

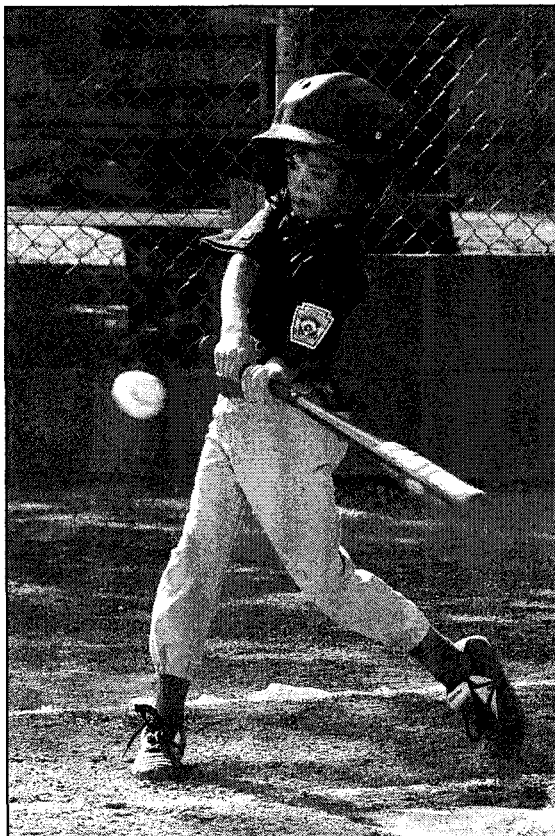
The Woodlands



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December 2007

Baseball/Softball Signups are Here!



LOCHLAINN CASEY

Continental Little League (CLL) is the baseball/softball Little League that serves the Woodlands youth! CLL provides a vehicle for children to learn the fundamentals of baseball as well as team spirit, friendship, and the wonders of personal achievement. All children will receive instruction to teach them the sport, but the main goal of CLL is to ensure that the children who play in the program have fun and fond memories of Little League. CLL is a non-profit organization run strictly by volunteers who are committed to fostering the well being of children through youth sports.

Practice typically begins in early February, with the season starting the last week of March. All regular season games will be completed by June 6th. Tournament of Champions can run to late June and the International All Star Tournament begins in July.

Interested families can sign up online at <http://eteamz.active.com/Continentalbaseball/>, or go to Ygnacio Valley Elementary School on the following dates and times:

Saturday, November 10th from 10 AM to 1 PM

Wednesday, November 14th from 7 to 9 PM

Wednesday, November 28th from 7 to 9 PM

and.....Saturday, December 1st from 10 AM to 1 PM

Fees: Peanuts (age 5-6) \$115, Baseball (7-12) \$165, Girls softball (6-18) \$165, Juniors and Seniors (13-18) \$175



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A Little Help Along The Way

The Woodlands Association is seeking additional board members to help serve our community. As many of you know, we are an all-volunteer organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Woodlands through civic activities. All Woodlands residents over the age of 18 are eligible to serve on the Board. Currently, we are seeking individuals with interests in communications, advertising, financial management, and community outreach. If you or someone you know is interested in helping, please contact us through the website. www.WoodlandsAssn.org

December Performances @ The Valle Verde MUR



December 12, 2007 Valle Verde Junior Choir :2nd-3rd Grade Singers: **Holiday Concert 2007 @ 7pm FREE !**

December 14, 2007 FUNKMODE Presentation: **Alice in Wonderland @ 7pm \$10 admission @ the door !**

December 18, 2007 Valle Verde Chorus: 4th-5th Grade Singers **Holiday Concert 2007 @7pm FREE !**

NORTHGATE MENS BASKETBALL! 14th ANNUAL HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT PLEASE JOIN THE MENS VARSITY TEAM IN HOSTING THIS CLASSIC

The tournament begins Wednesday, December 5th through Sunday December 8th.

Other teams include: Castro Valley, College Park, Las Lomas, Clayton Valley, Santa Rosa, Rodriquez, and San Ramon.

On Wednesday, Dec. 5th, and Thursday, Dec. 6th, the game times will be 6:00 and 7:30 P.M. Friday, Dec. 7th games will be at 3:30, 5:00, 6:30 and 8:00 P.M. Saturday Dec. 8th games will be at 2:00, 3:30, 5:00 and 7:00 P.M. For information please contact: **Dave Lynch at dl1219@att.com**



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Board email ID's can be found at www.WoodlandsAssn.org

Upcoming Board Meetings

**Saturday, December 1st
 and
 Saturday, January 5th**

8:15am in Carl's Jr.
 Conference Room

Woodlands residents
 are encouraged to
 attend board meetings

School News

Source: Foothill e-Gazette 11/7/07

From the Foothill Library

Our next Principal's Book Club meetings will be toward the end of the 2nd quarter:

Gr. 8 on Wednesday, Jan 9 to talk about *The Schwa Was Here* by Shusterman

Gr. 7 on Wednesday, Jan. 9 to talk about *Worth* by LaFaye

Gr. 6 on Friday, Jan. 11 to talk about *Worth* by LaFaye

Most 7th and 8th grade students can earn extra credit for the second quarter from their English teachers by reading the book to be discussed and coming to the meeting!

The **Young Author's Showcase** will be held sometime in April. Have your child begin thinking about collecting their poems or writing a short story or recollection of a meaningful event in their lives, What a great way to save a once in a life time memory! Works must be original. Books made by students must be bound and have a title page and students may do their projects individually or with one other partner.

The 8th grades had a very nice author visit and book signing with author, Scott Westerfeld, who wrote the science fiction *Uglies* series.

Usefull Websites:

www.incompetech.com/beta/plainGraphPaper/ --prints out graph paper

<http://www.bookadventure.org/> --From Sylvan Learning, it is free. Students read on their own and take the quizzes. Students have to sign up with parent permission. See website for more information.

Sports Activities

Keep up to date with Griffin Sports by visiting the

sports page on the Foothill PFA website at <http://www.mdusd.k12.ca.us/foothill/staff/pfa/Sports.htm>

Intramural Basketball for 6th, 7th & 8th grade began Nov 6th - no try out required

Foothill Sports Signup forms can be picked up in the Sports office after school in the Foothill Gym open 2:30-6:00 Monday through Friday (opens 1:30 on Wednesdays) or contact Donald Scully III (256-3539) or call the Sports Hotline at 925-943-5899 x7586.

Interested in playing Girls basketball in High School? Want to meet Northgate's Varsity players and coaches? Northgate Girls Basketball program is proud to present "Play Hard Academy" for Jr. Hoopers grades 3rd - 8th. Improve your basketball skills while meeting the Northgate coaching staff and varsity players. Sign up NOW and become a JUNIOR BRONCO! Go to <http://www.leaguelineup.com/calstars/files/Play%20Hard%20Academy.pdf> to complete the registration form.

Walnut Creek LaCrosse (Boys & Girls) - Spring 2008 Registration now open, For more information about our club and online registration visit our website at [ww.walnutcreeklacrosse.com](http://www.walnutcreeklacrosse.com)

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My Space...again!

After 2 years of relative quiet, we have begun to see some issues around the use of MySpace surfacing once again on campus. These issues have centered around inappropriate language, harassment and student to student conflict.

Parents, please be aware that the use of MySpace is for those 14 years and older. If you do allow your child on MySpace, we strongly recommend that you monitor their use closely. We have found for the most part that once parents see what goes on in MySpace, they often either monitor its use regularly, or have their child stop using it altogether. The choice is certainly yours, but our desire is that every parent has an awareness of this popular site.

Mr. Dial, Vice Principal

Adopt-A-Family - Sponsored by Foothill's CJSF Club

The Adopt-A-Family has been a tradition at Foothill in the past and we would like to continue the tradition. This year CJSF will once again be running the program and we have adopted seven families. We need your help and support to make our Adopt-A-Family program successful this year. We will have cards available before school and during both lunches for students to pick an item to purchase and bring back to school unwrapped. Students will need to bring their permission slip signed by a parent to be able to participate. These slips were passed out at school. If you do not wish to purchase a gift, a donation is welcome. We ask that gifts be brought to room A8 before school starting Tuesday, November 13th through Friday, December 7th.

We hope you will find it in your hearts to help us. Together we can make a difference for those less fortunate. CJSF wishes you and your family a wonderful holiday season and thanks you in advance for your support.

Foothill Career Day

Career Day will be held on Tuesday, April 8th, 2008.

Students will have the opportunity to hear speakers from a variety of different professions. More details will be forthcoming.

If you are interested in being a volunteer or a speaker for Career Day, or know of someone who will like to participate, please contact any of the co-chairs listed below:

Gladys Moore ; Carolyn Dossa ; or Petra Chequer .

Parent Education at Northgate

November 29th at 7:30PM

Parent Education Night on November 29th, at 7:30 in the Little Theater will deal directly with the issue of teens and stress. Dr. Marge Joenhk will speak on "Anxiety and Academic Stress, Listening to our Teens".

These speaker series are free to the community. If you would like to learn more about the Parent Action Team and the crisis counseling program, please email PAT President [Monica Fitzgerald](#).

Increased Contributions for All Who Take Medical Benefits and Salary Increases over Three-Year Contract

Since we last wrote about teacher negotiations, the school district has abandoned its plans to place a parcel tax on the ballot because of a lack of support from teachers and the community. They have also begun discussions on budget cuts to afford raises and benefits for the school district employees.

We are aware and concerned about teacher retention in MDUSD because of the lack of medical coverage, and we are pleased that the District has recognized this issue must be addressed. We are providing the information below to help disseminate the most current information on teacher negotiations. It should be noted that our printing this article as a public service does not imply endorsement of the terms of the following proposal.

On Friday, November 16, the Mt. Diablo Unified School District delivered a new official proposal to MDEA that would substantially increase the District's contribution for all employees who take medical benefits and would provide salary increases over the term of a three-year contract.

District Proposes to Establish "Supplemental Benefit Allowance" for All Medical Plan Participants—Unprecedented in California

The District proposes to establish direct District dollar contributions on behalf of all employees who participate in District medical plans. This means that the District is offering to take the unprecedented step of returning to direct employer contributions for the purchase of benefits after MDEA's choice to place "health benefit dollars" on the salary schedule. No other district in the State of California that has the same system MDEA chose has later offered to provide additional money for the purchase of benefits.

Under the new offer, the District would contribute the following amounts annually toward the purchase of medical benefits on behalf of employees:

January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008:	\$3,000 per employee
January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009:	\$4,000 for employee coverage \$5,000 for employee+1 coverage \$6,000 for family coverage
January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010:	\$4,300 for employee coverage \$8,500 for employee+1 coverage \$11,000 for family coverage

The 2010 level of District contributions would continue in future years until or unless modified by a subsequent negotiated agreement between the District and MDEA. The District would continue to pay for the full cost of vision and dental benefits. This proposal reflects the goal of the District and the Board of Education to offset out-of-pocket costs for health benefits on an equitable basis for all MDEA unit members who take those benefits through the District.

Salary Increases

In addition to the above, the District proposes to increase salaries by 1% effective January 1, 2009, and by an additional 1% effective January 1, 2010. This is above and beyond the District's continued payment of step-and-column cost, which equals about a 1.5% annual salary increase.

Total Compensation Increase Over Three Years = 10.89+%

The health and welfare (H&W) benefit contributions and salary increases summarized above would equal the following percentage increases in total compensation over the term of a three-year contract (not even counting the 1.5% annual step-and-column cost increases or the increased cost of vision and dental benefits):

2007-2008:	3.79%* (H&W increase)
2008-2009:	3.23% (2.23%* H&W increase + 1% salary increase)
2009-2010:	3.87% (2.87%* H&W increase + 1% salary increase)

** These percentage amounts could be more or less depending on how many employees elect to participate in the District's medical plan. These percentage amounts are based on MDEA members' current participation in the District's dental plan.*

For full details see the following URL: www.mdusd.k12.ca.us/inews/negotiations/NegoNews_v1_n11.pdf

Fall Leaves



It's that time of year again. The cool winds are blowing, the trees are showing their beautiful fall colors and that can mean only one thing: time for the Woodlands Association to re-run the annual article about cleaning up your leaves. According to John Johnston, the City of Walnut Creek Street Maintenance Supervisor, leaves that fall on a homeowner's property should be collected and disposed of by the homeowner. Blowing or raking leaves into the street with the hopes that the city will come by and pick them up is not an acceptable disposal method. And although in years past the city has had a special "Leaf Pickup Day" for the Woodlands neighborhood, it is not a guaranteed annual event. We in the Woodlands found this out the hard way last year as many residents created giant piles of leaves in the street in anticipation of a leaf cleanup day that never came. In some cases the giant

leaf piles were left in the street to create messes for neighbors and clog storm drains. And even if the city does have a Leaf Pickup Day for the Woodlands, according to Mr. Johnston this event is designed to pick up leaves that fall naturally into the street, it is not designed to collect leaves that homeowners purposely remove from their property and pile in the street. Leaf piles in the street of more than two or three inches high will cause street sweepers to clog and malfunction, so the operators are instructed to go around them. To avoid this problem dispose of your leaves - the green waste container is ideal for leaf disposal. If you have too many leaves for the green waste container consider bagging and saving leaves, then disposing of a couple of bags per week. Mulching is another excellent option for getting rid of numerous fall leaves. So collect and dispose of those leaves - it creates a nicer neighborhood and less work for your neighbors and the city. For questions or more information you may contact John Johnston, City of Walnut Creek Street Maintenance Supervisor, at (925)943-5899 extension 444, or email him at Johnston@walnut-creek.org.

Measure 'A' Creating Some Challenges

On November 15, the City of Walnut Creek Planning Commission held a hearing on a developer request to change their long-standing interpretation of Measure 'A' to allow a higher building height at one location in the City. Measure 'A' was passed by the voters of Walnut Creek in 1985 to freeze building heights at a time when rapid office building development was under way. In general terms, it stated that building heights in place at the time the ordinance was passed could not be exceeded without approval of the electorate. Since that time, numerous projects have come before the Planning Commission and City Council that were constrained by the Measure 'A' height limitations, and most have worked through the constraints to become successful projects within the Measure 'A' limits. In a few instances, however, developers have raised concerns about unintended consequences of Measure 'A'. One location, the former Co-Op site at the corner of Geary and North Main is a classic example. Redevelopment of this site has been considered numerous times over the past two decades and nothing has worked out, in large part due to the 20-foot building height limit imposed by Measure 'A'.

A developer with an option to purchase this site requested that the City change their consistent interpretation of Measure 'A' from a height limitation set by parcel to one set only by zoning category, so long as the category existed in 1985. Several speakers made comments on this proposal. Many noted that the Co-Op site is an 'eyesore' or 'blighted' property, but none supported the proposed approach to remedy this problem. The Planning Commission also agreed that the Co-Op site is in great need of redevelopment but unanimously rejected the proposed approach as inappropriate and not in keeping with the will of the voters. They did, however, request that City staff prepare a summary of sites that are victims of unintended consequences from Measure 'A'. It was suggested that following a review of such parcels, a ballot measure may be considered to correct these problems, although no decision on the need for a ballot measure was made at this time. We will continue to monitor this issue as it progresses because it has the potential to affect areas in the vicinity of our neighborhood.



WOODLANDS CRIME REPORT

*Thank you to John Gregory
for compiling this report from the WCPD website*

- 07-24592 10/14/07 12:14:45 500 Bl Banyan Cr (Redacted 01) Possible Lost Wallet.. Dispo: (Redacted 01) As Reported. Incident Only Lost Property 3 80 –
- 07-24721 10/16/07 00:55:07 Citrus Av / Oak Grove Rd Unopened Case Of Foam Cups Found In The Roadway.. Dispo: They Did Not Belong To Nob Hill. No Other Businesses Open. Booked Into Property. Found Property 3 70 Mangini
- 07-24827 10/17/07 10:32:55 Citrus Av / Sugarberry Ln Reports Suspicious Wma Late 20's Blk Hair, Blk Shorts. Walking With Child And Was Hitting Him In The Head. Child Wm Juv Drk Hair. Cc Water Truck And Employees On Scene And Can Advise Further Per Rp.. Dispo: Information Provided To East Bay Regional. Ebrppd Called Back To Cancel Area Check Req Susp. Circumstance 3 80 Mauro
- 07-24830 10/17/07 10:47:44 3600 Bl Citrus Av Barking Dog For A Few Hours. Rp Is Neighbor. Dispo: Unable To Get Dog To Stop Barking. Complaint Notice Left. Residents Not Home. Noise Complaint 3 80 Mauro
- 07-25124 10/20/07 14:35:33 3400 Bl Citrus Av Requesting Advice Re Sister Who Is Upset At Him. **21**. Dispo: On-Going Family Dispute. Contacted Female Who Advised There Were No Problems & She Had No Intent Of Harming Anybody. Civil Matter 3 80 Sadler
- 07-25338 10/23/07 11:23:00 3500 Bl Bayberry Dr Reports Raj. (Redacted 01). Dispo: Child Accounted For. Has Communication W/Mom. R/P Wanted Advice At This Time. Service To Citizen 3 80 Kan
- 07-25429 10/24/07 12:57:23 3600 Bl Perada Dr Reports Susp Veh In The Area, Driving Slowly. Teal Ford Must (Redacted 03) Has Hole On The Pass Side Door. Occ By 2 Males, 20's, Shaved Head. Ls On Peachwillow By Valley Verde. Reg Of Veh Exp 5-8-07. Dispo: Unable To Locate, Checked Peachwillow, Citrus, Perada Areas. Susp. Circumstance 3 80 Keeler
- 07-25438 10/24/07 14:55:33 Citrus Av / Oak Grove Rd 20-25 Subj 415 Physical. Dispo: All Parties Were Gone On Arrival. Susp. Circumstance 3 70 Rebelo
- 07-25474 10/24/07 22:32:07 100 Bl Rock Oak Ct Rps Son Heard A Noise, Looked Outside And Saw Dark Hond Poss Prelude Drive Away. Rps Veh Now Broken Into. Vic Veh: Toyt Tundra. Veh Ls Eb On Rock Oak.. Dispo: As Reported. Vic Veh Sil, 03 Toy Tun P/U 7g84671. Poe: Driver's Door-Unknown Method. Loss: Metal File Box W/ Ppwk. Burglary 3 80 Mangini
- 07-25597 10/26/07 12:23:26 400 Bl Candleberry Rd Reports Transient Entered Someones Backyard, Unk If Anybody Is Home There Or Not. Subj Still There, No Vchs Outside. Wma 510 240 35 Yrs Gry Shirt Jeans. Rp No Longer Has Visual. Has Been Back There 1 Hr.. Dispo: Determined Son Hambley And Goodrich Were Actually Living There. Susp. Circumstance 3 80 Jeha
- 07-25617 10/26/07 17:28:17 Sugarberry Ln / Citrus Av Reports A Suspicious Subject Sitting In An Older Model Tan Vehicle. Hma, Drk Sunglasses Sitting For Over An Hour Ifo A House On Sugarberry.. Dispo: Determined Subject Was Visiting Friend At 3640 Sugarberry Service To Citizen 3 80 Godinez
- 07-25673 10/27/07 10:34:30 600 Bl Banyan Ln Reports 653m. 3 Calls Today, All 3 Intended For His Juvenile Son, Two Messages Left On Answering Machine Today.. Dispo: Rp Stated 3 Calls So Far Kids Mocking Son(Redacted 01) Harassing Phone Calls 3 80 Jeha
- 07-25756 10/28/07 09:56:10 300 Bl Rock Oak Rd Reports She Saw Some Juvs Doing Graffiti To A St Sign On Friday. Rp Knows The Resps And States She Just Thought Of Notifying Pd Today. Req Contact Via 21(Redacted 01). Dispo: Street Sign Tagged Bayberry/Rock Oak Vandalism 3 80 Norlund
- 07-25885 10/29/07 17:52:07 Oak Grove Rd / Peachwillow Ln Reports 10852 To Blk Honda Civic. Subj In A Gry Ford Taurus Or Similar Threw A Can Of Bonding Foam, Rp Ran Over It And It Sprayed Undercarriage. Occrd 10/27/07 1730 Hrs. ** Veh Parked In Pd Lot **. Dispo: No Permanent Damage To Veh Susp. Circumstance 3 70 Rohwer
- 07-25926 10/30/07 10:17:28 300 Bl Peppertree Rd Reports Suspicious Subj Riding A Bike Slowly Through The Neighborhood. Subj Has Been By Rp's Home 8x. Wma Late 30s Gry Vest On Dk Colored Bike.. Dispo: Utl Goa Susp. Circumstance Inv Mauro
- 07-25929 10/30/07 10:29:56 Citrus Av / Oak Grove Rd Request Welfare Check On Female In A Bge Merz, Rp Pulled Over Suddenly. Unk If Mech Problem W/ Veh Or Driver Has A Medical Issue.. Dispo: Goa Miscellaneous Traffic 3 70 Mauro
- 07-26119 11/01/07 15:36:27 3400 Bl Citrus Av Rp States She Is The Conservator Of The Estate, Stating She Was Called By A Daughter Of The Elderly Father Who Is In A Verbal Argument With The Other Daughter, Both On Scene. No Known Weapons.. Dispo: Mediation Provided Susp. Circumstance 3 80 Thompson
- 07-26125 11/01/07 16:47:38 3000 Bl Citrus Cr Reports Unwanted Female Refusing To Leave.. Dispo: Subject Was Goa And Ofc Was Not Able To Contact The Business Owner. Service To Citizen 3 80 Thompson
- 07-26213 11/02/07 18:11:51 Oak Grove Rd / Citrus Av 11-82, Both Parties Exchanged Info And Now The Rp Found Out The Insurance The Other Driver Gave Was Bogus. Request A 21 For Advice.. Dispo: Advice Given On 11-82 That Occurred Two Weeks Earlier. Service To Citizen 3 70 Donleavy
- 07-26269 11/03/07 12:08:18 600 Bl Joshua Ct Reports Her Son (Redacted 01) Was In A Verb 415 With Her And Refuses To Listen To Her When She Attempts To Punish Him.(Redacted 01). Dispo: Determined Juv Was Not A Danger To Self At This Time. Advice Given To Call If He Gets Violent Welfare Check 3 80 Jeha
- 07-26360 11/04/07 15:16:39 3400 Bl Citrus Av Rp Is A Live In Caregiver And States The Subj She Is Caring For Told Her To Leave Or He Was Going To HARM HER.. Dispo: Determined No Threats. Daughter (Redacted 01) Is Ok With Father Being With His Girlfriend Tonight. See Add. Notes. Civil Matter 3 80 Rabinowitz
- 07-26402 11/05/07 10:18:11 3500 Bl Citrus Av Faxed Report Of Missing Property Report Sent Friday November 2.. Dispo: Unable To Get Ahold Of The Rp For An Officer To Make A Report Fax Left In Dispatch. Lft Msg For The Rp To Call Dispatch. Susp. Circumstance 3 80 –
- 07-26414 11/05/07 11:48:19 600 Bl Sitka Dr Reports Credit Card Fraud. (Redacted 01). Dispo: Id Theft Out Of N Carolina. Charge Never Went Through. Order Made To Staples. Staples To Be Contacted For Further. Assist Agency 3 80 Mauro
- 07-26719 11/09/07 08:29:07 3500 Bl Perada Dr 911 Hang Up Static Only, Now Line Is Busy.. Dispo: Phone Error Occurred When Resident Dialed Phone Company To Report Recent Problems With The Line. 9-1-1 Hangup 3 80 Watson
- 07-26852 11/10/07 18:18:21 3200 Bl Peachwillow Ln Reports Hearing 20 Possible Gunshots. Dispo: Determined To Be Fireworks. No Damage To School. Subject(S) Goa On Arrival And Utl. Service To Citizen 3 80 Godinez
- 07-26927 11/11/07 17:32:24 200 Bl Dogwood Dr Rpts Recieving A Susp Email That Was Directed To Rp's 8 Yo Daughter. Email States That The Subj Has Been Watching Her And Wants To Be Her Bf (Redacted 01). Dispo: Father Received An Email Regarding His 8 Yr Old Daughter That Was Suspicious/Harassing. Harassing Phone Calls 3 80 Vevera
- 07-27007 11/12/07 18:45:29 Bayberry Dr / Perada Dr Reports 5-6 Vchs Parked In The No Parking After-Hours Zone.. Dispo: Ccc Search And Rescue Doing Training Exercises. Rp Contacted. Service To Citizen 3 80 Gerstner

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