



Vol. 39, No. 4 ~ October 2022

# Burnt Store Isles Association **NEWS**

## UP & COMING

### ~ BSIA General

#### Membership Meeting ~

Wednesday, Nov. 9th, 6 pm

Burnt Store Presbyterian Church

-- More Inside! --

### ~ In the Pipeline ~

- **Escape Room**
- **Gilded Grape Wine Tasting**
- **Crafting Time at Bisque It and Hammer & Stain**
- **Annual Christmas Party**  
Saturday, Dec. 10th  
Plans underway!

See inside for more information, read our weekly e-bulletins, and visit [www.bsia.net](http://www.bsia.net). We also post all events on the BSIA Facebook page along with great pictures of past events!

### ~ Board Meeting Held Monthly ~

First Friday of each month at 9 am at the Twin Isles Country Club in the upper level casual dining area.

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## From the President

### BILL COURTNEY

*"And now the time has come to take the final curtain."*

Yes, it's time for me to exit stage left after four years as President. It's amazing how quickly those years went by because in hindsight it really doesn't seem that it has been that long since you first elected me. I must admit that I've enjoyed serving as the head of this Association and did so alongside many great volunteers who gave freely of their time to serve as officers, board members and committee chairs.

I am proud of the many things, large and small, we have done together. Among the many include finally resolving the question of underground power; improving the appearance of our entrance landscaping; addressing continuing traffic concerns by upgrading the capability of the traffic and boat cameras at the entrances to our community; successfully petitioning the City to reduce the speed limit on Tripoli between Monaco and Madrid to 25 MPH, and to increase patrols within BSI; strengthening our ties with the many departments within the City of Punta Gorda including City Council, Public Works, Code Enforcement and PGPD; actively participating in planning sessions with FDOT, Charlotte County and the City regarding issues such as access to US41, traffic, land use regulations, development plans for south Charlotte County and many more to make sure the concerns of BSI were presented; and we also had a lot of fun along the way with dart nights, picnics (once COVID abated a bit), fairy hair, ice cream socials, joint lunches and dances with the Burnt Store Isles Boat Club, and much more.

Speaking of COVID, I am especially proud of how the Board continued to do the business of keeping BSI the best community in SW Florida during the lock downs, masking, and an inability to meet in person. We found that Zoom really was a great tool! The spirit and commitment of your current and former Board members is remarkable, and they all deserve and BIG "Thank You" for jobs well done. They made my job the last four years that much easier.

The new President, officers, and board members you will elect at this November's annual membership meeting are extremely well qualified and will continue the tradition of community service to BSI. I am not going away completely as of January 1st as I will become the Immediate Past President and so follow Ian Milne to serve on the Board in a non-voting, advisory capacity.

It's been fun and a privilege; thank you.

Bill Courtney, President

# BSIA 2022 BOARD

## OFFICERS:

President.....Bill Courtney  
 Vice President.....Faith Ferris  
 Secretary.....Dave DeGerome  
 Treasurer.....Lee Brandt

## DIRECTORS:

Community Standards.....Pat Iorio  
 Legal Liaison/By-Laws.....Brian Bender  
 Membership/Welcoming.....John Bothwell  
 E-Communications.....Jenny Anderson  
 Neighborhood Security.....David Elkins  
 Planning.....Mary Boeringer  
 Special Projects/Landscaping.....Kathy Martinelli  
 Social.....Wanda Daugherty  
 Past President (non-voting).....Ian Milne

## COMMITTEES:

Architectural.....Faith Ferris  
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## From the VICE PRESIDENT ~ Faith Ferris

### NEW CONSTRUCTION

Building is moving forward in our BSI community. Building was off to a slow start in 2022 due to supply issues as well as demands for permit application reviews by the City.

However, building is picking up in the last quarter. So far this year we have had 7 single family homes submitted for approval and 5 duplex homes moving upward a cinderblock course at a time.

### THE REVIEW PROCESS

The BSI Architectural Committee process requires specific information from builders in order to ensure home plans meet the BSI deed restrictions. Approval is granted for new home plans based on documents provided by the builder, assertions made on the signed application, written responses to questions, and a building permit issued by the City of Punta Gorda and receipt of fee.

### WHAT IS INCLUDED IN BSI REVIEW FOR DEED RESTRICTED ITEMS

- Single or multi-family home
- One building per lot (duplex is one building with 2 units)
- Building permit issued by City of Punta Gorda
- Attached garage
- Walled-in area to hide trash containers (garage kept containers need assertive statement)
- Color of house and trim require manufacturer's name and color number
- Roof tile or metal looking like tile - manufacturer and color
- Roof pitch
- Driveway must be cement or pavers
- Minimum of 1200 sq. ft. living space (single family) 800 sq. ft. (multi-family)
- Style meets aesthetics of community (subject to reasonable changing style trends)
- Landscape sprinkler plans submitted to City



### APPROVAL AND RECORD KEEPING

Upon approval, the builder and the owner are sent a signed approved application along with a free 1 year membership in BSIA for the owner. All approved plans and applications are retained in electronic files as is all email correspondence between the builder, BSIA and the owner. There is also a tracking spreadsheet for all approved homes listing the builder, owner, and approval date with contact information.

### PROCESS AND DOCUMENTATION RATIONALE

This process and documentation assists in establishing a method to successfully respond to builders, owners, and BSIA Board members as well fee checks and balances.





## E-COMMUNICATIONS ~ Jenny Anderson

Weekly bulletins- I hope you read and enjoy our Tuesday Bulletins as they are your best source for timely BSIA news. Be sure to scroll to the bottom of the Bulletin. There will be some items from recent Bulletins but there will always be the permanent info that you may need, like links to the Directory, our emergency preparedness plan, how to get BSI car stickers and our Sherwin-Williams paint discount plan. If you are not receiving the bulletin, please email [info@bsia.net](mailto:info@bsia.net).

Website- We constantly update our website at [www.bsia.net](http://www.bsia.net). If you have neighbors who aren't members, have them look at the website to see all we do for BSI and why their support is so important. The menu (the bar on the side of page or three lines on top of the page depending on the device you are using) is where you will find almost everything you need to know about your Association including Board meeting minutes, Deed Restriction information and the Architectural change form to fill out for any changes you're making to your house.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding communications, bulletins, or the website, please email [info@bsia.net](mailto:info@bsia.net). Also, let me know about any changes in any of your contact information so that you can be kept up to date on all things BSIA.



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## SOCIAL Notes ~ Wanda Daugherty

Looking back on the third quarter, I have to say it's been challenging in a fun way. On July 4th we celebrated with the BSI Boat Club at Cass Cay for lunch, music, and great friends. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend but I understood it to be another fun 4th celebration, with great food and fellowship. Thank you, Donna Nowak, for your assistance.

Things were a bit calmer in August. The Ice Cream socials are always a welcome treat during the heat of the summer. Thank you all for your support and attendance, and to Su Miscia and Michelle Rhees for taking charge of that event. And a big thank you to the mascot of the evening, Magnum. I hear he thoroughly enjoyed his tasty ice cream treat! This picture says it all as she so sweetly takes his order.



In September, we hit the ground running with two fun and enjoyed by all events. First was one I'm not sure was a first, but it definitely won't be the last for bowling. We all met up at Bowland in Port Charlotte to enjoy Pizza and a bit of knocking out a few pins. I lost count of gutter balls, most of which were mine. But we who found the gutters did it with grace and laughter. Last but not least was another dart tournament at The Ice House Pub. It was such a hit in June, everyone was ready to schedule another tournament. After the games, accolades were given to the winning dart teams and if you were lucky enough for your ticket to be drawn, you left with a gift card for the Ice House Pub.

We have several great and different events coming up. Watch for the Escape Room and Gilded Grape wine tasting, and some crafting time at Bisque It and Hammer & Stain...there's nothing like giving a loving handmade item at Christmas time. Speaking of Christmas - save the date, "December 10th", for the annual Christmas Party to be held at the Twin Isles Country Club. Plans are well underway, and we hope to see everyone there!

I want to thank my team and all our wonderful BSIA members who participate and hopefully enjoy our events. Until next time!



## SECRETARY'S REPORT ~ Dave De Gerome

This note is a simple and kind aide-mémoire to us all to be sure to remember that the **“HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY”** is what helps make BSI and Punta Gorda so special, and based on a number of communications over the years, it's something that so many residents want to rightfully preserve, and which makes this community unique, when compared to other towns these days!

Yes, daily we in Punta Gorda and BSI are exposed to a number of varied opinions and thoughts grounded on both intellect and individual opinions regarding topics and issues that both do and could impact our lifestyles here in Punta Gorda and in Burnt Store Isles – some of these impacts appear great and some not so great (bad).

In this same light, we're regularly informed about these issues and opinions through a number of resources including: The Daily Sun including folks' thoughts in the Editors Column, our daily local internet Neighborhood News, publications from our city, county, and state officials, daily watching of WINK and other newscasts, through the number of radio stations feeding our Gulf Coast's airwaves, and more.

While it's valuable to receive and take-in what news and information these resources are sharing, and to evaluate the varied opinions and thoughts received, it's even greater to see how you all in Punta Gorda and BSI continue to keep **“open minds”** and continue to **“pull together/collectively”** to address those initiatives that make Punta Gorda and BSI so special.

Yes, while there may be differences in individual opinions on matters, you collectively continue to make it a habit and norm to help others and one another, and to regularly look out for the interests of this town and community to help retain their unique character and charm! That is what makes BSI and Punta Gorda so special – in spite of all that is taking place locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally, you all **continue to work together collectively** and be the **HEART OF THE COMMUNITY**, so as to make this town special!

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# Neighborhood Security Update

## David Elkins

First and foremost, I have big shoes to fill replacing Tom Tomaszewski, who did an amazing job here. Tom has taken our security systems to a new level and we all, as residents here in BSI, owe him a huge thank you for all his hard work. His efforts are making my job much easier.

### Traffic and Camera Update

With the uptick in traffic coming (and maybe already here) with seasonal residents, service vehicles, and more, it is in everyone's best interest to watch your speed on our roads. The Punta Gorda police are doing a great job for use with regular patrols and traffic enforcement; would it surprise residents to know that most of the speeding is done by residents - and on Monaco, Madrid and Tripoli? We live in a very nice development - great place to ride your bike, walk your dog, have kids and grandkids visit, and more. Let's keep it safe for all of us. Speed never helps that. If you are able to speak to your landscaper or other contractors you might be using, just remind them to watch their speed when traversing our streets - that in itself might be a huge help. Nothing worse than a big landscaping trailer and truck flying down the road.

### Marine Security

Since I am a boater, I do want to mention something about your stainless steel propeller, which most of us have. At \$1000.00 or more per propeller, I am suggesting you look into a product called McGard, which is really easy to install and prevents propeller theft. It's basically like a special lug nut for your nice wheels on your car, but in this case, for the boat.

### Punta Gorda Chief of Police Citizens Advisory Update

I meet with the Chief and the Lt. along with representatives from PGI and other larger developments for updates on things going on here and in the surrounding area. There is more going on than most of us think. The police do a great job with patrols and enforcement in BSI; we hope that our relationship with them enhances their efforts. Feel free to wave to the officers and introduce yourself to them, given the opportunity. If you have home security cameras, please let me know or the police know if that is something you feel comfortable with. There may be a time that these could be helpful.



## PLANNING ~ Mary Boeringer

Now that we are in the tropical weather pattern, if you want to be alerted regarding weather, such as severe thunderstorms, tornado and hail warnings, search on Alert Punta Gorda, or go to <https://www.ci.punta-gorda.fl.us/services/public-safety/alert-punta-gorda>. Log in if you are already a subscriber or enroll if you are not. You may opt in or out to the alerts you wish to see.



## MEMBERSHIP ~ John Bothwell

BSIA continues to add new members every month. We are now over 500 members strong. New home construction and resales continue to grow at a fast pace, so please reach out to your new neighbors and introduce them to the benefits of joining BSIA. If you have a new neighbor or one of your neighbors that you frequently talk to, please encourage them to look at our website and join the Burnt Store Isles Association. I know when I'm walking my dog, I tend to meet the same people every day; we share conversation and sometimes a cup of coffee. This is a great time to discuss the Burnt Store Isles Association with your neighbors if they are not already members.

One of the benefits of our association is that it helps to maintain and protect the Burnt Store Isles deed restrictions, which is very important when we look at all the new construction. The social activities, especially the Bogo at the Working Cow, is a great way to meet new people and catch up with our neighbors that we don't see every day.

Don't forget to check our newsletter, electronic bulletin board, Facebook, and our website [WWW.BSIA.net](http://WWW.BSIA.net) to stay informed about everything going on in our community. This is the result of hundreds of hours of volunteers working to protect our community and keep our neighbors well informed and safe.

Thank you to all our members for supporting Burnt Store Isles by being active members of the BSIA.

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## COMMUNITY STANDARDS ~ Patricia Iorio

Everyone should have received the deed restrictions booklets sent out this summer. Whether a member of Burnt Store Isles Association or not, the deed restrictions apply to every property owner within Burnt Store Isles. Have you ever wondered why Burnt Store Isles is a deed restricted community?

A look back at the history of Punta Gorda Isles and Burnt Store Isles gives the answers about our deed restrictions. Three ex-CIA agents turned entrepreneurs, Al Johns, Bud Cole and Sam Burchers, first created Punta Gorda Isles in 1959 as a neighborhood of canal front homes. They laid out 55 miles of canals approximately 100 feet wide and 17 feet deep and used the dredged sand to raise up the land level in Punta Gorda Isles. Burnt Store Isles was developed by the same entrepreneurs after completing Punta Gorda Isles, with approximately 1000 canal front lots and 400 golf course lots.

In early January 1970, deed restrictions were filed by Punta Gorda Isles, Inc., the original developers of Punta Gorda Isles, for lots in Punta Gorda Isles Section 15, or what would be known as Burnt Store Isles. The deed restrictions were written by the original developers of PGI and BSI. These same developers were responsible for all approvals and enforcement of the deed restrictions.

Burnt Store Isles Association, Inc. was organized in May 1983 with eight early residents serving as the first Board of Directors. Several years later, in February 1986, Punta Gorda Isles, Inc. gave the rights to enforce the deed restrictions to Burnt Store Isles Association, Inc.

So, we have the original deed restrictions for our community which continue to be enforced by the BSIA. Every thirty years a notice to preserve these covenants and deed restrictions must be recorded with Charlotte County. Burnt Store Isles Association in April 2001 recorded a notice to preserve these covenants and deed restrictions while Punta Gorda Isles chose to rely on city codes and enforcement.

From time to time the question comes up regarding changing the deed restrictions. This would require 100% of the property owners in Burnt Store Isles to approve the change since the restrictions are recorded with each title and any change would have to be refiled with Charlotte County because the deed restrictions go with the property. Burnt Store Isles Association has the ability to waive the enforcement of restrictions but cannot change them.



## SPECIAL PROJECTS ~ Kathy Martinelli

Happy Fall to all!

2022 has been the start of upgrading our entry islands. This year we repaired and upgraded our irrigation system on the eight islands. The system is working beautifully; flowers and trees were in bloom all summer.

We hired a new landscaper, Pence Landscaping, who is doing weekly maintenance to keep the islands clean, groomed and weed-free.

As we move forward to 2023, we would like to add more plants and shrubbery and freshen up the stone ground cover.

The entrances into BSI will be beautiful and welcoming for all our neighbors and friends.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Lee Brandt

**Burnt Store Isles Association, Inc**  
**Burnt Store Isles Association**  
**Proposed 2023 Budget**  
**From Jan 2023 to Dec 2023**

| FINANCIAL ROW                      | AMOUNT             |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>     |                    |
| <b>Income</b>                      |                    |
| 4100 - Membership Dues             | \$23,500.00        |
| 4200 - New Construction Fees       | \$3,000.00         |
| 4300 - Directory Ads               | \$2,300.00         |
| 4350 - Newsletter Ads              | \$4,500.00         |
| 4400 - Interest Income             | \$50.00            |
| 4610 - Misc. Income                | \$100.00           |
| 4700 - Events - Member Paid        | \$2,800.00         |
| <b>Total - Income</b>              | <b>\$36,250.00</b> |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>                | <b>\$36,250.00</b> |
| <b>Expense</b>                     |                    |
| 6100 - Landscaping Reserve         | \$1,000.00         |
| 6150 - Landscaping/Property Mgmt   | \$13,370.00        |
| 6300 - Directory Preparation       | \$1,000.00         |
| 6350 - Newsletter Preparation      | \$4,800.00         |
| 6400 - Legal Fees                  | \$4,000.00         |
| 6420 - Liability Insurance         | \$2,800.00         |
| 6500 - Donation Given              | \$250.00           |
| 6620 - Badges                      | \$50.00            |
| 6700 - Events Member Paid          | \$2,900.00         |
| 6710 - Events BSIA Paid            | \$2,200.00         |
| 6730 - Storage Unit Rent           | \$785.00           |
| 6750 - PO Box Rental               | \$200.00           |
| 6760 - Postage and Delivery        | \$100.00           |
| 6770 - Safe deposit Rent           | \$100.00           |
| 6800 - Software                    | \$100.00           |
| 6820 - Web Emails Constant Contact | \$588.00           |
| 6830 - State Fees                  | \$65.00            |
| 6900 - Misc. Expense               | \$500.00           |
| 6930 - Meeting Room Rent           | \$675.00           |
| 6940 - Shredder Day                | \$645.00           |
| 6950 - Banners                     | \$120.00           |
| <b>Total - Expense</b>             | <b>\$36,248.00</b> |
| <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>         | <b>\$2.00</b>      |
| <b>Net Income</b>                  | <b>\$2.00</b>      |



## LEGAL Liaison ~ Brian Bender

I hope 2022 is shaping up to be a good year for you and your family. My wife and I recently became first-time grandparents to twin boys, so 2022 has been a wonderful year for us!

I stepped into the role of Legal Liaison late last year because we love BSI and we want to see it maintain the character it has for all of us and for our future neighbors. I work with my fellow board members and our external law firm in the City of Punta Gorda on issues we are unable to resolve through normal communication. With all the building going on recently, we've had a few issues that required legal intervention to make sure the newly built properties meet the BSI aesthetic requirements as set forth in our deed restrictions.

I have learned a lot about our community by participating on the BSIA board of directors. If you love BSI as I do, I encourage you to reach out to any of us to see how you can get involved.

## NOMINEES FOR BOARD POSITIONS ~ Ian Milne, Nominating Committee Chair ~

As Chair of the Nominating Committee, I would like to present the following members as nominees for election to the Board at the annual membership meeting for two-year terms starting January 1, 2023.

### **Bill Page for a first term as President**

Bill served as Treasurer from 2018 to 2021.

### **Pat Iorio for a first term as Vice President**

Pat Iorio for a first term as Vice President.

### **Charmaine Ponkratz for a first term as Secretary**

Charmaine will be joining the BSIA Board for the first time, filling the role of Secretary. Charmaine Ponkratz and her husband Gary moved to Florida from Wisconsin 20 years ago. After a career as a bank marketing executive, Charmaine retired to her 'encore career' as a volunteer to her alma mater (as a Trustee at Carroll University – Waukesha, WI) and her church (Burnt Store Presbyterian). She has served as the church's Clerk of Session and in various capacities in Peace River Presbytery and the South Atlantic Synod. When not involved in volunteer work, she can be found searching genealogical files. She is blessed to be called the 'other mother' of five children and grandma to ten grandchildren.

### **Faith Ferris for a first term as Community Standards Director**

Faith served as Vice President from 2019 to 2022.

### **Dave Elkins for a first full term as Neighborhood Security Director**

Dave was appointed by the Board in August 2022 to this position through the end of 2022 caused by the resignation of Tom Tomaszewski who moved out of the area.



**Burnt Store Isles Association**  
**General Membership Meeting Agenda**  
**Burnt Store Presbyterian Church –11330 Burnt Store Rd.**  
**Wednesday November 9, 2022 – 6:00 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call to order and confirm quorum – Bill Courtney, President**

**2023 Board of Directors Nomination and Voting – Dave De Gerome, Secretary**

Current Candidates For Open Positions Are:

President – Bill Page

Vice President – Pat Iorio

Secretary – Charmaine Ponkratz

Community Standards – Faith Ferris

Security – Dave Elkins (Appointed 2022)

**Review and Approve 2023 Budget – Lee Brandt, Treasurer**

**2022 Officers' Reports**

President - Bill Courtney

Vice President - Faith Ferris

Treasurer - Lee Brandt

Secretary - Dave De Gerome

**2022 Directors' Reports**

Community Standards - Patricia Iorio

E-Communications - Jenny Anderson

Legal Liaison - Brian Bender

Membership - John Bothwell

Neighborhood Security - David Elkins

Planning - Mary Boeringer

Social - Wanda Daugherty

Special Projects - Kathy Martinelli

**Member Comments**

**Introduce 2023 BSIA Officers and Board of Directors**

**Adjourn**





## Burnt Store Isles Association Notice of Annual Membership Meeting

**Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.**

Burnt Store Presbyterian Church  
11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda

**Attend the meeting to vote on new Board Members and the 2023 budget, and to ask questions or discuss issues important to you and the BSI community.**

**Bring a canned food item for the St. Vincent de Paul food drive!**

Registration is not necessary for attendance at the meeting, but it helps us plan for seating and materials. You may register through the links provided in recent weekly Bulletin emails or complete and mail the form below.

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Primary Email or Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Boat Maintenance 101

## by Tim Maloney, Dockside Detailing Service

Whether you are new to boating and just purchased your dream boat, or consider yourself an “old salt,” owning and maintaining a boat in SW Florida requires considerable maintenance, both mechanically and aesthetically. Your boat is a major investment and caring for it properly is vital to preserving its value for years to come. Exposure to the intense SW Florida sun, saltwater, and other environmental elements will take its toll on fiberglass, vinyl, and metal surfaces without proper and frequent maintenance. Below are a few suggestions to keep your boat looking great all year long.

Perhaps the easiest, and most often ignored task, is simply washing your boat. Not only is it important to rinse your boat after each use, it's also important to routinely wash your vessel (minimally monthly in frequency, preferably every two weeks). Washing not only removes the environmental elements (dust, bird droppings, etc.), but also the dirt, grime, and salt brought on with regular use in our local waters. We recommend using an environmentally friendly boat soap containing a wax additive. Never use dish detergents or other ammonia based cleansers, as they will strip your boat's wax and strip natural oils from fiberglass. Be sure to follow through with the most important step, hand chamois drying. Without a chamois dry, minerals in our local freshwater supplies will leave significant water spotting.

In addition to routine washing, it is critical to keep a good wax on all fiberglass and metal surfaces. Waxing not only protects these surfaces, it also extends the life and value of your vessel and its aesthetic appeal. In terms of frequency, we recommend waxing your entire vessel minimally two times a year in our SW Florida environment. Colored hulls, particularly darker colors, will require more maintenance to keep from fading and oxidizing in the intense SW Florida sun. Ceramic Coating is also a very viable alternative, though it can be very pricey.

Upholstery is often another overlooked item that can easily be cared for. The best recommendation is to remove your vinyl cushions from direct environmental exposure when not in use, but we realize that is not very practical. To keep your vinyl cushions and coaming pads in great shape, we recommend using a marine vinyl cleaner product, followed by a marine vinyl conditioner. Think of it as a suntan lotion for your cushions. The conditioning agents will keep your vinyl supple and protect against premature fading, cracking, and overall deterioration. We recommend applying the conditioner with each boat wash, especially if the boat remains uncovered and exposed to the environment.

A little preventative maintenance goes a long way! Get out on the water and enjoy your boat! We will see you at the sand bar!

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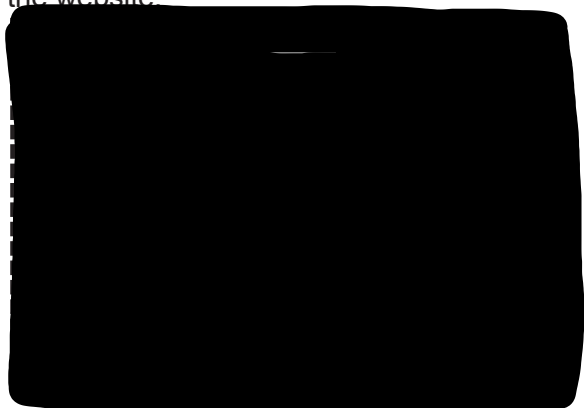
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