

## Get ready for aromas of bananas, orange groves

That putrid odor that has occasionally lingered over Altona this summer — it stems from the sewer lagoon east of town — may soon give way to aromas of orange blossoms and banana groves.

That is, if the "lagoon deodorizer" a salesman has offered the town smells as good as it sounds.

Bill Loewen, town superintendent, told council Tuesday that he'd been visited by a salesman offering the deodorant.

Council (to a man) asked Mr. Loewen to follow up the offer as soon as possible, and check out the cost of such smell substitution.

"Let's try it", said one alderman. "Who knows with the smell of bananas all over town people may soon be clamoring to live in Altona."

## Delegations request dust control

Dust control for village streets was the concern of two delegations that attended the regular meeting of council of the rural municipality of Rhineland held on Tuesday, June 10.

In all, a total of seven delegations attended the afternoon session of the RM's meeting held in its Altona council chambers.

William (Bill) Siemens and Pete Wieler appeared before council with the full intention of laying \$425 down on council's table and receiving assurance that dust control treatment for the village of Rosenort South street would be proceeded with.

Council however, was in no mood to set a precedent, and felt that it should be proceeded with on the condition that a grant-in-aid for the work was approved.

### Apply For Grant

Councillors John E. Wieler and Abe J. Froese moved and seconded a resolution that the municipality make application to the highways department to provide a grant-in-aid for graveling of \$400 and for liquid calcium (dust treatment) of \$1,200 on a 50-50 basis for a total of \$1,600 covering the following: from p. 248 to the east boundary

Lack of proper garbage disposal at some Altona business places was brought to council's attention Tuesday. Apparently garbage had been placed outside in cardboard boxes and rain had disintegrated them, spilling the contents around. The offenders will be notified. It was stressed that garbage containers should be durable.

Blockage of traffic flows by trucks unloading at street entrances of business places was also in for some criticism.

It was decided that truckers or business places should provide flagmen to direct traffic around parked trucks when they are unloading in traffic areas. Most places have loading areas in lanes or at side entrances, but a few must be serviced from the front entrance. It will become the responsibility of the business taking delivery to provide needed safety precautions.

If no grant-in-aid is involved as in the case of Blumenort, it means that village residents must pay 75 per cent, somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$700.

Rhineland councillors also passed a resolution granting \$50 to the village of Reinland towards the cost of its centennial celebration. The village will commemorate the West Reserve's 100th anniversary on July 18-20.

In a vote of 4-1 council also passed a resolution authorizing the issuance of an occasional permit for the sale of beer and liquor in the RM of Rhineland in 1975.

### "Dry Spots"

The resolution came as a result of a law amendments committee approval of issuing such permits for social events in those municipalities where there are "dry" spots in the province. Rhineland is such a "dry" spot, since no referendum for the sale of liquor in the municipality has been passed.

With the approval of the council of Rhineland, the Government Liquor Control Commission will now be able to issue liquor permits in the municipality for social events.

Council also passed a resolution requesting the Manitoba



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RED RIVER VALLEY

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Three of the four members of the Plantetarium investigation team are shown discussing findings at the mystery spot at Halbstadt. In photo at left, from left to right are electronic engineer Ernie Speelman, Ed Barker, who headed the team of investigators, and photographer and recorder



Tibor Bodi. The picture at right shows the bare spot in the beet field with Hans Osted, the fourth member of the team, making a plaster cast of one of the indentations of the field with Ed Barker in the background.

## UFO or hoax at Halbstadt?

# Strange markings studied

BY DAVID PENNER  
Has a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) touched down at Halbstadt and left its markings in a beet field owned by Elmer Friesen? Or is the whole affair a hoax that has everybody in the area talking?  
Talk there certainly has been.

Here's how the Halbstadt UFO story unfolded and what's known to date.

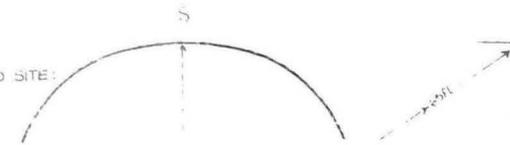
A mysterious patch of dying sugar beets was discovered recently by Elmer Friesen of Halbstadt in an otherwise luxuriously green field of beets.

Mr. Friesen says there was ab-

Alex Godkin, the Manitoba Sugar Co. representative for the area told the Echo that although the three markings were difficult to explain, he considered the area to have been struck by lightning.

On July 9 the investigation in Winnipeg was notified of the

SCALE DRAWING OF MARKED SITE:



from p.r. 248 to the east boundary of Lot 24, Plan 555 (Rosenort South).

The preamble to the resolution noted that the hamlet of Rosenort South wishes to apply gravel and dust treatment on their village street in 1975.

A second delegation consisting of John Klassen, Pete Hildebrandt and Jacob Falk attended concerning dust treatment of the village road in Blumenort.

By a narrow majority vote of 3-2, council passed a resolution setting a general policy whereby the R.M. will contribute 25 per cent of the cost toward application of calcium chloride on village streets.

agion requesting the Manitoba Health Services Commission to make a per capita grant for the ambulance service in Altona and Winkler. The fire brigades in both of the towns had approached Rhineland council with a request for this assistance.

It was noted by resolution that both Altona and Rhineland have agreed there be no financial settlement of assets and liabilities in the annexation of half a section of land along the north side of the town of Altona. The annexation of the land from Rhineland to Altona took place January 1, 1975. Both municipalities have agreed since then that no award be made in connection with the annexation.

### No blank cheques

## Council wants trustees to plan jr. high school

A motion endorsing the concept of a centre for the performing arts in any new junior high school complex built in Altona received the support of Altona town council Tuesday.

It was the consensus of council however, that it was the responsibility of the Rhineland school board to do the planning (as

elected officials of the school division).

Before any financial commitment from the town was made over and above the ratepayers' tax participation as residents of the division, council would want to see some architectural sketches and close cost estimates.

Councillor Abe J. Thiessen summed it up with the comment that: "We aren't about to hand out any blank cheques." It was agreed that council would like to participate, but that the major task was up to the trustees in whose jurisdiction school planning falls.

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DEBBIE ABRAMS  
Sun Valley Co-op  
LAURIE BUHR  
Altona Chamber of Commerce



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Altona Freightways  
JOAN DYCK  
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CATHY ENNS  
CSP Foods  
ROSLYN FRIESEN  
Four Seasons Furniture



SHERRY FRIESEN  
Altona Credit Union  
VIVIAN FRIESEN  
RM of Rhineland



MARILYN HEIDE  
CFAM  
DARLENE HILDEBRANT  
Penner Foods



DEBBIE KLIPPENSTEIN  
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MARTHA SCHMIDT  
McLeod's Store



BARBARA STOEZ  
West Park Motors  
DAWN THOMPSON  
Rhineland Car  
Co./Robinson Stores

## Fourteen contestants vying for Sunflower Queen

When the Manitoba Sunflower Festival rolls around on Friday and Saturday, July 25 and 26, one of the highlights of the annual event in Altona will be the crowning of Miss Manitoba Sunflower Queen for the new year.

This year the event promises to be even more suspenseful than in the past. Speculators and judges will contend with 14 contestants. Two were undecided at press time

Choosing the queen and her two princesses this year will be former Winnipeg Blue Bomber quarterback Don Jonas and his wife Rosemary, as well as two broadcasters — Barbara Mills and Alice Poyser, both associated with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

The judges and queen candidates will join in a supper of Mennonite food and several other activities. The judges will inter-

view each contestant, as well as observe her at the parades.

Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. the queen contestants will take charge of the information booth in the Altona Mall, where they will dispense information about events, food and shelter.

Saturday they will be busy with the judges, and in the evening they will be on stage at the arena, where Miss Sunflower Queen of 1974, Jean Zacharias, will crown

her successor and the two princesses for 1975.

The 1975 Sunflower Queen will be escorted on a four-day, all-expenses-paid trip to Toronto. Her chaperone, provided by Treflan, the sponsoring company, will take her to many places of interest including Ontario Place, the Canadian National Exhibition and Niagara

Mr. Friesen says there was absolutely no indication whatever that beets in this particular area were unhealthy before his discovery and there are no indications on any other part of the field of such damage.

Friesen made the discovery on June 25 while cultivating the field. He noticed an area about 30 feet across where all the beets were withering. On closer inspection of the spot he noticed three peculiar markings in the shape of a triangle indicating the presence, at one time, of a tripod-like device.

Friesen said all the beets in the area died within a day or two of the discovery.

### Oval patch

Each of the three markings were exactly in the middle of a row of beets and measured 17 inches across and 3 inches deep with evidence of a probe or a deeper marking in the middle. The patch of dead beets was oval in shape, being 30 feet across at the narrowest point and 39 feet at the widest point. A secondary area of dead beets was evident just outside of and to the west of the oval patch.

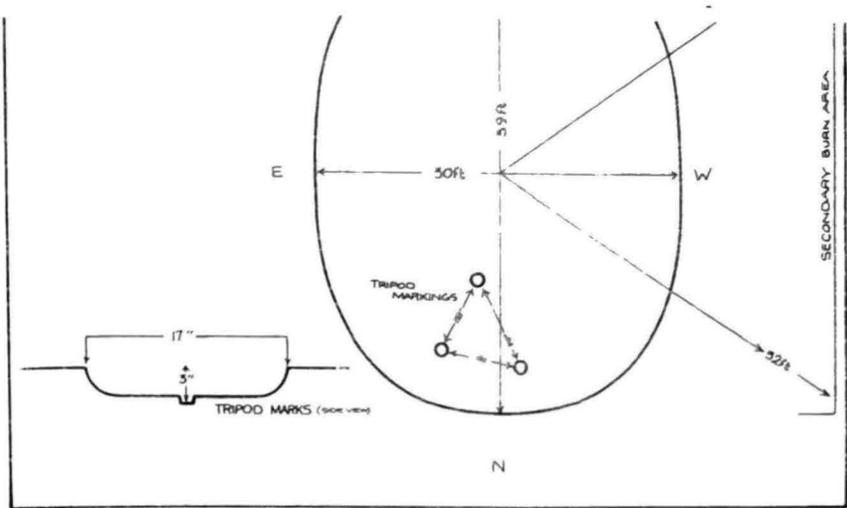
Due to the location of the patch on the field Mr. Friesen completely discounted chemical kill, because the spot was at the edge and toward the middle of the field and there was no indication of damage anywhere else on the field, not even on the edges. According to farmers in the area, no farm machinery is capable of making the kind of marks that exist on the Friesen field.

Winnipeg was notified of the Halbstadt occurrence and they sent out an investigation unit to test the area. The team of four investigators arrived at the spot Wednesday afternoon equipped to do a complete evaluation, including plant and soil samples, plaster casts of the markings, measurements and radiation tests of the area. Mr. Friesen was interviewed on all details and all aspects of the spot were recorded on tape as well as paper.

On a quick evaluation of the Halbstadt site both Ernie Speelman and Ed Barker of the Planetarium staff completely discounted the theory that lightning had struck the spot. According to Speelman the group has investigated numerous lightning strikes and there was absolutely no similarity. Speelman, the electronic engineer, stated that if lightning had struck the soil type of the field would have resulted in severe tunnelling by the bolt of lightning.

### No radiation

Although the crew found no evidence of radiation in the area Speelman was careful to state that a UFO landing should not be discounted. Barker said he and Speelman had been involved in checking the Carman area for radiation, and levels had been high enough to cause illness to people who might remain on the spot for several days. Mr. Barker also stated that the UFO had not actually landed in Carman but had merely hovered over the spot where high levels of radiation were found.



The tripod markings on the Halbstadt beet patch were of particular interest to Barker because each mark was exactly on the center of a different row of beets, two marks being 88 inches apart and the other 98 inches from each of the other two. Speelman felt that if the markings had been made when the earth was dry, a tremendous amount of weight would have been necessary to cause such indentations.

Barker said tripod markings had been discovered in Charleswood several years ago along with numerous small footprints, sightings had also been made at this time. Often in cases

like this, security has been very tight and all evidence is destroyed after government researchers are finished and organizations like the planetarium aren't allowed to research the spot.

Barker said often evidence of a sighting or a strange spot somewhere was "flimsy" but he said people know what they see

## Juvenile judges too lenient?

Altona council expressed concern with the way juvenile offenders are handled who are in violation of the town's anti-noise by-law.

A police report for the months of May and June showed five juveniles apprehended and charged in this connection. The report stated that all had appeared before juvenile court and been reprimanded.

Four adults charged on the same count before the Justice of the Peace had been fined.

Police Commission Chairman Abe Dueck said most of the offences were by repeaters who had already been reprimanded for a similar offence in the past.

Mayor D. K. Friesen asked Commissioner Dueck for some details. He said he would contact the attorney-general's department in an attempt to get juvenile judges hearing these cases to take a much stronger stand.

It was noted that residents aware of anti-noise offences should be notifying police so that action can be taken.

and should contact organizations like his to have such information checked.

### Has seen UFOs

Barker himself has seen UFOs at close range and has studied areas where Unidentified Flying Objects have landed and is convinced that interplanetary travel and research is being conducted by beings from outer space. The numerous sightings from around the world (and most recently at Carman) seem to support such a theory.

The Halbstadt spot was puzzling and couldn't be written off as a freak of nature, he said. The area will be studied over the next several years for any peculiar growing patterns or even sterility which could add more information about the occurrence.

Barker claims that the UFO landing in the Whiteshell a number of years ago which resulted in severe radiation burning of the immediate surroundings and of the man who made the sighting and was at the spot at that time has affected the trees in the area to this day, almost ten years later.

Few such explicit landings have occurred but Barker encourages anyone who sights UFOs or finds mysterious areas like the Halbstadt one to contact him at the Planetarium in Winnipeg.

## WEATHER

PLUM COULEE	
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July 7	29 18
July 8	23 11 .01
July 9	22 14
July 10	22 6 .11
July 11	21 10
July 12	23 9
July 13	31 14

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577  
9404  
1803  
Capt. Bruce - Modra  
Mun Bay PM.

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Dennis Proglut 416-284-0247

Ron Husen(?) editor MADs - REVIEWS 472-2906  
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231 3949 491-505

"Corn" Barry, Queen's 473-2658  
5 youth trees left  
200 marks as  
burn marks  
3 Horvath's slip marks

Reed & Anne  
Kovernegt  
Sto - Copr  
473-2708

Robin Chase  
Bellevue Intelligence (13-962-917)

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OPP - PICTON

Several Constables have seen UFOs

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Al Copan, publisher PICTON GAZETTE  
(13-476-320)

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Nov 62                  near Eldorado (<sup>6 1/2</sup> 5 mi)

Fox's Arms 1 mi n of "      Big W

Coprol Det Scott  
left on Fox

cement body      green Dodge

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6-22-76

Jacqueline Russell - Eldorado

Lloyd Bateman, farmer

473-2714

Robbie, 12

3 pm

3 mi W of Eldorado

100 yds ESE of home, near barn  
dozen or so brown oily spots  
Puff of smoke - dissipated

AF personnel  
up to

Barry from  
over 200 spots

<sup>Motte</sup>  
Bruce took pic  
Close pic of Barry from  
To Barry " "

6-10-76 - P.1  
6-12-76 - P.1, + 2d Front  
6-14-76 - P.1 + P.3  
6-16-76 - 2d Front

Dennis Craigen 28, Rt 11 Newbury  
378-2368  
4 objects 6-12 4PM

Archie Davis 7 objt  
388-2286

Howard Tolmow  
378-2468  
Sighting from Newbury to Yarker.

Freddie Galbraith 378-2341 (Yarker)

6-12 Dave Sully 378-2361

6-12 Newbury area (N. of Napanee) - 1300 7 size - photos  
eyes hurt

~~20¢~~  
20¢

✓ Trotter at end of #12

- Dudgeons - Remington - just Queen's rd - jog - woman  
RT.

- Prentiss -

✓ Holmes - Rt 12 - rd at Hazard Corn & Q. - left

✓ Barry 1/2 way to Coopers - bench rd side - none in mailbox  
Barry left side before Holmes

Beulah

Robt & OMA Gordon (Holmes Road W. Side) - 6-12 11:15 PM  
heard Beeping sound steady focused - 473-2236

Log Cabin set of person

Constable Robt Bruce - MADoc  
473-2387

? MAC WILSON 473-2698  
6-1 (Holmes Road)

objt near top out of trees, short ones

white hair, thin trim, steel garage  
n

~~20¢~~  
20¢

Clayton E. ANPm  
Sports fields?  
473-4029

Particular  
Classes  
613 = 266-47119

Alvin Rollins 613 =  
473-2588

~~Christine~~ Bailey  
Christie  
473-2772

Cespe  
Queensbury

Norman OPP  
Genl. Bill Ross

June 17  
10:15

Kege Wilson conf

On the John Barry  
we talk out  
rehears  
concert

Follow upds E for say  
Sight let go away - trip all over  
Keep from

West of home - us with light  
Thinking on top  
As miss - no plans that bright

15-20M10

Play out one show  
So east -

C.N.I.

Conductor  
Training

1) Ann mtg



More difficult

lots small animal droppings

at neg. of AF

2 lost at hole, both mammals

Set report to Major Cans

Found that they took up investigation from near  
Gnd set as reply  
Then Reptures

holes - did see - none

Sod removed from hole 21' to

16 to 21' or 20' in

Sod can have a set same

Plants:  $\Delta$  patches

8"-10" thick - Sod cut of lawn pit

grs sun dry 2/2

Sod could be

to east:

Some  $\Delta$  patches

Plants

I don't know of any machine that could  
~~I didn't know of any machine that~~  
take earth up + move it the way there was without longy rocks  
+ without also ~~was longy rocks~~  
~~was~~ we got breaking open  
one piece of ~~ice~~ ~~ice~~ about 12' long 8' wide  
No ends breaking off

As far as I know there has been no  
I know has been no explanation for

at request of AF

report → NPC in Ottawa

Not a police matter until something  
arises to the police. Just down to  
at request of AF

1 Sep. Wilmanis

+ Photos ✓

1 man on bear watch on Reptin

Soil samples

Op Mon <sup>1</sup> Stagnant water beds

Down in greenish sun on ground  
beds

Almost beginning of green mossy carpet

Lowest clearance to tree line

nearest ~~to~~ beds 15' mossy forest floor

Diagram -

Just pine 655 ft. or better  
not light on the moss

ASK

4044

45, thousand

Allis Chalmers:

Case 744-6261

Campbell - Racine

~~Murray Ferguson~~ -

Mr. Haworth - Chicago

Case: Racine

Ray White  
Solomon

Conyle

Racine  
Racine, Wis  
414-636-6011

414-475-2000

F1AT = Allis / Deerfield Ill.  
3/2 =

Nette

2 1/2" water in fuel

4 yrs since placed  
Pretty Solid

Gold mine 2 miles  
20 yrs

15 mi'

1-lm

93.1

20¢

\$1.25/pkg

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P.O. Box #27  
Toronto Station F  
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416-964-0244

~~House~~  
5-6 yrs  
Trailer

B. 11

Seven Holmes 5 trees -

① December 11 or 12 Thursday 11 PM  
Kathryn ?

looked S - no leaves out window  
4-5 MINS  
→ W  
white - out - white

no song  
Pauline  
Dudger

② James Shirley 11 PM

← E  
Btk Morgan to kang

③ Btk Tuesday nite - Monday 11 PM

western sky - front window  
→ SW 2 MINS  
as if going down  
Packets in basket

④ Tri Janis fest ave 9:30 PM clerk

watching TV - \$6 small Mon  
best looking bird - light colored ones - short wings - but  
Moon is

Pauline red → with E  
200 yrs left. to E below Bar

⑤ Jan 12 set 1 AM

white got her tail  
James on ⑤ down behind evergreen spr

~~Helms~~  
Sw  
Jordan + wife Neil report security

Not very important  
~~Walt Whitely Helms  
Casper 29  
Korn 29~~

Helms - 1 mi S Casper

CONTENT

U.S. military  
intelligence agents  
Not covered in Casper

Whitely  
PO 54 5600  
Bellevue out  
KSN 5C7  
Roth's class

(2.3)

Budget 441.4/5 + 38.2  
Covers - 46.7/8

Hydro 47.1 (4)  
Budget 48.3 (1.6)  
Jordan 48.7 (2.0)  
RAM 49.0 (2.3) 6/5

J. Post Gordon  
DMA

11:10 PM June 12

Family calls  
Covers

6/12 aus

Jay Ry  
pm n 1E

14.

M  
1.2.19  
1.1.19

Elmore

Wentworth

David

eyes hurt -

June 12

Helen

RR 1 Wentworth

613-378-2361

Scilley

Mailcarner

Prize -

Class:

all fair copy  
citizens - not taught  
unorganized people -  
exam; from book

Benny Farm

(Hansen)

3 horse shoe stops

1875  
① fully sward grown  
(1 eye old)

nothing grows there

② closest to house, spring, kept there in one strip

Reynolds 6-5-76

Rollin's disc June 1972, filled in same field  
↑ Hansen ↓

28  
TOKARZ 6=24=76

Burn marks —

dry patch in corn or barley field.

in circular formation

veg. scattered on one side

Stone Tree

July 23-25

Royal Park Hotel

Toronto

Hynes, others

up to 30' in diameter

Tests

Min. breakdown

Soil

veg

"Rocks in ditches def. scratched & crystallized"

magnetic anomalies  
but esp. compass & rods

5 to 25° deflection

12 yrs

S. Open  
France

2 holes 5' - 4 - 8/9 ft by

Coyrester

Hull



Upper Canada College

York Univ. 667-2100 (Science 667-2251)

Univ of Toronto 978-2011

Ontario - Aquaculture Ministry 965-1211

" Govt - Environment

Air Resources <sup>Br.</sup> - 965-4081

Water " <sup>Br.</sup> - 965-6141

Hydro Electric <sup>Power</sup> Commission - 592-5111

- Natural Resources, head office - 965-1211

- " " Southern Research Station - 832-2261

- Ontario Research Foundation - 822-4111

- " Science Centre Adm - 429-4100

- Canada/Weather Office/gen. info 676-3066

- Natl Research Council - Scientific & Tech. info 966-5515

Phillips  
Hull?

Access to Sources & Tech Knowledge

Alex MATON - ~~PH~~ Publi Info

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Queti ~~W~~ Sullivan

~~Cowles~~

Caterpillar = Perini, 201. 309 = 675-1000

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MRC Dr Frank Reed - lighting expert  
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Earth Science

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Caterpillar PR

139

Tom Slocum

Frank Zabor

~~International~~ = Haweska

Jim Howley -

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✓ FIAT-Atlas, Deerfield, IL

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~~REDACTED~~  
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David Lantz

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