SCHOOL REFERENDUM COMMUNITY FORUM

Forum lends support for safety; groups split on sports fields

Fort Madison School Board Vice President Dianne Hope talks with members of the district at Monday’s Community Forum regarding another referendum attempt to build a new elementary school.

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – About 100 residents who showed up Monday to chat about another referendum to build a new elementary school, said safety is a top priority, but new athletic fields may have to wait.

The Fort Madison School Board hosted a community public forum at the Fort Madison Middle School and had freshly hired CMBA Architect Group, as well as representatives from Carl A. Nelson, the construction managers for the project, in tow.

Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater moderated the event with assistance from CMBA staff, but instead of a traditional power point and Q&A, the forum consisted of people sitting in about 13 groups and discussing issues ranging from the need for athletic fields in the project, traffic and safety costs, and communication.

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After a brief introduction, CMBA’s Matthew Erion pointed out that 30% of the students in the district are attending schools that are 101 and 83 years old. He said the condition of the buildings is reducing instructional time.

“Access to technology decreased instructional time because of the environment where heating and cooling are not working efficiently, transitioning rooms that aren’t appropriate for the particular learning environment, those are all impacting the instructional time of those students,” Erion said.

He said overall, the cost to maintain those buildings such as Richardson and Lincoln is a 2:1 ratio with the older facility costing twice as much for the square footage as a new building.

Erion said when those buildings were constructed

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Sports

Varley offers up ominous budget options

Reclaiming Revolving Loan Fund could be best route

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – After tonight’s regular city council meeting, a very real discussion could take place on how to bring the city’s budget woes back in line.

And some of the things on the chopping block could include a police officer position, the Old Fort, the proposed Amtrak passenger depot relocation, and other tough cuts.

In a nine-page breakdown for the city councilmen that was sent out Friday, Fort Madison City Manager David Varley said January’s budget workshop didn’t produce any results and with a budget proposal slated for two weeks, some decisions need to be made.

The city is facing a minimum working capital that Varley indicated isn’t sufficient to meet one month of the city’s cash flow responsibilities.

“At the first budget workshop, decisions were not made which brings the Proposed Budget into good balance,” Varley wrote. “This second Budget Workshop provides options for the City Council. The purpose is to review and use these to help you make decisions that we can include in the final budget which will be presented on February 19th.”

Varley said sales tax woes are at the center of the issue with the city experiencing a 15.7% drop in sales tax revenues off the 1% local option tax in the last fiscal year. He said projections show another similar drop this year, estimated at $333,000.

The first option he presented to the council is what he dubbed “the Null Alternative,” which is to do nothing and present the budget in its present condition, which would leave the city exposed with reduced minimum capital numbers and an end-of-year general fund budget of just under $4,000.

The second option considers eliminating the construction of the Amtrak Passenger Platform. Varley projected that move would save approximately $382,000 and push the city’s minimum working capital over $732,000.

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FORT MADISON – The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to en City Current.

State Farm – Thomas Klann Agency announces February “Quotes for Good”
State Farm – Thomas Klann Agency is excited to help our community. In February 2019 we will be giving back to Lee County K-9 Association by donating $5 for every new Auto Insurance Quote in the month of February 2019. So tell all your non-State Farm family/friends/coworkers to reach out to us for a quote and share this event to spread the word! If you are a current State Farm auto insurance customer, reach out to us for a Life Insurance or Disability Income conversation and we will donate $5 for that also. Contact Jess or Sam at 319-372-5982, 2623 Ave L Fort Madison, or email: jess@fortmadisoninsurance.com or samantha@fortmadison-insurance.com.

Fish & Shrimp Fry this Friday
The FM Eagles Club is hosting a Fish & Shrimp fry this Friday to benefit the Fort Madison Food Pantry. Dinner is served 3-7:30pm. Music by The Hilliders starts at 5pm. 50/50 Drawing, Live Auction starts at 6:30pm. Auction items include 4-2019 Cardinals’ box seats tickets; Sheaffer Golf Course Greens Fees & Cart, 25 Punch Card, and 10 Punch Card; and more! Desserts provided by The Kensington, Kim’s in West Point, & others! 4821 Avenue O (Behind Burger King), Fort Madison.

Local artist on display at SCC
Lori Illner Greene will have her art work on display at the Southeastern Community College Art Gallery, 1500 W. Agency Road in West Burlington from Jan. 28-Feb. 15. The gallery showing will feature her “Raptors and Other Birds of Prey” series.

Evening with Chuck Long
Former Iowa standout and NFL quarterback Chuck Long will be at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course on Tuesday, Feb. 12 for presentation, including a social hour and dinner with doors opening at 4:30. The social hour and dinner will be from 5 to 6 and Long will speak at 6 p.m. with a question and answer to follow. For more information, contact Ryan at 319-528-6214 or by email at mcmillan@sheaffergolf.com.

Ribbon-Cutting
A ribbon cutting for The Kingsley Inn and River Rocks Bar & Grille will be held on Feb. 15 at 10 a.m.

Fort Madison Partners Annual Dinner
The Fort Madison Partners Annual Dinner will be held Feb. 22 at McAleere Hall in Fort Madison. A night of gaming, food and fun has been planned. Contact Partners at 372-5471 for more information.

Senior Community BINGO at The Kensington
Each month on the second Wednesday of the month, The Kensington hosts Senior Community BINGO at 2 p.m. in their dining room at 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. All seniors are welcome and cash prizes are awarded.

Caregivers Connection at The Kensington
The Kensington hosts this monthly gathering to help educate attendees about all dementia types. Held at noon the 4th Tuesday of every month in The Kensington’s private dining room, 2210 Avenue H in Fort Madison. Call 319-372-4233 to RSVP or for more information. The next luncheon will be held January 22, 2019.

CURRENT-LEE
Community Health Education Series
Exploring Lower Back Pain
Lower Back Pain is a common, painful condition affecting more than 3 million people each year in the U.S. It crosses all age groups, from adolescents to the elderly. Lower back pain ranges in acuity and can affect your general well-being and day-to-day activities. We invite you to attend an educational session on Lower Back Pain presented by Sports Medicine Physician, Dr. Josh Sirucek. He will discuss causes, symptoms and treatment options.

Tuesday, February 12, 2019
5:30 - 6:30 pm
FMCH Conference Rooms
Light refreshments will be served. For more information & to RSVP, please call 376-2244.

Presented by:
Dr. Josh Sirucek,
Family Practice & Sports Medicine

Dr. Josh Sirucek is a Board Certified Family Practitioner. He completed a Fellowship in Sports Medicine at JPS Sports Medicine in Arlington, Texas after completing his residency at Texas A&M. He received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree from Midwestern University in Arizona.

“I decided to go into health care after I had an emergency surgery that saved my life at the age of 16. I have been intrigued and fascinated with learning how to better myself in order to pay this gift forward. I love people and get along well with them.”
JERRY LEE COLWELL

Jerry Lee Colwell, 74, of Alexandria, MO, died Thurs- day, January 31, 2019 at his home.

He was born on November 24, 1944 in Keokuk, IA, the son of Elza “Poke” and Lorene Sco- bee Colwell. He graduated from Clark County High School with the Class of 1963.

On July 4, 1989, Jerry was united in marriage to Cindy Hoyt in Alexandria, MO. She survives.

Other survivors include three daugh- ters, Tracy Colwell (Ted Burger) of Elizabeth City, NC, Danita Brewer (Russ Johnston) of Fernando, FL and Jeri Lynne Baker of Alexandria, MO, one step- son, Clint Hoyt of Keokuk, six grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, two brothers, Dan (Cookie) Colwell and Randy (Barb) Colwell all of Alexandria, one nephew, Matt (Rhonda) Colwell of Alexandria and Melissa (Jeff) Hall of Knob Noster, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one granddaughter Meghan Brewer.

Jerry had been employed at Keokuk Steel Castings for fifty-two years, retiring in 2015. He was a member of the Willow Bar Gun Club, the United Steel Workers Union and the Masonic Lodge in St. Francisville, MO.

Jerry loved the Mississippi River where he spent much time boating and fishing. He also enjoyed hunt- ing. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinal fan.

According to his wishes, there will be no services. A memorial has been established in his memory. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

LEROY JOSEPH WALLJASPER

Leroy Joseph Walljasper, 79, of rural West Point, passed away at 7:10 a.m. Sunday, February 3, 2019, at the Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, Iowa.


Survivors include his two sons: David Walljasper of Cincinnati, Ohio and Doug (Arlene) Walljasper of West Point, Iowa; three daughters: Rebecca Walljasper of West Point, Iowa, Lori (Mark) Meierotto of West Point, Iowa and Cyndi (Terry) Walljasper McWilliams of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; fourteen grandchildren: Billy Walljasper, Holly McDow, Nicole Walljasper, Wendy Burrows, Chris Walljasper, Zachary Meierotto, Abigail Meierotto, Molly Finder, Brady McWilliams, Nathan McWilliams, Rachel McWilliams, Sonya Peck, Amber DeRosear and Melanie Meierotto; twenty-one great grandchildren; one brother: Keith Walljasper of West Point, Iowa; one sister: Ruth Vorwald at Fort Madison, Iowa and two sisters-in-law: Pat Walljasper and Jean- nette Ojle; two brothers-in-law: Jim Engler and Don Engler. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Mari- lyn and brother: Don Walljasper.

Leroy graduated from Denmark Academy. He was a farmer and owner/operator of Walljasper Construction and Walljasper Implement. He was a member of St. James the Less Catholic Church in St. Paul. He enjoyed photography, his dog “Snickers”, telling stories, visiting with farmers in his shop, family gatherings and spend- ing time with his grandchildren.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon on Thursday, Feb- ruary 7, 2019, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point where the family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A Parish Rosary will be recited at 3:30 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 8, 2019, at St. Mary of the Assump- tion Catholic Church in West Point with Father Bruce DeRammelaere as Celebrant. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in West Point. A memorial has been established in his memory.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. The Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point is assisting the family with the arrange- ments.

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.
Close to 100 Fort Madison school district residents participated in a Community Forum Monday night to discuss issues surrounding a third attempt at a referendum to fund a new PreK-3rd grade elementary.

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Elementary says older schools neither safe nor efficient

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over 100 years ago, safety and security were not paramount and the changes that have happened over the past two decades are incredibly important to today’s design.

The first question posed to the groups was whether or not the district should consider pulling the athletic fields from the overall project.

Most of the groups said if keeping the athletic fields was causing the referendum to fail, then the district should pull the $1,020,000 for moving the fields. However, half of the groups said the $1,020,000 for moving the fields was causing the overall project to fail, then the district should pull the athletic fields from the overall project.

Most of the groups said that if the district gave half of the athletic fields to jeopardize the construction. However, her group didn’t want the athletic fields from the school, “Santiago said.

“We had a question that if the district gave you more information on the fields, would that persuade you, and we decided no,” Dravis said.

Other groups asked for additional tax information such as what would be the impact on the increased property tax with the fields out of the equation.

Jenny Steffensmeier said her group questioned the safety of the students with high school students driving over to the athletic fields for practice.

The traffic concerns were part of the second question for the group, which centered on additional costs to do more study on traffic flow.

Most groups said they would be willing to pay for the extra traffic study because it had immediate impact on each student and not just athletes. The traffic concerns were also elevated by frustrations in the room with the current traffic flow at the Fort Madison Middle School.

Additional traffic flow improvements would raise the cost an additional $1.2 million to $1.8 million. School Board President Dr. Tim Wondra said he was surprised by the large turnout and was impressed with the communication from the group.

He said he was surprised a bit by the majority of people willing to spend more on traffic considerations.

“We debated back and forth on the traffic flow question and we decided to go with yes or no on it,” Wondra said. “Here’s the increase in cost, but it’s safety, too. I wasn’t sure what that trade off would be. There were a lot more yeses than nos and that surprised me. I was hoping for that because people realize that safety matters.”

The 2018 referendum used a cost estimate of $30 million, but early numbers used by Carl A. Nelson in bidding for the work indicated a total cost of construction and fees of just over $25 million. Wondra pointed out that with the county’s assessed valuation going up close to 23% this year, the cost per $1,000 will stand to go down on the project.

The 2018 bond attempt was projected to raise property taxes on a $75,000 home, approximately $36 a year for 20 years.

Slater said she was surprised at the number of people in attendance, as well.

“We wanted to make sure we had targeted feedback. When you have a large group and you do that QA it’s hard to compartmentalize and use that information to go forward,” she said.

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Barnes taking a big “shot’ at college

Former FMHS standout ranked 11th nationally in NJCAA Div. 1

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG  
POC EDITOR

OTTUMWA – The Indian Hills Community College men’s track team finished last year ranked 28th in the country at the junior college level.

This year, the Warriors are ranked 10th in the country in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association Division I rankings, and part of that success is former Fort Madison standout Elijah Barnes.

Barnes, who finished fourth in Class 3A in the shot put at last year’s Iowa High School State Track Meet in Des Moines, is now ranked 11th nationally in his freshman year at the Ottumwa community college.

LeRon Williams, the Warrior’s men’s head track coach, attributes a lot of the school’s success in this year’s indoor season, to heavy recruiting and kids buying into the system. He said he has been one of those student-athletes.

“We expected a lot out of him and he’s grown with what he’s doing in the weight room,” Williams said. “He has a good attention to details and he’s a student of the sport. He has set some really high standards for himself and we love what he’s doing.’’

One of the goals Barnes, a 2018 graduate of Fort Madison High School, has set for himself in his first year of college, is to finish as a JUCO Div. I All-American.

He will get that opportunity the first weekend in March at the NJCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas.

“I’m pretty self-driven,” Barnes said from campus Monday afternoon. “In high school, I wanted to place at state and I did and here, I want to end up as an All-American. Only thing’s changed is that now I have more free time, so I can work on shot put and throwing more than in high school, especially with this being the only sport I’m in and not three or four.

To be designated an All-American, Barnes would have to finish in the top eight at championships in March. Williams said he thinks that’s an attainable goal for his freshman.

“I think it’s definitely attainable. He’s got some small things to work on, but there’s no doubt in my mind how he competes, he can toss a big one when it comes to a national meet and he seems to be putting it all together at the right time.” Williams said.

He said he had some good positions at Nebraska this weekend, he just had it come off his hand the wrong way.”

Barnes finished 14th at the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational where he threw against NCAA Div. I schools such as Georgia, Nebraska, and Iowa, to name a few.

Barnes said he had some nerves throwing in front of coaches and athletes from the biggest schools in the country, but said it was good for him.

“I think the biggest thing with the nerves was not thinking that I was going to throw bad, but just the throwing in front of all those top athletes and coaches,” he said. “But that’s what I’ve wanted to do, especially with that meet. It exposed me enough that now I can go back and look to see what I can do to better prepare myself.”

Barnes said he’s transitioned well from high school to college. One of the biggest hurdles was going from the 12th shot used in high school to a 16lb. shot at collegiate events.

His best throw in high school was the state meet his senior year where he threw 53’7” for fourth place. His best throw this year with the 33’ heavier ball was 50’11”.

Williams said Barnes didn’t shrink from the heavier weight or the competition of college vs. high school.

“He took that on head first. Honestly, it’s almost as if he didn’t know the ball was heavier. Obviously he did, but it just doesn’t matter to him,” Williams said. “He matched that with his work ethic in the weight room and more attention to detail in the ring. He’s got room for improvement and some things to work on the ring, but he’s up for that.”

Barnes said it was an issue of transition.

“For me personally, I’ve transitioned better than a lot of people. I’ve been to two meets with kids I competed with in high school and I’m making a better transition that some of them,” Barnes said. “One kid who destroyed me in high school, I beat by a couple feet at the Iowa meet.

Barnes has a warm up meet for nationals at Pittsburg, Kansas this weekend before the Regional XI Championships at Bneau Vista in Storm Lake the following weekend. Then the squad will take a weekend off before heading back to the Pittsburg.

During the indoor season Barnes competes in the shot and the weight throw, and during the outdoor season, he will throw the shot and the discus, and may compete in the hammer throw.

The recent success has Barnes thinking about his future plans, which at one point included a construction degree. But he said he’s found a passion and working with former FMHS throwing coach Andrew Troxel and the Indian Hills staff has him thinking that staying in the sport as a coach may be in the future.

“As of right now, since this is a two-year school, I plan on transferring to a four-year school at some point, and compete at a D-1 school. Ultimately, I want to be a throwing coach. I got pretty passion-ate and would love to coach for a university at some point,” he said. Again, that the transition doesn’t intimi- date him.

“I think it all ties together. I worked hard in the weight room and still have connections with Andrew Troxel. He’s very dedicated to helping me compete at the highest level. I give most credit to the coach- es here and to him,” Barnes said.

RLF would provide about $177K

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“Eliminating this project will reduce both the upfront capital costs, as well as the annual operating costs that will be incurred by the City in the General Fund. So, this would produce an annual cost savings to the General Fund in every budget year going forward,” Varley wrote.

The third option is personnel reductions, eliminating outside contributions to events, closing the Old Fort, and eliminating all marketing by the city, which, all in, would save the city $337,000 according to Varley’s projections.

A fourth option would entail the city borrowing from the Highway 61 Project Fund to help pay for the relocated Amtrak depot platform. The city would borrow the money at 3.6% interest to itself and pay back the loan in five years with a $54,708 annual payment, netting a $23,540 interest earnings.

The final option is reclaiming about $177,000 in revolving loan funds. Varley said that money could be used in a combination of several ways to stave off some of the other proposed cuts.
PUBLIC NOTICE

Lee County, Iowa
Board of Supervisors
Agenda

DATE: TUESDAY,
February 5, 2019
MEETING

CONVENING TIME:
9:00 A.M.
LOCATION:
Correctionsal Center
2530 25th Street,
Montrose, IA

Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Agenda

Adopted by the Lee County Board of Supervisors
by a Roll Call and by Motion

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2019

II. Recognition of guests.

III. Approve the agenda. It was moved by Steffensmeier and seconded by DiPrima to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

IV. Appointment of Candidates to fill Board vacancy — Oath of Office administered. Three candidates had applied to fill the vacancy on the Board. Each Candidate spoke regarding their interest in serving on the Board of Directors of the Fort Madison Community School District. Nomination of Joshua Wykert was made by DiPrima and seconded by Ross to fill the vacancy. Nomination of Brad Menke was made by Steffensmeier and seconded by Hotop to fill the vacancy. Nomination of Trisha Hopper was made by Hope and seconded by Wondra to fill the vacancy. Ballots were distributed. The results of the ballots were Directors Wondra, DiPrima and Ross casting their ballots for Joshua Wykert, Directors Steffensmeier and Hotop casting their ballots for Brad Menke and Director Hope casting a ballot for Trisha Hopper. The Oath of Office was administered and Director Wykert responded to the oath with “I will.”


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Times: 1 hour, 2 times per week.

If interested and for more information, please call Tammy at 319-372-8043.

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LEROY R. MOELLER

Leroy R. Moeller, 77, of Keokuk, formerly of Salem, Iowa, passed away at 2:38 p.m., Sunday, February 3, 2019, at Unity Point - Keokuk. Born on May 19, 1941, on the family farm in rural Salem, Iowa, the son of Stacy and Gwenndoline (Pauly) Moeller. Survivors include three brothers: James (Eileen) Moeller of Washington, Iowa, Bernard (Donna) Moeller of Keota, Iowa and Robert Moeller of West Point, Iowa; three sisters: Glen (Ruth Ann) Taylor of Fort Madison, Iowa, Ron (Barb) Niehaus of Sperry, Iowa and Carol Kulpa of Newton, Iowa. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister: Francine; one sister-in-law: Florence Moeller; two brothers-in-law: Walt Kulpa and Al Smith and one nephew Daniel Moeller.

Leroy was a member of St. John’s Catholic Church in Houghton, Iowa. He enjoyed farming, raising cattle and hogs, singing, drawing, fishing, Mustang cars, playing pool and especially visiting with people uptown Salem. Friends may call between 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point, Iowa. The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 7, 2019, at John the Baptist Catholic Church in Houghton, Iowa.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 7, 2019, at St. John’s Catholic Church in Houghton with Father Bruce DeRammelaere as Celebrant. Burial will be at St. John’s Cemetery in Houghton.

Memorials have been established in his memory for St. John’s Catholic Church or Dave’s Place in Keokuk. Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences to the family may be made at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

02/01/19 – 12:00 – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1000 block of Avenue O. Lee Clark, Jr., 26 of Fort Madison was arrested for failure to appear and a charge of disorderly conduct. He was held in custody.

02/02/19 – 11:44 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Adam James Huss, 30, of Fort Madison at the Lee County Jail on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was held in custody.

02/02/19 – 8:02 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested William Jay Kirchherr, Jr., 29, of Burlington, at the Lee County Jail on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was held in custody.

02/03/19 – 7:06 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested Kayla Kristine Lewis, 29, of Danville, at the sheriff’s office on a charge of simple assault. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on a promise to appear.

Three occupants of Johnson’s vehicle were transported to Fort Madison Community Hospital for injuries by Lee County EMS. Schau was cited for failure to maintain control. No other injuries were reported at the scene.

02/02/19 – 8:02 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff’s deputies arrested David Michael Omiatek, II, 19, of Fort Madison in the 5200 block of River Valley Road, on warrants for controlled substance violations (2x) and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

02/02/19 – 12:15 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Terry Lee Clark, Jr., 26 of Fort Madison, in the 4500 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released upon citation.

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Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

02/03/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call and one false alarm.

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