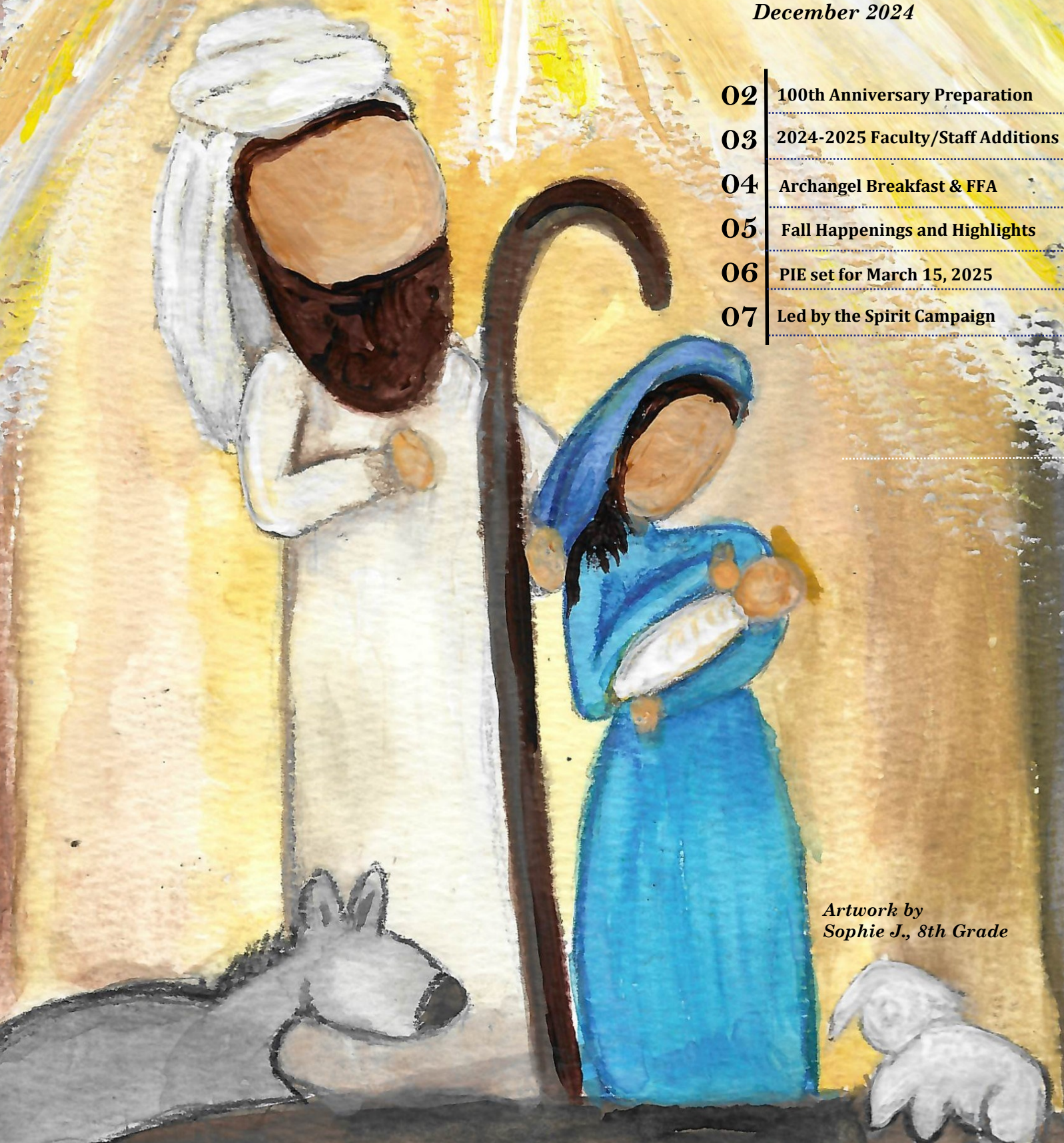


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Artwork by
Sophie J., 8th Grade

Seeking volunteers as preparations for 100th anniversary begin

For nearly 100 years, St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School has been an educational pillar of the Casper community.

St. Anthony School opened in September of 1927 on the northeast corner of 7th and Wolcott Street with 201 students in grades one through six. In 1928, a seventh grade opened, and eighth grade opened in 1929. The class of 1930 was the first graduating class with 33 students.

The Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary were the first faculty members, serving the school for 53 years. In 1980, the first lay-principal took over school management. During that transition, tuition was instituted to pay for salaries and benefits. Student scholarships were also initiated to assist families of students without the means to enroll.

Increasing enrollment in 1950 forced the addition of six classrooms, a kindergarten, a library, an auditorium/gym, and a shower and locker room, as well as a public address system, a wireless master-clock system, and green chalkboards. Able to accommodate more students, enrollment peaked in 1957 at 815 students.

In 1983, St. Anthony's School was established as a tri-parish school, as each of the three local parishes were providing annual financial operating support. In 1985, the parishes gave the school a generous donation that allowed yet another addition. In addition to more classrooms, the library was enhanced, and a science lab and administrative offices were added.

From 2000-2004, the school implemented a major endowment campaign to raise \$3 million that would provide on-going scholarships and improve teacher salaries for the school. The St. Anthony School Foundation was also incorporated during this time to provide acceptance, investment

management, and distribution of gifts in order to foster and promote the school's long-term financial stability. From 2011-2018 the St. Anthony Joy Fund was established and raised \$7 million for establishment of the endowment to provide annual scholarship assistance.

By the early 2000s, the aging school building could no longer meet the needs and standards of educating in the 21st century. Our Lady of Fatima generously allowed the construction of the new Tri-Parish School on their land located on 20th Street. Thanks to the support of our generous community, the new 70,000 square foot campus opened in September of 2010 debt-free.

Throughout the school's history, quality education has always been paramount. Today, the school is dedicated to igniting a passion for learning, a desire to serve, a love of God and recognition of all that is good, true and beautiful in our church and culture to build the Kingdom of God.

"One of the things I love about our school is the opportunities we get to go out into the community and serve others," said current eighth grader Keeren B.

It is a family-like, caring, safe community in which faculty and staff make a concerted effort to know every child and are committed to partnering with parents in the education of their children. Gospel-based values are imparted by example and through instruction, prayer, and service. It is a school that is small enough to address the needs of each child and yet large enough to offer a challenging and successful academic program.

"As a 1960's alum and current part-time custodian at the school, it's amazing how the same educational and religious/spiritual values are identical today as they were 100 years ago," said Dan Galles. "All due to superb educators and the leading of the Spirit."

As we near our century celebration, we are looking for parishioners, community members, alumni, parents, grandparents and all interested parties to help us as we plan for this significant milestone in our school and community's history.

With questions or for more information, please contact Foundation Director Courtney Ladenburger at courtney.ladenburger@sascasper.com or 307-337-1362.



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School community welcomes new faculty and staff



Erminia Cardenas
Kitchen Assistant

Cooking has always been one of Erminia's favorite past-times, making her position as kitchen assistant a perfect fit! Mother of three, Erminia loves to play bingo and is most excited about her job at the school because she gets to meet the students and their families, as well as be with her three grandchildren who attend the school.



Shelley Cohee-Crawford
Preschool Assistant

A Casper native, Shelley worked for her family's trucking company before retiring in 2014 to raise her daughter, Annie, a St. Anthony 4th grader. During the 2022-2023 school year, she was the school's aftercare volunteer and realized how much she loved being part of the school community. She feels so blessed to be a part of our preschool program, because she loves the kids and the preschool team. In her downtime, Shelley loves traveling to Arizona and the beach, spending time with her family and playing with her two dogs, a yorkie and a labradoodle.



Domanick Dvarishkis
Kitchen Manager

An alum of St. Anthony School, Domanick feels like he's come back home after 19 years with the Natrona County School District. Domanick has two children and four grandchildren. Coming full circle, he has stepped into his mother's footsteps in the school kitchen (she was the cook at the old school) and loves the kids and the school's faith-based nature.



Dawn Ford
3rd Grade

A Worland, WY native, Dawn has been part of our school community in the past, serving as a tutor for our younger grades. She is back this year in the third grade and is so excited to be back in the classroom after taking a few years off to raise her children. She holds an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education, a Bachelor's in Elementary Education and a Master's in Curriculum & Instruction. She and her husband have three children, two of whom are St. Anthony students. When she's not teaching, Dawn loves a good cup of coffee, going for a run and is very active in her church.



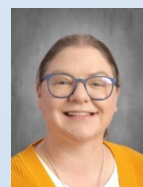
Cheryl Gonzales
2nd Grade

Born and raised in Michigan, Cheryl is a Navy veteran, wife and mother of three children. When she's not teaching, she enjoys reading, especially about Jesus and the early Christians. Recently having joined the church, she is excited to be celebrating her first Holy Communion with her class in the Spring!



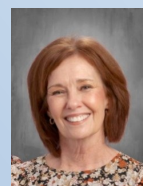
Michele Koerperich
Music

Originally from the Chicago suburbs, Michele attended Catholic Schools most of her life and has taught in Catholic schools most of her career. Growing up, school music classes were not available to her, but church was always a favorite place for her to sing. Today, she feels that music is an essential class for all students. She and her husband, Dan, have four adult children and are the proud grandparents of one granddaughter.



Farren Markworth
4th Grade

Farren, her husband and their two pets are happy to be back in Casper! She graduated from the University of Wyoming with a degree in Journalism and International Studies. After graduation, she worked for the Natrona County School District and felt the call to teach. She went back to school and received a dual Master's Degree in Special Education and Elementary Education from Bemidji State University. She has been teaching for the past 9 years, with experience in behavior programs, Special Education and elementary and middle school settings. When not in the classroom, she enjoys spending time with family, cooking and like most teachers, she loves to read.



Lezlie Oliver
Kindergarten

With 30 years of teaching experience, Lezlie is honored to be a part of the St. Anthony School community, as the most important part of her life is her relationship with the Lord. She has three children and six grandchildren (two of whom attend St. Anthony's) and recently moved to Casper from Miami, FL. Her hobbies include spending time with family, antiquing and exercising.



Cynthia Wise
**Office Assistant/
Substitute Teacher**

A Wyoming native, Cynthia graduated from the University of Wyoming College of Arts & Sciences and holds an English teaching certification. She has three children, is a Master Gardener and co-owner of Pat's Peaches & Produce LLC. She is also the Sunday Hospitality Coordinator at St. Louis Catholic Church in Glenrock.

Memorial and Honorariums:

Since our last publication, the following individuals have been honored through memorial or honorarium gifts.

In Memory of:

Kelly Beckstead
John J. "Jack" Blomstrom
Lucy Blomstrom
Michael Burke (Class of 1959)
Robert Bryans (Class of 1964)
Matilda (Marinich) Bryans (Class of 1937)
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Harper Schuman
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Albon and Kammi Shaw
Tulip and Terry Titus
Melissa Whelan

We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of our lists and apologize for and errors or omissions. Please contact the Foundation Office at 307-337-1362 with corrections or questions.

School now has Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter

The only private school in the state of Wyoming to have a chapter, St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School has just chartered its first Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter.

Founded in 1928 by a group of young farmers, their mission was to prepare future generations for the challenges of feeding a growing population. More than planting and harvesting, those farmers taught members that it is a science, a business, an art.

Today, FFA is a dynamic youth organization with over 63 chapters and 4,172 members in Wyoming alone. Each chapter focuses on leadership, personal development and career success through agricultural education.

The organization develops members' potential, helping them discover their talents through hands-on experiences, shaping the future farmers, chemists, veterinarians, government officials, entrepreneurs, bankers, international business leaders, teachers and premier professionals in many career fields.



"I have personally witnessed where FFA can take their members," said St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School Art Teacher Jessica Dickinson. "I have had the opportunity to coach science fairs as well as marketing over the last seven years and my daughters have been involved in FFA since 6th grade. They both have had countless opportunities they would not have without FFA."

Dickinson, along with parent volunteer and chapter advisor Heath Hornecker feel so blessed and excited to offer this program and give our Archangels an additional opportunity to grow their skill set and prepare for their futures.

Breakfast honors Father Gary and Tulip Titus



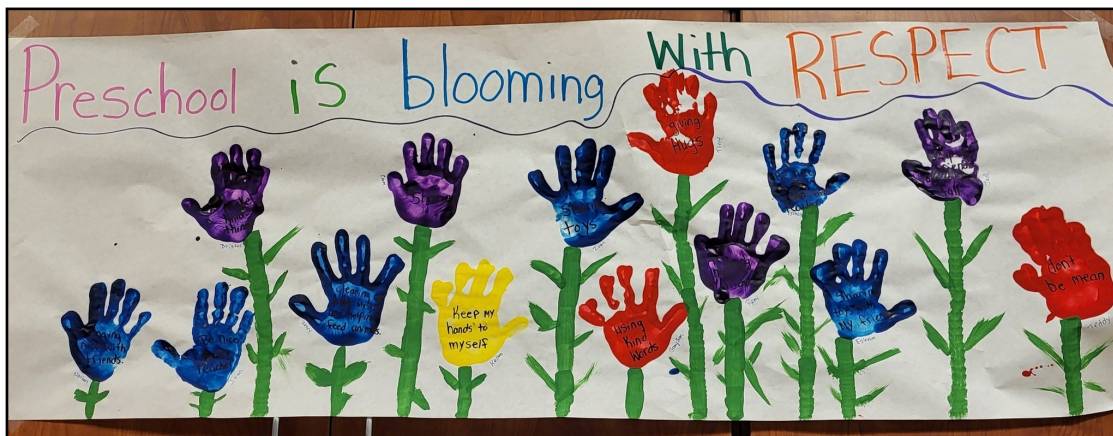
Our annual Archangel Breakfast was held on October 3rd, 2024 and celebrated Father Gary Ruzicka and Tulip Titus, two selfless individuals who have and continue to devote invaluable time, talent and treasure to supporting St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School and who have made an impact on Catholic Education.

This event would not have been possible without many volunteers: The Knights of Columbus and our students, faculty, staff and parents.

Thank you our supporters, who helped us meet our matching gift of \$25,000. We are blessed by and grateful for our community.



Fall school happenings and highlights



This year, our students are learning to live virtuously. Each month, students focus on a different virtue so they are able to live them out in daily life. September's focus was respect, and we love what our preschool created to remind us how to be respectful.



As part of Pediatric Cancer Awareness month, our student council sold tasty treats, raising \$500 in support of one of our families and the Olivia Caldwell Foundation.



Classroom parties, costume contests and assembly games are always a fun way to get into the Halloween spirit!

Middle school students performed "Once Upon a Crime: The Trial of Goldilocks" under the direction of middle school teacher Mrs. Melanie Harmon.



We celebrated All Saints Day with many of our students and teachers dressing up as their favorite saints.



Local veterans joined us as our students marked Veterans Day by sharing poems, songs, and a recitation of the constitution preamble in honor and remembrance of our veterans.

Scholarships and Grants

St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School is blessed by many organizations and funds that have helped support the scholarship needs of our students.

Many thanks to the following:

- ACE Scholarships
- George & Mary Kremer Foundation
- Schwartz Family Scholarship
- St. Anthony School Foundation Joy Fund
- Stacy M. True Memorial Scholarship
- Jeremy Stewart Scholarship
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- Richard S. Logan Scholarship
- Virginia R. Lang Scholarship
- Monsignor James O'Neill Scholarship
- BVM Sisters of Charity Scholarship
- John J. "Jack" Blomstrom Memorial Scholarship
- Margaret and Joe Scott Scholarship

Goodstein Foundation

Thank you to The Goodstein Foundation for a \$10,000 grant supporting the upgrade of a new sound system and equipment for student performances



Thank you to Wyoming Catholic Ministries Foundation for a \$13,758 grant supporting technology upgrades.

Partners In Education fundraiser set for March 15, 2025

Each year, St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School brings our school families, church partners, benefactors, supporters and the greater Casper community together for an evening in support of our school and Catholic education.

This year, our annual Partners In Education (PIE) event will be held Saturday, March 15, 2025 at St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School. Our theme is "Children of God" based on the scripture Romans 8:14.

Doors open at 5 pm and the evening will feature cocktails, dinner, a short program featuring our student singers, silent & live auctions and a paddle raise.

Our featured raffle is Pick Your Prize. Three winners will be chosen—the Grand Prize is your choice of \$5,000 cash or one of three vacations for two people; second place is \$2,500 cash; and third is \$1,000 cash. **Tickets are \$50 with an unlimited number being sold. Raffle winners will be**

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Children of God
 -Romans 8:14

Partners In Education

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 5:00 pm

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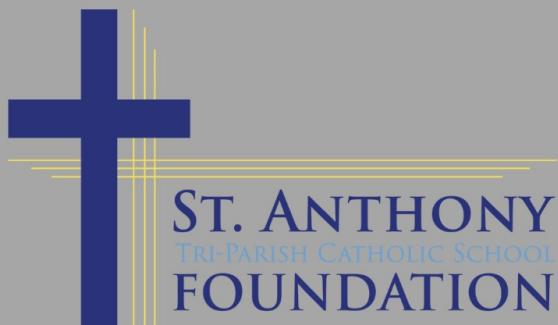
drawn live at PIE, but you need not be present to win. Tickets can be purchased in the school office, by scanning the QR code or online at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/PickYourPrize>.

Table sponsorships (\$1,500—\$10,000) will be available January 6, 2025 and include seating for eight,

table wine and name recognition at the event and in event marketing. Individual tickets (\$75) and Friends & Family tables (\$800) will be available at a later date.

With questions or for more information, contact Anne Derby in the Foundation Office 307-337-1361 or anne.derby@sascasper.com.

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At St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School we are led by the spirit to enkindle the fire of God's love, ignite a passion for learning and encourage a desire to serve. With your help, we can continue our journey to ignite a passion for learning by enriching our academics, nurturing our spiritual growth and maintaining our beautiful building.

HELP US IGNITE A PASSION FOR LEARNING BY HELPING US WITH THESE NEEDS....

CURRICULAR SUPPORT

A strong foundation in reading and math requires excellent texts that challenge students to achieve their potential and the necessary faculty training for using these foundational texts.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Retreats, spiritual readings, prayer journals and service opportunities help our students discover God's call in their life.

STUDENT ENRICHMENT

With a strong curriculum, enrichment opportunities like field trips, clubs, athletics, and academic competitions elevate our student experience.

BUILDING & GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS

Providing students the opportunity to learn in a well-maintained setting is a priority. Building improvements and technology infrastructure are needed to maintain our educational environment.

Thanks to generous supporters, your gift to St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School Foundation is matched \$1 for \$1!

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