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*Dana Tippin Culter*

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THE OBJECT OF THE SPRINGFIELD BAR
Established October 17, 1903

• To maintain the honor and dignity of the profession of law,
• to cultivate social interaction among its members,
• and for the promotion of legal science,
• and the administration of justice.
When I think of the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, what comes to mind is a sense of great pride. Pride in being a lawyer, pride in being a member of this bar association, and pride in being affiliated with so many of you, people who are great lawyers who also give so much to each other and our community. And of course now I feel a sense of great pride in being able to serve as President of this organization, an organization that has given a great deal to me. I would like to share some of the specific reasons I’m proud to be a member of this bar association.

I am proud because we need not wonder if our efforts are making a difference. I don’t need to search far and wide for an example. This organization made a difference in my life before I became a lawyer. Many of you know I applied for and received the SMBA Law Day Scholarship. It provided financial assistance but maybe even more importantly it provided me with great encouragement to know lawyers in my hometown deemed me worthy of earning a scholarship. I’ve been on the Law Day Committee since I started practice here and it remains one of the most rewarding things about my involvement in the bar. It is wonderful to see the SMBA continue to perform what I view as one of its most important roles—outreach to and support of young people, many of whom may one day become members of this bar. It has been great to see people like Nate Dunville win the scholarship and return to Springfield to become an active member of this bar. It has been great to watch the faces of children so proud of themselves for winning an award at the Law Day essay or poster contests. If you want to feel good about this bar association, join the Law Day Committee because we are making a difference.

I am proud of our strong leadership. People like Rob Palmer, Mark McQueary, and Dwayne Fulk, who I didn’t know well or didn’t know at all before becoming President Elect but who have provided so much support and guidance over the past year. I’m thankful for another Past President, Brent Green, who asked me to be on the Board when he was President and I was a very new lawyer. I am proud we have an Executive Director in Crista Hogan who is passionate about the work of this bar and serving those of us who are members.

I am proud of the programming we offer to our members, through this association and through our bar foundation. I’m also proud that much of this programming is directed toward reaching our community and ensuring that community members have positive experiences with lawyers. We have ample opportunities for you to become involved. We have Bearisters, Fairbanks AD, Law Day, new member orientation, monthly lunches, Bar Brews, sustaining member events, the 5K, the Lyceum, a host of committees, trivia night, and multiple CLEs, to name a few. I encourage you to make this year the year you become more involved in the SMBA. Board members have agreed to chair committees this year and we will look at what committees are working and what we can do better. I welcome your input about committees and all of our programming and events.

I am proud of our diverse membership and leadership. I know I don’t need to tell you we are a bar made up of people with different backgrounds, practices, and views. And I’m not suggesting this bar is some sort of utopia, where we live in a state of constant happiness and harmony. Life is hard. Practicing law is hard. It is hard to get past grudges and perceived or real wrongs. But I’m proud to be part of an organization where men, women, young, old, plaintiff’s lawyers, defense lawyers, private and public lawyers, solo practitioners, and larger firm lawyers can come together to appreciate the benefits of membership in this group.

I am proud of the legacy of this bar association. The Bar Association of Springfield, MO (as it was called then) was formed in October 1903. The name of this association has changed a few times since then but the mission has remained unchanged and bears repeating: “To maintain the honor and dignity of the profession of law; to cultivate social interaction among its members; and for the promotion of legal science, and the administration of justice.” The mission has withstood the test of time because it is a great mission and one of which we should never lose
sight. I was delighted to have lunch with some of the Past Presidents of this bar association in December. I appreciated their words of advice, but mostly I appreciated the opportunity to thank so many of them, most of whom I have known since childhood, for having such a positive impact on my life. Carrying on the legacy of those who have come before us means a great deal to me.

I still remember the many pats on the back and words of encouragement I received from so many of you during college and law school. Even before that, I can remember many great interactions with members of this group. I remember being in Speech and Debate at Glendale High School and having Ransom Ellis as a judge. I had no idea he was an SMBA member and wouldn’t have known he was a lawyer but for our coach telling us after the fact. He was there to make us better. I know so many of you do the same for young people in our community.

Being a lawyer in this community and an active member of the SMBA has brought me lifelong friendships for which I will be forever grateful.

I am excited to serve this bar association, an organization that has made such a difference in my life.

March 2, 2017 Update
by Jerry Moyer, Court Administrator

2nd Floor: Installation of the Precast concrete Holding Cells is almost completed. The Elevator used for moving prisoners will be modified to add a stop at the 2nd floor. This work will be done outside of normal business hours. Electrical, plumbing, heating and air duct work is being done. Wall studs are being installed.

3rd Floor: Treatment Court courtroom front door has been moved. Expect to experience noise while all of this work is being done.

Thank you for your patience!

Supreme Court of Missouri’s Commission on Racial and Ethnic Fairness Invites Public to Attend Feedback Sessions

The Supreme Court of Missouri Commission on Racial and Ethnic Fairness will hold four public feedback sessions to provide a forum for the public to learn about and provide feedback for the commission’s recommendations to the Court. The Springfield meeting will be held as follows:

Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 5:30-7 p.m.
Missouri State University, Plaster Student Union, Traywick Parliamentary Room
1110 East Madison Street
All interested Missouri residents are invited to attend.

CONTACT US

The SMBA Bench and Bar Committee welcomes your confidential inquiries and suggestions. Please contact any of the members listed on this page.
January is an important month for the SMBA. The association pauses to reflect, celebrate, and look ahead. We do that first with the Installation Banquet, then with the board retreat.

One week after the banquet, SMBA board members assemble for the purpose of determining the focus and setting the tone for the coming year. Like most boards the agenda of monthly meetings is filled with reports, financial review and organization oversight. The annual retreat is our one shot to look at the big picture and evaluate where we have been, and where we want to go.

Held at the SMBA office, it is clearly more a retreat in function than geography, but the board members don’t seem to care. They generously give up a Friday afternoon to lend their considerable talent, creativity and critical thinking to set the direction for the coming year.

Strengths and Challenges
After preliminary matter, I ask everyone to write down the SMBA’s three greatest strengths and three greatest challenges. Responses are collated and reported back to the group. Sometimes the board decides to focus on one or more of those identified areas, but even when they do not, the exercise makes us a better organization. By identifying what we do best, what we could improve, and external trends and threats, we raise our awareness. That awareness drives better decisions.

When I was adding this year’s responses to the list I’ve been compiling for my 15 years with the bar, I was struck that the 2017 responses mirrored those of 2002 (and many years in between.)

Strengths (2002 and 2017)
• Continuing Legal Education
• Active and collegial membership
• SMBA staff and leadership

Challenges (2002 and 2017)
• Lack of civics education/understanding of the legal system
• Pressure to constantly find new non-dues revenue sources
• Increasing member engagement

In 2002, if you told me the same challenges would be identified fifteen years later, I would likely have counted that as failure. In 2017 I see it quite differently. I see it as an opportunity to focus and refine our efforts.

Some years, post-retreat, the board chooses to deliberately focus on some of the identified strengths or weaknesses. In 2016, we capitalized on identified and successfully addressed challenges with these programs:
• Bar Brew, Cocktails at the V (Increase member engagement and networking)
• Bearisters, Fairbanks AD, Mini Law School (increase public understanding of the legal system)

2017 Plans and Priorities
The logistics of the meeting change a little every year but the results are very consistent in establishing the tone and top priorities. The perpetual challenge is to determine if adding new projects will enhance the relevance of our organization, without distracting from our existing obligations.

Our primary objective in 2017 is to maintain the programs that we have in place, many of which have been added very recently. One new project is that after many years of board urging, we are going to offer CLE by phone to our members. SMBA Dial In CLE capitalizes on a strength (CLE) and addresses a challenge (extending member engagement), by offering a new, accessible and convenient platform for learning.

Another priority is to give some thought and attention to our committee structure. We have some very strong groups, like the law day committee, which function like clockwork. But our area of practice groups tend to be wildly inconsistent from year to year.
This year, each of those groups will be chaired by a member of the board so there will be a direct conduit of communication. Those chair assignments are:

- Chantel Alberhasky: Family/Juvenile Law
- Josh Bade: In House Council
- Ashley Twibell: Tour de Courts
- Michael Miller: Managing Partner Roundtable
- Emily Kembell: Probate and Trust and Healthcare Decisions Day
- Bryan Musgrave: Worker’s Comp/ Solo and Small Firms
- Stacie Bilyeu: Criminal Law
- Tom O’Neal: Commercial/ Insolvency
- John Lightner: Federal Practice
- Jeff Bauer: Trial Practice

Some of the area of practice groups might not meet in 2017, but the structure is in place in the event they decide to do so.

Other board members will chair ongoing or special projects:

- Judge Don Burrell: History/ Heritage
- Tom Carver: Bearisters
- Rob Palmer: Past Presidents:
- John Pratt: Bench and Bar

And Joseph Reid will head up a very important committee, which for lack of a better name is the committee committee. That group is charged with recommending whether and where we need to expand or contract our subgroups. One of the things that Josephs group will be looking at is the reality that there are already more than 130 official SMBA events and meetings on the 2017 calendar, and are we serving our members by increasing that census.

I am grateful for the time and efforts of the SMBA officers and directors who have consistently put the association on the right path, and we could not be in better hands with our current leadership and President, Ginger Gooch.
New Year’s Resolution
by Jarica Oeltjen, Associate Attorney at Lathrop & Gage and 2017 SMBA Law Day Chair

Like so many, I took some time away from work over the holidays to focus on the relationships that mean the most to me. That meant spending time at home with my nearly one-year-old son and my husband. Unfortunately for our household, some of that time included the joy that comes with both a stomach virus and an upper respiratory virus ravaging our home in the course of two weeks. But all in all, it was a really nice time to take a step back and think about my career and what I hope to make of 2017.

I've had the honor of practicing law in Springfield for almost 4 1/2 years. Even before practicing, I gained immeasurable advice and mentorship from Greg Aleshire and Bill Robb, two the best folks you'll ever meet in the Springfield community. Once I became a licensed attorney, two pillars in our profession– Gary Cunningham and Frank Evans – took the time to mentor me on the intangibles of the profession and how to distill cases to what is important and what isn't.

I’d be lying if I told you that a senior attorney never made me cry for doing a less-than-stellar job on a project. I’d also be lying if I told you I wasn’t a better attorney for getting the input – and criticism – on my work. On a particularly challenging issue, I vividly recall standing in my garage and cursing the day with a bottle of wine gifted from a certain mentor, as I considered tossing the bottle at the wall or drinking it. Thankfully, for so many reasons, I chose the latter.

My strength as an attorney comes from a person I respect telling me what I can do better...

It’s been in the moments of acute defeat where I’ve truly learned from my actions. When I’ve actually taken a step back and thought about how I approached a particular problem and if I could have handled it differently.

My generation often gets criticized for growing up in the everyone-gets-a-trophy era. And I think there’s some truth to that sentiment; we’re all pretty accustomed to getting a lot of laud and not much lambasting. I don’t really move forward when someone gives me an obligatory thumbs-up or a passing grade on a project. My strength as an attorney comes from a person I respect telling me what I can do better and how I can do better.

So, for 2017, I say to my colleagues: criticize me. Play the devil’s advocate when we’re talking about arguments the other side might bring up. Tell me if you disagree with my opinion and why. I’ll be better for it. You’ll be better for it. The client will be better for it. Oh, and throwing in a bottle of wine (preferably a dry red) doesn’t hurt.

Tour De Courts Recap
by Charles T. Lee, Associate Attorney at Hall Ansley, P.C.

On Valentine’s Day, the new lawyers were welcomed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District, for Stage 2 of the Tour de Courts. As a new lawyer, this stage was particularly exciting for me because it was my first time in the Missouri Court of Appeals, and it was also my first opportunity to meet many of the incredible Judges on the panel. Judges Mary Sheffield, Don Burrell, Jeff Bates, Gary Lynch, and Bill Francis took the time to greet each one of us individually, joined us for lunch, and then shared practice tips for achieving success at the appellate level.

Part of what has made the Tour de Courts program so great is that it allows us to get a more intimate perspective of where we work and the people we work with. We get to slow down and socialize with the judges, get to know the courthouse staff, and develop relationships with other new lawyers. We are truly grateful to the SMBA for putting these events together, and also to our firms for letting us take the time to attend.
I stay amazed at those folks who never seem to have faltered on life’s path. Don’t you? I secretly wonder, “Is the image I see real?”

I think it’s bad form to hide your failures. Why? We have a whole generation of young lawyers who need to know it is okay to fail and how to recover from the same. If we never admit that we have had setbacks, falls, or outright crashes, what hope do they have that they will ever recover from their own?

I am not suggesting we should wear a sandwich sign advertising our less than stellar moments, but we cannot be afraid to share how we made it through worrying about making payroll, being fired by a major client, losing that case in a huge way, marital woes, and family craziness. These challenges become our individual testimonies.

Testimonies by their very nature are meant to be shared. I read recently that it has been hypothesized that depression is so rampant in our country because of social media. Huh? It was suggested that all our “friends” and “followers” who always post their photos from their trip to Italy and Disney World, or the photos of their happy family picnics (where are the mud-covered kids who need a nap in these photos?) played a part.

Everyone’s family and life seems better than our own. It makes you wonder what the heck is wrong with me and mine. I would much rather have my made-up social media app – I call it “Keepin’ It Real.” I would love to see a before-and-after picture of a dad after being up with his projectile vomiting son all night, and then how he pulled it together (or did not pull it together) for his big presentation later that morning.

Or a selfie right after you found out that you have to do a deposition in 30 minutes, on a matter you know nothing about, with one of the critical witnesses in the case. Or my personal favorite, a tweet describing how, one week after returning from maternity leave, you hear a baby cry in the courtroom and your body floods your shirt with nutritive warmth (yes, this happened to me, with my son’s dinner dripping into my shoes). Those are moments to which I can relate and would make me want to testify about how I survived the same or similar craziness in my own life.

Mentors, I beseech you to share with those you are mentoring not only the glory days but the gut-wrenching days. I have been amazed on numerous occasions when I share my “Keepin’ It Real” stories with younger lawyers. They are much more appreciative than when I regale them with my alleged successes. It keeps us humble and helpful.

Perhaps the greatest benefit is that you become demonstrable evidence that bad things or results do not mean a bad life. You provide proof on how to navigate through rough waters and come out of the storm intact, more knowledgeable and ready for the next adventure. And, at the end of the day, isn’t that one of our purposes – to provide those who follow with a path? We should not be afraid to point out the parts of the path that are tricky or the parts that snagged us or caused us to fall. It is our unabashed, unashamed honesty that allow us all to progress forward together.

The 44th Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers was held Friday, January 20, 2017 at Hickory Hills Country Club and the gavel was passed, hand to hand, from 12 past presidents to 2017 President Ginger Gooch. Shaun Munday provided cocktail hour musical entertainment and following dinner there was music and dancing with "Sober as a Judge"
SMBA CLE
Dial In and Learn!

After many requests to offer remote access CLEs, the SMBA tried out a new platform with February’s “Judicial Aspirations” Dial In CLE. The reviews were outstanding and we are excited about the myriad possibilities. In fact, the first program was so successful, we will offer a new Dial In CLE every month, on the fourth Wednesday at noon. So join your colleagues from the comfort of your own office, and listen and learn from local attorneys as well as popular speakers from across the state.

This Month:
The Paperless Law Office
Todd Werts, Lear Werts, LLP, Columbia, Missouri
Wednesday, March 22, 2017
12:00-1:00, 1MCLE
Members $50, others $100

Half Price Registration in March!
To launch this new series we are offering a special deal to SMBA members. Register by March 20 and you only pay $25!

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☐ Season Pass, 10 MCLE for only $250!
☐ March Dial In CLE, $50+ Half Price Special $25

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SMBA CLE
Guardian Ad Litem Training
April 7, 2017
SMBA Office, 1615-D S. Ingram Mill Road

This seminar is structured to allow participants to attend one, two or three sessions, depending on their GAL training needs. The three session option satisfies the initial training component required prior to appointment as a GAL. In addition to the generous SMBA member discount, scholarships are available to assist SMBA members with registration fees. Email info@springfieldbar.com to request an application for fee assistance.

First Session (9:30–noon)
3MCLE-GAL

**Permanency Planning**
Bill Prince, Family Court Administrator and Chief Juvenile Officer 31st Judicial Circuit

**Child Development**
Missy Riley, Director of Early Childhood and Parents as Teachers, Springfield Public Schools

**In Home Pediatric Care: Children Need It, and the Law Requires It**
Doug McNeal, Developmental Pediatrician, and
Angie Pratt, Family Resource and Autism Specialist at Springfield Regional Center.

Second Session and Lunch (noon–2:00)
2MCLE- GAL/ including 1 MCLE Ethics

**Tips from the Bench for the GAL**
Commissioners Regi Martin and John Lukachick, and Judge Eric Eighmy

**Ethics Considerations for the GAL**
David Doran, Law Offices of David Doran

Third Session (2:00–4:30)
3MCLE-GAL

**Domestic Violence – Impact on Families**
Sarah Donelan, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Greene County

**Bias and Cultural Competence**
Wes Pratt, Vice-President of Diversity and Inclusion, Missouri State University

**Update on the Law**
Kris Barefield, Law Offices of Kristoffer Barefield, LLC

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One session: members $125, others $225  
Two sessions: members $250, others $450  
All Day: members $300, others $500 (8MCLE) includes 1MCLE ethics and lunch

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☐ First Session  ☐ Second Session  ☐ Third Session

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March CLE Lunch: The Future of the Profession
Co-Chairs of the Missouri Bar - Supreme Court task force will be on hand to discuss their findings and recommendations. Judge Paul Wilson, Supreme Court of Missouri and Bill Bay, Thompson Coburn will provide insight on the key issues likely to face the legal profession in the coming years. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the challenges and opportunities ahead.

- March 15
  Report on the Future of the Profession
  Judge Paul Wilson, Missouri Supreme Court and Bill Bay, Task Force Co-Chairs

- April 19
  Nancy Allen on Second Chapters:
  From Prosecutor to Best Selling Author of Hillbilly Noir

- May 17
  Generating Business
  High Profile to Low Key, Marketing Strategies for Every Budget

- June 21
  Alternative Treatment Court Primer
  A Conversation with Commissioner Peggy Davis

- July 19: TBA!

- August 16
  Still Appealing, Southern District Style
  Panel of judges Sheffield, Bates, Burrell and Francis, moderated by Rick Schnake

- September 20
  Tech Tips
  Top Timesavers and Efficiency Creators to Improve Your Practice and Life

March Bar Brew: Courageous Collaboration
The Missouri Bar and SMBA have teamed up to offer a cutting-edge discussion led by 2016-17 Missouri Bar President Dana Tippin Cutler where she explains how our implicit biases impact the legal profession and provides a step-by-step guide for how firms and organizations can engage in group work and efforts to induce change when it comes to issues such as race, gender, disability, sexual preference and sexual orientation. If you are ready to address your own biases in order to create real solutions for your firm and our profession, join Dana to learn how to take the next step in diversity!

- March 16
  Courageous Collaboration: Identifying Implicit Bias
  Missouri Bar President, Dana Tippin Cutler

- April 20
  View from the Bench
  The Honorable Becky Borthwick and the Honorable Margaret Palmietto

- May 18
  Don't Blow it Part 2, DWI Update and Field Sobriety Demonstration
  Joe Passanise and Scott Pierson

- June 15
  How to Spot Insurance Bad Faith Issues for your Clients
  Steve Garner

- July 20
  Gifts from the Bench: Christmas in July
  Tips from Family Court Commissioners Jensen, Lukachick, Marquardt & Martin

- August 17
  Missouri’s New Gun Laws
  Panelists Royce de R. Barondes & Alan Rosten, moderated by The Hon. Miles Sweeney

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How to avoid bar complaints
and what to do (and not do) if you get one
Presented by Randee Stemmons and Kevin Rapp
May 9, 2017, 3:00-4:45
2MCLE Ethics
About the presenters:
As Special Representatives for the OCDC Region XV Disciplinary Committee, Randee Stemmons and Kevin Rapp have investigated hundreds of bar complaints and prosecuted cases from initial disciplinary filings through final disposition at the Missouri Supreme Court.

Spotting and Resolving Conflicts of Interest
Presented by Michael Downey
June 8, 2017, 1-2:45
2MCLE Ethics

12 Ways to Practice Smarter Not Harder
Presented by Michael Downey
June 8, 2017, 3:00-4:45
2MCLE Ethics
About the presenter:
Michael P. Downey is a legal ethics lawyer and founder of Downey Law Group LLC, a St. Louis law firm devoted to legal ethics, lawyer discipline defense, and the law of lawyering. Michael advises lawyers at law firms and legal departments regarding legal ethics and risk management issues, and provides ethics opinion letters and expert testimony on such matters. Michael also assists lawyers responding to disciplinary complaints, and has defended lawyers in civil litigation and disciplinary cases in both Missouri and Illinois.

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members $100, others $150
Onsite: members $125, others $175

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Hour by Hour

June 29, 2017
Hickory Hills Country Club
3909 E. Cherry

Our most popular SMBA CLE Seminar of the year is also our last offering in the MCLE season. This year is no exception!

☐ 8:00  Criminal Law Update (New Code)
       Teresa Grantham

☐ 9:00  Title IX
       Jill Patterson

☐ 10:00  Health Insurance Reform
        Richard Russell

☐ 11:00  Bankruptcy Update
        Lee Viorel

☐ 12:00  Debt Collection Bingo
        Brent Green

☐ 1:00  Time and Stress Management (ethics)
        Brent Green

☐ 2:00  Ethics in Advertising
        Susan Jensen

☐ 3:00  Tort Reform
        Rob Palmer

☐ 4:00  Constitutional Challenges
        Jeff Bauer

☐  Lunch at noon, $20 (included with all day registration)

☐ All of the above, including lunch! Members only $325 (Non-members $450)

Advance Registration through close of business June 28:
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Ratified during Reconstruction a century and a half ago, the Fourteenth Amendment serves as the cornerstone of landmark civil rights legislation, the foundation for numerous federal court decisions protecting fundamental rights, and a source of inspiration for all those who advocate for equal justice under law.

2017 Law Day Calendar

April 1
Poster Contest Award Ceremony
The Library Center
2:00

April 1 – 21
Poster Exhibit in the Concourse
The Library Center

April 8
Essay Contest Award Ceremony
The Library Center
2:00

April 15
Nomination Deadline for Distinguished Attorney and Liberty Bell Award

May 3
Law Day Lunch Celebration
Hickory Hills Country Club
11:30
SMBA LAW DAY SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

Presenting Sponsor: $4000

Thank You Husch Blackwell

Art Contest Sponsor: $3500
- Sponsor signage at artists' award ceremony and reception
- Special recognition at artists' award ceremony and reception
- Recognition at Law Day Lunch
- Full page (5.5 x w 8.5 h) acknowledgement in Law Day Program
- Recognition in Bar News, Bar Bell and springfieldbar.com

Essay Contest Sponsor: $3500

Thank You Law Firm of Neale & Newman

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- Recognition at Law Day Lunch
- Recognition in Bar News, Bar Bell and springfieldbar.com
- Print of Law Day Poster Art

White Level Sponsor: $550
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- Recognition in Bar News
- Print of Law Day Poster Art

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- Listing in the Law Day Lunch Program and on Table Tents
- Recognition in Bar News

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