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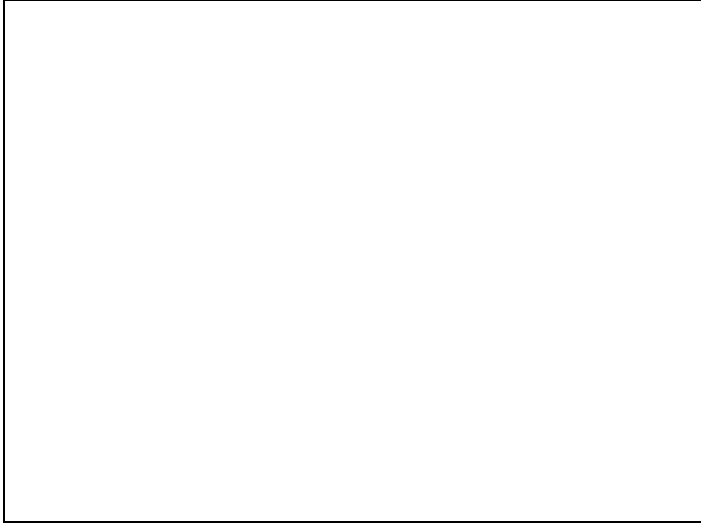
THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CAMP CHIKOPI

WINTER 1999

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Do you remember what you did last summer? Well, if you were at Chikopi, here is a reminder: Sailing around Ahmic lake on one of Chikopi's 11 sunfish, paddling to Ahmic Harbour for ice-cream, tubing at Knoepfli Rapids,



THAT'S SANDY IN THE MIDDLE

“mining” during the gold rush, finding your way through the woods during the Rambo Hunt, winning the Manitowabing soccer game, playing tennis, softball, volleyball, rugby, archery, golf, ropes course, and more, biking up the Chikopi Trail, looking for deer antlers,



JOHN SPANNUTH © GET SMILES ALL AROUND

Olympic Gold Medallist Sandy Nielson Bell, Australian Olympic coach Laurie Lawrence, renown sports psychologist Keith Bell, USA Olympic coach Stan Tinkham, Canadian coach Glen Belfry, international swimming historian, retired athlete and camp owner Buck Dawson,



COACH STAN TINKHAM AND SOME OF THE CHIKOPI SWIM TEAM

and all your every-day, hard working counselors; dedicating the Paul Jackson Library and Game Room; telling stories by the camp fire, swimming in the meet at London, paddling in Welland, winning all but 6th place at the Chikopi Sunfish Regatta, competing in the Rosemary Dawson swim meet: surviving Canada's magnificent outdoor canoe trips, and much, much more.

This 1999 is Chikopi's 80th anniversary and here's what's in store for you: a new 50 meter Matt Mann swimming pool in the front of camp, a new regulation-sized soccer field (futbol pitch) in the back field, a new swim shack with built-in sauna next to the 50m pool, a new sailing pavilion to compliment an enlarged sailing fleet, plans for an upcoming four-court, cement racquetball/handball court, and a newly seeded golf putting green in front of the barn.

Now all we need is you to make next summer complete. Don't delay in returning your application. Enjoy reading this winter newsletter and keep us up to date on life where you are. Note the temporary change in our email address: cchikopi@aol.com.

1998 ADDRESS LIST

Finally, here it is so you can call or write everyone from camp last summer. If your numbers have changed, or if you have added email to your home, let Bob know so he can print it in the next newsletter. Otherwise – happy communicating.

1998 CAMP PHOTO

It was a bright, sunny Chikopi morning when Tim Kennedy flashed the camera for the 79th annual camp photo. Thanks, Tim, because the picture turned out pretty darn good. The original copy goes up on the wall of our Buck and RoseMary Dawson Mainhouse. Enclosed is your copy, with a little extra photo disc. Compare your photo disc each year and see how much you grow.

CHIKOPI, CONVERTS CAPTURE-THE-FLAG FIELD INTO NEW SOCCER FIELD

Ground breaking took place on September 3, 1998, when Neil, wife Sherry, Blair, Colin, Jordan, Leslie, Chad, sister Brooke, Colette and Bob all took to clearing the shrubs and trees on the far back field over looking the Beaver Dam.

WORKING TO CLEAR SOCCER FIELD: LESLIE, JORDAN, BROOKE, NEIL SHERRY, BLAIR,
COLIN, CHAD, COLETTE AND BOB

It's where we used to play capture the flag and dump all the foliage clippings from around camp. Jack Crossman came in two weeks later with the bulldozer and began to clear and level the field. It was a lot of work to remove the stumps and begin to level ground. When completed in the Spring, the field will be regulation 60m x 110m sized. The area is wide open now so that you can see all the way from the barn to the beaver pond. Completion is set for late Spring of 1999 and if the grass seed takes in time, we will be on it by mid summer.

This means that lacrosse and other field games will shift to Wally Weber Field in front of the Mainhouse. The new field

will allow for more level soccer instruction and better preparation in soccer play.

CHIKOPI'S STAFF IS HIGH PRIORITY

At Chikopi, selecting the highest caliber staff members is of utmost importance. Most counselors are "raised" from the ranks of Chikopi campers – those who understand the traditions, values and principles that are important to Chikopi. CIT's (counselors in training) are given an

COLETTE, LAURIE LAWRENCE, GLENN AND LEE STRIVE TO SET THE PACE

opportunity to show their leadership potential and strength of character. At this stage, they are half camper and half counselor and those with leadership ability and compassion for their fellow campers advance into a counselor role.

This year, soliciting top-notch senior staff and coaches from Europe, Mexico, Australia, United States and Canada is a high priority. We will update the roster at the next newsletter.

CHIKOPI SELECTS TEMPORARY EMAIL ADDRESS

The email address as listed on the 1999 application form is incorrect – at least for a few months. The printed email address contains 11 characters and after printing of the forms, we realized that only 10 characters may be accepted. So until that changes to 11 characters within the next few months, the computer will only accept cchikopi@aol.com to reach the office.

In further of our computer problems, our computer has been down since last September and we have not been able to

receive any email anyway. But all is working now, so let's hear from you – cchikopi@aol.com

BUCK & BOB TO APPEAR ON ESPN

On November 19th ESPN/ABC Sports interviewed Buck and Bob for 3 ½ hours for their up coming show SportsCentury. The interview will appear periodically from January 22, 1999, to June 2000, as a prelude to the 2000 Olympic Games. They were asked to comment on an array of subjects including women's swimming during the early part of the century, Gertrude Ederle's 1926 crossing of the English Channel, comparisons of Johnny Weissmuller, Mark Spitz and other great swimmers, and coaches who had an impact on the performances of various swimmers. Watch your TV listings for dates and times nearest you.

KEVLAR & CEDAR STRIP CANOES ADDED TO FLEET

During a ride through the Haliburton Highlands in September, Bob and Colette acquired 5 new canoes for Chikopi. Two are of Kevlar material, the new, anti-destruction material, which functions best for the novice paddler in river currents. Three are cedar strip quality, two with fiberglass covering and one with canvas covering. Cedar strip canoes were first used by the voyagers of Canada's fur trading ancestry. They are the most responsive on the water and the best canoes to use to acquire effective canoeing skills. All the canoes received a fresh coat of paint in October and the fleet will be floating high for next season.

1999 APPLICATIONS- READY, SET, GO

Now is the time to reserve your bunk at Chikopi for the next summer. Remember last summer, all the cabins were full during the middle week of camp, so don't delay – return your application today. As an incentive to bring a friend with you, we are offering a personal "Grey Owl" canoe paddle to any of you who tells a friend about Chikopi and signs up for camp. These paddles are of the finest quality and a nice memento of camp. Sign up by February 24th and we will cover your spending account (upto \$300 for 7 weeks/\$250 for 4 weeks). Take advantage of this offer!!

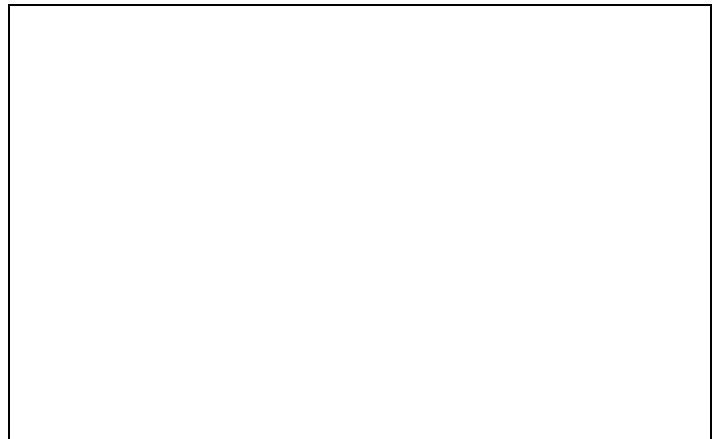
CHIKOPI FAMILIES DONATE

Many thanks to everyone who donated items to Chikopi this past year. It is a great service to camp and allows us to put our resources into areas of other concerns.

Flip Montgomery's parents donated a ping pong table to the Paul Jackson Library and Game Room while Joey Breedon's parents brought up a sofa to match. David Barney, Bob's twin brother, gave us some money to purchase line for the sailboats main sheets and Bob's sister Ginny and her husband Chris contributed the windows for the Library and Game Room. 1950's camper Tommy Kehoe donated a box of books for the library and the Rhoumacki family donated a shell of a sailboat which combined with our sails, rudder and center board is a fine addition to the sailing fleet. Tim Kennedy gave us soccer socks which when we wore them against Manitowabing, knocked their socks off. Bryan Crocketts' parents have a ping pong table set aside and Brian Tracey's parents sent up a box of golf balls to drive. Jose and Pancho Walsh's parents sent up two hammocks to use during siesta time. I hope we got everything. Thanks to everyone. And thanks to Jonathan Marler, our Canadian tax donation Foundation is 99% set up with Bob Barney, Bob Foxcroft and Valerie Mc Intyre serving on the board with Jonathan. We'll update this during the next newsletter.

FOUR CAR DELUXE GARAGE IS FINISHED

We all remember the framework of the garage started by the Tollgate School in early June. It wasn't until September that Neil, Chad and Bob were able to finish the sides, roof and doors so that it is now housing the Anton Mobile and the Ak-o-Mak Suburban for the winter.



NEW GARAGE FOR SAFE STORAGE AND EASY ACCESS

The new garage has a storage area upstairs and room for four vehicles downstairs; it's built so nice that we could even house a herd of horses in it if we ever had a stampede at Chikopi. Thanks to Tollgate School of Brantford, Ontario for setting the foundation and putting up the building shell. Formal dedication of the building will take place in the summer of 1999.

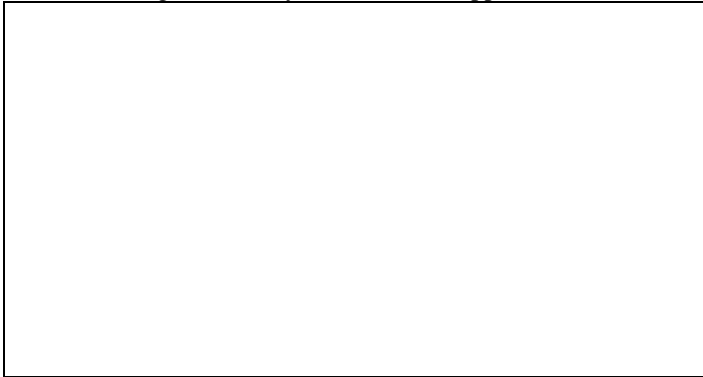
CHIKOPI SAILING PAVILION ANCHORS AWAY

In early September, Chad, Lee, Leslie, Bryan, Neil and Bob moved one ton of rock and cement, using the Chikopi tractor and trailer, from behind Mrs. Manns to the lakeshore behind the burned –out sauna. This lakeshore area will become the

new Chikopi Sailing Pavilion. It will house a hexagonal gazebo over the water sitting on a dock that stretches from the shore to the Rock Island between the boathouse and the 50-meter pool. Sailboat canoes will be launched from here. Sailing instruction and guidance will all take place from the pavilion. It is all in an effort to keep Chikopi the fastest and mightiest fleet on the lake. Tight lines for next summer.

CHIKOPI ALUMNI LEAD UNITED STATES SWIMMING

Two Chikopi Alumni have been elected by their peers to direct swimming in the United States. Dale Neuburger of Indianapolis was recently elected President of USA Swimming. It is a measure of the respect that Dale holds in the swimming community, that he ran unopposed.



USA SWIMMING'S NEW PRESIDENT, DALE NEUBURGER, (LEFT) CHATS WITH FORMER OLYMPIC COACH RAY BUSSARD

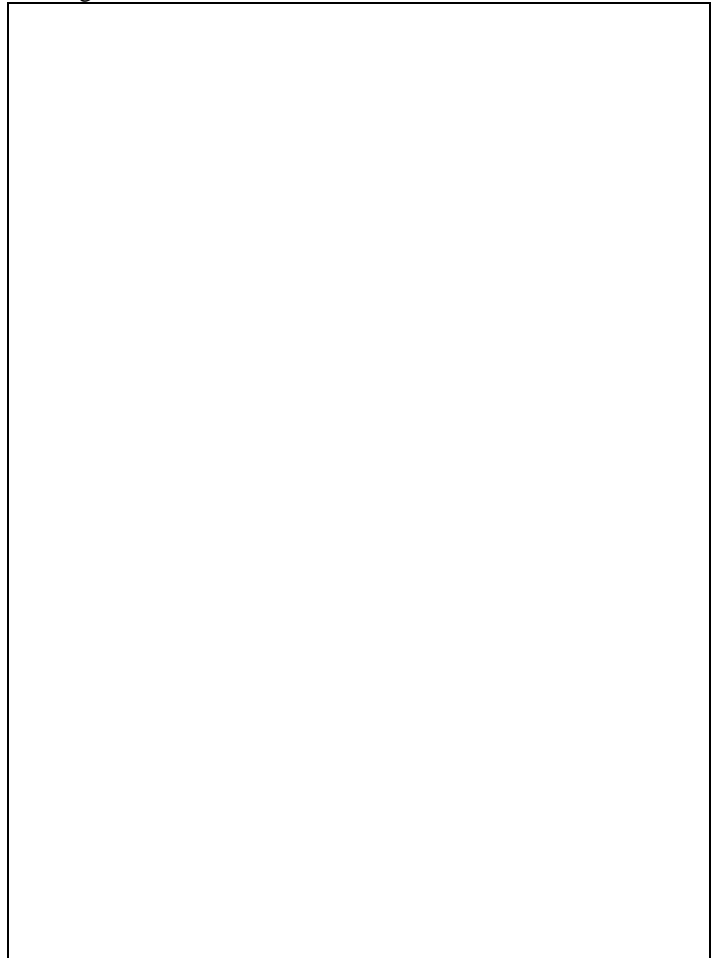
Richard Quick, women's swimming coach at Stanford University has just been selected women's Olympic coach for 2000 in Sydney, Australia. Quick attended Chikopi as a youngster.

Additionally, Chikopi swim coach Ray Bussard of University of Tennessee has been selected for Induction into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Ray's daughter, Tiger, attended Ak-o-Mak for over a decade as camper, counselor, swim team and paddling team coach. Ray has been a coach at Chikopi and Ak-o-Mak and we hope he will be back again this summer.

WHEN THE EARTH EXPLODES! VOLCANOES AND THE ENVIRONMENT BY BUCK DAWSON

You heard it! That's Buck's newest book. And it's great reading. Buck maintains very interesting theories on environmental problems that we face on the earth. "Volcanoes give life and take it away. Without them, there would be no water and no life." Buck shows by volcano studies and graphs that for over 200 years 95% of global air pollution has come from volcanoes, that there has been NO global warming trend over the last 200 years, that volcanoes are responsible for El Nino, the hole in the ozone, air pollution and disappearances in the Bermuda triangle. You can request a book for yourself or as a gift. Just email, call or write Bob for information. Buck will personally autograph your copy.

Price is \$23.95 postage included. Or you can order directly through Buck's office at 954-522-6340.



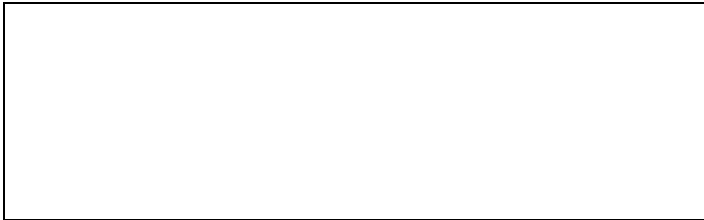
BUCKS NEWLY RELEASED BOOK

CHIKOPI'S GALLERY



MUSCLES ABOUND BEFORE THE START OF THE CHIKOPI MILE SWIM

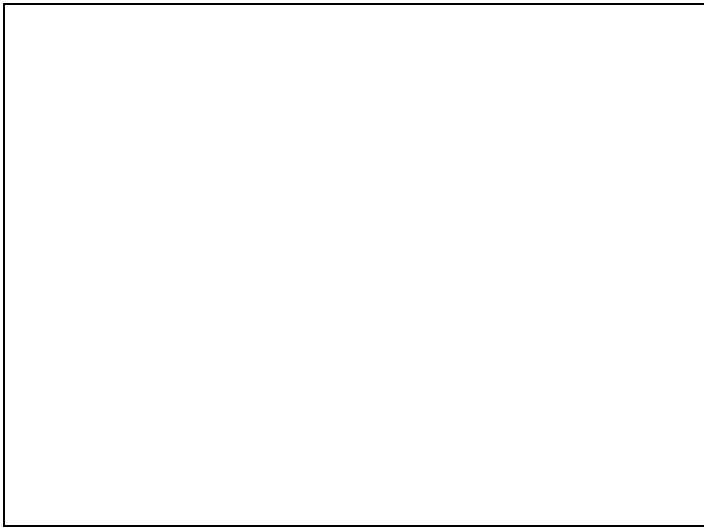




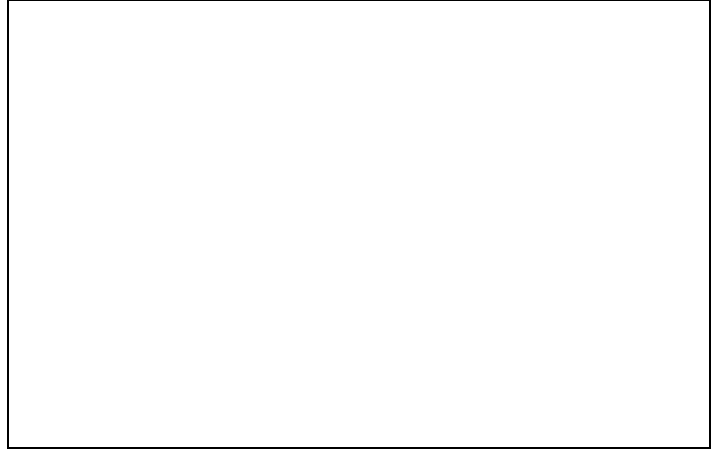
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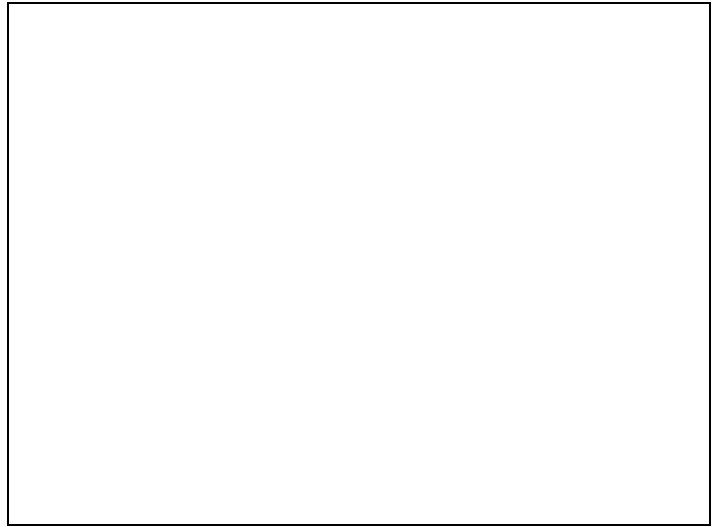
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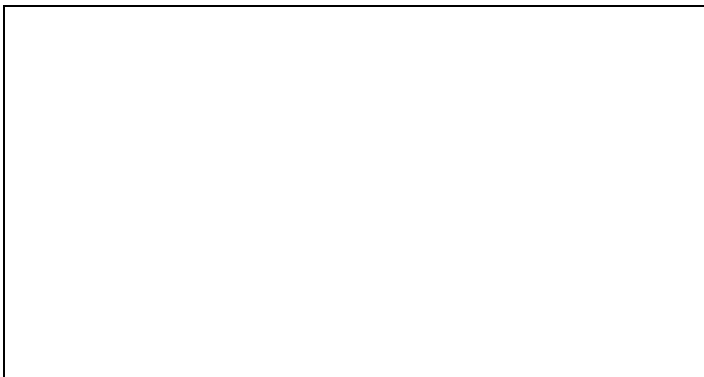
TWO TEAMS RECOVER AFTER THE RAMBO RUN FROM CHIKOPI TO MAGNETAWAN



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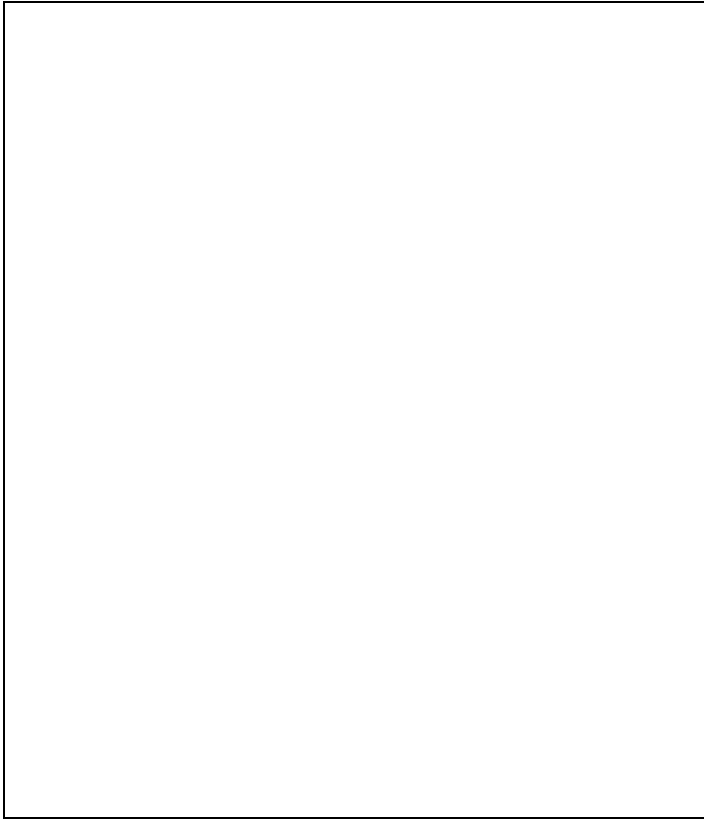




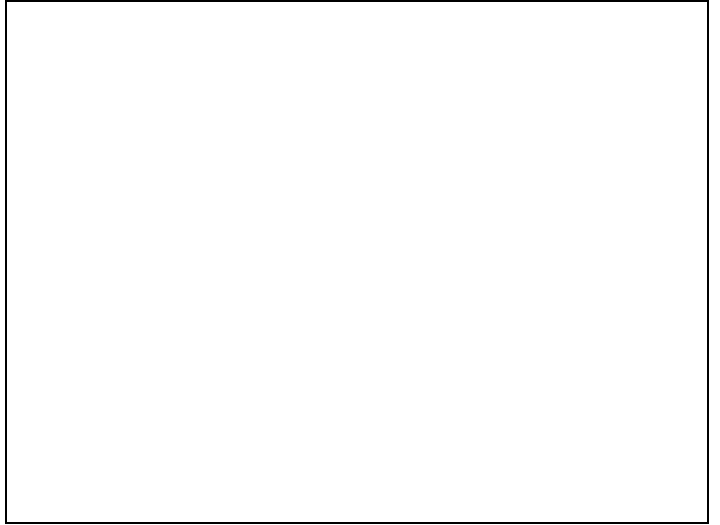
JACK CROSSMAN, NEIL AND BOB TAKE A BREAK FROM CLEARING NEW SOCCER FIELD



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