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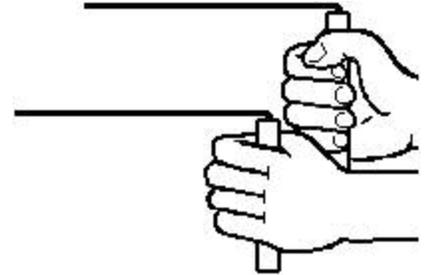
Geophysics + Metaphysics = Dowsing Is It Science, or Does It Even Matter?

By Paul Nagy

The speaker for the September meeting was our own Hank Innerfeld. Hank is an active club member, serving on the club's board of directors, and is often seen helping out at panning demos. Although educated in geology, his life pursuit is in alternative medicine, and in addition he is a dowser.

With today's contention of science vs. non-science, that is, evolution vs. creationism and even contention within science, that is, global warming, our reaction to dowsing could well be a groan of "here we go again." But Hank's presentation was interesting and edifying and he was kind enough to promise us neither global cataclysm nor eternal damnation. Regarding dowsing, it must be conceded that all of science was once non-science and that science in any event may not be the only way of knowing.

To demonstrate the long tradition of dowsing, Hank points out that there are depictions of dowsing



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The Prez Sez

By Gary Hawley, President

It is officially fall. The birds are flocking and there is a noticeable coolness in the morning air. There is still time to get in some prospecting before the snow falls, but you better hurry.

Thanks to **Joe Johnston** for all the effort he put into running the GPR Cache, which I found shortly after the August meeting. Joe faithfully gave us clues to the target for 14 months. A new cache target is in place and the first clue was given at the September meeting. I don't think I can top Joe in preparing clues but I am sure we can all have fun trying to locate this new target.



Thanks to **Hank Innerfeld** for his presentation on dowsing. If you have an interest in this subject,

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VP's Corner

By Jeff Mosteller, Vice President

Greetings!

Over the past few months I have been emailing back and forth with a gentleman from Missouri who works for Tyco Health Care. He had visited Colorado once and had become interested in Gold Panning. We arranged for him and his wife to meet us last weekend at the gas station on 119. He stated he wanted to experience prospecting as it was and had no interest in going to a pay-to-dig spot. We put him in the creek with a shovel and a sluice box at mile marker 1.5, just below the gas station on Highway



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GPR Events Calendar

Month	Date(s)	Time(s)	Activity	Information	Coordinator
Oct	1		Panning Demo	Rock Ledge Ranch, Colorado Springs, Colorado	Jeff Mosteller
	19	7:00p	Meeting	<i>Presentation:</i>	
	22	10:00a to 4:00p	Picnic	Tymkovich Meats, 6911 N. Washington St., Denver, Colorado.	Jeff Mosteller
Nov	11	12:00p to 4:00p	Class	GPS (Global Positioning System) Class, Building 810, Federal Center. Info: 303-202-4640	
	16	7:00p	Meeting	<i>Presentation:</i>	
Dec	21	6:30p	Meeting	Christmas Potluck Dinner Meeting	Gary Hawley

All GPR meeting presentations and trip activities are subject to change. Non-club prospecting-related events may be included for your information. Members attending any trip activities are asked to **be sure to sign up or contact the event coordinator prior to the activity to allow planning for an estimated number of people** and so attendees may be contacted in the event of any change, cancellation, or rescheduling. For events added after the meeting, check the GPR website.

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE AT PANNING DEMOS ONE HOUR IN ADVANCE OF THE START TIME.

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Hank is the one to talk to. Be sure to ask him about the various dowsing tools and techniques he has found to be effective.

Jeff Mosteller is heading up the club picnic which is planned for Saturday, October 22. Check his article in this newsletter for location and what side to bring. (I hear that **Rick Miska** is going to be the chef again.)

Joe Shubert gave us some information about the elections procedure for November. This will be your opportunity to become more involved with the operations of the club. If you would like to run for office, contact Joe so he can get your name on the ballot.

Rick Miska will become editor of the newsletter beginning with the January 2006 issue.

Hey, how about those nuggets? No, not the basketball team. The gold ones **Kathy Hawley** selected for the "Special Drawing Nuggets." Check her article for the weight and origin of each nugget. Wow, three nuggets! Three tickets will be drawn--that could mean a better chance to win. I'll take five tickets, please!

Thanks to all of you who support this club. We couldn't do it without you.

Until next time: May the gold in your pan be worth the effort you put into finding it.

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in prehistoric cave drawings. Dowsing, he says, was certainly known to the pharaohs of ancient Egypt and that knowledge of it was a requirement for early Jesuit priests. Even today utility companies often have a dowser on staff to help locate buried conduits or broken mains. He showed or described examples of dowsing implements such as L-rods, Y-rods, a locator suspended on a gold chain, and Spanish needles.

To dowse effectively you should compartmentalize your criteria: which direction?, how far?, how deep? Also define your parameters: what kind?, how much?, what quality? There are levels of consciousness. To optimize results, endeavor to achieve the highest level of consciousness. Visualizing the object or substance sought also helps. (Interestingly, we can see that Hank's suggestions are applicable to everyday problems, too.) Hank also warns that mental connections are fragile. Distractions and even slight mental turmoil may spoil the effectiveness, but not always with the realization of the dowser. This accounts for much of the hit or miss reputation of dowsing, but I can personally attest that "scientific" methods of exploration for water, oil, or gold are also very much hit or miss.

The final determinants of worth for any technique of search are the percentage and value of successful results. It does not necessarily require a firm understanding of the underlying mechanics. The laws of science applied before there was science. We could all turn on the lights before we understood the electron theory. Let us be a bit more open-minded and be grateful to researchers like Hank Innerfeld who are willing to try to advance knowledge on all fronts, even those not considered "conventional," and in their intention of providing a better life for us all!

It's Membership Renewal Time!

Coming up in January is the time for most of us to renew our membership! Let's do it before then so **Cindy Douthard** can get everything all lined up!

Remember, you continue to receive *The Gold Nugget* on a regular basis, get to attend the club outings that are planned during the year, participate in club meetings, attend the club workshops, use the club library, get notified of special activities in gold prospecting and metal detecting being offered by other clubs in the area, receive other club members' knowledge and experience in the hobby, have fellowship with people who share a love for and an interest in prospecting and metal detecting, have the opportunity to participate in the club as a forum, and receive a membership card for each member of the family.

Daffynitions

- Adult: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.
- Burglarize: What a crook sees with.
- Counterfeiters: Workers who put together kitchen cabinets.
- Cannibal: Someone who is fed up with people.
- Eclipse: What an English barber does for a living.
- Egotist: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.
- Heroes: What a guy in a boat does.

Notes from Last Month's GPR Meetings

Board Meeting

by Gary Hawley, President

Roll Call

In Attendance: Gary Hawley, Jeff Mosteller, Kathy Hawley, Joe Johnston, Joe Shubert, Paul Nagy, Cindy Douthard, Hank Innerfeld, Terry Weatherly.

Unable to Attend: Jim Jarnutowski, Allen Mershon, Matt Schreiner.

Quorum Present?

Yes.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Gary Hawley.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Read by Gary Hawley and approved as corrected and read.

Treasurer's Report

Accepted as read and available at tonight's general meeting.

Correspondence

Newsletters from other clubs.

Committee Reports

Reports: Presented and accepted.

Unfinished Business

Club Trommel. Gary Hawley. Mining Museum has a new curator. Contact will be made with him/her.

Boy Scouts Environmental Sciences Merit Badge. Allen Mershon. Tabled until contact is made by BSA.

Panning Demonstration Mileage. Jeff Mosteller. Form and expense information. Jeff has developed a form for tracking mileage.

Events/Outings Coordinator. Gary Hawley. The search continues.

Board of Directors. Matt Schreiner. Matt must withdraw from the Board--school and work hours.

GPR Cache. Joe Johnston. The cache was found by Gary Hawley.

New Business

The New GPR Cache. Gary Hawley. Gary will coordinate the new GPR Cache, which will begin after tonight's meeting.

Planned Outings

Club Picnic. Jeff Mosteller. Jeff will determine a date for our annual picnic/outing held at Tymkovich Meats.

Outings. Refer to the GPR Events Calendar in *The Gold Nugget*.

Announcements

Next Board Meetings: October 19, 2005, at 6:00 p.m.

Next General Meeting: October 19, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

Tonight's General Meeting Program: Hank Innerfeld speaks about dowsing.

Adjournment

Meeting stands adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

General Meeting

By Paul Nagy, General Meeting Recorder

Meeting called to order by President Gary Hawley. Pledge of Allegiance led by Cub Scout Mitchell McConnell.

Prez Hawley announces that Treasurer Kathy Hawley has purchased three gold specimens to be awarded in special drawings. The specimens from gold fields in Australia, California, and Siberia weigh from 11.5 to 12.7 grams each. Non-members are welcome to buy drawing tickets, but because of legal considerations all ticket purchases must be within Colorado. There will be separate drawings for each specimen, so it will be possible for entrants to win more than once. The specimens were shown to the meeting attendees, and all were suitably impressed.

After introduction of guests, Joe Johnston awarded the prize for the hidden cache and explained the clues. The cache was found on Jackass Hill Drive in Littleton. Gary gave the first clue for the next hidden cache location.

VP Jeff Mosteller reports that the one panning demo remaining for the season is at Rock Ledge Ranch near Colorado Springs. Sign up. We will look into car pooling because of current gasoline prices. Jeff and Donna were giving private panning lessons in Clear Creek Canyon to a fellow from Missouri when a reporter from the *Longmont Times Call* happened upon them and offered to do a feature on the club! Also, the demo at the Fine Arts Festival attracted no less than 677 visitors. Many apparently regarded gold panning as among the fine arts. We agree. Jeff reported that he recovered gold from hardware store sand using his gold wheel. Don't quit your day job to do this, he says.

Joe Schubert announced that there are four vacancies on the board of directors. This is a good chance to sharpen your leadership skills while you help the club. Contact Joe.

Prez Hawley says we are still looking for an events/outings coordinator. Grab this job before it is gone! Also, Rick Miska has volunteered to be the newsletter editor, replacing Dick Oakes. Atta go Rick. Thanks again to Dick.

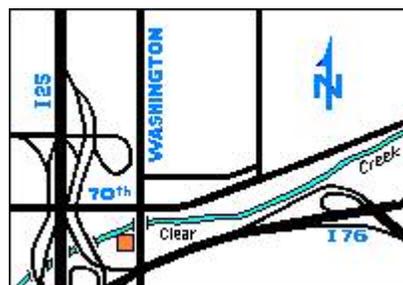
Rick Miska asked the question of the month and later gave the answer. He also showed a recently purchased junk store treasure: A fine framed photo of the Argo Mine at Idaho Springs.

Paul Nagy reports that the aquamarine specimen found on Mt. Antero in July 2004 has been sold to the Smithsonian Institution for one million dollars.

Introduction of the evening's speaker, Hank Innerfeld: "Geophysics + Metaphysics = Dowsing."

Prize drawings, then adjourn meeting.

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Chuckles

Submitted by LeRoy Lamgo

- My next house will have no kitchen--just vending machines and a large trash can.

Drawing Winners

By Kathy Hawley, Drawings Coordinator
Nugget Drawings

4.5 gram nugget.....	Dakotah Intriglia
2.2 gram nugget.....	Chuck Cown
1.3 gram nugget.....	Dan Vosburg
0.5 gram nugget.....	Bill Carr
0.5 gram nugget.....	Mitchell McConnell
0.4 gram nugget.....	Joe Johnston
0.4 gram nugget.....	LeRoy Lamgo
0.4 gram nugget.....	Sue Lemieux
0.4 gram nugget.....	Joe Shubert
0.3 gram nugget.....	Bill Duncanson
0.3 gram nugget.....	Wolf Stumpf
0.2 gram nugget.....	Frank Conte

Members Only Drawings

0.4 gram nugget.....	Don Tiglas
(Donated by Club)	
Belt Buckle.....	Don Fling
(Donated by LeRoy Lamgo)	
Gold Cross	Unknown
(Donated by LeRoy Lamgo)	
Rings	Larry Armstrong
(Donated by LeRoy Lamgo)	
Necklace.....	Holly Vosburg
(Donated by LeRoy Lamgo)	
Calculator.....	Gale Herbertson
(Donated by Hank Innerfeld)	

Find of the Month/Year

By Joe Johnston, Find of the Month/Year Coordinator

Largest Raw Gold

No Entries

Most Raw Gold

Larry Armstrong/Randy Burns.....	2.8 g, Colorado
Joe Fortunato.....	0.6 g, Colorado

Best Jewelry

No Entries

Oldest Coin

Joe Fortunato 1960 dime, 1947 dime

Most Valuable Coin

Joe Johnston 1945-D Silver Washington quarter

Most Unique (Excavated)

Dakotah Intriglia..... Gold vein in a rock

Most Unique (Non-Excavated)

Jim Intriglia.....	Almost gold (calcimate pyrite) and garnet
Joe Johnston.....	Cache of 109 pennies with 2000-D trace VDB
Randy Burks.....	Marine limestone
Rob Deschambault.....	Iron pyrite

Best Bottle

Joe Johnston 1940-50 "Duraglas" medicine bottle



By Rick Miska, Q&A Coordinator

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WHO AM I?

- I was born in Taos, New Mexico, in 1833.
- As a teenager, I was a shepherder.
- I spoke four languages: English, Spanish, Ute, and Apache.
- At the age of 17, I became Chief of the Uncompahgre Tribe of Utes.
- In 1859, I married a Tabeguache Ute maiden by the name of Chipeta.
- I became chief of all Utes in 1860.
- I was patient, diplomatic, and unwavering in my friendship toward the whites.
- I was a man of peace.
- I am revered today as one of the Ute's greatest leaders.
- I met President Hayes and President Grant.
- I died August 24, 1880.
- I was buried twice, the first time in 1880 in an unmarked grave, and again in 1925 with a marked grave.

I AM:

Chief Ouray.

Source: Multiple internet articles.

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WHO AM I?

- I was born into slavery on January 22, 1822, at Stafford Courthouse, Virginia.
- I grew up on a plantation in South Carolina where I worked the fields and farms.
- I used the Underground Railroad to escape slavery and make my way to Chicago.
- I chose my own last name, naming myself after a steam engine locomotive.
- I envisioned myself equal in every way to the white men of my time.
- In 1860, I came to Colorado with plans to strike it rich in the gold mining business.
- Because I am African-American, I was denied the right to stake a claim in my own name.
- In Denver, I owned and operated a barbershop, a restaurant, and a hotel.
- When the Civil War ended in 1865, I and my friend Henry Wagoner, began to fight for the rights of African Americans in Colorado.
- I was the first African American to serve on a Colorado grand jury.
- I died in 1902.
- I always knew that some day I would be known as a leading Denver citizen and pioneer of free enterprise in the American West.

Members who submit a correct answer to this question at the next meeting will receive a ticket for the nugget drawing.

The Gold Nugget

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From the Ledger

of Kathy Hawley, Treasurer

Thanks to **LeRoy Lamgo** and **Hank Innerfeld** for the donations to the "Members Only" drawing. Leroy donated a necklace, rings, and a belt buckle, and Hank a calculator.

Well, we began selling tickets for the "Special Drawing Nuggets" at the September meeting. Once we have sold tickets equal to the expense, we will be giving away three nuggets. We have a 12.7 gram California nugget, an 11.5 gram nugget from Australia, and a 12.3 gram nugget from Siberia. They are all beauties. We will draw three tickets, one ticket for each nugget, and hopefully, we will have three lucky winners.

At the October meeting, I will have North Washington State gold nuggets and one Alaskan gold nugget for the drawings. We will give away a total of 11 grams of gold with the largest nugget being 2.4 grams. There will be four nuggets of over 1 gram each.

So like I always say, come prepared to buy some extra tickets and Good Luck!

Food for Thought

By Jackie Barker, Refreshments Coordinator

Welcome to the fall season. I think Michael and I enjoy it the most. Our thanks go to **Ed Finney** for the carrot cake, to **Hank Innerfeld** for his banana bread, to **LeRoy Lamgo** for the donuts, to **Kathy Hawley** for her wonderful peach cake, and to **Carl Sauerland** for the candy.

Michael and I will see everyone next month and remember, "You can't have everything. Where would you put it?" ~Steve Wright
Jackie and Michael

Reminder of Elections and Ken Barker Award

by Joe Shubert

It is time for the election of officers for 2006 and the nomination of someone for the Ken Barker Award for 2005. The rules for both were published in last month's newsletter. I will have forms for both at the October meeting.

For the election of officers we still need to fill two of the one year positions for the Board of Directors. Even though this is all we need for sure, you can still nominate someone with their permission for any of the offices, or run yourself for any of the offices provided the qualification specified in the rules are met. Please see the rules in the September newsletter. I will need to have all nomination forms for officer elections turned in to me at the October meeting. Elections will be held at the November meeting.

Be thinking about someone you want to nominate for the Ken Barker Award. I will have forms at the next meeting. Please pick one up before the November meeting. If you forget, I will also have the forms at the November meeting. Please only fill one form. I will have a container at the November meeting for the forms to be dropped into. The names will be tallied and the winner's name will be given to the President within a week after the meeting. The Award will be presented at the December meeting. Please see the rules for this award in the September newsletter.



GPR GOLD PANNING DEMONSTRATIONS

Know an organization that might want us to set up a gold panning demonstration booth? Contact

Jeff Mosteller

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For additional information and photos, see
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119. As he started to dig up his fortune, Gary, Donna, and I met with a reporter from the *Longmont Times Call* newspaper. She was there to do a story on prospecting, mining history, and our club. We toured her around some areas like Gregory's dig and Nevadaville and gave her a short history lesson on Gilpin County. We then wound up in the creek with the folks from Boston. By that time they were both tired and hurting from shoveling through the moss beds and bank we had pointed out to them. We panned out their concentrates for them and they got about half a gram of fines. They were elated and said they were going back to Boston to show the people back there that, in fact, there was still gold in Colorado. They will be joining the club from back there and after the second trip to Colorado, they are pondering moving to our beautiful state.

Astor House 1800's days and the fine arts festival in Golden was fantastic. We had 677 people visit our booth over the two-day event.

We have set Saturday, October 22 (the weekend after the October meeting), for our second annual BBQ to be held in the parking lot of Tymkovitch Meats at 70th and Washington from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Food will be served at 12:00 noon. Like last year, the club will supply the hamburgers and hot dogs. We will bring a grill and, like last year, we ask that everyone who comes to please bring a side dish. If you have something you want done on the grill, "Miska, The Grill Master" will get it done for you. If anything changes, we will let everybody know at the next meeting.

Our last panning demonstration will be October 1 at the Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site, 1401 Recreation Way, Colorado Springs, Colorado. We can set up transportation for this; if you're interested call me at (303) 202-9302. I would like to have everybody meet at the rest area on south-bound I-25 outside of Castle Rock around 8:00 a.m. and we can caravan down from there.

Well the nights are getting longer and the water is getting cooler. Be careful out there!

More Chuckles

Submitted by **LeRoy Lamgo**

- Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life we could simply press 'Ctrl Alt Delete' and start all over?
- As we slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way.
- It used to be only death and taxes were inevitable. Now, of course, there's shipping and handling, too.

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GPR Cache: The Clues

By Joe Johnston, GPR Cache Coordinator

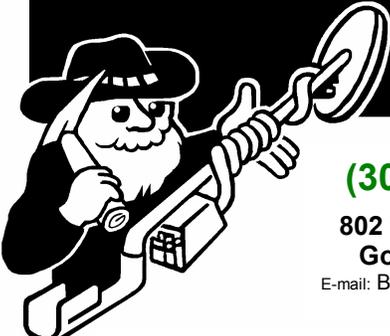
1. (06-16-2004) **If Horace Greeley were from Alabama or Georgia, he might have said this instead.** (Go southwest--he was born in Amherst, New Hampshire, in February 1811, not in a Southern state--directing the search to the southwest portion of the metro area.)
2. (07-21-2004) **A hill.** (Vague reference to Jackass Hill Road.)
3. (08-18-2004) **Rocky Mountain canaries.** (Also known as "jackass," mixed with "hill" above and you have Jackass Hill--look it up on a street map and it's all of about three blocks long!)
4. (9-15-2004) **Gold, silver, copper, sulfur.** (These are minerals for Mineral Avenue, which puts you right on the cross hairs!)
5. (10-20-2004) **What we seek, but not always using a metal detector.** (Another vague reference to minerals for Mineral Avenue. and since this intersection is in plain view of the cattle guard seat, the next clues should make it a cinch.)
6. (11-17-2004) **The tip of the "parson's nose."** (The "tail of the bird" versus the "front of the face," as most will presume, and when you place the token under the seat, it will end up under "the parson's nose.")
7. (12-15-2004) **Have a seat and enjoy the view.** (Now it's under "the parson's nose" and you are sitting on it--it's under your tail!)
8. (01-19-05) **A cow bumper.** (Referring to the stylish cattle guard seat; with this one, a blind sow should be able to find it.)
9. (03-16-05) **I've been working on the RAILroad.** (So, the blind sow is still lost, but it looks like the front of a train!)

Okay, that's nine months worth and the baby should be in the bassinet already, or so I thought!

10. (04-20-05) **The Cache Token involves use of "the handyman's secret weapon."** (Anyone that ever watched the "Red Green Show" would know this is "duct tape.")
11. (05-18-05) **Clue 1 -- "Go _____ west young man."** (Almost spelled out "southwest.")
12. (06-15-05) **Clue 2 -- Part of a waypoint name.** (A waypoint; a landmark; a reference location.)
13. (07-20-05) **Clue 3 -- Part of a waypoint name.** (Same as 12 above, so you put 2 and 3 together and get "Jackass Hill" to look up on a street map.)
14. (08-17-05) **Clues 4 and 5 are quasi-analogous assimilators.** (These words mean "same." Quasi-analogous assimilators are synonymous! Go ahead, say "Ouch," then use it on someone you love to taunt.)



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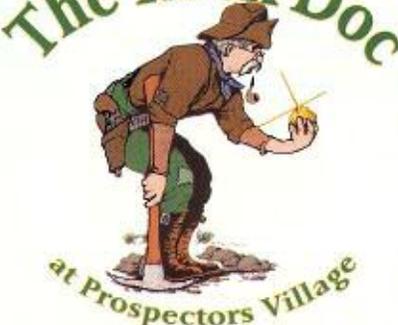


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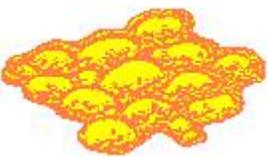
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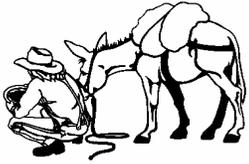
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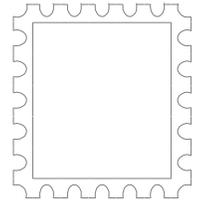
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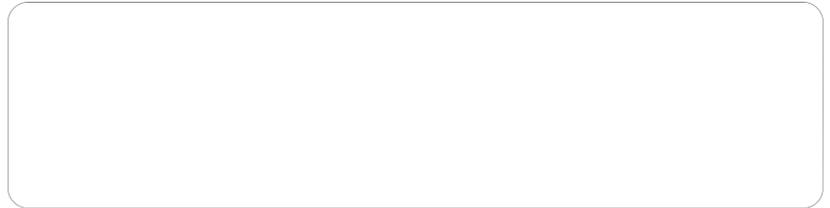


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