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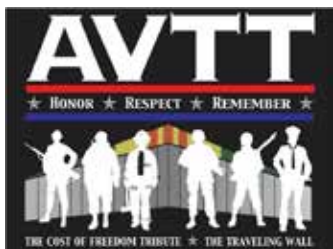
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## AVTT Traveling Vietnam Wall At Tri-C This Month

by Jeannie Roberts

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT) is an 80-percent scale version of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. Across its 360-foot length, the wall contains every single name etched on the original. The Traveling Wall will arrive in Parma on Wednesday evening, June 27 and will be escorted to the campus by the Rolling Thunder, a motorcycle advocacy group that seeks to bring full accountability for prisoners of war (POWs) and missing in action (MIA) service members of all U.S. wars. The Wall will also be escorted by a helicopter from UH-Parma Medical Center.

Members of the public who are interested in lining the streets for the Wall's arrival should look for more specific details at <https://www.facebook.com/AVTTParma/> about the timing of the Wall's arrival. The tentative schedule



calls for the truck to arrive at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27 and to be escorted from mile marker 225 on I-71, then north on I-71 to Pearl Road, then to Bagley Road and into Tri-C.

The Wall will open for viewing at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 28 and then continuously 24/7 until the Wall is disassembled at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 1. The Wall will be lit in hours of darkness, and security will be present 24 hours a day as well. Official opening ceremonies will commence at 3 p.m. on Thursday. Keynote speakers for the opening ceremonies are Sgt. David Hack, author of “The Life of a Warrior,” and Mary Reynolds Powell, author of “A World

of Hurt: Between Innocence and Arrogance in Vietnam.”

Sgt. Hack volunteered for Vietnam in 1968, joining the 1st Infantry Division and was wounded in Lai Khe in 1968, and subsequently awarded the Purple Heart. He spent a full year in a U.S. Army hospital in Fort Knox.

Powell was an Army Nurse at the 24th Evacuation Hospital in Long Binh. She says now, “I am the person I am today because I went through that experience.”

The visit of the AVTT Traveling Wall is sponsored by American Legion Post 703 in Parma, with additional support from Tri-C West and the City of Parma. The event still needs volunteers, and those who wish to participate are encouraged to send an email to [crystaljardine15@gmail.com](mailto:crystaljardine15@gmail.com)

“We are so honored to have the AVTT and Traveling Wall in Parma,” said Parma

Mayor Tim DeGeeter. “We respect and honor those who have served and are currently serving in our country's armed forces. The Traveling Wall spe-

cifically honors those who gave their lives in the Vietnam War, and we are humbled to host this recognition.”



photo by Jim O'Bryan

We found Parma residents down at Burke Lakefront Airport touring “Doc” one of two flying B29 Bombers in the world. “Friends of Doc” brought it to Cleveland on a fund raising and awareness tour and will be back soon.

## Parma Gets Additional Public Input On Town Center

by David Schniegenberg

Receiving public feedback on the Parma Town Center Strategic Master Plan is heavily important in making the Parma Town Center a reality. With the use of the public's input, it becomes possible to update, modify, or eliminate different actions and aspects from the plan to reflect the public's wants for the Town Center. Parma along with the Cuyahoga Planning Commission held a second public meeting on Tuesday, May 1st regarding the current state of the Master Plan. This meeting was two of three meetings being held to obtain public feedback on the emerging plan. The meeting focused on a numerous goals for the Town Center and the action steps being taken to meet those

goals.

Over 250 responses and over 300 comments were provided on the online survey made to yield public feedback. A wide range of positive feedback was provided online and in the meeting as well. The online survey and the meeting were structured around the goals of the Master Plan such as: making the district more connected and walkable, increasing the amounts of open spaces, making a more sustainable area, adding vibrant entertainment districts, as well as defining the district and giving it an identity. Based on the public meeting and online survey, it became evident that the public prominently sup-

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## May Citizen And Business Of the Month In Parma



Joe Gramuglia with Mayor DeGeeter and Ward 8 Councilman Dennis Kish

by David Schniegenberg

At a recent Council meeting, Joseph Gramuglia and CT Logistics were honored for being named the Mayor's Citizen of the Month and the Mayor's Business of the Month respectively.

Joseph Gramuglia, known around town as “GI Joe,” was chosen for Mayor's Citizen of the Month for his exceptional work on behalf of veterans. When Joe was 18, he joined the Merchant Marines and was sent out with the Army Transportation Corps to the Pacific Islands during World War II. Being home for just three years after his WWII service, Joe was drafted by the Army and served in the Korean War. He was able to work his way from PFC to Staff Sergeant

in the Army, and for his service in WWII and the Korean War, he earned two Bronze Stars.

In his retirement from serving, Joe spends his time making beaded key chains and desk flags for veterans and public officials. He made desk flags for every police officer and firefighter in the City and personally delivered the flags and key chains to all five fire stations. He has made key chains for the doctors, nurses and aides who have cared for him throughout the years.

The Business of the Month, CT Logistics, was established in 1923, and is one of the largest global third-party service providers of freight related post audit, pre-audit, Business Intelligence,



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Riders go by the Parma Heights Fire Station on Memorial Day. You can see every rider in video and photos at the Parma Observer website and Facebook page.

COMMUNITY NEWS

# The President’s Corner

by Sean Brennan

House Bill 523 was signed into law by Governor John Kasich in September, 2016, legalizing medicinal marijuana in the state of Ohio. The law allows patients with certain medical conditions to purchase and use medical marijuana with a doctor’s recommendation. The law also permits cities to decide whether or not to allow the cultivation, processing, and/or dispensing of medical marijuana within their jurisdictions. Soon after the passage of the law, Parma’s officials began studying the issue, and after months of debate, approved vendors for all three stages of production. Over the past several weeks, many residents have asked me what the status of medicinal marijuana is in Parma.

Let’s begin with a few facts about medical marijuana in Ohio. First, only patients with an electronic identification card issued by the state, based upon the recommendation of a physician, will be allowed to visit a medicinal marijuana dispensary to purchase the substance. Medicinal marijuana is ille-

gal to smoke and will be available in oil, tincture, vaporizer, patch and edible forms. Only those with one of 21 chronic pain medical conditions, such as cancer, Alzheimer’s disease, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, or post-traumatic stress disorder, can qualify. Medical marijuana may not be grown by the patient and will be regulated arguably more stringently than alcohol by several state agencies.

Only physicians who complete the required training and are awarded a “certificate to recommend” will be allowed to recommend medical marijuana to patients. As of this writing, only 36 of these certifications had been issued. The patient registry will be implemented beginning in July. It is estimated that approximately 200,000 patients will be eligible in Ohio for medical marijuana. The program is set by law to begin this fall.

Parma approved Parma Wellness Center, LLC to cultivate and process medical marijuana. Cultivation may only take place in an indoor, secure location.



Sean Brennan,  
Parma City Council President

Parma Wellness is permitted to operate a 25,000 square-foot facility and will be the only one in Cuyahoga County at this point. Following Parma’s approval, the state awarded 12 provisional licenses to approved cultivators. However, lawsuits filed by companies not selected slowed the process for several weeks earlier this year. Recently, a judge threw out these lawsuits and the program is now back on track. Should Parma Wellness pass a full inspection, they will be awarded a permanent license and may begin oper-

ations, which will take place in Parma’s industrial parkway.

Parma also approved North Coast Therapeutics, LLC and Great Lakes Medicinal, Inc. to dispense medical marijuana at 5341 Pearl Road. The site is a former bank that later became Paradise Flower Shop. The building has been vacant for several years. The company is on track for approval by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy once all of the applicants whom have been preliminarily approved throughout the state credentials are verified. The city is requiring that there be security on premises and will receive \$5,000 annually, as well as 5% of net profits. In a show of commitment to the community, the company has already relocated a non-medical marijuana manufacturing business to Parma with more than 35 employees.

To find out more about Ohio’s medical marijuana program visit [medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov](http://medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov). Best wishes for a wonderful beginning to summer!

# Strawberry Festival Signals That Summer Is Here

by Rick Haase

This sounds like some good old fashioned fun! Parma-South Presbyterian Church will host their annual Strawberry Festival and Bake Sale from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 10. The church is located at 6155 Pearl Road, just north of the intersection of Ackley Boulevard.

This year there’s something new. You’ll be able to see the “Rocket Car,” a restored 28- foot car from the old Euclid Beach Amusement Park. There will be craft activities for children,

and a health fair with blood pressure screenings and other information and tests with area health professionals.

Parma-South organist Greta Pasztor will entertain, playing a variety of piano music for your listening pleasure. Proceeds from the bake sale will go to the Parma-South Caring Team. A large part of the event, naturally, centers on food. Adult meals will be \$10 and include one meat dish and two side dishes, beverage and dessert. Children’s meals will be \$5 (for children age 10 and under) and include one meat

dish, I side dish, beverage and a small dessert. Meat dishes are hot dog, hamburger or “veggie” burger. Side dishes are baked beans, mixed green salad, potato salad, or a bag of potato chips. Beverages will include soda, bottled water, coffee, ice tea and lemonade.

For additional information, call 440.885.2652, or visit [www.parma-south.org](http://www.parma-south.org).

Rev. Mark Juengel is Head of Staff, while Rev. Sheryl Swan is Parish Associate at the church.

AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Visit the Parma Heights Library for an ice cream social from 2-3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 2, and kick off the 2018 Summer Reading program for all ages.

THE FAB FOUR – Author Dave Schwenson will take you behind-the-scenes with The Beatles in a special program which will feature rare films and never before published photos.

The program begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 7, also at the Parma Heights Library, located in the Greenbrier Commons complex at 6200 Pearl Road. For more information call 440.884.2313 or visit [www.cuyahogalibrary.org/parmaheights](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org/parmaheights).

EVERYBODY INTO THE POOL – The City of Parma Heights Pool and Waterpark open June 1 at Noon for the summer season.

AT THE CASSIDY THEATRE – From June 8-24, the Cassidy Theatre will be presenting “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” with lyrics by Tim Rice and Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2018, as one of the most enduring shows of all time, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a reimagining of the Biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, eleven brothers and the coat of

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Race Director: Parma City Council President Sean Brennan: 440-885-8091 [pierogie5k@gmail.com](mailto:pierogie5k@gmail.com)

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Timothy Boyko To Chair UH Parma Medical Center's Restructured Board Of Directors

by CJ Sheppard

The Board of Directors of University Hospitals Parma Medical Center is restructuring to meet the changing needs of the hospital in the community. Led by new Board Chairman Timothy Boyko, the Board will have three members from Parma and one from each of our other founding communities of Parma Heights, North Royalton, Seven Hills, Brooklyn and Brooklyn Heights, as well as one from Broadview Heights.

Boyko, an attorney with the law firm Mansour Gavin, also serves on the City of Parma Civil Service Commission and as Magistrate in Broadview Heights Mayors’ Court. He takes the helm from Dave Nedrich, President & CEO of the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce, who concludes 27 years of dedicated service to the hospital through the Parma Hospital Health Care Foundation Board and a decade on the Board of Directors representing North Royalton. Dave has served as Board Chairman since 2011.

At a recent Service Awards Dinner honoring more than 100 employees for milestone anniversaries of 10 to 40 years of service, UH Parma Medical Center President Peter Bergmann welcomed Boyko and thanked Nedrich for serving as chairman during a



UH Parma Medical Center President Peter Bergmann, right, welcomes Timothy Boyko, left, as the new Chairman of the Board of Directors and thanked Dave Nedrich, center, for seven years as Chairman.

pivotal time for the hospital. Nedrich chaired the Board when UH Parma aligned with the UH system, which occurred in January 2014.

“UH mirrored our organization and gave us the best chance to keep care in the community rather than to send cases downtown,” Nedrich said. “Our plan was to keep this hospital available to our patients for many years to come.

“I am quite confident of the strength UH gives us.”

Two new members are joining the Board: Donna Imhoff, PhD, President of Cuyahoga Community College’s Western Campus, representing Parma; and Brenda Tayfel Spear,

representing Nursing. Other members of the Board as currently comprised are: Douglas J. Keller, Vice Chairman (Brooklyn Hts.); Julius Ciaccia (Broadview Hts.); John H. Bundy (Brooklyn); Claudio Zanin (North Royalton); Donna Thomas (Parma); Lesley DeSouza (Parma Hts.); Eric Moore (Seven Hills); Paul G. Tait (UH); Angelo Pimpas (Foundation); and Gerald Burma, MD (Physician Trustee).

Bergmann also thanked those

members departing the Board after many years of service: Jack C. Krise Jr., Parma, 12 years; Sharon Martin, Parma, 13 years; JoAnn Mason, Parma, 13 years; Louis D. Ripepi Jr., Parma, two terms for a combined 17 years; Therese Safranek, Brooklyn Hts., four years; Nino Seritti, Seven Hills, six years; Andrea Wittine, Brooklyn, two years; Jennifer Wurst, MD, Medical Staff, three years.



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# The Blossom And Cleveland Museum Sail Into History

by Harry Peck

The events leading to "Sailing Through Science: the Voyage of the Blossom" at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, began with a map. Museum Librarian and Archivist Wendy Wasman was hunting more cabinet space when she found a 1923-era map--"Base Map for Plotting Route of the Schooner Blossom South Atlantic and Indian Ocean Expedition". Intrigued, Wasman searched deeper into museum archives and found such good material that the museum elected to mount its own exhibit. She also found the voyage was a tactic for the then-new museum to stock its collections. "The expedition was incredibly well-documented for its time," Wasman says in a exhibit, including the base map, now on display in the museum's Fawick Gallery. The map shows the expedition crossing the Atlantic four times, totaling 22,000 miles, touching land in Africa and South America, plus numerous islands. The effort collected 13,000 specimens of fish, birds, lizards, etc. Plans calling for side trips to the Indian Ocean and Antarctica were cancelled by necessity, as the trip stretched out well past its original two-year plan.

The Blossom's journey comes to life through numerous maps, collection displays, a small model of the Blossom, complete with wheel and spyglass, that kids play on, plus dynamic photos, from 95 years ago. The original Blossom was a 106 feet, three-masted wooden sailing schooner. Though steam power would have allowed a quicker, safer trip, the planners went old school. The expedition was funded by Elizabeth Bingham Blossom for \$125,000, about \$1.8 million today. Exhibit materials refer to a giant wave during a gale,



Ahoy! Kids can turn the wheel and sight the telescope on this Blossom model, with backdrop.

two weeks out of the New London, CT departure on October 29, 1923, which nearly capsized the undersized ship, flooded the hold, soaked clothes and bedding and spoiled much of the water and food supplies. Expedition leader George Finlay Simmons, a Texas ornithologist was also bed-ridden with sea sickness during this period.

The romance of the high seas shines through the artifacts and media materials, as do the challenges of being at sea for prolonged periods of time. In one photo, Simmons eats on deck, while standing. He's heavily tanned and flat bellied, telling possibly of long days, short rations and abundant chores. Another shows a four-man Blossom crew with a whale boat, having run aground on an island's reef. Shoes and clothing were lost and the whale boat was abandoned. Of the sixteen men who left Connecticut onboard the Blossom,

only four finished the entire 31-month journey, even though none died. Sickness and personal situations caused turnover amongst the scientists and crew. A mounted fish display reminds of the collections nature of the Blossom's trip, with 10 fish specimens unfamiliar to most Clevelanders: Blue Parrotfish, Hogfish, Old Wife,

Coney, Nassau Grouper, and others. Additional specimens include a Southern Giant Petrel and a huge turtle shell. The captain's desk display fires imagination with a map of South Trinidad, drawn based on surveys and photographs by Simmons and Biologist Kenneth Cuyler. A captain's log, complete with detailed observations on latitude, longitude, thermometer readings on water and air temperatures, courses and weather, gives meaning to the day-to-day experience of these sailors and scientists.

Other artifacts of interest: a ship's clock, a sextant, a mariner's compass, an artificial horizon finder and a chronometer, a collectors field book. The Blossom's ship's bell was donated by Simmons' family. After the Blossom's return, the collections allowed the museum to become an established institution and grow to show its guests the current exhibit. "This is our legacy," Wasman said of the expedition and the specimen's collected.

For more information on the museum, including additional exhibits, go to [www.cmnh.org](http://www.cmnh.org)

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## Asset Corner #102

by Gene Lovasy

**June's Asset Category: BOUNDARIES AND EXPECTATION**

Boundaries are important to young people because they give clear messages about what's expected, what is approved and celebrated, and what deserves censure. By the same token, caring adults who expect young people to do their best help them to learn good judgment. Every day young people face many options and choices. Boundaries and expectations provide young people with the support they need to choose wisely. This column's focus will be on.....Asset 14 Adult Role Models

**Young eyes are watching you.....**

Sometimes adults do things they aren't proud of—swear, watch too much television, abuse alcohol, argue. Making mistakes is understandable, but remember young people look up to adults. They see you—especially if you're a parent—as the type of person they want to become someday. They want heroes. That's why it's so important to be the best person you can be.

**Here are the facts**

Research shows that young peo-

ple are more likely to exhibit positive, responsible behavior when they have parents and other adults in their lives who model positive, responsible behavior. Having good role models is one of the greatest desires of most young people. However, only 27 percent of young people, ages 11–18, say their parents and other adults model positive, responsible behavior, according to Search Institute surveys. Let's all try a little harder to "practice what we preach."

**Tips for building this asset**

According to experts, what most young people need more than anything else in their lives is positive social interaction with adults. These interactions expose young people to real-life heroes. Be a role model for the young people around you, and help them find other responsible adults to be part of their lives as well. The more positive role models young people have, the better!

**Also try this**

**In your home and family:** Do your best to model appropriate behavior at all times. When you make mistakes, admit them. Apologize for missteps.

**In your neighborhood and community group:** Don't be afraid to start a conversation with a young person in your neighborhood. Begin by asking: How did you meet your best friend?

What is your favorite family tradition?

**In your school or youth program:** As a group, list questions young people can ask their adult role models to learn more about choices they made. Then, have students or participants interview that person. Discuss their findings.

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by Jean Micklewright

**May Highlights**

The spring session of Maker Club at the Parma branch of the Cuyahoga County Library ended May 9. One of the May programs featured a choice of stations including Duct tape, Green Screen, Builder and Art. At the final session, Youth made Everbloom art pieces with different materials including fabric, gems and markers that they could give for Mother's Day or keep to decorate their rooms.



We are hoping that many youth have success in their jobs this summer!

**Looking Ahead:** Summer Days at the Hanna Building 11212 Snow Rd. Parma, Oh 44130

**The Summer Days drop in ACTIVITY program** is back! This FREE drop in youth program will start on Monday, June 4 and run through Friday, August 10, 2018. The program is from 11:00am until 2:00pm, Monday through Friday, except for July 4th. This fun program provides activities, social and emotional learning, a free lunch and is for youth ages 5-14 (younger if accompanied by parent).

## Free Skin Cancer Screening Event Held At Apex Skin Parma Location And Across Northeast Ohio

by Ruth Barnum

In honor of Skin Cancer awareness month, Apex Skin held a free skin cancer screening on May 23rd at all 5 locations successfully screening 160 patients. 1 in 5 Americans will have skin cancer during their lifetimes, and skin cancer screenings are crucial to diagnose and treat quickly and effectively. The most common type is Basal cell carcinoma, while the deadliest type is Melanoma, often found in young patients.

Dr. Jorge Garcia, founder of Apex Skin says, "Since we opened in 2011, Apex has offered free skin cancer screenings during Skin Cancer Awareness month. Our providers volunteer their time to grow awareness about the importance of skin cancer screenings and as it happens each year, together we may spot a few melanomas and save people's lives."

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**The R Rules career and life skills program** at the Valley Forge and Parma Senior Discovery Centers ended May 24 with a family dinner and a youth presentation on the R Rules curriculum and homemade beach ball ice cream.

**MyCom Youth Council** held a summer planning meeting on May 21. Students gave input on activities for the summer, including visits/tours to the Young Adult Resource Center, the Safety Training Facility at Tri-C West and Cleveland State University. Youth are in the initial stages of planning the second annual MyCom Moves! event which was held at Anthony Zielinski Park last year. This FREE community fitness event will again feature Zumba and Yoga lessons.

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INSPIRATION

The Blessings Of Spring

by Lizabeth Braskie

The month of May certainly holds some reasons for celebrating. Not only is the weather reflecting a positive improvement, but the calendar reveals opportunities for lots of family gatherings. Aside from the holidays that focus on picnics and outdoor activities, my family has a few birthdays to celebrate that add to the festivities.

The Birthday Bunch will all be blowing out their candles at various times during the month. But our little miracle baby, Aaron, will have two big candles on his cake this week. He was born prematurely and has endured many serious procedures. According to speculation by his doctor, he might soon be giving up the oxygen unit that has been his constant companion since birth. This little guy is a born fighter that has overcome many operations and procedures that stood in his way. He walks around the house carefully to accommodate his oxygen companion, is learning a variety of words and gives special hugs to all. His captivating smile can melt your heart. His dad, Jim, also has a birthday this month and has Aaron help with blowing out the candles. Jim also agrees that this little bundle of blessings seems to bring an aura of happiness and calm wherever he goes and whomever he touches.

Aaron likes to play with his older sister, Falin, and older brother,

Thomas. They try to help their little brother navigate around toys and sit and play with him when they can. He has quite a lot of patience so some of their interactions last for a while. What melts my heart when I see him is his loveable grin on his cute little face. He is quite a ladies man and can charm the cookies right off the plate. Since he lives in Columbus, the visits are not as often as I would like, but are very special when they do happen. Luckily, Jim keeps me up to date on what's happening with our little bundle of energy. He tells me of the doctor visits and therapy that occur regularly, and how progress is being made. Jim lets me know whenever a breakthrough occurs or another triumph is achieved. I'm hoping that when Aaron is relieved of his oxygen unit and sees how fast he can get from one place to another, there will be no stopping him. It will be like watching a flower grow and burst into bloom right in front of our eyes.

It's times like these that remind us of our blessings that we sometimes take for granted. It's hard to imagine life without these gifts and how they change our lives for the better. I don't wonder why our lives are what they are, but try to appreciate what we have and why. And take every opportunity we can to share with those we love the blessings we have been given.

I Believe

by Daniel Taddeo

A person of God, doing the will of God, is immortal until his or her work is done. After a reasonable time, it is best to let go of certain things in life. All things in God's time. Be courageous about doing what is right and take responsibility for your actions. Be one who looks for the best in others and give them the best you have. Bless those who curse you. Think what they would say if they knew the truth.

Faith in God provides the power to love others unconditionally. For a marriage to be peaceful, the husband should be deaf and the wife blind. Forgiveness is the highest and most beautiful form of love. Have faith and pursue the unknown end.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. In the grand scheme of things, we have to learn to take whatever life brings and deal with it. It is a good thing to encourage children to do

things for their parents. It is better to make a child stretch to reach your high opinion than stoop to match your disrespect. No bees, no honey; no work, no money.

Once we realize we do not have to be wrong to apologize, we will experience a new power. Our expressed words are either helpful or harmful; seldom, if ever, are they neither. Parents need to be cautious about trying to make their children carbon copies of themselves.

Patience is a form of action. People need more to be reminded than to be instructed. Reprove a friend in secret but praise him or her before others. Resentment diminishes and devours the self. Self-reflection is the school of wisdom. Success is leaving the world a better place than we found it.

Self-reflection is always a good exercise. What I believe is a work in progress, not limited to these statements and subject to change. What do YOU believe?

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Parma's May Art Show

by Kathryn Mabin

Friday, May 18th, a small group of volunteers, from the Parma Area Fine Arts Council, gathered at the Donna Smallwood Center, located at 7001 W. Ridgewood Drive. Working frantically, in three hours they installed the display screens, set up numerous tables and chairs, covered the tables with tablecloths, set up food tables, and Chinese Auction item table, all in preparation for the May 19th's art show. Additionally nearly 70 pieces of art work, created by local artists and craftsman, was dropped off, checked in, sorted, tagged, labeled and set up for display. The three judges arrived shortly thereafter and began the process of reviewing each item in the six different categories. Care was taken in order to not reveal the artists name, age or gender to the judges. Nearly two hours later the winners were revealed.

Best in Show went to Anthony DeMarco for his enamel and ceramic mask titled Flawed But Still Looking



Anthony DeMarco - Best In Show



Dominica Zampedro - 1st Place Graphics

Through Rose Colored Glasses. First place in watercolor went to Marianne Legaza, second and third to Emery Bogardy. Craig Lindsley took first place in Acrylic/Oil/Mixed Media, with second and third to Kathy Kijek. Kathy Kijek won first place in Photography with second and third to Anthony DeMarco. Dominica Zampedro won first and third in Graphics, and second went to Michelle Behal. Laurie Sak won first and second in Three Dimensional, with Dominica Zampedro taking third. This year a new category was added, Fiber Arts. Fiber Arts, first and second place winner was Jane Zampedro, and Billie Branning took third. Numerous honorable mention awards were given. Cash prizes were awarded to Best In Show, all first place winners and the People's Choice Award,

which went to Craig Lindsley. The People's Choice Award is voted on by the attendees to the event.

It is interesting to note that Dominica Zampedro, is a 16 year old student at Normandy High School. She entered three items in the show, and won a first, second and third place award, one for each entry. She is the daughter of Joya & Dominic Zampedro and granddaughter of Jane Zampedro, life member of Parma Fine Arts. In July of 2017, Dominica won 1st place in the adult

category at the International Godzilla Fest in Chicago, for her ceramic coil pot painted in acrylic.

This annual art show is open to artists and craftsman, age 16 and up, and does not require residency. Parma Area Fine Arts Council, Inc., is a qualified 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. They have served this area for over 50 years, offering low cost arts and crafts classes for ages 7 through senior citizens. Visit their web page [www.parmafinearts.org](http://www.parmafinearts.org) or follow them on Facebook.

UH Parma Wins Award For Reducing Its Environmental Footprint

by CJ Sheppard

UH Parma Medical Center has been recognized nationally for its successful program to reduce its environmental impact. Practice Greenhealth, the nation's leading organization dedicated to environmental sustainability in health care, awarded the hospital with a Partner for Change award. UH Parma was among four UH hospitals recognized, with awards also going to UH Cleveland, UH Geauga and UH St. John medical centers.

The Partner for Change Award recognizes health care facilities that continuously improve and expand upon programs to eliminate mercury, reduce and recycle waste, source products sustainably and more. Winning facilities

must demonstrate that they are recycling at least 15 percent of their total waste, have reduced regulated medical waste, are on track to eliminate mercury, and have developed successful sustainability programs in many areas.

Across the UH system of 18 hospitals, UH is recycling 36 percent of its waste. Expensive regulated medical waste – including biohazard waste, trace chemotherapy waste, and sharps bins – should be no more than 10 percent of the waste stream, and UH is at 5.7 percent. Earth Day/Week celebrations at various UH campuses centered around educating staff on disposing of recyclable materials and waste in the proper bins.

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PERSPECTIVE

How Many More Must Die Before The United States Enacts Sane Gun Control Laws?

by Lee Kamps

There has been another school shooting in the United States with more "thoughts and prayers" for the victims of this latest mass shooting. But as sure as the sun will rise tomorrow morning, there will be another mass shooting in the United States. Whether it is at another school, or a place of business, a church, a shopping center or just out in public; this is an epidemic that must stop! Most of the time when mass shootings happen in other countries, they are usually isolated incidents or are acts by terrorist groups.

But here in the United States these mass shootings are done by ordinary people who may be troubled individuals carried out with legally purchased or owned firearms. The latest school shooter used guns legally owned by his father to kill 10 and wound another 10 people just going about their business of education. So far in 2018, more people have been killed in school shootings than all of our troops on active duty around the world.

What is it in the United States about our fascination with guns? Earlier this month a recent female graduate of Kent State University walked around the campus openly carrying an assault rifle, supposedly to make a political point. For what? Ohio's crazy and cowardly legislators have allowed concealed carry permit holders to carry their weapons into bars, restaurants, sporting events and on college campuses unless specifically posted by the establishment. Has the United States gone back to the wild west of the 19th century?

Last week I attended a concert at a popular outdoor venue in Cleveland.

Everyone attending the concert had to go through security and no firearms were permitted. Fine, but this security only prevents honest people from bringing in a Swiss army knife, like I carry as a handy dandy tool and not as a weapon. But a sniper or gunman with an assault weapon or just a deer rifle could easily commit mass murder from outside the security perimeter. Such security procedures wouldn't have prevented the mass shooting at a concert in Las Vegas last October.

But the question that must be asked is when will our elected officials actually do something to prevent such mass shootings? When will they stand up against the gun lobby? We don't have to repeal the second amendment or take guns away from anyone who hasn't broken the law or isn't crazy. But I challenge anyone to give me a reason why any civilian should own a working AR-15 military assault weapon with a 100 round magazine.

One start could be to hold gun owners both criminally and civilly liable should their guns be used in a crime. The Chardon school shooter back in February 2012 used guns owned by his grandfather to kill three students at Chardon high school. He was 17 years old at the time. Shouldn't guns be kept under lock and key and not be where anyone else could have access to them? Shouldn't ammunition be stored separately from the guns and the guns stored unloaded? The suspect in the latest school shooting is a 17 year old boy. Shouldn't the parents be held responsible for his actions?

Earlier this year two police officers in the Columbus area were shot

and killed answering a domestic disturbance call. The man who shot them has a long criminal record and cannot own or buy a gun. But another man in the Cleveland area bought the gun used in the killing for his friend at a gun store in the Cleveland area. He is facing criminal charges for buying that gun illegally for someone else. But shouldn't someone who buys or provides a gun to another person and that gun is used to commit a crime face the same charges as the person who pulled the trigger?

After all, if someone drives the get away car for a bank robbery, they are charged as an accomplice in the robbery. So shouldn't the man who illegally bought the gun used to kill two police officers be facing the same charges as the man who pulled the trigger? Would such a law have stopped that killing? I don't know, but it may make people think twice before buying a gun for someone else. Of course that man with the criminal record could have purchased that gun at a local gun show where there are no background checks.

We can do a lot to prevent mass

shootings. Other countries have passed laws that have worked. So why can't the United States pass sensible laws that might prevent such killings? We just lack the political courage and will to just do it.

Ordinary citizens could get this done by voting sensibly. First go vote, then reject any candidate who is under the control of the NRA. Vote for candidates who pledge to enact sensible legislation to prevent mass shootings and pass sensible gun control laws. Then after the election, hold our elected officials accountable.

You could bet the farm that if it were some international terrorist group that took responsibility for a mass shooting with that many killed, our elected officials and the people would demand something be done right away. But when it is one of our own using a legally purchased and owned gun that commits a mass shooting, we just offer "thoughts and prayers" until the next mass shooting. It is time to do much more before the next mass shooting incident.



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IMPRESSIONS

Parma Natives Doing Cool Things In Cleveland

by Kathie Zipp

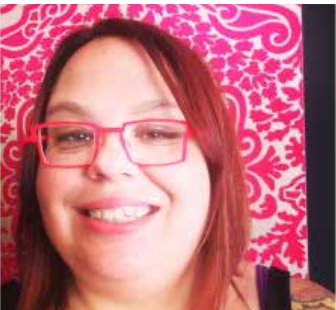
As Cleveland’s biggest suburb, it’s not surprising that many Parmidians have gone on to do some pretty cool things. For example, did you know that Ferris Bueller’s best bud Cameron (Alan Douglas Ruck) graduated from Parma Senior High School? More locally, Browns player Jamie Meder is from Parma Heights. There are plenty of other Parma-area natives doing great things in the Cleveland area, too. We’ve reached out to some to hear more about their thoughts on growing up in Parma and the city’s future.

**Matt Fish, owner and founder of Melt Bar and Grilled**

*What do you love about Parma?*

I love Parma mostly because it is my hometown and it is where life began. All my formative years were spent in Parma so I have a ton of great and not-so-great memories. Every good and bad early decision was made in Parma. All my early important friendships (some I still have today) were all forged in Parma. I frequented Parmatown Mall, specifically Aladdin’s Castles arcade, Camelot Music and the food court. I remember hanging out at Space Invaders and Peaches. I played baseball for nine years at Forestwood and State Road fields, and frequented the pool at Walter’s Grove.

My love for music and cooking were both born in Parma. I fell in love with music and rock & roll at the Parma Snow library. Each week I took out a new record and got turned on to so many bands that I likely had no business listening to at such a young age. My love for cooking and restaurants came from my first job out of high school at Rocky’s Pizza. It really shaped me and pushed me down that path. If I had not gotten my first real job at Rocky’s Pizza, I am not sure what or where I would be today.



Parma-area natives (from left to right), Matt Fish, Natasha Pogrebinsky, Dave Bumba, Amanda Montague.

*What do you do when you come back to Parma?*

The new Metroparks off Grantwood have become a regular hiking area for me, my wife and our two Great Danes. The backyard of my father’s house where I grew up dumps out into the eastern end of the park. I grew up in those woods, so I still love them. They are an amazing part of the Parma landscape.

*What would you like to see happen in the city?*

I would like to see more younger people and families moving into the city; more people who did not grow up there appreciating what Parma has to offer. And more neighborhood ice cream shops, my secret favorite part about Parma!

*Was being close to Parma a consideration in opening Melt locations?*

The Independence location was a great opportunity presented to me in 2011, and just so happened to be so close to the areas of Parma I know and grew up in. It felt like a homecoming when I opened the third Melt Bar and Grilled location. I knew the area could potentially be a good area for us, but it has definitely exceeded our expectations.

**Dave Bumba, owner Yuzu, Lakewood**

*Did growing up in Parma shape what you do now at all?*

It’s quite possible. Parma is a hard-working and humble community, so

that work ethic certainly resonates and motivates me.

*Being from Parma Heights, what do you like about the Parma area?*

It’s a safe, affordable and friendly community. There’s a good amount of green space and parks. I grew up going to Parmatown Mall; I was big mall rat. I like how Parma is starting to redevelop space (such as Parmatown) to better fit the needs of the community. My parents still live in Parma Heights and I visit on a regular basis. We still order Godmother’s Pizza fairly regularly.

*What would you like to see happen in the city?*

Suburbs across the country are facing a crisis in general. Younger generations are moving back into the city and redeveloping urban landscapes while abandoning outer-ring suburbia. This urban renaissance is triggered by a few things: practicality, affordability and accessibility.

Cleveland neighborhoods like Ohio City, Gordon Square, Tremont and Lakewood offer accessibility and relative affordability. They also boast trendy, in-touch local small businesses. Meanwhile much of suburbia is cookie-cutter, copy-and-paste chains, which offer no unique social currency.

*So what does Parma have to do to stay relevant? It needs to develop smaller, self-sufficient neighborhoods that boast the same attractions as many trendy urban communities.*

Lakewood seems to have done a great job turning dive bars into something that attracts young people. How do you think neighborhood bars in Parma can market or make changes to attract a younger crowd?

I don’t think the dive bars themselves necessarily attract a young crowd in Lakewood. They are a cataclysmic byproduct of the city’s success in attracting a young, vibrant crowd and staying relevant with the times.

Lakewood thrives because it has affordable housing, it’s accessible to alternative forms of transportation and the small business community is vibrant and in touch with a younger generation. Having a lot of bars is a nice neighborhood perk, but I don’t think people move to Lakewood just because of the bar scene.

So how can Parma stay relevant? By creating affordable, smaller self-sustaining communities with the city and re-purposing abandoned retail space into more relevant usage. Parma needs to take some chances on redevelopment and carve out a new identity. Otherwise it will just fade into the background as another generic community. I would try and attract artists and musicians to the area; they tend to care more about the communities they live in and are active participants in cleaning up and improving their neighborhood.

*Would you ever consider opening a business or working for a business in the Parma area?*

Definitely, if the opportunity arose. Parma is in need of a few young entrepreneurs to pump some new blood and new ideas into the community.

**Natasha Pogrebinsky, executive chef of both South Side and the Hi & Dry in Tremont, and independent hospitality consultant**

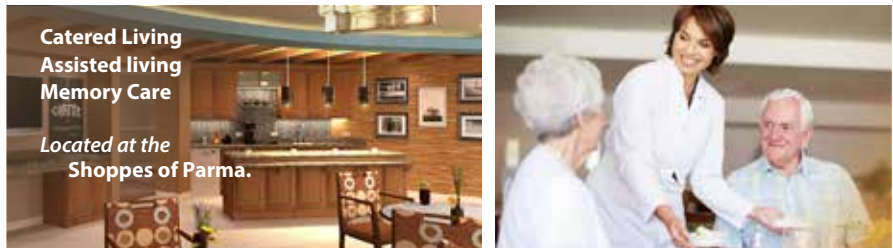
*What do you love about Parma?*

Growing up in Parma, I loved our small-town-big-world feel. We could run to State Road park, ride our bikes to Honey Hut and all our schools and churches were right there. I loved our libraries. I was at one at least five times a week. It always felt like a really tight community, but at the same time we had so many cultures and ethnicities all living together opening their stores, restaurants and other businesses. It’s a

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PARMA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

PTA Scholarship Dinner Celebrates Students' Scholarships And Successes

by Amy Popik

The Parma Council of PTAs Scholarship Dinner is always a special night for Normandy, Parma and Valley Forge seniors. This year, 115 students were celebrated for their achievements and received scholarships to continue their education at the 65th annual event, held at LaVilla Conference and Banquet Center on May 10, 2018. Almost \$100,000 was awarded to students through the PCPTA Scholarship Program. "This is the culminating event, and I wish we could do this every week because when you hear about where these students are going to school and what they are doing, you will be amazed," PCSD Superintendent Carl Hilling said at the event. "These students are the future, and our future is in good hands."

After dinner, students received an award for their accomplishments, and scholarship sponsors read each student's name, what scholarship they received, how much they won, where they will be attending school in the fall and what they plan to major in. Valley Forge Senior Amanda Pawlus received the Valley Forge High School Student Council Leadership Grant for \$750, along with classmates Maria Bobrowski-Artola, Emily Laudo and Lily Nelson. "It feels honestly awesome to win a scholarship and it's so cool that the school district and the PCPTA put this together for us," shared Pawlus, who will be attending the



Superintendent Carl Hilling congratulates Valley Forge senior Savanna Birch at the PTA Scholarship Dinner on May 10.

University of Akron to study nursing. "I think all the students really appreciate all the hard work they did for this because every little bit helps when you are going to college." She added that she's excited to get out into the world after graduation and use the skills she received in school, as well as met new people and just explore. "I think this event is great," Pawlus expressed. "Not only do we get a scholarship, but we also get recognized in front of our parents and family. It makes you feel appreciated and that your hard work really does pay off."

Receiving the Snowden-Smallwood Setting an Example Scholarship for \$500 was Parma High Senior Laila

Hakki, who will be studying education at Marietta College. "I'm very grateful, and I really appreciate being able to do this and all that my parents did for me to get me here," she shared. "I think this

event is wonderful. I like that we are all here able to celebrate with each other."

Maddison Thompson received two community scholarships at the dinner: Rotary Club of Parma's "Service Above Self" Scholarship for \$1,200 and the Alpha Delta Kappa – Alpha Nu Chapter Scholarship for \$750. "It is really rewarding because all the hours I put into community service people are appreciating and noticing everything I have accomplished so far," she expressed. "It's exciting that the Parma City School District is appreciating all the hard work we have done over the years. I'm definitely grateful and maybe one day I will be able to give away one of these scholarships." The Normandy senior plans to double major in early childhood and middle school education at Miami University of Ohio and is looking forward to all the new experiences college has to offer. "I didn't realize how many scholarships they are giving out, so it's really cool to see that and to see people you have grown up with, even if you don't go to the same school together anymore, where they are going to college," she added.

PCSD Opening Kick-Off Returns On August 18 Even Bigger Thanks To Drive For Your Students

by Amy Popik

The Parma City School District will once again celebrate the beginning of the school year with the PCSD Opening Kick-Off. This year, the event will be held on Saturday, August 18 at Byers Field in Parma. "The 2018 PCSD Opening Kick-Off will provide our parents, students and anyone in the community the opportunity to come and learn more about the Parma City School District," Dan Rajkovich, Supervisor of Public Relations said. "It's a fun and relaxed setting where parents and kids can meet their principals, meet the administrators, meet our staff, meet our great students and really find out what the district truly is about. We're proud of our schools and we want to show that to everyone." Last year's all-day event featured students, programs, schools and departments from around the PCSD. Over 40 tables featured information and engaging activities for students. Every department in the PCSD was on hand so parents could have questions answered.

In 2017, Career and Technical Education students showed off their skills, equipment and programs. For example, attendees could get a painted temporary tattoo with Visual Communications, have their hair or nails

done with Cosmetology or see a 3D printer in action thanks to Engineering. In all, there was over 15 Career and Technical programs present and it was one of the main attractions of the day.

PCSD athletic teams from throughout the district practiced on the turf at Byers Field. Over 17 different teams participated. Finally, the marching bands from the three high schools finished out the day as each performed music from their upcoming football season. "Of course, every year we want it to be bigger and better, and this year it certainly will be," Rajkovich added.

This year's Opening Kick-Off will feature the Drive For Your Students fundraiser, hosted by Barry Axelrod Buick GMC and the Parma City Schools Foundation. "This event enables each school to earn money for their school," said Barb Filipow, a trustee with the Parma City Schools Foundation. "Adults driving for their student can earn \$10 per drive for their school. When we reach 500 drivers, we will receive \$10,000 for our schools." Drive For Your Students isn't a new event at the Parma Schools. Over the past few years, the

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Veronica Coyne, left, and Jordyn Piotrowski, right, plate their Asian inspired Chilean Sea Bass at the National ProStart Invitational on April 28 in Rhode Island.

PCSD Culinary Arts Program Finishes Seventh In The Nation At ProStart Invitational

by Amy Popik

The Normandy Culinary Arts program has always been a source of pride for the PCSD and for our three communities. Now, the Culinary Arts program has another reason to celebrate, as they were recently named a top 10 team at the National Prostart Invitational, sponsored by the National Restaurant Association. The Invitational was held this year in Providence, Rhode Island, from April 27-29. Getting to the National Invitational was not easy. Teams from across the United States first competed in a statewide ProStart competition. Only the top finishing teams from each state are granted the opportunity to compete at the National Invitational. In Ohio, the state ProStart competition was held in Columbus at the end of February.

The Normandy Culinary Arts competition team featured five PCSD students who were tasked with creating a three-course meal for the ProStart judges. Competing this year on behalf

of the PCSD were seniors Javier Boras, Veronica Coyne, Kaylee Headrick and Jordyn Piotrowski along with junior Kristine Zajac. All of these students attend Parma Senior High School. The Culinary Arts students chose "A Taste of Asia" as their theme for their three-course meal. According to Chef Instructor Iann Johnson, the dishes included "a play" on Peking Duck, a Chilean Sea Bass dish, a fig and pistachio salad along with Chai Tea Panna Cotta for dessert.

The judges literally ate it up. The Normandy Culinary Arts team was awarded first place in Ohio for their Asian inspired creations. Culinary Arts also beat out Polaris Career Center from Middleburg Heights, who had won the state competition the last eight years in a row. Polaris also was also the defending, back-to-back national champion. "I was going into nationals kind of unsure of what the competition level was going

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by Gene Lovasy

Significant progress continues re. the Parma Town Center Strategic Master Plan. Project details to include renderings of various options were presented and feedback solicited during the 2nd Public Meeting that took place on May 1st. A special shout-out to students from the 3 district high schools and Tri-City MyCom for taking the time to attend and sharing their unique perspective. Go to [www.countyplanning.us/parma](http://www.countyplanning.us/parma) to follow this project's progress.

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PCSD Opening Kick-Off Returns On August 18  
Even Bigger Thanks To Drive For Your Students

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annual event has also been held at Byers Field. "This is the first time we will be able to have a captive audience of many participants as all schools will have booths or teams participating," Filipow added. "Help us help our students. The drive is all right-hand turns, in a car of your choice and takes approximately 10 minutes or less." Drivers must be 21, insured and have a valid driver's license. Drive For Your Students and the Parma City Schools Foundation have both provided money for PCSD students. For example, in 2015, the Drive For Your

Students event raised \$7,420. Barry Axelrod then donated another \$5,000 to the school district.

Over the past seven years, the Parma City Schools Foundation has donated over \$125,000 to the Parma Schools. That money helped fund technology, materials, activities and more for students. That money also included over a total of \$12,000 directly donated to individual schools.

More information about the 2018 PCSD Opening Kick-Off will be coming in the early summer. For more information, visit the website at [www.parmacityschools.org/kickoff](http://www.parmacityschools.org/kickoff).

PCSD Culinary Arts Program Finishes Seventh In The Nation At  
ProStart Invitational

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to be," Johnson said. "I felt rather confident though because Polaris had done so well in the past. And that gave me a pretty good gauge of what the other teams might look like, how they cook, how they might work."

Leading up to the Ohio competition, the Culinary Arts program spent numerous hours after school preparing and practicing the process to create their dishes. After their state win, the

team doubled down and continued to painstakingly practice. Johnson estimates they spent at least 100 hours practicing. "For states, we definitely were really serious and really focused. We knew what our goal was," Johnson added. "When it came to the national competition, we just took everything we did and tightened it up...Everything is just at a higher level."

The team had to bring their own equipment and some ingredients to the national competition which created

some unique logistical challenges. In the end, the team settled in for competition as they would square off against 46 other schools from around the U.S.

In a random drawing, the Normandy Culinary Arts team was one of the first to compete. For Johnson, the early drawing was both a positive and a negative. A positive was that the team could just go out and cook, as opposed to seeing the competition ahead of time. However, a negative was that the judges still had many dishes to taste and would have higher expectations as the competition went along. However, Johnson felt the team performed very well and set a very high standard for others to follow. "I think the kids came out and set the bar really high for all the other groups," Johnson said. "I had a lot of instructors coming up to me at the end and comment on how well they did and how impressed they were to see them work. Especially since we were a first year team at nationals. So I was

really proud of how they did."

In the end, the Normandy Culinary Arts team finished seventh overall in the nation. The top ten finish is a testament to the talent, commitment and perseverance of both the students and the instructors during the course of the entire year. The students walked away with over \$100,000 in scholarships from the state competition and \$3,500 in scholarships from their finish at the National Invitational. "This is one of the most dedicated groups that I've had over the last ten years," Johnson said of his seniors. "The time, the effort and their attention to detail. How much they care about not only the competition, but it's evident when the program is up and running. When the restaurant is busy and the kitchen is going, they're always the ones that will do that little extra stuff. They've been very impressive and I'm definitely going to miss this group, for sure."



(L-R) Chef Instructor Christie Gibbons, senior Veronica Coyne, junior Kristine Zajac, senior Kaylee Headrick, senior Jordyn Piotrowski, senior Javier Boras and Chef Instructor Iann Johnson at ProStart National Competition in Rhode Island.

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