The inside of the RV is so comfortable that the couple say they really aren’t lonesome for home yet.

In between, the traveling duo has logged about 250 to 400 miles per week as they head west. Right now, they are enjoying New Mexico, after spending almost a month in Texas — a state which they really loved because of all the different terrains and topography.

“Who knew there were mountains in Texas?” said Tom. “We thought we were going to get stuck there in the upper elevations with snow.”

For the winter, the couple is planning to stick around California, Nevada and New Mexico. They hope to take advantage of boondocking: RV camping on federally owned land for 14 days at a time, essentially for free.

“In order to make this work long-term, we’ve got to keep our lodging costs down,” said Tom. One of the challenges early in this adventure has been to remember that this is not a vacation; this is their life.

“For the first two months, it has felt like a vacation, so you’re tempted to do all the things you do on vacation, like eat out, visit attractions,” said Rochelle. “We’re trying not to do all that, but still finding the fun. You have to be creative.”

One of their favorite spots has been Big Ben National Park in Texas, because of a spectacular 12½-mile hike. A more challenging encounter was Rochelle’s recent encounter with a rattlesnake.

A key to successful long-term RV’ing is to get along with your spouse, when you’re together 24 hours a day. “You can’t just take off, because there’s no place to go,” said Rochelle.

“We’re learning better communication skills,” added Tom. Another interesting challenge was preparing Thanksgiving dinner in their RV, while camping in Texas. “It took three hours to cook a turkey tenderloin in our camper oven, plus cheesy potatoes and other side casseroles,” said Rochelle.

Cooking, cleaning and dishwashing are Rochelle’s domain, while Tom handles the mechanical side of the RV and driving.

The Joneses don’t know exactly where this RV travel will take them in the future, but it has taught them both that the world is full of possibilities.

“If you want to do it, you can do it,” said Rochelle.
**There is always hope**

On July 28, 1974, I married my high school sweetheart. Denis and I had dated throughout our senior year of high school. After graduation in 1970, we continued dating and had great fun. Our first apartment was in a complex adjacent to a shopping center. At the corner of that shopping center was a dance club called ‘Haymakers.’ We could hear the live music from our balcony. Sometimes we would go down to the bar for a drink and listen to a new band called ‘Cheap Trick.’ Perhaps you’ve heard of them.

About six months after our nice church wedding, Denis did a ‘Jekyll and Hyde’ on me and to this day, I have no idea why. He became violent, not physically at first, but he had a sharp tongue that cut me to the quick. I became an emotional basket case and was always worried that something I might say or do would set him off, because it often did. Although he didn’t attack me physically (except once), he would get so angry that he would destroy everything in our apartment — furniture, dishes, pictures on the wall — anything he could get his hands on. He even took his own glasses off and smashed them into smithereens under his shoe. I sometimes wished he would hit me because bruises eventually heal — emotional scars do not.

He did, of course, always apologize. I always forgave him and life moved on, until the next time. It got to the point where I was happy when he would go out for the night with his friends. I did worry though when he didn’t come home, often sick to my stomach, that he was in an accident or didn’t come home, often sick to my stomach, that he was in an accident or something equally as terrible. After a while though, it got to the point where I would worry that if he did die in an accident, would I be able to pretend like the grieving wife. Nice, huh?

One Christmas morning, Denis came into the bedroom where I was getting dressed, pulled back a closed blind and punched me in the face (that’s the once I mentioned above). Why? Because he didn’t want to spend the day with my family. We did go to my parents’ house, but I never said anything. I never said anything to anyone about what was going on — that was the problem. No one knew what I was going through.

After he hit me, I knew that this was never going to change and I had to get out — because if I didn’t I might kill me some day. With the help of my family and some good friends, I did get out. I rarely talk about this, but I am telling the story today because we’re in the midst of the holidays again, a time when depression rears its ugly head for many people. Some of our news stories of late show that there are people hurting out there.

I want people in that emotional, mental place to know that there is hope. There is life after abuse, there is life after every hurtful situation you may be going through.

Had I not finally broke my silence and confided in family and friends, I would not be where I am today, happily married to Mike Hogan for nearly 29 years, and stepmother and mother to four adult sons of whom I am very proud.

Since leaving Denis, I was able to travel extensively. I also have enjoyed three very different and successful careers in my lifetime, including the one I have now, I could go on and on, but rest assured, my life is good.

So, no matter how bad and hopeless your life seems today, that’s how good it can be if you allow — force yourself to confide in someone and get the help you need. If you know of or to the point where I suspect needs help, please reach out to them.

There is always hope!

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**Business briefs**

**WELLBRIDGE OF FENTON RECEIVES 5-STAR RATING**

Wellbridge of Fenton has recently obtained a 5-star rating, the highest possible, from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The rating is based on recent health inspections, facility staffing and quality measures. “I am extremely proud of all of our staff for their hard work and dedication. We look forward to continuing to provide quality services to the Fenton community,” said Ryan Michelson, executive director. Located at 901 Pine Creek Dr. in Fenton, Wellbridge of Fenton is a 100-bed, state-of-the-art skilled nursing facility specializing in short-term rehabilitation. Features include private suites, physical, occupational and speech therapies seven days a week, along with a full-service salon, chef-prepared meals and Starbucks coffee. Call (810) 616-4100 to schedule a tour or stop by and experience their EPIC services.
Where do you buy your medicine?

By Vera Hogan

A new app shows where prescription drug users can get the best price. 

The following, according to webmd.com, are the top prescribed and purchased drugs in America. 

Where people buy their medications often depends on where they can get them at the best price, especially if their insurance doesn’t cover all or part of the cost. 

**GoodRX**

There is a free app that prescription drug users may want to check out on their smartphones. It’s called GoodRX, and can also be accessed online at goodrx.com.

The app allows users to see which retailer and/or pharmacy has the best prices on particular prescription drugs.

For example, the lowest prices for the Advair Diskus, which is used by millions of asthma and COPD sufferers, are at:

Target = $350.68 (with free online coupon). Estimated cash price is $415.

Walmart = $352.74 (with discount). No cash price listed.

Rite-Aid = $358.87 (with free online coupon). Estimated cash price is $358.87.

CVS Pharmacy = $362.87 (with free online coupon). Estimated cash price is $362.87.

This was just one example of prescription drugs listed at GoodRX or goodrx.com.

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**Seasonal Affective Disorder affects 10 million Americans**

By Hannah Ball

Also known as SAD, Seasonal Affective Disorder is a type of depression related to the change in seasons, specifically winter.

Affecting 10 million Americans, this disorder upsets a person’s circadian rhythm, and serotonin and melatonin levels, according to psychologytoday.com.

Starting in the fall when daylight becomes more scarce, this disorder takes a lot of energy from people, making them feel moody or sad. It also causes a lack of interest in their usual activities, decreased concentration of abilities, and can cause changes in appetite or weight, according to mayoclinic.com. These symptoms are tied to getting less sunlight and a vitamin D deficiency.

While it’s more common during winter, this disorder affects people in the summer as well. Their symptoms may include depression, trouble sleeping, weight loss, poor appetite, and agitation or anxiety.

SAD is more common in women than men, and more common in younger people. Mayo Clinic suggests going to your doctor if you suffer from SAD, especially if you experience trouble sleeping or weight loss or gain.

Here are treatments known to counteract the effects of SAD:

**Light therapy**

In what’s also called phototherapy, a patient will sit a few feet from a special light therapy box with a bright light. This tricks your body into thinking it’s getting more sunlight. It should start working in a few days to two weeks, and is known to be a safe and effective way to deal with the disorder.

**Drugs**

The antidepressant bupropion is popular for people suffering from SAD. A doctor may recommend you begin taking the pill before your symptoms start. These antidepressants may take a few weeks to be effective.

**Psychotherapy**

Psychotherapy, also called talk therapy, can help someone identify and change negative thoughts and behaviors, learn healthy ways to cope with SAD, and help someone develop healthy ways to manage stress.

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- Crestor (rosuvastatin), 21.4 million
- Ventolin HFA (albuterol), 18.2 million
- Nexium (esomeprazole), 15.2 million
- Advair Diskus (fluticasone), 13.7 million
- Lantus Solostar (insulin glargine), 10.9 million
- Vyvanse (lisdexamfetamine), 10.4 million
- Lyrica (pregabalin), 10.0 million
- Spiriva Handihaler (tiotropium), 9.6 million
- Januvia (sitagliptin), 9.1 million

**THE TOP 10 MEDS BY SALES ARE:**

- Humira (adalimumab), $8.2 billion
- Ability (aripiprazole), $7.9 billion
- Sovaldi (sofosbuvir), $6.9 billion
- Crestor (rosuvastatin), $5.9 billion
- Enbrel (etanercept), $5.9 billion
- Harvoni (ledipasvir and sofosbuvir), $5.3 billion
- Nexium (esomeprazole), $5.3 billion
- Advair Diskus (fluticasone), $4.7 billion
- Lantus Solostar (insulin glargine), $4.7 billion
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As they fulfill the social obligations of the holiday season, many people find themselves spending less time at home. Consumer Reports notes that individuals spend a great deal of time shopping for gifts come the holiday season. Americans engage in 15 hours of shopping on average, with women spending twice as long as their male counterparts (20 hours versus 10). In addition, the average person devotes 10 or more hours to wrapping and returning gifts.

Holiday shopping can monopolize people’s time away from home during the months of November and December, and some shoppers wonder how they become so disconnected from other activities, including family time, that they cherish throughout the rest of the year. One way to tackle holiday shopping without sacrificing time with family and friends is to make holiday shopping a social event.

- **Invite friends or family along.** Recreate the days of your youth when it was fun to meet friends at the mall and scour the shops. Plan a meeting location and have an itinerary in place. Divide shopping lists so that everyone shares the task of shopping and fatigue doesn’t set in prematurely.
- **Make lunch or dinner part of the day.** Incorporate refueling into your shopping plans. Failure to eat or drink can lead to hunger pangs and test shoppers’ patience, two factors that are seldom conducive to successful shopping. Having an end goal to meet friends or family at a nearby restaurant — even a dining location right within the mall — can inspire intrepid shoppers to get their work done promptly. Reward yourself for a job well done over a tasty meal and maybe a cocktail. Just be sure to indulge responsibly.
- **Break up the day with a flick.** Many malls also play home to movie theaters. Plan your shopping around the movie schedule so you can take a two-hour break to rest and relax in the theater. Chances are you’ll come out of the film relaxed, refreshed and ready to tackle the rest of your shopping list.

- **Make it a date night.** The thought of shopping may not conjure up ideas of romance, but if time is short, couples can use shopping excursions as an opportunity to spend time together. Visit a coffee shop or a bar for a nightcap afterward and enjoy some one-on-one time. Parents can enlist the help of a babysitter to keep children entertained while they enjoy some uninterrupted time with each other.

Shoppers fill the days leading to the holidays. Make the most of such excursions by inviting friends and family along.

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While holiday shoppers are often enthusiastic about finding great gifts for their loved ones, many are decidedly less excited about wrapping those gifts. Many holiday shoppers spend hours wrapping gifts each year, and as gift lists grow, so does the amount of time needed to get all of those presents wrapped, hidden, packaged and/or shipped. Shoppers can employ the following strategies to make the process go much more smoothly and to reduce gift wrap-related anxiety.

- **Relearn the basics.** Some people may think they know how to wrap gifts, only to realize it’s harder than it looks once the paper, scissors and Scotch tape come out. Relearn the basics by viewing online tutorials prior to wrapping gifts so the lessons learned remain fresh in your mind. Learn how to wrap standard clothing gift boxes and recognize that such boxes can often be used to house oddly-shaped items.

- **Wrap as you buy.** Instead of getting bogged down with wrapping all in one evening, wrap presents as you purchase them. This ensures that you don’t leave everything for the last minute and reduces the likelihood that curious kids or inquisitive spouses discover gifts before the big day.

- **Work on a hard surface.** It may be tempting to lay everything out on your bed and wrap gifts while you’re binge-watching the latest Netflix series. But hard surfaces make the best places to wrap gifts. This ensures there won’t be any wrinkles in the paper and that you won’t lose supplies in the bedspread.

- **Rely on double-sided tape.** For that professional look, invest in some double-sided tape so you will not have any unsightly tape lines.

- **Keep all of your supplies together.** Store wrapping paper, scissors, tags, tape, ribbons, and whatever else you may need to wrap gifts in one convenient location. This cuts down on time wasted hunting for supplies around the house.

- **Draw on plain gift boxes.** Make your own “wrapped gifts” by drawing or stenciling on plain gift boxes if you’re short on time.

- **Identify recipients by gift wrap.** Designate one gift wrap for each person on your shopping list. This way you can easily distinguish one person’s gifts from another’s. This can keep things more organized when sorting and visiting with friends and relatives later on.

- **Keep gift bags on hand.** Gift bags work in a pinch and make it easy to conceal gifts that are hard to wrap. Curious loved ones can easily peek inside gift bags, so be sure to wrap gifts in tissue paper before placing them in the bags.

- **Less is usually more.** Do not use too much paper when wrapping; otherwise, you will be left with bulky, sloppy folds. Before trimming the gift wrap from the roll, check that it overlaps the ends of the box by just a couple of inches. A sturdy paper will help you achieve crispier folds and prevent tears when wrapping. For the simplest wrapping design, try Kraft paper (brown mailing paper), which can be dressed up with ribbons, cutouts or stamps.

The process of wrapping holiday gifts can go much more smoothly when applying some time-tested tips and tricks.
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No written record exists to explain the origin of hanging stockings on fireplace mantles. Despite this, many people link the tradition to a tale about St. Nicholas. As that story goes, St. Nicholas was traveling through a village when he overheard the plight of three women. They were poor, and their father could not afford an ample dowry to marry them off. Rather than have them end up spinsters, St. Nicholas secretly tossed bags of coins through a window (or down the chimney, depending on which version of the story you read or hear), and they were captured in the girls’ stockings hanging to dry by the fire. The family was overjoyed to have received such riches.

Soon news traveled about the mysterious money in stockings, and other children left out stockings for St. Nicholas to capture their own gifts.

The tradition has transformed over the years, and now many children hang stockings by the chimney with the expectation that the stockings will be filled with gifts from Santa. Traditions once suggested that only gifts from Santa were left in stockings, while gifts placed beneath the tree were from family, but that has since changed.Stockings are now meant to hold small gifts while larger items are placed under the tree.

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2. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Waterways & Marine Safety Ordinance.

The second reading of the proposed ordinance will be conducted at the December 19, 2016 Fenton Township Board meeting.

A complete copy of the adopted and proposed ordinances may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The ordinances are also available on Fenton Township’s website at www.fentontownship.org.

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DATE: Tuesday, December 13, 2016
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: Argentine Township Hall
9048 Silver Lake Road
Linden MI 48451
(810) 735-5050

Purpose: To correct any of the errors in assessments and tax rates, to review claims of qualified homestead on properties and to review hardship/poverty/elderly claims.

Denise Graves,
Clerk, Argentine Township

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016**

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Tip #2: Sprinkle early. The sooner you apply an ice removal product, the better. At the first sign of snow or ice, sprinkle a thin layer on sidewalks and steps to prevent a sticky buildup.

Tip #3: Check effectiveness. The ice should begin to melt within 15 to 30 minutes. If it isn’t melting, the temperature may be too low for the deicer to be effective.

Tip #4: Pellets vs. liquid. Pellets or crystals are best for applying on top of ice, so they can melt their way straight down. Liquids are best applied as preventative measures.

Tip #5: Be aware of risks. Deicers and anti-icers can be harmful to humans, pets and your lawn, especially if they are over-applied. They can also interfere with the freeze-thaw cycles in concrete, damaging your driveway. The liquid layer can increase rusting of iron and steel. Use sparingly and apply properly.

Source: todayshomeowner.com
The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday December 5, 2016 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

1. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
2. Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
3. Approved the agenda as amended.
4. Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of $149,995.39.
5. Conducted a public hearing on the proposed 2017 Fenton Township Budget.
7. Postponed action on a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the PUD conditions for the redevelopment of the former Lang’s Marina property.
9. Conducted the first reading of a proposed Waterways & Marine Safety Ordinance.
10. Approved the sale of tax-reverted property, (common area in the Lakeside Acres subdivision), to the Lakeside Acres Subdivision Association.
11. Approved Resolution No. 2016-26, formally accepting four tax-reverted parcels of land from the Genesee County Treasurer.
13. Adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fenton township.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG
FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK

YCARON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS
HELD DECEMBER 6, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Mara Bunting-Smith, Clerk Marcella Husted, Trustees David Walker, Soren Pedersen, Chuck Schultz and Al Pool.
2. Approved the agenda as presented; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Received and placed on file Communications #1-4 as presented.
4. Discussed the need for insurance coverage in case of a data breach.
5. Approved the boundary realignment request for the Severns property on Runyan Lake Point.
6. Accepted the semi-annual HVAC Systems Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Macklin Mechanical for the cost of $780 per year.
7. Approved the Supervisor’s appointments of Cam Gonzalez to the Planning Commission (term expires 8/31/2019) and Al Pool as the Board’s ex-officio member to the Planning Commission (term expires 11/20/2020).
8. Approved the Supervisor’s appointments of Tam Lantzy, John Wiese, Eugene Rodgers, and Cam Gonzalez (alternate) to the Board of Review for 2 year terms to expire 12/31/2018.
9. Authorized the updates of the township’s office wireless firewall and security subscriptions for the cost of $1,259.00.
10. Established the office holiday schedule.
11. Adopted Resolution #161201 to opt-out of the Senate Bill # health insurance provision for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
13. Authorized the 2017 summer tax collection for the schools districts.
14. Agreed to let the township hall be a Pet Pantry year-round collection site.
16. Adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

The minutes of all regular and special Tyron Township Board Meetings are on file and may be reviewed at the Tyron Township Clerk’s office, 10408 Center Road, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and online at www.tyronetownship.us. The next regular meeting of the Tyron Township Board will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tyron Township Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Marcella Husted.
Tyron Township Clerk
Obituaries

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When it comes to invitations it’s time to ditch ‘Debbie downer’

DEAR AMY:
I have a former friend, “Debbie.” Our friendship ended due to her constant criticisms, gossiping, backstabbing and passive-aggressive behavior toward my family. I still consider this to everyone, not just us. Over the years, Debbie was very critical (behind my back) of us homeschooling our daughters and our family hobby of playing music. So we invited her to an elaborate Homeschool graduation ceremony, concert and party for my daughters a few years ago, we did not invite her, thinking that she would not be interested, since she disapproved of our homeschooling and my daughters’ musical performances. When Debbie heard about our graduation party, she sent each of my daughters a check for $100 (money is no obstacle to her) as graduation gifts. After we received the checks, we felt that we had to send her an invitation, but we later regretted this when she wrote a nasty letter criticizing our daughters’ music performance and circulated it among our friends (a friend gave us a copy of the letter). Now one of my daughters is about to go engaged. We don’t want to invite her to the wedding, but we are afraid that she will do the same thing she did regarding the graduation party, that is, send an expensive gift in order to force us to send her an invitation. She might even go so far as to invite herself to a wedding shower hosted by another mutual friend, or even co-host a wedding shower with one of our mutual friends. So my question is, how do my daughter and I handle it if she tries to force an invitation to my daughter’s wedding by sending a gift or co-hosting a shower? Are we obligated to send her an invitation if she sends a gift and/or hosts a wedding shower without our asking? — Wondering

DEAR WONDERING:
If sending a gift guaranteed a wedding invitation, then those pot holders I sent to Kate and Prince William would have yielded a trip to Buckingham Palace. The only necessary response to a gift is a written “thank you.” You sound afraid of this social norm. So practice saying “no” (you’re lucky She wants to host a wedding shower? “No thank you.” If she co-hosts a shower with a friend of yours, you need only thank her for her trouble. If she angers for a wedding invitation (why would she, since there is likely to be music), just tell her, “No. We won’t be inviting you.”

DEAR AMY:
I am responding to various comments regarding the wisdom of letting an adolescent watch the movie “The Exorcist.” You seem to think it is a fairly benign choice. My husband had the same attitude and let our 13-year-old son watch this movie when it showed up on TV one night (he assumed it had been edited; it had not). This movie traumatized our son. He was extremely fearful for months. We ended up seeking medical and then therapeutic help for him, and after exploring all of the possibilities, everyone concluded this movie was actually the culprit. My son is now in his late 20s and when I shared your point of view with him, he completely disagreed with you. — Faithful Reader

DEAR READER:
Every parent should make media choices alongside their child, taking into consideration their child’s temperament.

Chronic Urticaria: The non-stop itch

DEAR DR. ROACH:
For the past year, I have had hives on and off again, with the hives being more prominent in the morning than in the evening. I have talked to a dermatologist that it is a viral infection and that it could be allergies, antihistamines and/or steroids would only mask the virus — it would still be in my bloodstream. Are there other causes of hives that could be causing or exacerbating the problem? I do not know the exact cause of the hives, and they really don’t itch too much — they are just so annoying. How long can a viral infection with hives take to clear up? Is there anything I can do to help speed along recovery? Can it be heat-related, as in the warmer months they tend to come out more than in the winter? I get different diagnoses from various doctors, some saying I shouldn’t go swimming or go outside in the sun, and others saying to go by my normal routines. I just wish I knew the cause. I would be grateful for any advice or insight on the topic of hives. — Anon.

ANSWER:
“Chronic urticaria” is the medical term for what you are describing, if you have hives most days of the week for six or more weeks. The rash is raised, usually round or ring-shaped, and can vary in size. They tend to be very itchy (you’re lucky that way), and each lesion comes and goes within 24 hours. Chronic urticaria, is common, occurs more often in women, and can appear on any part of the body. Sunlight and heat can be triggers for some people, whereas cold is a trigger for others. Diet usually is not a factor in chronic urticaria. There are many theories, but nobody is sure, so I can’t tell you the exact cause. It probably is not due to viruses, but hepatitis A and hepatitis C have been suggested, though there is conflicting data. We don’t know what causes it, but since the itches can be very uncomfortable, even severe in some cases, I think treatment, even though it may “mask” the underlying cause, is still helpful, and antihistamines are the mainstay of treatment. I tend to prefer cetirizine (Zyrtec), since it is effective (both for itching and in helping clear the hives), usually doesn’t cause sedation and is very inexpensive as a generic. It may take two to five years, but chronic urticaria usually does go away eventually.

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DIRECTIONS
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