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L'Shannah Tovah. Yep. It's that time again. This year has really flown by quickly... actually extra quickly. So many world - scene events, one overlapping the next!! If it were a play on Broadway or a movie out of Hollywood, people would say, "Too Much". Unbelievable" For our country, death from a virus crossed paths with a crippled economy. Lives were shattered and careers and jobs lost at the same time. Combine that with long simmering feelings of injustice on many levels and the presidential and congressional elections and let's just say there was no such thing as a slow news day. No matter what your politics, life has changed. No matter what your economic circumstances, life has changed has changed. School has changed. Work has changed. Retirement has changed. New norms are being developed. Not only in our country but worldwide as well. What's the key to happiness in the new year? Well of course, wear your mask, wash your hands. The WOW plan Wash, observe, wear. But even more so, be flexible! Be aware that changes comes at us much faster that it used to. Change will hit us indivisibly what ever that change is. And we will need to bend, fold, staple and glue our lives as much as possible is absolutely necessary for our mental health. What was -- was. Now let's deal with what is! Find your place and your peace.

ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh Hashanah, literally meaning "head [of] the year", is the Jewish New Year. The biblical name for this holiday is Yom Teruah, literally "day of shouting or blasting". It is the first of the Jewish High Holy Days specified by Leviticus 23:23-32 that occur in the early autumn of the Northern Hemisphere. This year it fall on the evening of September 18, 2020.

Rosh Hashanah commemorates the creation of the world and marks the beginning of the Days of Awe, a 10-day period of introspection and repentance that culminates in the Yom Kippur holiday, also known as the Day of Atonement. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are the two "High Holy Days" in the Jewish religion.

Rosh Hashanah begins the High Holy Days or Ten Days of Penitence, which end with Yom Kippur. One of the most significant rituals during Rosh Hashanah is the blowing of the Shofar, or ram's horn. ... Another popular ritual is to walk to a river or stream and recite special prayers of penitence.

Because it took time for news of the Sanhedrin's announcements to travel and observant Jews needed to avoid even accidental work on the festival day, the two-day Rosh Hashanah observance began as a safeguard.. Today Rosh Hashanah is the only holiday celebrated for two days both inside and outside of Israel.

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YOM KIPPUR

This Holy day begins in the evening of Sunday, September 27, and ends on the night of September 28, 2020. It is the most holy of days in the Jewish religion.

Yom Kippur is observed for a 25-hour period, beginning at sundown, by refraining from work that is prohibited on Shabbat, plus five additional prohibitions: 1) eating or drinking; 2) bathing; 3) anointing the body with oil; 4) wearing leather shoes; and 5) sexual relations.

Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the Jewish year. It's the day of atonement after the Jewish new year, Rosh Hashanah. On this day, Jews ask God for forgiveness for their sins to secure their fate. ... Then, Jews are able to feast, breaking the fast.

How it began: According to Jewish tradition, the origins of Yom Kippur date back to the time of Moses, after the people of Israel made their exodus from Egypt. When they arrived at Mount Sinai, Moses was given the Ten Commandments by God. When Moses came down the mountain, he found the people worshipping a golden calf.

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The Christian Day of Atonement is based on the English translation of the Jewish Holy day Yom Kippur. The day is commemorated with a 25-hour fast by Jews, but normally a 24-hour fast by Christians who observe it.

Yom Kippur—the Day of Atonement—is considered the most important holiday in the Jewish faith. ... According to tradition, it is on Yom Kippur that God decides each person's fate, so Jews are encouraged to make amends and ask forgiveness for sins committed during the past.

Birthdays for July, August
& September



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POST MEETING

September 6, 2020 Post 194 will hold its September meeting at the VFW Hall located at 4853 East Thomas Road in Phoenix AZ.

The time will be different.. The meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. This is not our usual time.

One the Lighter Side

The Israelis and Arabs realised, if they continued fighting, they would someday end up destroying the whole world. So, they decided to settle their dispute with an ancient practice, a duel of two, like David and Goliath. This "duel" would be a dog fight.

The negotiators agreed each side would take 5 years to develop the best fighting dog they could. The dog that won the fight would earn its people the right to rule the disputed areas. The losing side would have to lay down its arms for good.

The Arabs found the biggest, meanest Dobermans and Rottweilers in the world. They bred them together and then crossed their offspring with the meanest Siberian wolves.

They selected only the biggest, strongest puppy of each litter, fed it the best food and killed all the other puppies.

They used steroids and trainers in their quest for the perfect killing machine. After the 5 years were up they had a dog that needed steel prison bars on its cage. Only expert trainers could handle this incredibly nasty and ferocious beast.

When the day of the big dog-fight finally arrived, the Israelis showed up with a very strange-looking animal, a Dachshund that was 10 feet long! Everyone at the dogfight arena felt sorry for the Israelis. No one there seriously thought this weird odd-looking animal stood any chance against the growling beast over in the Arab camp. All the bookies took one look and predicted that the Arab dog would win in less than a minute.

As the cages were opened, the Dachshund waddled toward the center of the ring. The Arab dog leaped from its cage and charged toward the giant wiener-dog. As he got to within an inch of the Israeli dog, the Dachshund opened its jaws and swallowed the Arab beast whole in one bite. There was nothing left but a small puff of fur from the Arab killer dog's tail floating to the ground.

The stunned crowd of international observers, bookies and media personnel let out a collective gasp of disbelief and surprise.

The Arabs approached the Israelis, muttering and shaking their heads in disbelief. "We do not understand," said their leader, "Our top scientists and breeders worked for 5 long years with the meanest, biggest Dobermans, Rottweilers and Siberian wolves and they developed an incredible killing machine of a dog!"

The Israelis replied, "Well, for 5 years, we have had a team of Jewish plastic surgeons from Boca Raton working to make an alligator look like a Dachshund."

Army of God

Moishe Goldberg was heading out of the Synagogue one day, and as always Rabbi Mendel was standing at the door, shaking hands as the congregation departed. The rabbi grabbed Moishe by the hand, pulled him aside and whispered these words at him: "You need to join the Army of God!"

Moishe replied: "I'm already in the Army of God, Rabbi."

The rabbi questioned: "How come I don't see you except for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur?" Moishe whispered back: "I'm in the secret service."

for eight years, bringing together thousands of American and Israeli citizens and leaders to discuss the alliance between Israel and the United States, as well as the diplomatic, economic, and security challenges facing the State of Israel and the Jewish world.

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After months of calm reinforced by the coronavirus pandemic, the Gaza-Israel frontier has turned volatile over the past week.

Khalil al-Hayya, a senior Hamas official, accused Israel on Saturday of not honoring an informal truce to ease the blockade it has imposed on Gaza since Hamas took it over in 2007.

He told Hamas al-Aqsa TV that the Palestinian people in Gaza were experiencing "slow death" by the blockade. "The zone of confrontation with the enemy is expanding day after day in response to its continued aggression," he said.

He said Egyptian mediators were expected to visit the region to discuss reinforcing the truce, but no timing has been set.

From China to Israel, Where Kamala Harris Stands on Foreign Policy

By David Brennan

Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden has vowed to restore U.S. global leadership should he unseat President Donald Trump in November, accusing the president of leaving America's image in "tatters" and undermining the U.S.-led international order.

If Biden does win the nomination as the democratic candidate for president, California Sen. Kamala Harris, the first woman of color, will become his vice president. Harris' pick crystallizes the center-left establishment foreign policy platform Biden's campaign running mate.

has sought to build, breaking through Trump's unilateral, combative "America first" world view and seeking a return to what American voters will see as more normal international relations.

Though not traditionally a prominent voice on foreign policy, Harris' Senate record, presidential run and past interviews suggest she is an internationalist who values America's traditional alliances and leans towards multilateralism to address global challenges like climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last year, Harris told the Council on Foreign Relations: "The greatest U.S. foreign policy accomplishment has been the post-war community of international institutions, laws, and democratic nations we helped to build."

This is a "part of the strength of who we are as a nation," she said in a November 2019 presidential debate. American strength lies with the fact "not only that that we have a vibrant military, but that when we walk in any room around the globe, we are respected because we keep to our word, we are consistent, we speak truth, and we are loyal," she explained.

This fits with Biden's draft platform released last month, which accused Trump of having retreated on the world stage, allowing adversaries "to fill the void." The president, Biden said, has "hollowed out American diplomacy, and shredded international commitments and credibility.

It took approximately 20 seconds to get to his first lie

It took approximately 20 seconds for former secretary of state John Kerry to drop the first flagrant lie in his Democratic National Convention speech on Tuesday, when he claimed that the Obama administration's so-called Iran deal had "eliminated the threat of an Iran with a nuclear weapon." It didn't get any better from there.

Kerry knows well that sunset provisions in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) provided Iran's government with a pathway to building nuclear weapons in a few years. He knows well that Israel uncovered a giant cache of documents with instructions on how to jumpstart a program to build a nuclear arsenal, which undermined both the spirit and the rationale of the nonproliferation agreement Iran signed. He knows that Iran was developing ballistic-missile programs meant to deliver nuclear weapons.

Kerry's big accomplishment was to destroy a sanctions program that was working, thereby saving the Islamic Republic from economic ruin. This allowed the Islamist government to strengthen its proxies in Syria, Lebanon, the Palestinian territories, Yemen, and Iraq.

Now Kerry says Trump "doesn't know how to defend the troops"? Well, I'm not sure that the man who oversaw the billions in direct cash payments to a government that had a hand in murdering and maiming hundreds of American troops has the moral authority to level that criticism.

Kerry himself acknowledged that sanctions relief would likely end up in the coffers of Iran's Revolutionary Guard — now a designated terror group. Surely, then, he knew that the pallets of euros and Swiss francs he was shipping to Tehran in an unmarked cargo plane would also find their way to the groups triggering conflicts across the Middle East — not to mention subjugating people at home.

While many argued for a maximum-pressure campaign against the Islamic Republic, Kerry preferred the no-pressure route. The Iran deal, in fact, often seemed to be the Obama administration's top obsession. Nothing would stand in the way. And while the media echo chamber was misleading the public at home, Kerry was placating Russia and allowing a humanitarian disaster to unfold in Syria in an effort to save the deal.

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Defense Secretary Contradicts Trump's Claim About Beirut Explosion round the time the Obama administration was chasing an Iran deal, the Syrian government, backed by the Islamic Republic, was crossing the president's Red Line and gassing civilians. Michael Doran, a former senior director of the National Security Council, noted that from the beginning of the crisis Obama "showed deference to Iran on the nuclear front" and "the same deference to the Iranian interest in Syria." Even when the United States began funding rebel forces in Syria, the admin-

istration reportedly wouldn't allow Iranian's ally to be touched.

When pressed on the matter by some Syrian civil-society workers in London, then Secretary Kerry snapped, "What do you want me to do, go to war with Russia?" Obama officials — led by Kerry — long peddled this false choice: the Iran deal or war. Well, we are no longer a party to Iran deal, and there is no war. Meanwhile, there is a highly weakened Iran, and there are growing alliances among our Sunni allies and Israel.

Kerry would continue to entertain Iranian officials even after he was out of government. When Trump ordered a drone strike of the terrorist Qasem Soleimani, a man who masterminded the killing of American soldiers and thousands of Iraqi civilians, Kerry said the world was in "no way at all" safer, and claimed that Trump was risking an "outright war." All Iran did was launch a performative counterstrike.

Kerry was wrong about Iran. Kerry was also wrong about Israel — a nation he doesn't ever seem to consider an "ally" in his speeches about Obama's alleged foreign-policy successes. And when the U.S. embassy was about to be moved to Jerusalem, Kerry warned it would lead to "an explosion" in the Middle East — more specifically, "an absolute explosion in the region, not just in the West Bank and perhaps even in Israel itself, but throughout the region." Moreover, Kerry declared, it would have a serious and negative repercussions on relations between Israel and the Arab world, making peace far less likely.

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The Israeli military says aircraft have bombed several sites belonging to the militant Hamas group in the Gaza Strip for a fifth

night in a row By FARES AKRAM

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip -- Israeli aircraft bombed several sites belonging to the militant Hamas group in the Gaza Strip for a fifth night in a row, the Israeli military said early Sunday.

Shortly after that announcement, the military said Palestinian militants in Gaza fired two rockets into southern Israel that were intercepted by aerial defense systems. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

The military said the airstrikes were in response to balloons that Hamas-affiliated groups sent across the Gaza frontier into Israeli territory. The balloons have caused dozens of fires that burned Israeli farmland in recent days.

On Saturday, dozens of Palestinians took part in nighttime protests along the Gaza-Israel perimeter fence. The military said the protesters "burned tires, hurled explosive devices and grenades towards the security

The Gaza health ministry said two demonstrators were wounded by Israeli gunfire.

Israel shouldered Hamas, which rules Gaza, the responsibility for all violent acts from the Palestinian territory.

AT&T

New York. This, of course, was met with scrutiny online. Many users assumed it was a scam, while others were upset by the short notice.

At&t sunset its 3G coverage, the situation isn't as urgent as the email seems to imply—but it's definitely confusing.

When AT&T is shutting down 3G service

Here's the simplest explanation of what's going on: AT&T is upgrading its network technology, presumably to pave the way for better 5G coverage and performance. As part of this change, AT&T's 3G network services will shut down sometime in February 2022. This will affect all 3G devices, plus a selection of 4G devices that do not support HD Voice, AT&T's Voice over LTE (VoLTE) service.

Unfortunately, almost none of this information was included in the initial email. As you can see in a screengrab of the email posted by Android Police, the email does not include the end-of-service date nor a list of affected devices; it merely says 3G services are ending and encourages users to click random links to buy a phone.

About VA News

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JWV Elects New National Commander and Vice Commander

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV) is pleased to announce it has elected Jeff Sacks National Commander and Alan Paley National Vice Commander during its 125th National Convention in August.

Sacks was born and raised in the Chicago area. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant via ROTC when he graduated from the University of Illinois in 1979. He served on active duty during the Cold War in Washington, D.C. and West Germany in military police assignments. He was mobilized in 1990 in support of Operation Desert Shield and commanded the 822nd MP Company during Operation Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Iraq in 1991. Following the Gulf War, he stayed in the Reserves, retiring as a Major in 2017. Sacks was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service during Operation Desert Storm.

Sacks and his father, a WWII Navy veteran, joined JWV Post 153 together in 1996. He rose through the ranks, and has served as the Post Commander, Department of Illinois Commander, NEC, and on various National Committees.

In civilian life, Sacks served as a law enforcement officer from 1987-2012 with the Chicago Police Department before retiring as a Sergeant. He is married to Pye Squire. They have five adult children (two are JWV members)

and ten

Jeff is active in his synagogue and has served on its board as Security Committee Chairman for the past six years.

Paley enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1966 and served as a Weapons Specialist on Phantom F-4D fighter aircraft at bases in West Germany, Italy, and Libya. He joined New Jersey JWV Post 651 in 1968 as an in-service member.

Following his honorable discharge in 1970 he became active in JWV and rose through the ranks of his post becoming one of the youngest Post Commanders in JWV. After relocating to Florida, he served as Council Commander, Department Commander, National Budget Chairman, and National Adjutant.

In civilian life, Paley is the Chief Financial Officer of Overseas Cargo, Inc., a 3rd party logistics and warehouse service provider specializing in the handling, storage, and exportation of perishable goods. He has three children and one grandchild. Alan also serves on the Executive Board of his synagogue.

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Study on the need for veterans transportation

The Arizona Department of Veterans' Services is excited to collaborate with the University of Arizona to conduct a study regarding the transportation needs of veterans within our state. Transportation plays a vital role in the veteran community. Access to transportation provides veterans with the ability to obtain things like healthcare services, employment, and an overall sense of independence. However, a lack of access to transportation can lead to veterans missing doctor's appointments, not being able to shop for groceries and various other opportunities that would allow them to appropriately take care of themselves and thrive. In an effort to prevent more veterans from experiencing the effects of not having access to transportation, we are tapping into resources across the state to identify gaps and apply appropriate solutions. The transportation study, beginning August 1, 2020, will take place over a one-year time span, surveying veterans from Arizona's 15 counties, 91 cities and towns, including 21 American Indian Tribes. We will communicate with federal, state, and local government offices, veteran organizations and groups, as well as private and non-profit organizations to access information regarding the current transportation needs of veterans. In addition to surveying these groups, we will also conduct a variety of focus groups to further analyze the information gathered. The information will be used to develop solutions to ad-

dress the transportation needs of Arizona's veterans. We look forward to working with the University of Arizona to bring our veterans improved access to transportation services. We will make the findings of the transportation study public once complete. The University of Arizona is also one of our 38 certified Arizona Veteran Supportive VA partners with The Independence Fund to help prevent Veteran suicide.

VA partners with The Independence Fund to help prevent Veteran suicide

WASHINGTON— Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced its partnership with The Independence Fund to provide wellness and mental health education to Veterans, caregivers and families.

VA and The Independence Fund will collaborate on suicide prevention initiatives to connect Veterans with care and support before they reach a crisis point.

“Every Veteran suicide is a tragedy, and our goal is to prevent suicide among all Veterans nationwide — even those who do not seek care within our health system,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “The Independence Fund is an important ally to reach Veterans on this top clinical priority for VA, as well caregivers and their families.”

The two organizations will work together on Operation Resiliency to encourage Veterans to take part in suicide prevention initiatives. This includes a 2019 re-

retreat that will bring together at-risk Veterans who served in the same unit during deployments.

Founded in 2007, The Independence Fund empowers the nation's severely wounded, injured or ill Veterans to overcome physical, mental and emotional wounds incurred in the line of duty. It has a goal of improving the lives of both Veterans and their families through the organization's mobility, caregiver, adaptive sports, and advocacy programs, while also bridging the gap of unmet needs of Veterans' caregivers. The Fund works to give Veterans the best mobility device options available, as well as promote their mental and physical health.

Suicide is a national public health issue that affects communities everywhere. VA is engaging communities nationwide to deliver care and support to Veterans where they live, work and thrive. Partnerships such as this with The Independence Fund are an important part of VA's National Strategy for Preventing Veteran Suicide.

Veterans who are in crisis or having thoughts of suicide, and those who know a Veteran in crisis, can call the Veteran & Military Crisis Line for confidential support 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, send a text message to 838255 or chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat.

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This marks the 75th Anniversary of the end of WWII.

World War II ended 75 years ago, but not all countries commemorate it on the same day. Wednesday is the anniversary of the formal Sept. 2, 1945, surrender of Japan to the United States, when documents were signed officially ending years of bloody fighting in a ceremony aboard the USS Missouri in

Tokyo Bay. It's known as V-J Day in some countries. But some nations mark Aug. 15 as the war's end, the day Japan's emperor made a speech announcing the surrender.

MAY 8, 2020 (VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY)

Produced in collaboration by the Bob and Dolores Hope Foundation, the World War II Foundation and Waskul Worldwide Communication, please enjoy this short video which is the first of a series, honoring our Greatest Generation and the roles they played in both on the battlefields and the support they rendered at home. BOB HOPE VE Day Video May 1945

2020 75TH VE DAY COMMEMORATION

Join us as we pay tribute to VE Day: airing May 8, 11:30 ET

WWII VE DAY ROLL CALL

If you are one of the brave servicemembers who witnessed the Surrender Ceremony onboard the USS Missouri, we would be honored to hear from you. Please contact us at rsvp@uss-missouri.org or visit WWII Crewmembers. We'd love to personally salute you for your service and invite you to be our special guests at the commemoration events.

Overview

On May 8, 1945, World War II in Europe came to an end. As the news of Germany's surrender reached the rest of the world, joyous crowds gathered to celebrate in the streets, clutching

newspapers that declared Victory in Europe (V-E Day). Later that year, US President Harry S. Truman announced Japan's surrender and the end of World War II. The news spread quickly and celebrations erupted across the United States. On September 2, 1945, formal surrender documents were signed aboard the USS Missouri, designating the day as the official Victory over Japan Day (V-J Day).

V-J Day was especially momentous—the gruesome and exhausting war was officially over—but the day was also bittersweet for the many Americans whose loved ones would not be returning home. “More than 400,000 Americans gave their lives to secure our nation's freedom, and in the midst of exultation, there was recognition that the true meaning of the day was best represented by those who were not present to celebrate,” said Robert Citino, PhD, Executive Director of the Institute for the Study of War and Democracy at The National WWII Museum.

Seventy-five years later, The National WWII Museum will pay tribute to the historic anniversaries, as well as the myriad servicemembers and Home Front workers who helped preserve freedom.

To Bear the Imbearable

The starting point for understanding Japan's surrender in 1945 is to recognize it required two separate and equally vital steps. First, someone with legitimate authority had to make the political decision that Japan would capitulate. Second, Japan's armed forces had to comply with the



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government's surrender. Given the incredible history of defiance of government authority by Japan's armed forces for at least the 15 years prior to 1945, not only American but also Japanese leaders including the emperor, understood that a surrender order by the government, even one from the emperor, might not secure compliance by the armed forces.

Emperor Hirohito's path to making that political decision was scarcely straight. Through May 1945, he believed a major Japanese military victory must precede any move toward peace, or Japan's hopes for something other than unconditional surrender would be vain. He thus urged that Japan should launch a new offensive in China. This was spurned by his military paladins—yet another signal the armed forces recognized no master.

Marquis Kido, Hirohito's principal adviser, presented to him a memorandum proposing a path to peace in June 1945. Rejecting any direct approach to the United States, Kido urged a negotiated settlement achieved by Soviet mediation. As for settlement terms, Kido's conjured up a copy of the Treaty of Versailles. Japan might have to give up her overseas conquests and endure a period of disarmament. But there would be no occupation of Japanese soil, thus assuring continuance of the imperial system and Hirohito's seat on the throne. In view of Germany's renewed war after the Treaty of Versailles, there is zero chance US leaders would have accepted that framework to end the war.

Based on Kido's memorandum, the emperor met with the inner cabinet, termed the Big Six for its membership. He secured their agreement to approach the Soviets. As noted in another part of this series, this effort remained stillborn.

Prior to the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Hirohito failed to intervene as the Soviet mediation effort went nowhere. Explanation for his inaction probably reflects three strands. Except for one extraordinary situation in 1936 when he moved forcefully to demand suppression of a military mutiny in Tokyo, Hirohito avoided any attempt to rule Japan directly. A second reason was Ketsu Go: the planned Armageddon battle on Kyushu to turn the military situation to Japan's favor. Only gradually into July reports reaching the emperor raised his doubts about its likelihood of its success.

On the other hand, as the summer progressed, the emperor and other key members of the inner leadership experienced truly terrifying anxiety that the Japanese people were nearing a revolutionary moment. This was primarily because of the American campaign of devastating fire-bombing attacks on cities, and the increasingly dire food situation. "The domestic situation" became the euphemism these elite leaders employed to mask their real fear. They projected the real crisis would come in the fall, particularly when the rice crop was due. THIS ARTICLE CONTINUES. FOR THOSE INTEREST USE GOOGLE TO FIND THE CONCLUSION OF THIS IMPORTANT ARTICLE. ---- 30 -----



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