
- Jennifer Laspata
- Kimberly Legones
- Claire MacDonald
- Alexander Masel
- Christopher Mattes
- Kevin Maus
- Natalia Mavrogiannis
- Melissa McDermott
- Patrick McCabe
- John Meagher
- James Meylor
- Philip Miele
- Russell Miller
- Thomas Moore
- Suzanne Morgan
- Christine Mrutz
- Jaclyn Nicoll
- Julienne Niemiera
- Caitlyn Oster
- Courtney Phillips
- Colleen Psomas
- Jonathan Ramalho
- Matthew Renart
- Amelia Antonia Rodriguez-Dunn
- Natasha Rosenberg
- Adam Rubin
- Ryan Salmon
- Lindsey Ann Sauerwein
- Elizabeth Scanlon
- William Schwan
- Jonathan Shefflin
- John-William Sidhom
- Bryan Smith
- Kayley Graham
- Jamie Steiner
- Colin Sullivan
- Sean Sullivan
- James Thayer
- Julia Tomaszewsky
- Alex Vanarelli
- Michael Venezia
- Scott Warner
- Francesca Welham
- Gregory Whitman
- Maxwell Wieder
- Ryan Yarusi

### DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL GRADE 8 - 44 Students

- Kristen Agüero
- Cornelius Banta
- Dana Barrasso
- Han Gil Kim
- Emma Laird
- Feng Kevin Liang

## Construction

classrooms, cafeterias, and multi-purpose rooms over renovations to such additional spaces as media centers. Further details on possible alternatives if construction does not conclude by the fall session will be made public during the next school board meeting on July 23. Dr. Schaller continues to plan along with the board on how best to smooth over the transition. "We have great teachers. No matter where they're at, they will teach. But is it conducive? No," he admitted. "Being a parent, you want the best for your child."

- Miriam Becker-Cohen
- Brian Burdulia
- Christopher Byrne
- Gabriela Chabrier
- Lisa Chen
- Jesse Cohn
- Monica Dreyer
- Margaret Driscoll
- Diana Dunnan
- Jane Eilbacher
- Kristina Fietkiewicz
- Joshua Fishman
- Alan Futran
- Pierce Gaynor
- Diana Goodman
- Erica Greene
- Amanda Gross
- Caitlin Jennings
- Noelle Kandigian
- Caroline Luppescu
- Rachel Mack
- Jonathan Maimon
- Anna McGrath
- Ravenna Neville
- Carly Oliff
- Carrie Palumbo
- Eunice Park
- Sarah Patankar
- Luke Ricci
- Jayne Ruotolo
- David Scott Shottland
- Emily Singer
- Lauren Elizabeth Sinneberg
- Stoytcho Stoytchev
- Rachel Barri Tucker
- Hannah Vickers
- Yuchen Zhang
- Alex Zierler

### REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 8 - 90 Students

- Jason Anderson
- James Arbes
- Rachel Barrett
- Julie Bennett
- Caitlin Berkowitz
- Lee Bernstein
- John Bogatko
- Zachary Bullek
- Michael Burns
- Megan Camillo
- James Campbell
- Stephen Caprario
- Justine Cassidy
- Hannah Cataldo
- Rachel Charatan
- Jeannine Clark
- Ryan Cockren
- Nicholas Colucci
- Karolyn Cook
- Stephen Cruikshank
- Kevin Devaney
- Rachael Ettinger
- Robert Evans
- Anthony Fabiano
- Christine Fitzpatrick
- MaryKate Flannery
- Martin Fox
- Courtney Fox-Sherman
- John Gagliano
- Ryan Gundrum
- Kunal Gupta
- Lauren Heffernan
- David Hennessey
- Smantha Hirtler
- Andrea Hollander
- Cristina Insinga
- Katherine Izt
- Matthew Kamel
- Michael Kenny
- Stephen Kowaski
- Angelina Kozak
- Jaclyn Lack
- Jennifer Ann Lane
- Giuglielmo Laurezi
- Caroline Leung
- Bryan Levine
- Alexander Lewis
- Caitlin Lisooey
- Caitlin Mahoney
- Daniel McGrory
- Matthew Melino
- Callie Meserole
- Thomas Meylor
- Kyle Murray
- Tyler Maccubbin
- Julia Nelson
- Alexandra Nish
- Danielle Partenope
- Alexis Pitchen
- Peter Protopiannis
- Anson Gregg Purdy
- Caitlin Reilly
- Thomas Ricciuti
- Kelly Ann Ruhl
- Michael Ruskin
- Alexander Schoch
- Daniel Schwartz
- Richard Scialabba
- Benjamin Shiffman
- Kaitlyn Shulman
- Allison Siko
- Kevin Patrick Smith
- Kathleen Solan
- Cowles Stewart
- Kaitlin Swadosh
- Thomas Hewitt Taylor
- Jeffrey Thomashow
- Jennifer Urciuoli
- Evan Vanarelli
- Jenna Vandervort
- Kayla Vandervort
- Megan Vandervort
- Mary Walsh
- Kevin Wicks
- Jeremy Wolf
- Tianyu Anny Wu
- Brian Thomas Yee
- Michael Yee
- Nicole Smith
- Tony Smith

## Police Contracts Compared In SP, WF, Mountainside

insurance consisting of hospital, medical, surgical and major medical; with a \$200 deductible for an individual and \$300 for a family. The town also provides dental with orthodontia on a 50/50 basis to a maximum of \$1,000.

Westfield officers hired before January 1, 1996 receive a 1 percent increase after 5 years of service, 3 percent after 10 years, 5 percent after 15 years, 7 percent after 20 years, and 9 percent after 24 years. Employees hired after January 1, 1996 are not entitled to the longevity program.

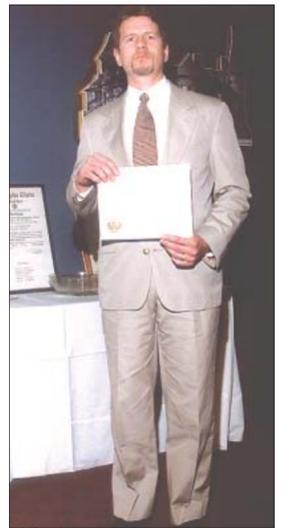
Westfield Police Chief Bernard Tracy was unavailable for comment on the resolution of the contract.

Officer Robert Weiss, president of the Westfield PBA declined to comment on the current negotiations, as he has just taken over the Presidency from Officer Scott Rodger, who is still handling the negotiations. Officer Rodger did not return any of the phone calls made by *The Westfield Leader*.

Westfield Town Administrator James Gildea stated, "We're still in negotiations."

According to Mr. Gildea he is currently working with the Town's Labor Attorney Frederick Danser so that they can be prepared for the next meeting in September.

The full contracts for all three municipalities police department and the Westfield Fire Department are available at [www.goleader.com/features](http://www.goleader.com/features).



NEW INDUCTEE...Gerard Boruch of Westfield has been inducted into Phi Alpha Theta at Fairleigh Dickinson University, an international honor society in history.

## Robert Hwang Lauded By Citadel for Studies

WESTFIELD — The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina in Charleston, S.C., recently reported that Westfield resident Robert Hwang, a cadet at the college, was honored for academic excellence during the spring 2002 semester.

## Wade Spends Summertime With Landmark Volunteers

WESTFIELD — Kathryn Wade, 16, of Westfield is spending two weeks as a Landmark Volunteer in the Campobello Island/Roosevelt Campobello International Park.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wade of Westfield, Kathryn will be part of a 13-member group that will live on the Maine coast, working as a Landmark Volunteer.

Kathryn will perform manual labor, including trail maintenance, painting, pruning and shaping gardens and clean-

ing beaches. She will enter her senior year at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit.

Kathryn has served her class as a representative in the Student Council. She plays varsity soccer, lacrosse and swimming. Kathryn was a recipient of her swim team's Most Dedicated Athlete Award. She also enjoys photography, writing and cooking. She is active in community service and has worked on a Bridges run, assisting to provide food and clothing to the needy.



LEARNING COMMUNITY SERVICE...Fourth graders at McKinley Elementary School in Westfield designed and painted Tic-Tac-Toe boards to donate to children at the Westfield Day Care Center. Pictured, above, are fourth graders who delivered the game boards to the center. McKinley art teacher Alison Hooper aids the pupils in creating their community service project.

## WF Helps

for people who need further assistance. Ms. Barnett's case needed further assistance. Therefore, Ms. Corsi contacted other organizations.

Karen Howell, Vice President of the Board of the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County said, "we received a call about Ms. Barnett from the Westfield Police. Though we wanted to help, our shelter was full. We couldn't accommodate Ms. Barnett."

Linda Maggio, Executive Director of the United Fund of Westfield stated, "I can not reveal any details about Ms. Barnett or any client for that matter, but I can say that we offered assistance."

Rabbi Zamore of Temple Emanuel said, "I had spoken to Ms. Barnett when she was looking for help and I referred her to social service agencies that could further help her. She is in our thoughts and prayers."

According to Ms. Corsi, Ms. Barnett is spending the next three weeks with her son at a motel in Raritan in Somerset County until they find an affordable apartment. It is not clear what organization is aiding her with these accommodations.

Ms. Barnett was not available for comment.

## Kielley Named Westfield's Gifted, Talented Supervisor

WESTFIELD — Lindsay Kielley has been named the Supervisor of Gifted and Talented Programs for the Westfield Public Schools. Her appointment was approved by the Board of Education at its meeting on June 25.

In the newly created position, Ms. Kielley will coordinate services for gifted and talented students in the Westfield Public Schools, with emphasis on grades K-8. She will also train classroom teachers in effective strategies for the instruction of gifted and talented students.

"A new program for academically gifted students will be implemented in the Westfield Public Schools in grades 3 and 6 as a pilot project in the 2002-2003 school year," announced Dr. Janie Edmonds, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.

"Since 1979 the district has provided an Advanced Learning Program with varying modifications throughout the years. All students currently enrolled in the Advanced Learning Program will complete this three-year enrichment curriculum," added Ms. Edmonds.

"Lindsay Kielley will help us in defining a new Gifted and Talented Program for profoundly gifted students that will enable these students to extend their learning to the same degree that other students experience," she concluded.

With more than 10 years of experience in educating the academically gifted, Ms. Kielley's most recent position was in the Somerset Hills School District, where she designed and implemented gifted/talented and enrichment programs at Bernardsville Middle School. She was also instrumental in imple-



Lindsay Kielley

menting differentiated classroom instruction and designing criteria for measuring individual student progress.

Ms. Kielley began her career in Bernardsville in 1997, following five years teaching academically gifted and talented students in grades K-5 in the Livingston School District. She also was responsible for planning a school-wide enrichment curriculum. Ms. Kielley has conducted "Math Marathon" workshops for students through the New Jersey Consortium for Gifted and Talented Programs.

Her experience also includes coaching a Varsity Forensics team to numerous regional championships from 1997-2002.

In accepting her new position in Westfield, Ms. Kielley stated, "I am looking forward to working with students, staff, and parents to build a dynamic Gifted and Talented Program here in Westfield. This is a top-notch school district, and I am thrilled to be a part of it."

Ms. Kielley holds a Masters Degree in Instruction and Curriculum from Kean University and a Bachelor Degree in Economics and another in Dance Performance and Education from Randolph-Macon Woman's College. She is currently a doctoral candidate at Seton Hall University.

In commenting on the board's appointment of Ms. Kielley, Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Foley added, "We are pleased to welcome Lindsay Kielley to Westfield. She brings a depth of experience in the implementation and evaluation of Gifted and Talented programs. I know she will be a real asset in serving the needs of these students."

## Atlantic Ambulance Donates Defibrillators to Borough

nice to have. We've had three saves already from that type of defibrillator," said Mayor Robert Vigilanti. "We've placed one in the pool and we expect one or two more to be donated."

In other business, the council passed several resolutions. The council supported legislation to return the opening of the polls to 7:00 a.m. (from 6 a.m.). The polls will close at 8 p.m.

Mayor Vigilanti said, "A lot of the towns are finding that the volunteers are sitting there doing virtually nothing hour upon hour. The volunteers themselves have said that it's not necessary to be open that long. Other towns are facing the same dilemma. We are saying that 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. should be more than enough hours for everyone to go vote."

The council then authorized solicitation of bids concerning the construction and leasing of a third cellular tower behind borough hall. The minimum bid price will be \$37,000.

The council awarded the bid for installation of a new fire alarm at the Mountainside Library to the lowest

bidder, Alarm and Communication Technologies of West Milford, in the amount of \$20,421.00 to be funded in full through a Union County Community Development Block Grant.

The council also appointed Robert Forgas to the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department.

The meeting also included the public hearing of Ordinance 1051-2002, an ordinance to amend the fee schedule of certain fees for copies of public records and for the completion and filing of certain vital statistic reports. The ordinance was approved unanimously.

Following the public meeting, the executive session dealt with contractual matters during a private session. The council discussed Elizabethtown Water Company's plans to flush the main lines in the borough. The council decided to respectfully reject their offer based on possible disruptions to the community, and also because of emerging technology that might present a more favorable option.



PRESCHOOL GRADUATE...Meredith Cea, a teacher at the Summit Speech School in New Providence, is pictured with Westfield resident and recent graduate Justin Fernandez.

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