

CAPITOL CRIMES

Sharing the thrill of mystery.

OCTOBER 2022

From the President

On September 24th, Sisters in Crime celebrated 35 years of supporting women and other under-represented crime authors. I hope you were able to attend some of the virtual events. Listening to Lori Rader-Day interview Sara Paretsky about the founding of the organization, and the challenges our founders were up against, reminded me yet again how lucky I am to be a part of Sisters in Crime. It was clear that from the beginning, SinC members don't just join to further their own careers. They give of their time, talent, and energy, and come together to form a true community. If you missed the interview, I hope that it will be posted on the National website soon so that everyone can see it.



Our local Capitol Crimes chapter has a long history of amazing people stepping up to lead as well, and by now, all active members should have received a ballot to elect the board for 2023. I am so excited to see what this new board brings to us in the coming year. And if you're not currently a member, now is the perfect time to join! If you join between now and the end of the year, you get a few bonus months and your membership is good through the end of 2023!

As the days are getting shorter, I'm going to keep this message short and sweet. Check out all of the exciting events we have coming up through the end of the year, and celebrate with us the many accomplishments of our members. I look forward to seeing you all soon, whether it's on Zoom or in person!



—Sarah Bresniker, President

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Save the Date!

We know that you all love a good mystery! Here are some clues: What Capitol Crimes Event includes:

- Time to get away from the day-to-day to focus on your writing
- Critique of your work in progress
- Deep craft lessons from a bestselling author AND editor
- Small group discussions with fellow writers about your work
- A stunning location and great food that you don't have to cook!

If all of this sounds like a dream come true, **save the dates October 26-29, 2023** and stay tuned for more detailed announcements. Space is limited and this is an opportunity you won't want to miss!

Don't Forget to Vote!

If you are an active member, you should have received your ballot for the 2023 board by email. The last day to vote is October 11th. If you are an active member and did not get your ballot, please email us at CapitolCrimes@gmail.com. It only takes a couple of minutes, so please make sure to vote!

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER MEMBERS MEETING - PARANORMAL PANEL

Saturday, October 15, 2022 @ 1:00 PM (PT) • on Zoom

COFFEE HOUR AT WILD SISTERS BOOK COMPANY

Sunday, October 30, 2022 @ 2:00 PM (PT) • Wild Sisters Book Company, 3960 60th Street, Sacramento, CA

BOOK CLUB (*TAPESTRY OF TEARS* with MICHELE DRIER)

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 @ 7:00 PM (PT) • Zoom

NOVEMBER MEMBERS MEETING - TBA

FACE-TO-FACE FA LA LA HOLIDAY PARTY 2022

Saturday, December 17, 2022 @ 1:00 PM (PT) • The Old Spaghetti Factory, 12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova CA

CAPITOL CRIMES END OF 2022 VIRTUAL COCKTAIL PARTY

Tuesday, December 27, 2022 @ 7:00 PM (PT) • Zoom

Visit www.CapitolCrimes.org for details and to register.

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PARANORMAL PANEL
October 15, 2022 1PM PST

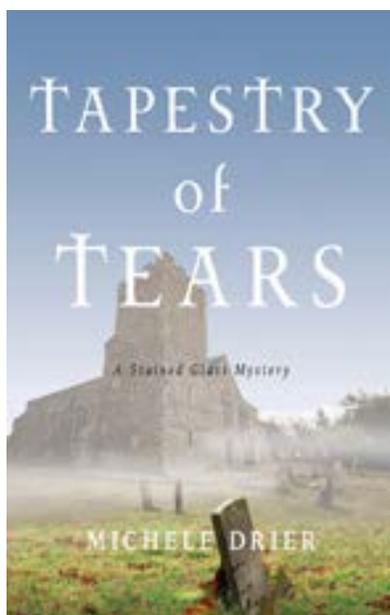
Author Dänna Wilberg
Psychic Linda Schooler
Psychic Joseph Martin
Author Erin Burrell
Author Jessica Cline
Author Elaine Faber
Author Casi McLean
Author Eric J. Gates

The poster features a grid of nine headshots of the event's participants. At the top, the title 'PARANORMAL PANEL' is written in a stylized font, with the date and time 'October 15, 2022 1PM PST' below it. Each headshot is accompanied by a name and a title: 'Author Dänna Wilberg', 'Psychic Linda Schooler', 'Psychic Joseph Martin', 'Author Erin Burrell', 'Author Jessica Cline', 'Author Elaine Faber', 'Author Casi McLean', and 'Author Eric J. Gates'. The background is a dark, starry space.

OCTOBER MEMBERS MEETING - PARANORMAL PANEL

Dänna Wilberg will moderate a panel of paranormal authors, at least 1 psychic, and will discuss how to include paranormal elements in your stories, and how to get it right. Panelists include Jessica Cline, Elaine Faber, Erin Burrell, Casi McLean, Eric Gates, Linda Schooler, and Joseph Ernest Martin. After introductions, Dänna will proceed with questions to open discussion, followed by questions from the attendees. .

[Click here to register.](#)



BOOK CLUB

Don't miss our next Book Club meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 7:00-8:30 PM (PT), Zoom when we discuss Michele Drier's mystery, *Tapestry of Tears*. [Register here.](#)

Join us to discuss Book Two in the Stained Glass Mystery series. *Tapestry of Tears* is about an internationally renowned stained glass artist who jumps at the chance to translate a medieval tapestry into stained glass, researching its history in Southern England and Northern France. But the 21st century drags her back when she finds a body crumpled against a wall in an ancient stone church in the small town of Lympe, on the southern coast of England. Has she walked into a contemporary murder?

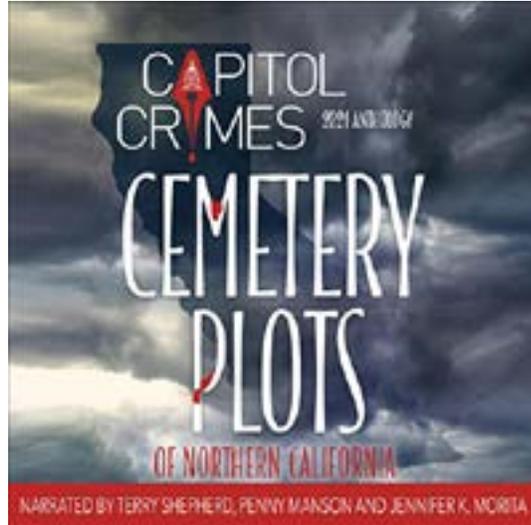


[Click here to buy the book](#) before we meet!

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Just in time for Halloween, get a copy of **Cemetery Plots of Northern California** anthology. Available as eBook, print book and audio.

Did you know the audio book is narrated by our very own Terry Shepherd and Penny Manson? Give a listen!

[Click here to buy the audio book today!](#)

We want to spread the word about our fabulous Capitol Crimes members. We've started a new, streamlined system to make it easier for members and our volunteers to create announcements that we will publish in the newsletter as well as post on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram as time and space allow.

If you're a current Capitol Crimes member, hit us with your good news about:

- * Book release date and/or book launch event
- * Author events
- * Writing Award
- * Publication in a magazine or anthology



Just go to our new [Members News Submissions page here](#), fill out the form. Note: You must be logged in as a member to access the page.

Did you know we have a Chapter group in SinC Community? Log in to Sisters in Crime National and click on the CONNECT tab, then choose SINC ONLINE COMMUNITY: <https://www.sistersincrime.org/page/SinCTradewingCommunity>



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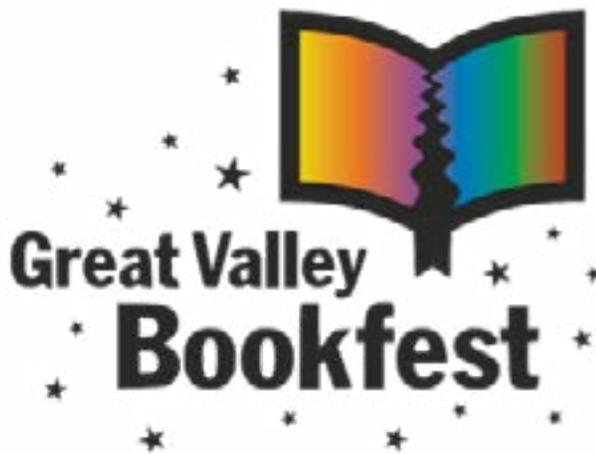
Member News

From Chris Dreith -

On October 29, my story about a ghost Scottie dog in a California winery will appear in King's River Life, mystery section. Read it here: <https://kingsriverlife.com/category/kings-river-reviewers/mysteryrats-maze/>

A New Mysteryrat's Maze Podcast is up this month! This one features the first chapter of "Bait and Witch" by Angela M. Sanders, read by local actor Ariel Linn. With its magical setting it is perfect as we near the Halloween season! <https://mysteryratsmaze.podbean.com/e/bait-and-witch-by-angela-m-sanders/> — **Lorie Lewis Ham**

James L'Etoile will hold a book talk and signing event at Book Passage in Corte Madera, California on November 5th at 1:00 pm.



Great Valley Book Fest
October 8, 2022, Manteca, California

Come visit Capitol Crimes at the Great Valley Bookfest! At noon we will have a table and a panel on "Pulling Fiction From Real Life" presented by authors **Claire Booth**, **James L'Etoile**, **Richard Meredith**, and **Jessica Cline**. If you're interested, you can even get your own author's table.

We'd love to see you there!

Visit gvbookfest.org for more information.



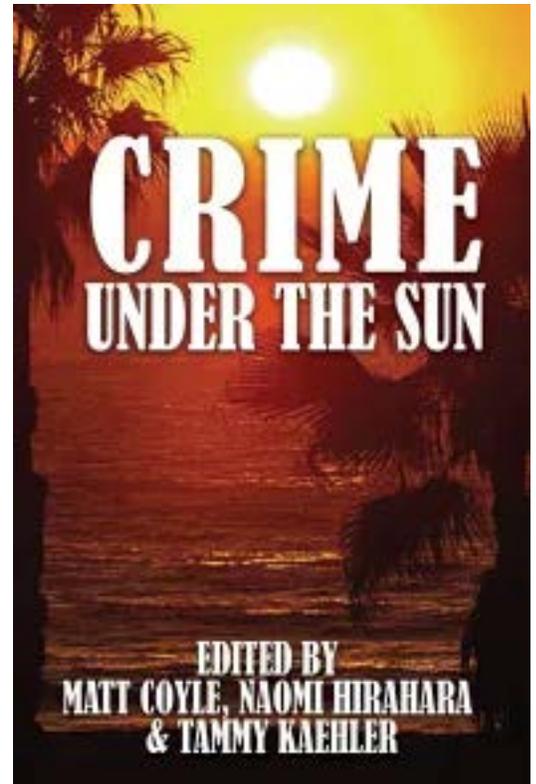
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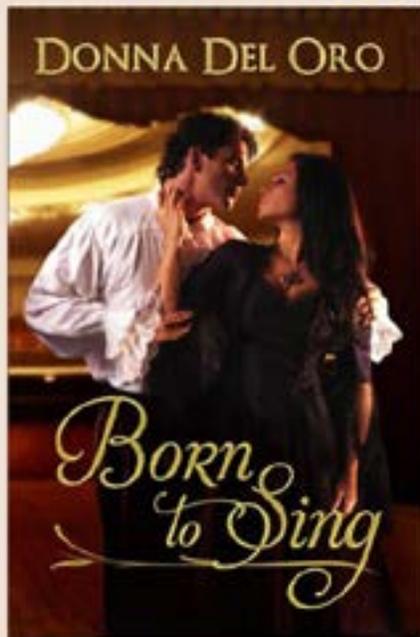
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Sarah Bresniker is honored to announce that her story "The Family Plot" was one of fifteen selected for CRIME UNDER THE SUN, the upcoming anthology from Partners in Crime, the San Diego Chapter of Sisters in Crime, edited by Matt Coyle, Naomi Hirahara, and Tammy Kaehler.

CRIME UNDER THE SUN will be an official Sisters in Crime Anthology. Partners in Crime will host an anthology signing party at Bouchercon 2023, which will take place August 30-September 3, 2023 in San Diego. All proceeds from the sale will support the ongoing efforts of Partners in Crime to bring workshops of interest to crime writers and readers.



Two exciting romantic suspense stories starring professional singers!



By SAI member
& Award Winning
Author
Donna Del Oro

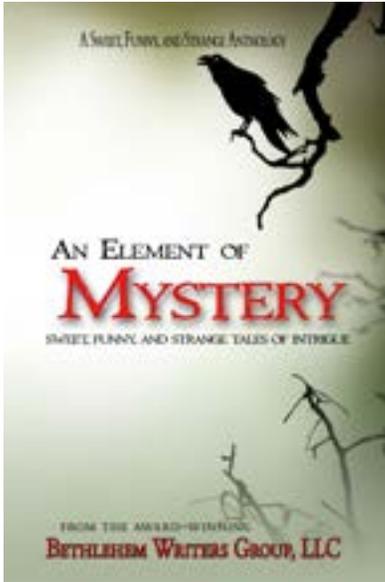
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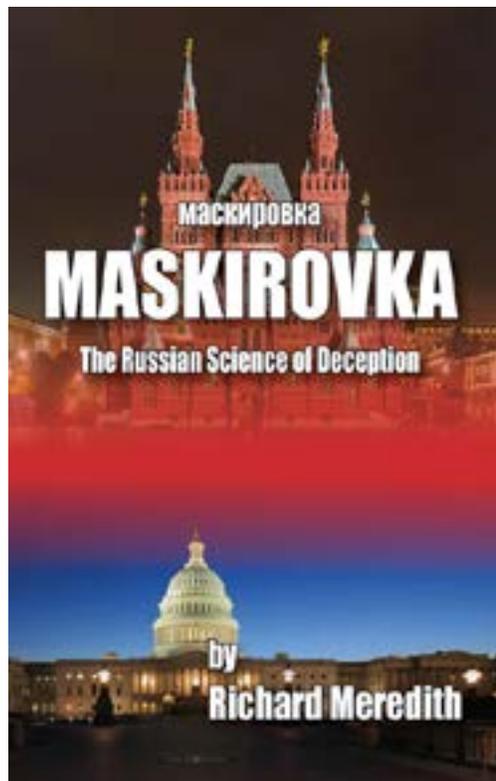
Debra H. Goldstein's short story, "The Girls in Cabin Three," is featured in Black Cat Mystery Magazine #12. Her story, "Death in the Hand of the Tongue," is included in the Bethlehem Writers Roundtable anthology, *An Element of Mystery: Sweet, Funny and Strange Tales of Intrigue*.



Richard Meredith's third novel, *Maskirovka—The Russian Science of Deception*, will be released by Bluewater Press on Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

While investigating the suspicious death of an accountant with a public interest foundation, newly minted San Francisco detective Steve Nguyen digs a little too deep, unearthing a malevolent alliance among a billionaire Russian oligarch, a duplicitous foundation director, and a renowned philanthropist hell-bent on tightening Russia's monopoly on the European energy market by choking-off American exports. If it means corrupting the American electoral system through illegal campaign contributions, political blackmail, and a few dead bodies, so be it.

If you pre-order before the end of October, used the code MASK for the discounted \$21.95 price. [Click here to order.](#)



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Tales from the Golden State of Mind

An Anthology celebrating age and aging.

An Invitation to Authors and Poets

A very new kind of anthology is being put together to celebrate age and life in the golden years. This is an invitation to authors and poets to submit a short story, fiction or non-fiction, and poetry to be a part of this groundbreaking book. The focus of this collection is on the positive aspects of age and aging. Submissions can be humorous, adventurous, romantic, and even thrillers as long as the theme and ending be heart-warming and inspiring. I am looking for plots that focus on being old or older. POV can be young or aged as long as the central characters/heroes be in their golden years.

Short stories can be up to 5,000 words. Minor profanity is acceptable, but please no F-bombs.

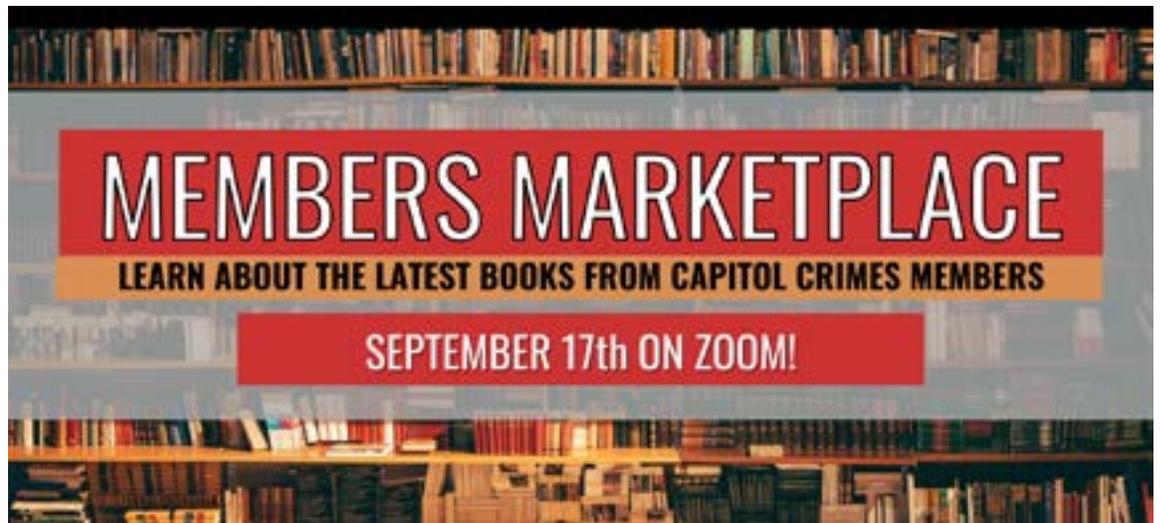
Author Marshall Karp has offered to do the foreword for this book and Capitol Crimes own Karen Phillips has created a beautiful cover. Printing will be done through Terry Shepherd's Ramirez and Clark Printing.

This is not a contest, there is no submission fee. Any author or writer is welcome to join this project. So far we have a Viet Nam veteran, a retired FBI agent, and a cowboy past his prime but still in the saddle.

Submissions can be sent to **Sandra Sullivan** at:
keudreamsong@gmail.com

At present the deadline is the end of the year.

Members Marketplace was a hit! If you missed it, you can watch the videos (members only). And of course, once you've gotten a taste of these amazing books, you'll want to buy them! [Click here to buy the books via our website.](#)



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Elk Grove Writers Guild, **Holiday Seminar**, featuring **Elaine Faber**, "Do's and Don'ts of Writing," Gini Grossenbacher "Descriptive, Dynamic Settings," and **Judith Starkston**, "Writing Better Dialog." November 5, 2022, 12 noon-4:45 pm. City of Elk Grove, District 56, 8230 Civic Center Dr. Elk Grove, CA. Register: <https://egweg.org/holiday/>

A Holiday Seminar
Presented by the Elk Grove Writers Guild
Featuring

Elaine Faber, an award winning author, lives in Elk Grove, CA with her husband and feline companions. She's published nine cozy mystery novels, an anthology of cat stories, and multiple short stories in twenty-one independent anthologies.

"Do's and Don'ts of Writing"

Gini Grossenbacher, novelist, poet, certified editor, educator, and publisher, founded Elk Grove Writers and Artists and JGKS Press in Sacramento County, and has thirty-six years of experience teaching English/Language Arts to adolescents and adults. Her latest novel, "Madam in Lace" was published in December 2021, and Kirkus Reviews calls it "a gripping trip through Napoleonic France. Details about the revolutionary plot are revealed in tiny parcels, creating a strong sense of suspense that will keep readers turning pages." In addition to writing award-winning novels, Gini also offers weekly virtual fiction and poetry and workshops and provides developmental, copyediting, and collaborative publishing services to novelists and poets.

"Descriptive, Dynamic Settings"

Judith Starkston has degrees in Classics from the University of California and Cornell and has written fantasy and magic in a Bronze Age world. Her novel set in the "Trojan War, Hand of Fire" was a semi-finalist for the M.M. Bennet's Award for Historical Fiction. The first book in her Tesha Series, "Priestess of Ishana" won the San Diego State University Conference Choice Award.

"Writing Better Dialog"

November 5th, 2022

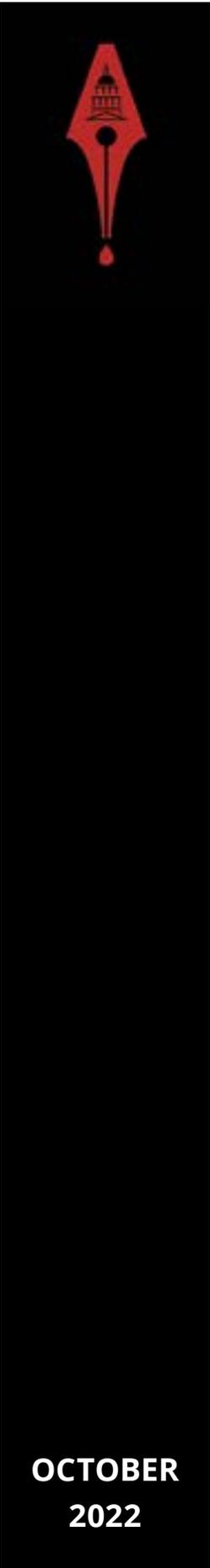
12:00 Noon – 4:45 PM

City of Elk Grove, District 56
8230 Civic Center Dr., Suite 140
Elk Grove, CA 95757

Space is limited. Register today!
<https://egweg.org/holiday/>

Questions?
egwg2020@egweg.org

Elk Grove Writers Guild
Writers Helping Writers





In Other News:

“SoWest: Wrong Turn” Sisters in Crime Desert Sleuths Anthology – Book 10. To be published: September 2023. Submissions will be accepted beginning October 1, 2022, and close at 11:59 p.m. January 15, 2023. Contributing authors will be chosen using a blind submission process. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Florida Gulf Coast Sisters in Crime will publish an anthology titled “Paradise is Deadly – Gripping Tales from Florida Gulf Coast Sisters in Crime” in the third quarter of 2023. This is the call for short story submissions of no more than 5,000 words with only one entry per author. The submission deadline is October 15, 2022. [Click here for more information.](#)

Erma Bombeck Writers’ Workshop - October 20-22, 2022. In-person and virtual event. The Erma Bombeck Writers’ Workshop is the only one in the country devoted to both humor and human interest writing. Through the workshop, the University of Dayton and the Bombeck family honor one of America’s most celebrated storytellers and humorists. [Register here.](#)

New England Crime Bake - November 11-13, 2022 by New England Chapter of Mystery Writers of America. [Click here for more information.](#)

The 2022 Kauai Writers Conference, November 11-13, 2022. Master classes Nov 7-10. For attendees registering at the same time for the conference plus one or more master classes, a combination discount will apply. [Click here for more info.](#)

Left Coast Crime 2023: “Trouble in Tucson” - Tucson, Arizona. March 16-19, 2023. [Click here for more details.](#)

Bouchercon 2023: “Murder at the Marina” August 30 to September 3, 2023 at the Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina, California. [For details click here.](#) Submit your short story to the Anthology - working title: “Peril Under the Palms” with Holly West as editor. The deadline for submission is October 15, 2022. [Click here for more information about the anthology.](#)

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Put “Newsletter” in the subject line. Due by the third week of the month.
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