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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Diane Cook

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As we move through the spring season, CFMS continues to stay active on several fronts, and I would like to share a few updates and opportunities.

The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Convention will be held May 23–25, 2026. CFMS will be represented by our delegates, committee chairs, and several members planning to attend. If you have any questions, suggestions, or topics you would like brought forward, please feel free to reach out to me—I would be happy to share them during the Directors Meeting.

We recently held a **CFMS Insurance Zoom session**, and I would like to extend a special thank you to **Fred Ott, CFMS Insurance Chair**, for an excellent and informative presentation. The session covered the importance of insurance for our clubs, an overview of Directors & Officers (D&O) coverage, and how our insurance applies to field trips and non-members. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to the discussion.

Building on that success, I will be organizing a **CFMS Club Show Roundtable Zoom**. This will be an informal opportunity for clubs to share ideas, successes, and challenges related to their shows—topics such as fundraising, vendors, publicity, layouts, and volunteer coordination. There is always something new to learn from one another, regardless of the size of your show. Please send me an email to RSVP and will send out the zoom information.

We are also continuing to gather input regarding the **Southern California Lapidary Camp**. This is an early exploration, and your feedback is essential in determining whether this opportunity moves forward. If you have not yet shared your thoughts, I encourage you to do so and to involve your club members in the discussion. Thank you so much for those I have already heard from! You can use this link: <https://forms.gle/4WTbNdtNXmKFNKnd9> (copy and paste)

The 2026 Reno Show and CFMS Convention will be on our website soon. Keep checking the CFMS website.

As always, the strength of CFMS comes from the dedication of our clubs and members. Thank you for everything you do to promote the earth sciences and support one another.

I look forward to the continued collaboration ahead.

Together We Shine!

Diane Cook



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 5..... Deadline for June Newsletter
June 5..... Deadline for July Newsletter

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Editors are invited to download articles for their bulletins from this website. Be sure to cite the source.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

The deadline for the newsletter is the 5th day of the month prior to the month of publication. Articles should be sent to the editor at bplarue@earthlink.net. “Snail mail”? Please send to the CFMS PO Box 1657, Rialto, CA 92377-1657. Articles without a byline are written by the editor. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I’m once again asking the various committee chairs to send a message letting the membership know what you’re up to as a committee. YOU are CFMS and our membership needs to hear from you from time to time.

DONATIONS

Donations to any of the funds administered by CFMS and/or AFMS are tax deductible under the rules governing tax exempt organizations which are 501(c)(3). Your cancelled check or receipt is considered to be proof of your donation for purposes of filing your federal tax return. If a personal donation is \$250 or more, a letter attesting to that amount is also required. Member clubs and individuals are encouraged to donate to any of the following:

- CFMS Scholarship Fund
- CFMS Endowment Fund
- CFMS General Fund
- Diedrick Memorial Scholarship Fund
- AFMS Scholarship Foundation
- AFMS Endowment Fund
- Burns Memorial Camp Fund (benefits Earth Science Studies)
- Facilities Development Fund

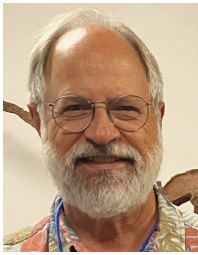
Your donations should be sent to:
Pat LaRue, Exec. Sec/Treas
PO Box 1657
Rialto, CA 92377-1657

Receipts and any supporting documents will be forwarded on to the committee member responsible for acknowledgment. Please make all checks payable to CFMS or AFMS as appropriate and note the fund in the memo section.

WEBSITE UPDATE – TAKE A LOOK!

Our new Webmaster, Terry Wilson, has been making excellent progress updating the CFMS website. Improvements include fixing broken links, adding a “Find a Show” feature, and making it easier to locate clubs. A new “Contact Us” option is also available, making it simple to ask questions or share feedback. Take a moment to visit the site and explore the updates.

Submitted by Diane Cook



JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS
Junior Activities Chair

**The 2026 CFMS Junior
Achievement Awards:**

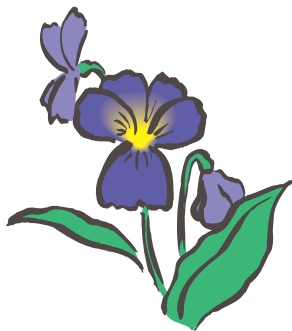
A third plea: Can you help judge?

Our CFMS Junior Achievement Awards acknowledge and reward kids in two age groups: under 12 and 12-to-18. Kids submit applications and winners earn a Certificate-of-Achievement and \$100. I'm happy to note we have four applicants this year, two in each age group.

Unfortunately, despite two earlier pleas in the pages of this newsletter, we still have no judges! Rules call for members from three different CFMS clubs to serve as judges so as to avoid bias in evaluating applicants. One of this year's applicants is from my own Ventura club, so I need to recuse myself. Kids who have entered this year hail from the Mojave Desert Gem & Mineral Society, Pasadena Lapidary Society, and Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, so I need three judges who are not members of these clubs.

Can you help?

The judging sheet is short and straightforward, so the task is not a huge one. You should be able to complete it in one quick sit-down session. If interested in serving, please contact me: jbraceth@roadrunner.com. This year's CFMS Convention won't take place until the end of September, you'll be given ample time for judging. Let's all join together to recognize the outstanding kids within our ranks! Please take time to contact me today to volunteer your help.



**CFMS CAB CASES AVAILABLE FOR
DISPLAY AT LOCAL SHOWS**

By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS Public Relations

Looking to add a special element to your next club show? CFMS has cases displaying cabochons that have been crafted and donated by all affiliated clubs over the years. These attractive cases are available for loan to be displayed at local club shows. Three committee members house these cases: Cab Cases-North, Cab Cases-Central, and Cab Cases-South. So wherever you are across California, a cab case is readily available near you. Check the directory at the end of this newsletter and make arrangements for a case to be on display at your next club show!



OFFICER CHANGE FORMS NEEDED

By Pat LaRue, Executive Sec/Treas

Does your society/club have new officers for 2026? Did you have a change of address, different contact information? Please take a few moments to complete the officer change form which you will find on the CFMS website. What do I do with this information?

The information provided on the form is used to create the Society Roster which is distributed to your group's representative at the Convention meeting. Since this year's Convention meeting will be later in the year, I will be emailing the document to whomever you designate as the person to receive CFMS mail. Usually this is the Director or secretary. Due to price increases due not only to copy cost but to postage, these will no longer be mailed. Please be sure to provide the email addresses of those persons who should receive the CFMS Newsletter. A personal email address is preferred. My email provider tends to reject mailings to addresses linked to club websites. PLEASE PRINT NEATLY!!

WEBSITE UPDATE

by Terry Wilson, CFMS Webmaster

I'm Terry Wilson, of the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, new CFMS Webmaster this term. I'd like to introduce you to some of the new features of the website.

Header. I have consolidated the header so the page content is no longer "below the fold", a newspaper term meaning content that is not visible when a paper is folded in half and displayed on the newsstand. Previously, scrolling was necessary to see anything at all.

Club Listing. We now have an interactive map with the list of clubs (all on one page). You can either search the list or zoom in and find a pin on the map. Search simply a club's name, or a zip code and radius, which will find that region of clubs. If you explore the map, clicking a pin will reveal the club name and the meeting details. A link for more information will take you to the club within the listing, which has a bit more information.

Please take the time to view your own club's listing. If something is incorrect or out of date, or you are a new club without a listing yet, use the Club Update Form. Note that this is behind a password, so only directors or CFMS officers/chairs can submit changes.

Show Listing. We also now have maps on the Club Show page, and a more concise listing. The shows are arranged by month(s). Clicking the listing or map pin will bring up complete information. In addition, Get Directions will open Google maps with the destination filled in. Use the Submit a Show form to submit your show.

Newsletters. I have rearranged the newsletters in grid format. You will notice a few holes; that is because those newsletters were missing. If anyone has any of the missing newsletters, feel free to email them to me.

Show and Contests. We don't have any info or forms available yet for the upcoming show in Reno in September, but the sublinks for Newsletter, Website and All American contests now have direct links to the AFMS site, where these contests originate, along with rules and other information.

CFMS History. This page has been cleaned up and the information has been set up in tabular form, so it will be easier to view and update. Each table also has a search function.

Roster. This is now presented as a table, again, easier to update, and with a search function. There is also a link to a printable pdf in the upper right corner. Historical rosters are listed on this page as well.

AFMS. There is now a link to the AFMS site.

Contact Us. There is now a Contact Us form. I'm waiting for a list of people who need to be on this. The goal is to eliminate email addresses visible on the web, where spammers can harvest them. (People using a form will not know your email address. You will be able to reply to their query at which time they will get your email address.)

That's as far as I've gotten. I plan to comb through the entire site over time. Hope you find the changes useful!

Editor's note: Don't know the password? No problem—please contact any of the officers or the Executive Secretary/Treasurer for the information. I hesitate to publish it in/on a public forum such as the newsletter.

WHAT CAN CFMS DO FOR YOUR CLUB?

I have been asking this question since joining the CFMS Executive Committee, and your input matters. What resources, ideas, or support would benefit your club?

Please reach out. I am listening, and I look forward to working together.

Submitted by Diane Cook

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Jim Brace-Thompson, AFMS & CFMS PR Chair

So, Your PR Proved Effective! What Next? Retaining People Once You've Attracted Them

During a Zoom roundtable I hosted last December on public relations, one participant raised a great point that moved our discussion beyond PR. Johan Maertons (a member of three clubs in Ohio) asked, "What next?" He noted how educational outreach efforts and public relations strategies are all outbound. They raise a club's visibility and stature within the community. If well-advertised and done effectively, such efforts ensure people are aware you exist and, in so doing, hopefully turn traffic inbound, bringing in potential new members with new ideas, new energy, new resources. But again, "What next?"

After your PR efforts, the next big challenge is retention. This man saw your flyer and came to a show. That woman saw your listing under "Ongoing Events" in the local newspaper and showed up at a club meeting. The problem? All-too-often, even if unintentional, such newcomers are treated like strangers rather than welcomed as potential members. I, myself, was hit in the face with that when talking with a person I got to know well over the years. Although she had come to a couple of our club meetings when first getting interested in gems and jewelry, she eventually joined a neighboring club instead. When, during a dinner at a Federation meeting, I asked why she never joined our club, she said, "I got the feeling you were kind of ignoring me, Jim." That really hit home. Maya Angelou observed, "At the end of the day people won't remember what you said or did, they will remember how you made them feel." This woman had not felt welcomed, and she swam away.

Johan compared it to fishing. First, you decide where to fish. Next, you decide what tackle to use (be it social media, your annual show, school visits, etc.). Finally, you have to know what to do once you've hooked someone and reeled them in. Knowing what to do next is the whole point of fishing in the first place. He's been pushing for a buddy system to assign an experienced member to a newcomer to ensure they feel welcomed, not ignored, and to actively provide a host who gently weaves them into the fabric of the club. Does your club take the necessary steps at keeping and welcoming new people in? Or are you letting them swim away?

If your club takes a mindful approach to this issue, I welcome hearing your strategies. Email me at jbraceth@roadrunner.com. Meanwhile, don't let them swim away like I did!

ALL AMERICAN LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

By Diane Cook, Chairman

The All American program is more than just a recognition—it is a wonderful way to document and celebrate everything your club does throughout the year. These entries become a lasting record of your club's activities and a valuable source of ideas and inspiration for others.

Each All American book showcases the unique personality of a club, highlighting outreach programs, field trips, educational efforts, and the many ways members come together to share their passion for the earth sciences.

Now is the perfect time to begin thinking about your **2026 entry**. As your club moves through the year, consider setting aside photos, saving newsletters, and keeping notes of your activities. Gathering this information along the way makes the process much easier—and more enjoyable—when it comes time to put your book together.

I encourage all clubs to consider participating. It's a great opportunity to reflect on your accomplishments, share your story, and contribute to the collective strength of CFMS.

Let's showcase all the wonderful things our clubs are doing—Together We Shine

DON'T FORGET TO FILE THOSE TAX FORMS

By Pat LaRue, Tax Advisor

Tax season is finally over for most of us when it comes to our personal taxes. For the clubs it is still in full swing. If your club uses a calendar year (January thru December) the due date to submit the "postcard" on line (990N) is May 15. If your club must file the 990EZ or 990, the due date is the same. If unable to get the necessary paperwork ready for the tax pro, you must file an extension by the same date. This will buy you 6 more months to get the job done. If your club uses a fiscal year (year beginning and ending in any month other than January and December) your due date is 4 months and 15 days following the end of your fiscal year. Don't forget to file the California and Attorney General forms as well.

CFMS CAB CASES

By Robert Seaton, Cab Cases-South Chair

Have Cab Cases, Will Travel

This spring, I've had three requests to display our CFMS cab cases: at the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society show in March and at the Antelope Valley Gem & Mineral Club, and Conejo Gem & Mineral show in April. In all three instances, the cases were well received. In addition to offering these cases for display at local club shows, my plan is to spruce up the cases a bit; for instance, upgrading the current labels and changing them to LED lighting.

If your club is in the southern portion of the CFMS boundaries, contact me if you would like to make arrangements either to have the cases delivered for display at your show or to have one of your club members pick them up—or to meet me somewhere in between for a hand-off. If you're in the middle part of the Federation, contact Cab Cases-Central Chair Bob Papac, and if you're in the northern part, contact Cab Cases-North Chair Nick Hughes. Our contact info is in the CFMS Officers and Chairmen's directory at the end of this newsletter.

INUREMENT REVISITED

By Pat LaRue, Tax Advisor

I recently received an email from a club member regarding an article included in a recent CFMS Newsletter. The article addressed issues that concern many of our member organizations as well as not-for-profit groups in general.

As the article points out, a club member who is a dealer at the annual club show is okay. That person is just that—a dealer—who paid for his/her floor space like everyone else. The same thing applies to the club member who sells at the local arts and craft fair and promotes the club at the same time. They are not receiving any special benefits from the organization for doing it. You might want to consider that this is actually a form of public relations or community outreach and more than a few prospective members are the result of this activity.

The question arose concerning when providing refreshments to the group would create an issue. I believe the mere practice of coffee and donuts at a

meeting and/or providing the main course at a society gathering is not a problem. It is not the food or drink that might create a problem; it's more a question of what is offered and where it is being offered. Coffee and donuts for everyone at the meeting—not a problem; the board treating itself to drinks and dinner at a posh establishment at club expense—that's a problem!

Is it appropriate to provide educational materials to local classrooms? It is my opinion that if one chooses to do this, it must be coordinated with the school principal to assure all is done within the district guidelines and done in a fair and unbiased manner. If the membership prefers to provide enrichment materials to benefit its junior members, the practice is well within the mission of a 501(c)(3) educational organization.

What about reimbursement of travel expense for members tending to society business at an out of town event? An example would be the society helping its representative with the expense of attending the CFMS Directors meetings. The majority of the attendees are receiving some amount from their society to help defray the expense involved. CFMS offers a small amount per mile to its officers and committee chairs attending these meetings. This practice is by no means even close to being considered inurement.

What about providing transportation for a field trip? Many years ago some local groups chartered a bus to transport members and other guests to the CFMS show. The benefit was available to all who were interested. Once again—not a problem. Offering a similar benefit to an exclusive group of members could be a problem.

Most of the rules and regulations put forth by the IRS concerning inurement were written with large not for profit organizations in mind. The regs mostly deal with what is considered excessive compensation, personal perks, below market property sales and other matters that don't really concern our small gem and mineral societies and other hobby groups. The definition of inurement refers to the "benefit" or "accrual" of assets to individuals with a close relationship to a tax-exempt organization. Inurement always involves someone on the inside—officer, board member or anyone who has control or influence over your organization. If any of the non-profits money or assets are used in such a way that it gives that individual personal gain, it's inurement. I welcome your thoughts and any insight into this rather confusing subject. This is primarily a tax topic but can spill over into the legal arena as well.

2026 CFMS

SHOW DATES

Shows and Events

*Sponsored by
CFMS Clubs & Societies!*

*Please submit your
Show or Event as soon as possible
to receive maximum advertising value!*

*Email to:
SHOW DATES*

*Use the Online Show Form
at www.cfmsinc.org
(click on Shows)*

*You should receive a confirmation
within 5 days after submitting your
Show Date information!*

**CLUB/SOCIETY SHOWS
ARE LISTED HERE**

2026

April 18-19, 2026 – Thousand Oaks, CA
Canejo Gem and Mineral Club
Borchard Community Center, 190 N. Reino Rd,
Thousand Oaks, CA 91320
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Website: www.cgamc.org

April 25-26, 2026 – Anaheim, CA
Searchers Gem and Mineral Society
Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 W.
Crescent Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4:30
Contact: anaheimsearchers@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.searchersrocks.org>

April 24-26, 2026 – Paradise, CA
Paradise Gem & Mineral Club
Mechoopda Event Center, 149 Openshaw Rd.,
Butte Valley, CA
Hours: Fri & Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4
Contact: paradisegemmineral@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.paradisegemmineral.com>

April 25-26, 2026 – Atascadero, CA
Santa Lucia Rockhounds
Atascadero Colony Park Community Center,
5599 Traffic Way, Atascadero, CA 93422
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: (805) 610-0603,
slrockhounds@gmail.com
Website: <http://slrockhounds.org>

May 1-2, 2026 – Yucaipa, CA
Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Located on Yucaipa Blvd, Yucaipa, CA
Hours: Fri Noon-9, Sat 6pm-10pm
Contact: djvintage57@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.yvgms.com>

May 1-3, 2026 – Vista, CA
Vista Gem and Mineral Society
Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum
2040 North Santa Fe, Vista, CA 92083
Hours: Fri & Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: info@vistarock.org
Website: <http://vistarocks.org>

May 9, 2026 – Roseville, CA
Roseville Rock Rollers Gem & Mineral
Society
@ the Grounds, 200 Corporation Yard Rd.,
Lot L, Roseville, CA
Hours: Sat only 9-3
Contact: irockscac@gmail.com,
(916) 798-0235
Website:
<https://rockrollers.com/pages/tailgater>

June 27-28, 2026 – Culver City, CA
Culver City Rock & Mineral Society
Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 4117
Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90230
Hours: Sat 10=6, Sun 10-5
Contact: culvercityrocks35@gmail.com
Website: <https://culvercityrocks.org/fiesta/>

July 31-August 2, 2026 – Nipomo, CA
Orcutt Mineral Society
Nipomo High School, 525 N. Thompson
Rd., Nipomo, CA 93444
Hours: Fri & Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: nipomocowgirl55@yahoo.com,
(805) 929-2783
Website: <https://oms-inc.org>

August 22-23, 2026 – Escondido, CA
Palomar Gem & Mineral Club
California Center for the Arts, The
Museum, 340 N. Escondido Blvd.,
Escondido, CA
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: pgmshow@gmail.com
Website: palomargem.org

September 18-20, 2026 – Reno, NV
Reno Gem & Mineral Society
CFMS Annual Show & Convention
Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV, Silver
State Pavilion
Hours: Fri & Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4
Contact:
showdirector@renogemandmineralsociety.org
Website: <https://renogms.org>

September 19-20, 2026 – Chico, CA
Feather River Lapidary & Mineral Society
Silver Dollar Fairground, 2357 Fair St.,
Chico, CA 95928
Hours: Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4
Contact: shows@featherriverrocks.org
Website: <https://featherriverrocks.org/show-2/>

September 19-20, 2026 – Monterey, CA
Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey Fairgrounds, 2004 Fairgrounds Rd.,
Monterey, CA 93940
Hours: Sat & Sun 10-5
Website: <http://cvgms.rocks>

September 19-20, 2026 – Arcadia, CA
Pasadena Lapidary Society
Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Rd.,
Arcadia CA 91007
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Contact: (626) 260-7239,
marcia.pls.emails@gmail.com
Website: <https://pasadenalapidary.org>

September 26-27, 2026 – San Luis Obispo, CA
San Luis Obispo Gem and Mineral Club
Alex Madonna Expo Center, 120 Madonna
Rd., San Luis Obispo, CA 93405
Hours: Sat & Sun 10-5
Contact: 2026show@slogem.org
Website: <https://slogem.org/gems-by-the-sea>

October 10-11, 2026 – Redwood City, CA
Peninsula Gem & Geology Society and the
Sequoia Gem and Mineral Society
Community Activities Building, Redwood
City, CA 94061
Hours: Sat & Sun 10-5
Contact: impresciacollection@gmail.com
(650) 575-3144
Website: <http://pggs.org>

October 17-18, 2026 – Santa Rosa, CA
Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society
Memorial Hall, 1351 Maple Ave., Santa
Rosa, CA 95404
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Contact: vcommons@outlook.com,
(408) 691-7823
Website: srmgs.org

National/Regional
Shows:

California Federation
September 18-20, 2026
Reno, NV

*Eastern Federation
October 18-20, 2026
Charleston, WV*

*Midwest Federation
AFMS
May 23-24, 2026
St. Charles, IL*

*Northwest Federation
March 20-22, 2026
Missoula, MT*

*Rocky Mountain Federation
July 9-12, 2026
Tulsa, OK*

*South Central Federation
TBA*

*Southeast Federation
TBA*

**DON'T FORGET TO UP-DATE YOUR
CLUB WEBSITE WITH YOUR NEW
SHOW DATE**

**Check for show links at
www.cfmsinc.org/shows**

REMINDER

Advertise your Show in as many Free locations as possible!

- Local newspapers
- Current events sections!
- Local TV stations,
- Community calendars!
- Other Local Shows

Advertise your shows in the *Rock & Gem Magazine!*

**[www.rockngem.com/
showdate-submissions/](http://www.rockngem.com/showdate-submissions/)**

Send the information in early so it's published in the magazine as well as online.

IDEAL CLUB MEMBER'S ALPHABET

- A ALWAYS attend meetings.
- B BRING someone with you.
- C COMMUNICATE
- D DEVELOP mutual understanding and respect.
- E ENJOY the hobby and have fun.
- F FRIENDSHIP. Cherish and nurture this valuable commodity.
- H HONESTY. Use it regularly.
- I IDEAS. Share with other members.
- J JEALOUSY. Avoid like the plague.
- K KNOWLEDGE. Help promote it.
- G GENEROSITY, GOALS, GENTLENESS. Use as needed.
- L LABOR. Donate when and where needed.
- M MISTAKES. Correct yours, overlook others.
- N NONSENSE. Use frequently—breaks monotony.
- O ORDER. Help maintain at all meetings.
- P PATIENCE. Develop as much as possible.
- Q QUARRELS. Never indulge. They serve no good purpose.
- R ROCKS. Study, hunt, collect, work, polish, or build with them.
- S SHARE your talents, energy, knowlege with others.
- T TALENT. Use and improve as much as possible.
- U UNITED. Help the club stay that way.
- V VALUE friends, members, yourself and the organization.
- W WORK. An important ingredient, be willing to help carry the load.
- X-RATE all gossip, malice, petty peeves and negative attitudes.
- Y YESTERDAY. Leave it where it belongs—in the past.
- ZEAL. Be generous with it, encourage others to be likewise.

Written by Myrtle Griffith, in *The Roadrunner*, 2/89, via *Glacial Drifter*, 9/90



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