

*From
the President...*

Susan Spillman, South Texas College of Law

I cannot believe that our HALL year is almost over! Those of you who did not attend the Spring Seminar missed a terrific program. Mary Ann did a fabulous job lining up great speakers. Thank you to everyone who attended for their contribution to making the seminar such a success. We granted a scholarship to library student James Halsell to attend the seminar. James is interested in seeking employment in Houston after completing his degree from UNT in the summer of 2007.

Susan Yancey and her committee have presented a great slate of officers for next year. You will find the proposed slate within this issue of the newsletter. We will vote at our annual business meeting on May 9th. According to our by-laws, nominations from the floor will also be accepted. If we do receive any nominations from the floor creating more than one nominee for the office, we will cast votes by ballot. If there is only one nominee for an office, we will cast votes by show of hands or voice vote. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

Our May 9th meeting will also include the presentation of the HALL Volunteer of the Year Award. The nomination deadline is April 30th. This award was created to show appreciation to a member who has gone above and beyond in service to HALL. Please submit nominations to any Board member. The Board will vote at the May Board meeting. Our honoree will receive lovely goodies at the May meeting.

Here I am going on and on about the May meeting. We also have a great April 11th meeting planned. I hope that most of us have some nice items to donate to "Dress for Success." See the HALL website for more information on the April meeting. Even if you don't have any donations, please show your support by coming to the meeting.

HALL members are the greatest!

"Dress for Success" Clothing Drive at April Meeting

Mary Ann Wacker, Bracewell & Giuliani LLP

Our guest at the April HALL meeting will be Becca Gips from Dress for Success, an organization that helps low-income women find clothing suitable for a job interview. Becca will give us some background on the organization, show a short video, and bring a client of Dress for Success for us to meet. She will share her story with us.

Please bring suits and other clothing (on hangers please!) to the meeting to contribute to Dress for Success. Here are the guidelines on what to bring:

- Suits: Skirt or pant (conservative and updated) **All Sizes**
- Blouses: Conservative **All Sizes**
- Shoes: Dress, Dark (black, brown, navy, taupe)
- Handbags: Dark (black, brown, navy)
- Skirts and Pants: Solid, dark colors (no patterns)
Sizes 12 & up
- Jackets: Dark Colors (no patterns) **Sizes 12 & up**
- Scarves
- Pantyhose only in black, coffee, nude, navy (no white or bold colors)

Male HALL members may ask friends and family for contributions! I'm confident that our wonderful HALL group will be as generous as possible and help others achieve their dreams!

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Nominations Committee Report

Susan Yancey, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.

The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the proposed slate for the 2007-2008 HALL Board.

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Members may make nominations from the floor at the annual business meeting in May. For any contested positions, members will vote by ballot.

Thanks to Nominations Committee members Paula Howe, Blythe McCoy, and Rosie Wilson for helping to secure an excellent slate of candidates.

HALL Volunteer of the Year

In 2003, the HALL Board established the HALL Volunteer of the Year Award to recognize an individual member's contribution to HALL, including but not limited to HALL committee work; planning and preparations; someone who can be counted on to pitch in with HALL activities of any kind; someone who goes above and beyond in service to the group. Please submit your nominations to any member of the HALL Board by Monday, April 30th. The Board will select the recipient, and the presentation will be made at the May annual business meeting.

HALL Scholarships/Grants

Judith Jackson, Harris County Law Library

Need assistance to travel to AALL's Annual Meeting in New Orleans? The postmark deadline for travel grants to the New Orleans meeting this July and scholarships to library school/law school is **April 9th**.

Criteria for scholarships to library and law school, and grants to the AALL annual meeting are posted on the HALL website at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/hall/grants.htm>. Applications are also available on the HALL website in the "Members Only" section at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/hall/members.htm>, and require the login and password to access. (Contact Laura Edstrom for the login and password if you did not keep them when they were sent out last fall.)

2007 HALL Dues . . .

It's time again to renew your membership in HALL. The 2007 membership form is available on the HALL website <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/hall/dues.pdf>. Please complete one form per member and send your 2007 dues payment in by June 1, 2007.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact HALL Membership Chair, Laura Edstrom, at ledstrom@stcl.edu or (713) 646-1716.

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Member News...

Betty Wagner, Shelving Supervisor, South Texas College of Law, retired recently after 17 years with the library in that position. She plans to move to Arkansas to be closer to family.

Holly Watson, Librarian, Jenkins & Gilchrist P.C., reported that the Houston office of Jenkins & Gilchrist will cease operations on March 31st.

2007 Vendor Forum Plans

Colleen Pincumbe, Thompson & Knight L.L.P.

The March 30th GSI / LivEdgar Vendor Forum is in the process of being rescheduled. Details on where, what and when will be made available to everyone when a date has been decided on.

Note of Thanks

Thank you to Martin Zacarias, 10K Wizard CEO, for his presentation this past January as he showcased the new enhancements now on their comprehensive online SEC document service. A very tasty TreeBeard's lunch was enjoyed by everyone, while both Martin and Bill Combost brought us up to speed on this well-established product. I want to also thank those who attended for being prepared and volunteering constructive criticism and insightful feedback about their experiences with this product. Again, a very special thanks to you Martin and Bill for coming all the way to Houston from Dallas to visit us and bring the 10K Wizard news. Additional special thanks to Caren Luckie and Katy Bock at Jackson & Walker for hosting this first HALL Vendor Forum in 2007.

HPL Annual Book Sale

Caren Luckie, Jackson Walker L.L.P.

The Friends of the Houston Public Library will hold their Annual Bargain Book Sale on April 20-22 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. If you're not going to SWALL, or riding in the MS150, could you volunteer a few hours at the Sale? The Sale is organized and run by volunteers, and the money raised goes to the Houston Public Library system to help with programming, materials, staff training, and whatever else is needed and not covered by their budget.

The advantages to helping at the Sale – you get in free on Friday (if you volunteer on Friday), you meet a lot of interesting people, you have a lot of fun, and you help the public library system. Please contact me if you'd like to volunteer, and I'll send you a volunteer form. Feel free to pass the form along to friends, neighbors, Boy Scout troops, students, etc. I also have some 5"x8" flyers (and a couple of large posters), if you can post one in your library; let me know if you'd like some.

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AALL Executive Board Member Visit Recap

Mary Ann Wacker, Bracewell & Giuliani LLP

[Editor's Note: Steve Anderson's PowerPoint presentation is available on the HALL web site at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/hall/Anderson.ppt>.]

Steve Anderson, a member of the AALL Board, was our guest for the February meeting. Steve is the Director of the Maryland State Law Library, and braved the ice and snow to come from Baltimore to be with us.

The title of Steve's talk was "Exploring the Future of the Law Library." Steve said that in the library of the future, we will need to prepare for an increase in digital materials, but paper will still continue to be the easiest medium to preserve. Copyright problems will increase, while most users will prefer to use information sources in digital format outside of libraries.

Steve believes that libraries should only perform three functions: build collections, preserve and maintain collections, and guide library users to these collections – and ensure that users take full advantage of our collections. Steve said that keeping these functions in mind will help make decision making regarding collections and library activities easier – and help with prioritizing.

Steve also discussed surveying our environment with tools such as a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis. Is Google a threat or an aid? Does your library provide superior customer service? Would you recommend your library to a friend? "Embed" yourself in your institution's management; or as a user in your library.

Libraries must build for the future – our legacy is what we leave to future generations. What will our libraries look like in 2012, 2017, or 2057? Will our libraries still be around – will we be book museums?

Steve also mentioned that law librarians must be committed to justice – with our vendors, users, colleagues, and management – also future generations. If we act this way, others will see the legal profession more positively.

It was a fascinating talk, and we all enjoyed it. Steve is wonderful, very funny and warm, and we were thrilled he took the time to come and visit with us!

HALL Spring Seminar Recap

Mary Ann Wacker, Bracewell & Giuliani LLP

March 14 was our HALL Spring Seminar. Even though I planned it, I have to say it was a really interesting and fun day!

Dave Chaumette, a business litigation partner from Shook Hardy and Bacon kicked the day off with all we needed to know about E-discovery in a very entertaining way (who knew e-discovery could be fun?). He had some help from his children Raphael and Alex, who wanted to see their Dad speak on their Spring Break. Dave told us about the leading cases on the subject, clued us in on how usually attorneys spend more time fighting about e-discovery issues than over the actual facts of the case, and gave great tips on how to avoid the catastrophic (and costly) mistakes of other litigants. He used the characters from the Cartoon Network show "Teen Titans" to show us what kinds of people we need on our team for any e-discovery matter.

Our next speakers were Christina Ponig and David Sweeney, associates at Bracewell & Giuliani, who spoke about transitioning from law students to young associates. They both stressed the importance of taking legal research classes in school and how much skills learned in those classes helped them in their practice. Christina said her background teaching legal research helps her thoroughly research issues using print and online materials. David mentioned how he wished law school would have provided him with more skills on drafting documents and contracts and not just legal writing, and how law school prepares you more to be a litigator than a transactional attorney. There were lots of questions from the law school librarians in attendance.

Next up was Tom Mighell from Cowles & Thompson in Dallas to talk about the Web 2.0. Tom gave an enthusiastic and fascinating talk about Web 2.0 tools that allow us to collaborate better. He explained Wikis, social networking sites such as myspace.com, YouTube, Google's office applications (wow!), project management tools, bookmarking sites such as del.icio.us, mashups, and new search engines.

After lunch, Barbara Fullerton gave her presentation on gadgets. Barbara explained who is in Generation X and Y and what their expectations and skills are as far as technology. She explained the differences and pros and cons of Treos, Blackberries, and the iPhone, plus she introduced us to new tools such as the improved Bluetooth headset, a virtual keyboard that attaches to a smartphone, wireless headphones, and a travel router. Barbara also discussed AIM Express instant messaging, podcasting software, a Blu-ray player and something called a Digi-walker – which is a GPS device for pedestrians!

Who knew that unpublished opinions could be interesting? Well, you have never talked to Chip Babcock about them. The Jackson Walker attorney told us the history of unpublished opinions in Texas and federal courts. He is a member of the group that advises the Texas Supreme Court on making these sorts of changes. He explained the complicated and spirited debates behind the scenes before Texas decided to let all unpublished opinions be cited. Since no one wants to really waste space in a

brief on these opinions, attorneys mostly refer to them only when there are no other opinions on point. The federal courts have also adopted this rule except for a stubborn chief judge in the 9th circuit!

Adrienne Cobb from the South Texas Law Library wrapped up the day with a wonderful talk on the state of government documents. She told us about the statement issued regarding the new plan of the GPO, "A Strategic Vision for the 21st Century." This document outlines the GPO's plan to digitize all government publications. Adrienne went through the pros and cons of the plan and talked about how GPO's vision will effect libraries, librarians, and our patrons.

All in all, it was a really great day – even lunch from Dessert Gallery was delicious! We will post the slides from some of the presentations on the HALL web site – be on the lookout!

Anglo-American Legal Traditions Project

Spencer Simons, University of Houston Law Library

The O'Quinn Law Library at the University of Houston Law Center is proud to announce the inauguration of the extraordinary new website, the Anglo-American Legal Tradition – AALT.

The AALT is the result of over fifteen years of negotiation with the National Archives of the United Kingdom by Robert C. Palmer, Cullen Professor of History and Law at the University of Houston. The license with the National Archives permits the free, non-commercial, public display and use of the images captured by Professor Palmer's ongoing project to acquire images of the main categories of court records over almost four centuries (c.1272–1650); at this point, some 450,000 images have been acquired. Access to these documents was previously possible only through use of the original documents at the National Archives itself.

The AALT will be a great boon to the far-flung scholars of Anglo-American legal history. In order to facilitate use of these ancient documents Professor Palmer has supplied guides to paleography and overviews of English legal history, as well as links to other websites of interest to legal historians. The AALT will continue to add images from the National Archives, as well as collections of historical documents from other court systems in the Anglo-American legal world. If others wish to contribute to the general endeavor at other archives and lack only the resources to run a website, the intention of this website is to be available to host such materials, as long as they are legally oriented and meet the general standards for image quality and public availability. The AALT site has the financial resources to continue as a public resource and to grow as materials are offered.

Please visit the AALT website at <http://aalt.law.uh.edu/> and join us in welcoming this valuable resource.

General Meeting Minutes

Houston Area Law Librarians

February 14, 2007

South Texas College of Law Library

Susan Spillman called the meeting to order at 12:14pm. We welcomed visitor Steve Anderson from AALL.

The January minutes were approved.

No treasurer's report was distributed.

Committee Reports

Archives: No report. Susan Spillman reported that Mark Lambert's position is open at South Texas.

Bylaws: No report.

Continuing Education: MaryAnn Wacker reported the Spring Seminar is scheduled for March 14 and is themed "What's New in Law Librarianship." Topics covered include e-discovery, government documents, and unpublished opinions.

Library School Liaison: No report.

Membership: No report.

Nominations: Susan Yancey reported the Nominations Committee will be meeting after the general meeting to discuss the slate.

Placement: Michele Lucero reported there is a job opening for a library assistant at Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw.

Publications: Barbara Szalkowski reported the submission deadline for the newsletter is March 15. Seminar reports are due to her by March 19 for the newsletter.

Scholarships: Susan Spillman reported the deadline for the AALL grant and scholarship information is available in the HALL newsletter.

Vendor Relations: Colleen Pincumbe reported the next forum will be LivEdgar at the end of March.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Announcements

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:17pm.

Emerging Libraries : Conference Report

Monica Ortale, South Texas College of Law

"Emerging Libraries, a De Lange Conference" at Rice University, held March 5-7 was an eye-opening experience. I was in awe of the caliber of speakers and the inspiring plans they had for libraries, plans of a global nature.

The speakers were asking us to think outside the box, the technology (peta flops & giga pixels) is here and is growing exponentially; it's up to Librarians to utilize this technology and our experience to take libraries from being mere bricks and mortar and transform it into something that facilitates new discovery.

We are going to be dealing with Cyberinfrastructure (CI) and global open access issues. The challenges are how to deal with Copyright restraints, misapplied secrecy laws as to scientific research, and how to sustain these collections once they're built. Oh yes, and let's throw in making it free access, wherever possible.

Michael Keller, of Stanford addressed the emerging Cybraries and the role "HighWire Press" (<http://highwire.stanford.edu/>) played in providing access to over 1 million articles. He was followed by Noha Adly of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina and the fascinating work now being done at the new library. (<http://www.bibalex.org/English/index.aspx>) The incredible historical documents and artifacts now being digitized are amazing.

In London the British Library is also undergoing a change, now five years into a strategic plan that challenges what a library should be in the digital age. This is in great contrast to the Library of Congress' fluctuating identity dilemmas, as to whether they should be the "National Library" or just a library for the Congress attempting to overcome the staff issues and policies that have mired them in the past.

Several speakers touched on the U.S. copyright laws and that it is a reality that the "millennials" see nothing wrong with posting research, that they will go ahead and blast past all of us; while we are still debating, they will do. Researchers now have the technological capability of searching multiple databases, all open access, such as PLoS ONE (<http://www.plosone.org/home.action>) It is gaining momentum and is a strong indication of the future.

The final speaker was Bewster Kahle, Founder and Director of Digital Librarian of Non-profit Internet Archive. (<http://www.archive.org/index.php>) He stated that we are moving from shelves to servers and we need to address how our traditional services, as well as our roles and responsibilities will change, and how we will sustain the "universal access to human knowledge."

Reel Law: Part One

Heather Waltman, South Texas College of Law

[Editor's Note: A version of this article was originally published in the South Texas College of Law, The Fred Parks Law Library newsletter, 19 Footnotes 1 (Feb. 2007).]

In recent years, the popularity of feature-length documentary films has been on the rise. Many of these films tackle socio-legal issues and, on several occasions, have served as tools for social and political change. Interest in the law as it pertains to the production, presentation, and use of nonfiction film, including concern for creative rights based on copyright law and the obligations that documentary film makers have to their subjects, has similarly grown in popularity. This interest has led to the development of a distinct area of legal scholarship involving the intersection of documentaries and the law.

Law schools throughout the country are gradually developing programs or sponsoring conferences that examine this relationship. The University of Pennsylvania, for example, offers a program of study called Documentaries & the Law, which seeks to "(1.) promote the critical use and analysis of law-genre documentaries in the legal academy, (2.) examine the role of lawyering in the creative process by which documentary films are made, (3.) probe the myriad uses of film as a tool of legal advocacy, and (4.) create models for instructing law students, lawyers, and others in the fundamentals of nonfiction filmmaking and legal advocacy on film."

The following is a list of seven recommended documentary films that address legal issues. The next installment will feature additional recommendations that, like the films listed here, have been critically recognized. You may also be interested in the 1996 article by Charles Musser entitled "Film Truth, Documentary and the Law: Justice at the Margins" (30 *U.S.F. L. Rev.* 963).

***After Innocence* (2005) Director: Jessica Sanders**

After many years of wrongful imprisonment, eight men are proved innocent with the use of DNA testing. This film profiles the men and their experiences after life in prison, including their efforts to clear their criminal records, find employment, and build relationships. Many have filed suits against the states that convicted them and others have become advocates for judicial reform.

***Aileen Wuornos – Life and Death of a Serial Killer* (2003) Director: Nick Broomfield**

In this film, Aileen Wuornos, a tragic figure often described as America's first female serial killer, is on trial in her final state appeal before her execution. The film explores the abusive and violent childhood that led to Aileen's life as a prostitute and to her ultimate conviction for the murder of seven men. This film provides compelling social commentary on the death penalty, alcoholism, drug abuse, truancy, teenage pregnancy, homelessness, prostitution, and mental health. See also *Aileen Wuornos – The Selling of a Serial Killer* (1992) by same director.

***The Execution of Wanda Jean* (2001) Director: Liz Garbus**

Wanda Jean Allen, an African-American lesbian with borderline mental retardation, spent 12 years on death row for the murder of two people, including her former girlfriend, Gloria Leathers. She was ultimately executed in 2001 after her appeal to the Oklahoma clemency board failed. Amnesty International describes this film as "an unflinching investigation of the role that poverty, mental health, race, and sexuality play within the criminal justice system."

***McLibel* (2005) Director: Franny Armstrong**

In the 1990s, McDonalds sued two English activists, Helen Steel and Dave Morris, for distributing leaflets that criticized the corporation's policies and practices. Steel and Morris were found guilty of libel but fought the charge in a legal battle that lasted longer than any civil or criminal action in English legal history. The European Court of Human Rights ultimately ruled that the government's failure to provide legal aid for the defendants prevented Steel and Morris from receiving a fair trial. In what has been called "the biggest corporate PR disaster in history," McDonalds was forced to defend allegations about every aspect of its operations from its disregard for the environment and its cruel treatment of animals to its dishonest promotion of unhealthy foods, its exploitative marketing to children, and its poor treatment of workers.

***Murder on a Sunday Morning* (2001) Director: Jean-Xavier de Lestrade**

Based on a false identification, a 15-year-old African-American teen is wrongly accused of shooting a woman in the head at point blank range. Brenton Butler signs a confession, and everyone involved with the case, except for Butler's attorney, is prepared to convict him for murder. Patrick McGuinness, the public defender assigned to represent Brenton Butler, reopens the case and reveals that no concrete evidence exists to convict him. This film, an exposé on the failings of the U.S. justice system, reveals the potential for harm to innocent people as a result of racism and the corruption of power.

***The Thin Blue Line* (1988) Director: Errol Morris**

Many consider this critically-acclaimed film to be the definitive law-genre documentary. It was recognized as one of the most important and influential films of the 1980s, and was selected for preservation in the National Film Registry at the Library of Congress. The film presents the story of Randall Adams who was convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of a Dallas police officer in 1976, despite the existence of evidence to suggest his innocence. Adams was ultimately granted a retrial, in large part because of this film, and released after eleven years in prison.

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Titicut Follies (1967) Director: Frederick Wiseman

This film documents the treatment of patients at the Bridgewater State Hospital for the Criminally Insane in Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Without interviewing subjects or narrating the film, the director documents the squalid living conditions and brutal treatment of the patients who are beaten, neglected, ridiculed, and force-fed. It was screened at the 1967 New York Film Festival and promptly banned by the Massachusetts Attorney General who cited the film as a violation of the patients' privacy. It is the only American film to be censored for reasons other than obscenity or national security.

RIPS Teach-In Kit Goes Online

The Research Instruction and Patron Services (RIPS) Special Interest Section is proud to announce its release of the 2007 RIPS Teach-In Kit on March 19. Each year, RIPS creates a Teach-In Kit, which contains fresh materials for use in promotion of National Library Week. The Teach-In Kit is available to AALL members on AALLNET http://www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis/teach_in.html.

This year's kit marks a transition from publication in print to online, and RIPS is excited about the change to a more dynamic format. An online presence for the kit means value added for AALL members. The kit can be released in a timelier manner without page limitations. RIPS will maintain an online archive of the kits.

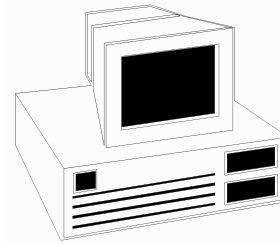
Our thanks go to all of this year's contributors. Please do not hesitate to leave feedback on this year's kit with either Jennifer Murray or Gail Partin.

AALL Mentoring

Jessie Burchfield, Member and Gregory Ivy, Chair, AALL Mentoring Committee

Are you a new law librarian or an experienced law librarian interested in meeting and advising those who are new to the profession? Are you considering a move to another type of law library, or do you need advice to advance your career? The AALL Mentoring Committee invites you to become involved in a mentoring relationship. And since it is up to the participants to decide how long to continue their mentoring relationship, previous mentors and mentees are welcome to reapply for a new match.

The Mentoring Committee will work with the Academic Law Libraries; Private Law Libraries; and State, Court, and County Law Libraries Special Interest Sections to provide the best matches possible. The application deadline is May 13, 2007, to permit matching in time for the Annual Meeting. Applications are available at http://www.aallnet.org/committee/mentoring/mentor_project.html.



Editor's Comments...

I just love it when an issue comes together with really great contributions from members! I want to take the opportunity to thank Mary Ann Wacker for her summaries of both the February presentation *and* the entire spring seminar. Not only did Mary Ann put together the seminar, arrange for lunch and the speakers, she took the time to write about it and get it to me on deadline. And, quite frankly, I thought the seminar was one of the best continuing education programs I've attended in *years*! I don't recall one moment of boredom or where my mind wandered even the tiniest bit. Kudos to you, Mary Ann, you did an absolutely fabulous job on both the seminar, and for this publication.

I would also like to thank my colleagues, Monica Ortale and Heather Waltman, who also wrote items which appear in this issue. Heather wrote her "Reel Law" article on documentary films tackling legal-themed subjects for our in-house newsletter, and tweaked it a bit for publication here. Monica attended the fabulous "Emerging Libraries" conference held earlier this month at Rice University, and came back so enthusiastic about it that I asked her to share some of it with us. I thought both of their contributions were terrific!

And now for some housekeeping. Please note that there are a number of opportunities for you to be involved with HALL and with our community:

At our April meeting, please bring clothing for our "Dress for Success" clothing drive – see [page 1](#) for a list of acceptable items.

The Board is seeking nominations for the HALL Volunteer of the Year. Criteria are on [page 2](#). Deadline for nominations is Monday, April 30th.

Very few applications have been received in the last few years for HALL scholarships and grants. The applications are on the HALL web site <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/hall/members.htm> (behind the "Member's Only" login and password).

It is also time to think about renewing your HALL membership – the deadline is June 1, and each member should return a copy of the dues invoice (on the HALL website <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/hall/dues.pdf>) with your complete information with your payment.

Houston Public Library is having their annual book sale and is looking for volunteers (contact Caren Luckie).

I hope that everyone gets more involved this spring!

—Barbara Szalkowski

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