

J. J. Pearce Homeowners Association Newsletter

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July 2008

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE & PICNIC – JULY 4TH

By Bette Hodges, VP Development

We will again join with the Reservation Homeowners Association in celebrating our nation's birthday on Friday, July 4th. The parade will form near the tennis courts on Senior Way at 10:00 a.m. We will begin at 10:30 and proceed on Senior Way to Mimosa then south to Mimosa Park.



Wear something patriotic,

decorate your bikes, wagons and cars and join in the parade to Mimosa Park for a great picnic. **DON'T FORGET THE SUNSCREEN!**

Refreshments:

The Homeowners Associations will provide hotdogs, chips fixin's, water, cold drinks, and watermelons. . You are welcome to bring a dessert to share. Perhaps one that will not wilt or melt in the heat!

Entertainment:

Jason of JC Entertainment (**Sponsored by Braum's**) will walk the parade on stilts dressed in Red, White & Blue. He will also ride a unicycle, juggle and create fun balloons for the kiddos at the picnic. To learn more about Jason go to his website at www.jcentertainmentdfw.com.



JJPHOA resident and realtor, **Dorothy Thomas-Cline**, will generously provide the always-popular Bounce House and snow cone machine.

JJPHOA resident and realtor, **Ann Westphal**, will provide neighborhood Yard Flags

We welcome all VETERANS to share in this special day! We would like to ask our VETERANS to contact Bette Hodges, at 214-808-9595 with your name and when you served so you can be recognized.



As usual, Fire Station #2 will bring their fire engine, assuming there is no emergency at the time.

MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:

- To drive convertibles and/or classic cars that can play a CD of patriotic music. We will supply the CDs.
- Place traffic cones for parade/Pick up traffic cones after parade.
- Traffic control during parade.
- Put out flags to line Mimosa Park driveway.
- Help with heating charcoal and cooking hotdogs.
- Food & drink set up.
- Help supervise the Bounce House.

Please contact Bette Hodges @ 214-808-9595 or email hodgesbrh@sbcglobal.net.

Many thanks to the following for their donation to our July 4th Parade & Picnic:

Tom Thumb – Donating all food, water & ice.

Sprouts – Donating gift certificates for raffle drawings.

Dorothy Thomas-Cline – Donating Bounce House and Sno Cone Machine.

Anne Westphal – Donating flags for each yard.

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IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE at www.jjphoa.org or call the JJPHOA information line at 972-545-1776 for further details.

News from the City

By Joe Russum, Editor

Traffic Calming and Closure policy is close to being adopted by the City Council. This program's goal is to provide a safer city by getting better control of traffic and slowing it down where necessary. The Traffic Department will accept requests from neighborhood groups for action in their respective neighborhood. The proposed budget for this program is \$100,000 and would go towards the cost of the traffic calming measures.

Heights Park playground equipment has been reviewed with safety considerations at the forefront. Equipment such as the rocket ship and some other pieces will be retained for preservation and new equipment will be added in the near future. More information will be available on the city website (www.cor.net).

John Murphy, City Councilman, was elected president of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG).

Michelle Thames, who is an Assistant City Manager for the City of Richardson received NCTCOG's Linda Keithley Award for Women in Government. It has been 21 years since this award was given to a City of Richardson official. The last recipient was Mayor Martha Ritter, who received it in 1987.

June sales tax revenue was down \$300,000, which is a decrease of 16%. Sales tax revenues are down \$1.3 million below this year's budget estimate. The City is currently working through expenditure reductions to address revenue shortfalls.

Bill Keffler, Richardson City Manager, is working with UTD and area cities to develop a plan to accelerate the construction of the Cotton Belt Railway system. The original plan is to have the Cotton Belt operational by 2020, but the goal of the group is 2012. In Richardson the system will have a station at the Bush Turnpike and UTD. The current plan is to have a hybrid engine powered by both diesel and electric motors. Cost savings will be realized by eliminating the need for overhead electric power lines. This engine will be able to operate on existing DART rail lines.

The next bond program is planned for May 2010. Projects to be included in the next bond program are currently being studied and will be determined in the future.

Senior homestead exemption in Richardson has been increased from \$50,000 to \$55,000 and will be 30% of the average senior home value. This plan covers 22% of the homes in Richardson.

An Environmental Committee for Richardson has been established and will consist of nine members. Appointments will be made in the future.

Dallas County Appraisal District's preliminary estimate of property values in the city is 9.8% higher than the 2007 valuation. The increases are 3.4% for residential, 15.5% for commercial property, and 5.8% for business personal property. The valuations will continue to be adjusted before

the final property tax roll in July. Based on experience from previous years and factoring Collin County valuations, current estimates project an overall property value increase at approximately 2%.

Neighborhood Development Overlay has been adopted by the City. This will allow neighborhoods, if 70% of homeowners agree, to establish property restrictions in their neighborhood such as building heights, setback, and garage orientation based on the current character of the area.

Sherrill Park head pro, Ronny Glanton, has been elected to the PGA Board of Directors.

Richardson's animal shelter software was given the Excellent Award from the Texas Association of Government Information Technology Managers.

Richardson WI-FI system is currently in pilot test and will be rolled out to the public at the successful completion of this test.

Richardson Police Department was just named a national winner of the Outstanding Achievement in Law Enforcement Volunteer Programs Award sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). This annual award recognizes law enforcement agencies that have developed and implemented creative and effective law enforcement volunteer programs. The award recognizes agencies that most exemplify the goals, concepts, and spirit of volunteerism in action.



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Dallas Morning News Briefing Publication

By Joe Russum, Editor



The Dallas Morning News plans to start delivering a scaled down addition of the Dallas Morning News, called Briefing, near the end of August to selected residents who do not currently take the paper. This addition will be approximately twenty pages long. Briefing is free and will be delivered Wednesday through Saturday to approximately 6000 households in

Richardson who have children. Coupons will be included inside the paper on Wednesday and Saturday. If you don't receive this paper and want it, you can call the Dallas Morning News and request it.

New Red Light Cameras Approved

By Joe Russum, Editor

New red-light camera installations have been approved for intersections at Belt Line/Central Expressway (East and Westbound lanes), Campbell/Central Expressway (north and southbound), and Jupiter/Bush Turnpike (northbound). Currently the City has camera installations at Campbell/Coit (north and westbound), Plano Road/Arapaho (southbound), and Centennial Boulevard/Greenville (eastbound).



The new installations should be operational in 30-60 days. While the current system is basically breaking even financially, traffic safety at the three current intersections has improved. In its wisdom, the state legislature has ruled that it deserves half the revenue from all red light cameras.

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Membership

By Brenden Hill, VP Membership

Another quiet month as far as membership goes. I'd like to welcome Brad and Amanda Brons; they moved in to 1123 Grassmere. The current membership profile is shown below:

Street	Total	Joined	%
Chesterton	93	65	70%
Cheyenne	27	26	96%
Edith	33	25	76%
Eton	52	48	92%
Grassmere	51	40	78%
Huntington	92	62	67%
Lilac	8	8	100%
Melrose	17	11	65%
Mimosa	1	1	100%
Pueblo	30	24	80%
Stratford	52	49	94%
Violet	8	8	100%
Total	464	367	79%

Identification

By Joe Russum, Editor



A friend told me this true story that happened in another neighborhood. A young boy was riding his bike down the street and ran into something that caused him to fall off his bike. He hit his head and was very disorientated. People who saw the accident came to his aid, but he could not tell them

who he was and where he lived. They called 911 but before the emergency squad arrived someone came by who knew the child and the parents were called.

It was just luck the child's identity was learned so quickly, but what if he was not that lucky. More than likely the parents would not know until very much later, and there could have been perfect strangers making life or death decisions for him.

The moral of the story is, make sure that you and your loved ones have identification on them when they leave the house. Accidents happen quickly and everywhere.

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Beautification

By Michael and Tina Tannery, VP's Beautification

Tina's Treasures and Tips

Repel Insects by Attracting Birds

One of the best ways to repel insects is to attract an army of birds to eat them! One chickadee can eat 10,000 insects a season. In fact, all birds eat insects at one time or another — even a hummingbird's diet is 10 percent insects. Bribe the birds into your yard with birdseed, and they will consume lots of insect pests while there. *Hummingbird Garden* is a guide to attracting and identifying Hummingbird visitors. *The Birds of Texas* is a wonderful book that makes finding and identifying birds easy for the beginner and helps identify the nearly 600 bird species that live in Texas. We can't go without mentioning *The Bird Garden*, which is a great guide to attract birds to your yard throughout the year.

Mosquito fighters

With another wet spring behind us, mosquito populations are up. Fight back with natural controls that are kind to you, your children, pets and the environment.

In the yard:

- **Cedar mulch** discourages all sorts of insects including mosquitoes. It has a lovely bronze color and smells great.
- **Yardsafe granules** are biodegradable grains treated with cedar oil to repel ants, chiggers, fleas, flies and mosquitoes.
- **Organic lawn spray** attaches to the end of a hose for easy application. Made with thyme, sesame and clove oil, it has a wonderful fragrance.

On you:

- **Liquid Net** insect repellent formulated with essential oils of citronella, lemongrass and peppermint is available in a pump spray or towelettes to drop in your purse or backpack.

Michael's Maintenance

- Water deeply when watering to completely soak the roots of your plants.
- Mulch with 2-3 inches of bark mulch or pine needles to cool soils and keep moisture in longer.
- Walk your gardens frequently to spot any dry areas of the garden. As plants grow sprinklers don't always provide good coverage.
- Plant fall tomatoes early in July to ensure a good fall harvest.
- Disease control: Control black spot, powdery mildew and other fungal diseases on roses and crepe myrtles using Neem oil, Funginex or potassium bicarbonate.

Yard of the Month

I unfortunately have to report that Tina and I received a very angry letter this past month about our selections for "Yard of the Month". The most disappointing action with the letter is that they knew who to mail it too, yet were not honest enough to either contact us or email us about their concerns. If you would like to air your concerns about our selections, then please give us a call and talk with us, we would gladly welcome your input. I would request that if you wrote the letter come talk with us.

Without reprinting the entire letter, I do want to address one issue. The letter stated, "The same people get chosen year after year." This is our first year as beautification chairs and we have taken the time to look for diversity and difference in the choices each month. We have not gone back and looked to see who was awarded "Yard of the Month" in the past and are only looking for the best examples of yard design, and contribution to the overall beauty of the homeowner's association.

If you see a yard that deserves recognition, please email either of us, tinatannery@gmail.com or michaeltannery@gmail.com Thanks to all that have sent emails and told us about their neighbor's yard.

The monthly "judging" for Yard of the Month will continue on July 6. A house that is chosen will be able to proudly display the "Yard of the Month" sign for the remainder of the month. "Judging" is by the highly acclaimed eyes of the Co-Beautification chairpersons, Michael & Tina Tannery. "We are excited about seeing all of the incredible yards and gardens that are created and recreated every year. We are looking for not only the color showing in the yard, but the style, texture and use of a variety of native plants and grasses."

As pictured on the next page, the most outstanding yards for the month of June were:

1102 Chesterton, Elaine and Chris Clendenin
1905 Violet Circle, Stephen and Hedi King
1206 Huntington
1114 Eton, Ed and Joanne Monaghan

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Congratulations To Yard of The Month Winners



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Crime Watch Patrol

By Officer John Corbitt, RPD

We here at the RPD are waiting to help you take your Neighborhood Watch up a notch by kicking off a Crime Watch Patrol in your H.O.A. Here are some points to consider when contemplating the value of a neighborhood citizen patrol.

- You may patrol on your schedule. Most patrollers put in an hour or two per month. One is only required to patrol once every 60 days to be considered “active.”
- Many patrol during the daytime, when most home burglaries occur, and when most residents are away from their homes.
- Those who work can patrol in the evening and / or on weekends.
- A few are watching out for many. If you find that rewarding or satisfying, we want you.
- You can apply walking or biking the neighborhood as patrol time, as long as you are trained on what to look for, how to report, and are on the patrol schedule for your group.
- Concerned about rising fuel prices? For the most part (except when venturing out on major streets to make the block), you will be patrolling streets and alleys at “idle” speeds, and not using much fuel. One may also park, watch, and listen from good surveillance areas during their patrol shift.
- You are merely extra eyes and ears, a visible deterrent to criminal activity. Every day, members within the city’s five operating citizen patrols either discourage or prevent a criminal event from occurring, just by being there.

Residents sometimes leave homes unsecured, vehicles unlocked, garages open. There are children playing in their yards, in parks, in schoolyards, and walking to and from school. Predators come into neighborhoods every day looking for opportunity. Who knows WHAT a patroller might prevent. A citizen patrol is another effective demonstration of territoriality, that is, taking ownership and control of one’s own neighborhood. When residents take control, criminals cannot. Why wait for something to happen? Prevention is the key to an enhanced quality of life.

Richardson Heights has been patrolling with some very dedicated and community-minded volunteers for fifteen years. Richland Park has patrolled for thirteen, and Springridge for nearly ten years. If you are seeking an opportunity to volunteer with folks who make invaluable contributions to their neighborhoods everyday, contact your Crime Watch Patrol facilitator today for an application. A training class will be forming soon.



JJPHOA Crime Watch Patrol

By Jerry Gray, Safety Committee Chairman

In my May newsletter article the general requirements to establish a JJ Pearce Crime Watch Patrol group were outlined. So far the response has been underwhelming. I have not received one call or email indicating a willingness to volunteer for Crime Watch Patrol. To the left is an article from Richardson Police Department Officer John Corbitt with additional Crime Watch Patrol information. If by the end of July we do not have approximately 20 volunteers, our effort to form a Crime Watch Patrol for the JJ Peace Addition will be terminated.

They are out there....Within the past couple of weeks a senior who lives on Belt Line east of 75 was approached by two men stating that the wind turbines on her roof did not conform to federal regulations and they would replace them for the labor cost only. Coincidentally at the same time, a local organization that offers volunteer assistance to seniors called this lady to confirm an upcoming appointment. During this conversation, the senior told the caller that there was a man up on her roof. When the director of the senior’s organization was told about this, he immediately left the office and went to her house. Upon arriving there he noticed that her car was not in the driveway and at this point immediately went to her bank, and there she was waiting in line to withdraw cash for these con artists. She was told to stay put and do not withdraw any money. Richardson PD was called and responded quickly only to find the thieves gone. It is surmised that once the senior left her residence she was followed to the bank by one of the thieves. Upon seeing the senior talking to another person in the bank lobby, the person on the roof was called and made a hasty departure. There are two bright sides to this story. First the senior did not get scammed out of any money and second the thieves left behind a very expensive ladder. The ladder was impounded by RPD.

The area where this happened does not have a Crime Watch Patrol. I am not saying that a Crime Watch Patrol would have prevented this incident. Most crooks are not scholars, but are smart enough to know what a Crime Watch Patrol magnetic sign looks like and tend to avoid these areas. Also these scam artists generally do not have vehicles with company names and/or state registration numbers. This is something a Crime Watch Patrol volunteer is trained to look for. Crime Watch Patrol volunteers are additional eyes and ears for the Richardson Police Department and at no time confront any suspicious individuals.

If you would like to participate in the Crime Watch program please call me at 972 231 9206 or Email me at gray.jerry@tx.rr.com.

I hope your summer is going well. Let’s make it happen! It is up to you.

Development

By Bette Hodges, VP Development

Store Opening Updates:

Vitamin Cottage: June 24, 2008

Sprouts: Opening July 18 with Grand Opening July 23

Home Goods: September

J. J. Pearce Resident *SPOTLIGHT*:

Gerry Hunter, *Owner of Cookies from Gerry's C.C.C. Corp.*

You may have seen the 50 flags in her yard on Stratford on Flag Day. Very impressive! Gerry not only bakes wonderful cookies but she actually has a 'Presidential Suite' and 'Oval Office' of presidential memorabilia. Her collection began with framed paintings of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln from a used furniture store in El Dorado, Kansas, her home state. Then, in 1976, she was given a red, white and blue bicentennial rug as a thank you gift from a carpet company for purchasing carpet. She knew then that she would "never put it on the floor and let people walk on it." It proudly hangs above the bed in the 'Presidential Suite', which has a red, white and blue, stars and stripes bedspread. After signing a guest book in the 'Oval Office' you are given a small book of The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America, a pamphlet of flag etiquette and a flag pin. The collection of items in the 'Presidential Suite' and the 'Oval Office' includes, but is certainly not limited to, a framed Declaration of Independence, dolls of each U. S. President, miniature White House and a figurine collection from George Washington to Richard Nixon, several items from Air Force One, a thimble collection of U. S. Presidents, Christmas Tree ornament replicas of White House Christmas cards, plate collections and many, many other patriotic treasures. Many people including a schoolteacher and her 18 young students have visited her patriotic rooms.



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An Author Among Us

Sid and Maya Harris have lived on Chesterton for several years. Even though Sid was born and raised in the Rio Grand Valley of South Texas, he has spent most of his adult life working overseas. He spent fifteen years in Latin America, and fifteen years in Europe. His love for Latin America began in Princeton University, where he graduated in Latin American Area Studies. After service in the U.S. Army, he lived in Lima, Peru, and Mexico City, Mexico traveling extensively throughout the region. He is fluent in Spanish and Italian.

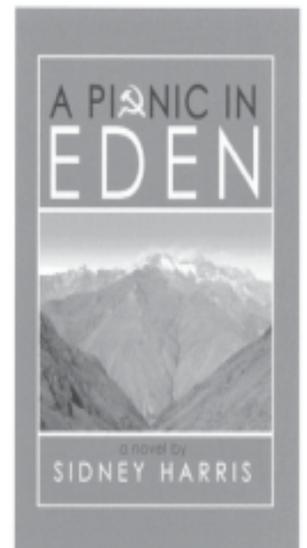


He has written three novels: Eye of the Condor; A Picnic in Eden; and To Lima with Love, all of which have settings in Latin America. He is the winner of the Best Novel Award of the Greater Dallas Writers' Association and the Rose Trilogy Award for Most Publishable Novel.

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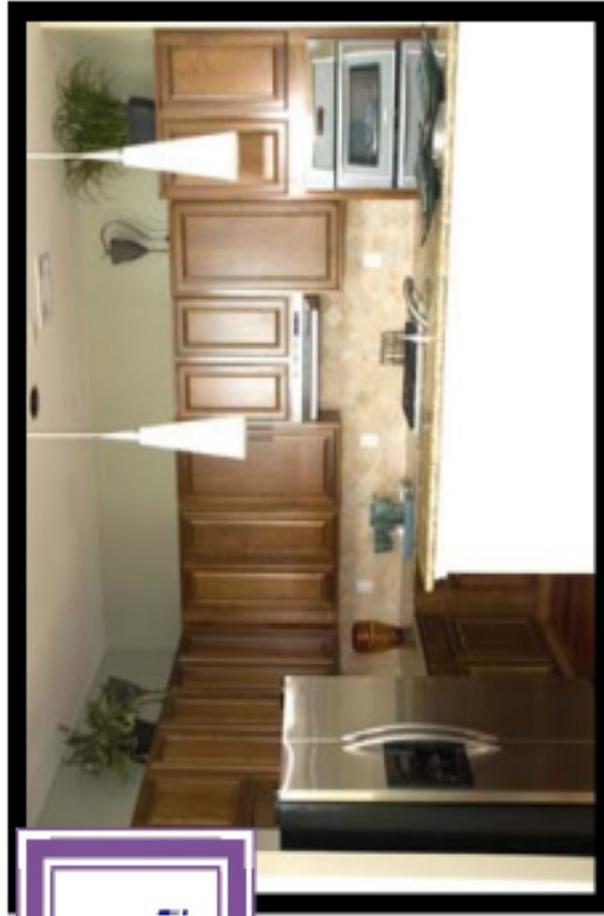
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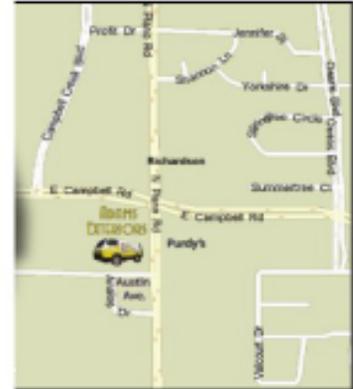
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time/Place</u>
July 4	JJPHOA Parade and Picnic	10:30am, Pearce/Mimosa park
4	City Celebration	6:00pm–10:15pm Breckinridge Park
	JR Byrd Trio	6:30 pm
	Frontier Drum & Bugle Corps	8:00 pm
	Richardson Community Band	8:45pm
	Fireworks show – approximately	9:45 pm
20	Richardson Community Band	7:00pm Richardson Civic Center

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J J PEARCE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenses
For the Period September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Year To Date	Month Ended	Month Ended	Year to Date Actual	
	May 31, 2008	June 30, 2008	June 30, 2008	Budget
Cash Receipts				
Membership Dues	75.00		5,040.00	4,965.00
Dividends	20.26	19.89	275.44	300.00
Advertising-Newsletter	230.00	105.00	2,020.00	1,000.00
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Total Receipts	325.26	124.89	7,335.44	6,265.00
Expenses				
Crime Watch				
Crime Watch Patrol				150.00
Information Phone Line	20.97	20.97	208.83	210.00
National Night Out (08/07)			250.98	
Membership				
Annual Meeting			183.78	184.00
Bank Deposit Pads			12.95	
Binders				125.00
Board Planning Meeting			49.00	
Directory Delivery			75.00	75.00
Directory Printing			289.43	550.00
Social Events				
December Decorations			430.84	431.00
Easter			87.00	100.00
July 4th			24.96	250.00
Newsletter				
Delivery	60.00	60.00	705.00	630.00
Printing, etc	211.75	202.13	2,126.21	2,200.00
Contributions				
Firefighters' Dinners			232.91	233.00
Honorariums				290.00
Member Memorials				50.00
Police Dept Dinner			100.00	100.00
Schools & Scout Projects				150.00
Other Expenses				
Board Recognition Shirts		113.66	113.66	
Insurance			896.00	1,000.00
Special Meetings	25.00		131.94	185.00
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Total Expenses	317.72	396.76	5,918.49	6,913.00
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Fund Balances:
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Totals

Beginning Balances - 5/1/08	5,042.90	11,073.46	16,116.36
Add receipts - May & June	410.00	40.15	450.15
Less Disbursements - May & June	(714.48)		(714.48)
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Ending Balances - 6/30/08	\$4,738.42	\$11,113.61	15,852.03

Respectfully Submitted, Helen Simon, Treasurer, July 1, 2008

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4th July Parade and Picnic

Starts at 10:30

See Page 1 for details



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Board Meetings: 7:00pm, July 29 at 1217 Stratford

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