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Loodv Welch's Expansion A Big Win For

Lawton

The addition of a bottling operation to the Lawton facility of Welch Foods will mean more than 50 new jobs and more than \$26 million in investment for the community. Market Van Buren's Zach Morris tells MoodyOnTheMarket. com the organization worked with Welch as it explored the expansion announced this week. He says it's remarkable the company is committed to the area.

"When we go back even a decade ago and we look at the Welch plant in Lawton, most people over a decade ago were thinking, 'This plant might be closing' because they had big layoffs, the company was moving in a different strategic direction at that time, and we were thinking, 'Who knows what the future of this place is going to be?""

And now its expanding with the operation to produce single serve bottled drinks. Morris says the move is welcome.

"When we look at Palisades as it's closing, more and more of these types of projects that we see, it diversifies our economy."

Morris said Welch chose Lawton because it had the capacity there to add a bottling operation. The area also has an abundance of grape producers. Welch produces grape jelly, jam, and juice.

Here are more details from Kinexus and the MEDC:

The project is expected to generate a total capital investment of \$26.2 million, supported by \$588,725 in Community Development Block Grant funds awarded to Van Buren County. Michigan was chosen for the project over competing sites in several other states.

"Michigan's business climate and highly skilled workforce provide an environment where businesses like Welch's can grow and thrive, creating good-paying jobs for Michiganders," said Governor Gretchen Whitmer. "We're pleased that

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Happy New Year, What's up NEXT

Happy New Year! I am hoping everyone had an amazing holiday season and are cruising into 2022 healthy, happy, and ready for great things. As we are already in mid-January, we have some great new beverages that have recently hit the market, and many more coming in February! Not only do we have some great items to share, but there are also a few winter events

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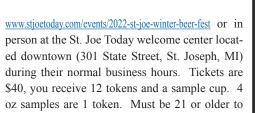
"A-B's Bud Light marketing VP, Andy Goeler, explained that Bud Light Next is an effort to keep "evolving and innovating" the Bud Light brand for different drinkers. Highlighting recent launches such as Bud Light Seltzer and a fruit-flavored Bud Light, Goeler said: "This is another pillar in providing the right products for the right consumers." (www.just-drinks.com)

Bud Light NEXT release date is set for February 7th. Another new innovative product for the seltzer drinkers has also hit the shelfs earlier this month. **Bud Light Hard Soda** variety pack is ready for purchase. Coming in at 100 calories, 0 sugar, 2 carbs, and 5% ABV, these hard sodas are the "Loudest flavors ever". The flavors are Citrus Soda, Classic Cola, Orange Soda, and Cherry Cola. Look for them at a store near you!



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attend. This event is one you won't want to miss. These are the participating breweries (subject to change) Austin Brothers, Bell's Brewery, Grand Armory, Haymarket, New Holland Brewing, North Pier Brewing, Peat's Cider, Perrin, Rochester Mills, Round Barn Brewery, Saugatuck Brewing, Silver Harbor Brewing, Sister Lakes Brewing, Tapistry, The Livery, Watermark Brewing.

Not only will you be able to sample delicious beers from all these breweries, but there will also be music to groove to with **DJ Mark DuRocher** as well as food available for purchase! Come Join us Saturday, January 29!

Swiss Valley and Tapistry Team up from the 8th Annual Winter Snow Cup Games!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday**, **February 12th**! Starting at **1 pm** there is an outdoor beer garden with several fun competitive winter events. Listen to some tunes provided by **DJ Hunter** from 1-5. We will have some fantastic Tapistry Beers available both in the beer garden and inside at the Swiss Valley Chalet. We will see you on the slopes!

That's it for me this week. As always, please enjoy responsibly!

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Photo-of-the-Week

 Winter's Barrier Reef

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Where should he park the money?

Dear Dave,

Our son is 13, and he has been doing some part-time work for a friend of the family. He makes \$40 to \$60 a week, and he would like to begin investing the majority of what he earns. Do you have a suggestion for a good place he could put his money?

Lindsay Dear Lindsay,

Jear Linusay,

Well, here's the thing. At this point in his life, the goal of this investment isn't wealth. Number one, it's not a lot of money. Number two, well, it's not a lot of money. The goal is to create knowledge, reward his interest in the subject and teach him how to handle his finances when he's an adult.

I've got no problem with you helping him open checking or savings accounts at a local bank or credit union. There are lots of good lessons to be learned in reconciling a bank statement, and the value of spending, saving and giving. Then, you could get with a good financial pro, one with the heart of a teacher, and let him open a mutual fund for

 Dave Says

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 \$50 a month with you as the custodian. He could learn about compound interest, how to

could learn about compound interest, how to calculate the value of his shares and other things, and all that would be a good learning exercise, too.

We did these things with our kids. But keep in mind that over the course of a year and when you're 13, that's an eternity there's not going to be a lot of action on the investing side of things. It could be kind of boring for him at times. But he's better off to learn now that good things don't always come with flashing lights and whistles.

When it comes to wealth building, things aren't sexy. Slow and steady wins the race!

— Dave

* Dave Ramsey is a seven-time #1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

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As our collective anticipation heats up for the 2022 Winter Olympic Games, I herewith offer a cold shower of tidbits, sound bites and nuggets about Winter Olympic people and personalities that

surfaced while googling "cold shower of tidbits, sound bites and nuggets about Winter Olympic people and personalities."

An online bio for American freestyle skier Ashley Caldwell reveals that she hates the cold.

But I bet she doesn't hate as much as Canadian freestyle skier Noah Bowman once did: he used to have an allergy to cold temperatures. Yes, it's a real thing, with a real science-y name: Cold Urticaria. What happens is this: "When the body is exposed to the cold in individuals afflicted by the condition, hives appear and the skin in the affected area typically becomes itchy. Hives can last for a few minutes or a few days." I have yet to learn how Noah Bowman overcame this or why he would want to risk relapsing by spending his life freestyle skiing.

Perhaps it's because he's got that half-crazy skier's mentality, which is epitomized by Canadian skier Candace Crawford, who says these are her words to live by: "If everything seems under control, you're just not going fast enough." And then there's the motto of Canadian alpine skier Marie-Michèle Gagnon: "If you're not living on the edge, you're taking up too much room.'

U.S. freestyle halfpipe skier Carly Margulies was born with two different colored eyebrows; one's blonde, one's brown. She says "I got sick of people staring so I started dying the blonde one in 10th grade." She dyed it chartreuse.

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A Column to Leave You Cold! (Not really. But wouldn't it have been awe-

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some if she did?!) Which U.S. ski team member reminds one

of a clever tree? Why, of course it's Wiley Maple. I'm very inclined to root for skier Tricia Mangan because she's from Buffalo, NY, where my wife is from. And I can also conjure a legitimate rooting interest in her teammate Breezy Johnson, because she went to Way WAY-Away University in Washington, which is my no. 4

son's alma mater. American skier Laurenne Ross has a pretty interesting personal website. It includes a section called "yumminess!," which features fun videos she's made either herself or with her ski teammates. There's one that especially makes a major ski team sponsor happy - it shows the team playing guitar, knitting, painting their toenails - all while wearing their Reusch ski gloves!

It's been enlightening to me to learn that so many members of the U.S. Ski and Snowboarding Team have connections to the town of Truckee, California. On the town's Wikipedia page, fully half of Truckee's "Notable people" are skiers or snowboarders.

The town's name has Native American roots. It was founded with a different name but was renamed Truckee in honor of a chief of the Paiute tribe who once lived in the area. The story goes that when the chief had his first encounter with non-native peoples, he greeted them by saying "Tro-kay!," which in the Paiute language means "Everything is all right!" The unaware and unenlightened travelers thought he was telling them his name. At any rate, the town that developed eventually adopted Truckee as its name, which everyone agreed was a big improvement over the original moniker: Cold Urticaria.



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Explore various wedding styles during planning

Every wedding is different, even if many share some common components. As couples plan their weddings, learning about some popular wedding styles can help them create a ceremony that suits them.

Classic wedding

Classic weddings are the storybook traditional weddings that many people dream about for years. Key elements include a tuxedo for the groom and a white gown for the bride. Formal attire is reserved for the rest of the wedding party. The ceremony is conducted in a place of worship before everyone retires to a fancy catering hall for the reception. Traditional weddings also may include the time-honored customs like toasts, cake cutting, bouquet toss, and parent-child dances.

Beach wedding



Beach weddings often are casual, laid back affairs. Dresses may be less structured and flow with sea breezes, while guys may even don shorts with linen shirts or jackets. Guests can expect the party to be much more free-flowing and the traditions of classic weddings may not be part of the celebration.

Bohemian wedding

Free-spirited individuals may dive head first into a bohemian style wedding. According to wedding planner David Tutera, a boho wedding is casual and comfortable. It tends to come off chic but appears that way with minimal effort. Decor is typically humble and blends harmoniously with nature. A boho wedding may take place outdoors or in another less traditional venue, such as a farmhouse or botanical garden. Wedding party attire may be mismatched and showcase each person's individual style.

destination wedding is a good fit. Destination weddings last more than one day and focus on relaxation, activities and lots of fun. Destination weddings tend to be less formal and less traditional than classic weddings. Due to the remote locations, destination weddings also can be smaller and more intimate, as many invitees may be unable to attend. Yet those who can attend often get to enjoy tropical islands or mountain retreats.

Wedding styles are as unique as the people getting married. Choosing a theme that has the right feeling can help couples make the most of their special days.

Modern wedding

Brides and grooms who crave contemporary and current trends may prefer a modern wedding. Graphic color schemes, clean lines and minimalistic flowers might be part of a modern wedding. Attire may be angular and edgy, and the venue may run the gamut from sleek museum to a city rooftop.

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Fun ways to utilize social media in your wedding

Young couples tying the knot today grew up with during the reception. social media, so it's no great surprise that so many want to utilize various platforms when planning their weddings. In fact, the Brides 2018 American Wedding Survey found that 87 percent of brides turned to the social media platform Pinterest for inspiration when planning their weddings.

On the surface, modern wedding ceremonies and receptions may look similar to the nuptials of yesteryear. However, engaged couples have increasingly incorporated social media into their weddings, and the following are some fun and creative ways to embrace that trend.

• Create a social media photo booth. Guests may take more pictures at modern weddings than the photographers who were hired to document the happy couple's big day from start to finish. Social media boards

• Live stream the wedding. Live streams became very popular during the pandemic, when couples getting married had to pare down their guest lists in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines. But live streams can continue to be used after the pandemic, as there will always be guests who can't make it to the wedding. Facebook Live was a go-to social media platform for live streaming weddings during the pandemic, and it can be utilized to involve loved ones in the festivities even if they can't be there in person. Live streaming via social media may be especially useful for couples who want to enjoy destination weddings, which tend to be small affairs due to travel constraints.

• Hashtag the wedding. A couple-specific hashtag can serve as something akin to a wedding album, only it's one everyone can easily access via the couple's

create their own private Pinterest boards and share them with the wedding party. Everyone can then use the private board to bounce ideas off each other. Couples can infuse a little fun into the Pinterest board by encouraging their groomsmen and bridesmaids to post outrageous outfit ideas or submit sing-along song requests to be played during the reception.

Social media is a big part of modern couples' lives, so it makes sense for them to find fun ways to incorporate various platforms into their weddings.







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I pray that out of [the Father's] glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power together with all the saints to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. ~ Ephesians 3:16-18

Eat your vegetables! You can probably hear echoes of your mother giving

you that advice. Maybe you have even spoken those words to your own children. It's important that children eat the right kinds of foods so that they will be healthy and grow up to be strong. If left to themselves, children would try to survive on a diet of candy and soda. That might work for a little while, but such an unhealthy diet would soon make them weak and sick.

junk food. The world offers a candy store selection of ways to make ourselves happy. We feast on vices and vanity and even though the world promises otherwise, they offer us absolutely no nourishment. With a lot of heart ache, we find out eventually just how shallow we've been and how foolish our spiritual diet has been

Our heavenly Father ensures that we receive the best nourishment for our souls. Instead of leaving us to be sin-sick, facing death for our faults and failures, he provides

feeds our spirits with his Word so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. He that we might serve him and bring glory to his name every day. He gives us power and ability to grasp the enormity of his love for us—his immeasurable great love that saves sinners like us through Jesus and through faith in our Savior gives us eternal life.

A healthy diet makes your body strong, but even more important than that is the food of God's soul-strengthening Word. Feast dai-

Too often, we try to survive on spiritual a rich feast of his love and forgiveness. He ly on his Word that fills you full of the great love that he has for you in Jesus.

> Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for causing gives us strength through his Holy Spirit so me to be strong in your love through the power of your Word. Continue to build me up in faith and the fullness of Christ's wondrous love Amen

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On Thursday, Jan 13, 2022, the Supreme Court of the United States moved to stay the Biden Administration's proposed COVID-19 vaccine mandate on companies with 100 or more employees. Conversely, it allowed a similar vaccination mandate on the healthcare industry to proceed. This week, we'll explore the differing decisions and the implications they will have moving forward.

It should be noted that neither of these decisions stand as a final ruling on the much-debated constitutionality of vaccine mandates. Rather, the question in both cases was whether or not the mandates could go into effect while challenges moved their way through the lower courts. As such, it may be helpful to again begin by reviewing how we got to this point.

On November 5, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) released their <u>Emergency Temporary Standard</u> (ETS) which officially imposed a vaccine mandate on private companies. Following a legal challenge by the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB), the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals issued a stay on the ETS, arguing the rule "grossly exceeds OSHA's statutory authority."

On December 17, the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, in a 2-to-1 ruling, reinstated the OSHA ETS requiring employers with 100 or more employees to ensure their employees are fully vaccinated by January 4 or allow employees to submit weekly negative test results. Supreme Court Blocks Vaccine Mandate

With the implementation deadline bearing down on employers, the NFIB and others petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to reinstate the stay until the original question of constitutionality could be determined. Thursday's Supreme Court decision placed the stay back into effect and, in doing so, gave tremendous insight as to where the Court stands on the matter of the OSHA mandate's constitutionality.

The Court, in a 6-3 decision, ruled that those challenging the ETS are likely to succeed based on the merits of their claim that President Biden's administration overstepped its constitutional authority by directing a federal agency (OSHA) to act outside the powers they are given by Congress. This ruling, similar to last year's decision to lift the federal eviction moratorium, is indicative of the Supreme Court majority's skepticism of federal regulatory power exercised without specific - or explicit - congressional approval.

The court's three liberal justices (Breyer, Sotomayor, Kagan) disagreed. They compared the COVID-19 mandate to the already existing fire or sanitation regulations imposed by OSHA, arguing the grave harms resulting from COVID-19 exposure are exactly those OSHA was created to prevent. According to the conservative majority, however, "[a] vaccine mandate is strikingly unlike the workplace regulations that OSHA has typically imposed" because it "cannot be undone at the end of the workday." They went on to call it a "significant encroachment into the lives - and health - of a vast number of employees."

Had it been upheld, the rule would have applied to an estimated 84 million workers across the country.

In an interesting turn of events, conservatives Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Brett Kavanaugh then joined the three liberals to form a 5-4 majority and allow the vaccine mandate on employees of healthcare providers who receive funds from Medicare or Medicaid to move forward. This requirement, often referred to as the CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) mandate, *does not* include a testing alternative - meaning healthcare workers *will* lose their jobs if they do not move forward with immunization.

This time, the majority found the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) acted within the delegated authority it was given by Congress to promulgate health and safety regulations - like vaccine mandates - in order to prevent the transmission of "communicable diseases and infections" between patients and healthcare workers. As a result, the CMS mandate for healthcare workers *can* be enforced and implemented while the matter of constitutionality is adjudicated in the lower courts. While I personally fear this may further exacerbate the staffing crisis already impacting our hospitals and other healthcare settings, the CMS mandate was always on stronger legal ground than the OSHA rule.

Regardless, the Court's decision to stay the OSHA mandate is a tremendous victory for business associations like our chamber and the millions of private companies and employees we collectively represent.

"Today's decision is welcome relief for America's small businesses, who are still trying to get their business back on track since the beginning of the pandemic," said Karen Harned, Executive Director of NFIB's Small Business Legal Center. "As small businesses try to recover after almost two years of significant business disruptions, the last thing they need is a mandate that would cause more business challenges... We are optimistic that the courts will ultimately agree with us that OSHA does not have the emergency authority to regulate the entire American workforce."

The fight, however, is far from over. Not only do we still need finality on the constitutionality of both federal mandates, the Court was noticeably silent on the ability of state or local governments to promulgate vaccination regulations and mandates - leaving the door open for future legal battles down the road. Given this reality, we will continue to actively engage on the issue through our involvement with the statewide **Listen to MI Business Coalition**.

As I've said before, businesses have been on the frontlines since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, working to stay afloat while keeping their employees and customers safe. They've been strong proponents of increasing vaccinations as a sensible goal and of reducing spread in the workplace. As a result of their efforts, they are not a significant source of COVID-19 outbreaks and never have been. They should be applauded for this fact, not penalized with more intrusive government mandates. We'll continue to make that argument, no matter how long it takes.

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this iconic brand has chosen to expand in Michigan, helping to continue to grow our state's vital agribusiness industry. With the help of companies like Welch Foods, we can build back our state's economy stronger than ever."

Welch Foods Inc. has produced grape juices, jams, and jellies since 1869 and has had operations in Michigan since 1919. The company is experiencing increasing demand for single-serve beverages, and after reviewing its options for potential sites in different states, has made the decision to locate its new bottling line at its facility in Lawton. At least 30 of the 57 new jobs will be held by low-to moderate-income individuals in order to meet national CDBG objectives. The CDBG funds will assist with the acquisition of machinery and equipment needed for the expansion.

"Welch's is pleased that our close partnership with UFCW Local 825 has enabled us to commit to this investment, which will support our growth, continue to bring living-wage jobs to the community, and help us make Welch's an employer of choice in Van Buren County," said Welch Foods Inc., Chief Supply Chain Officer Merrell Bennett. "The State of Michigan is a great place

to grow, and we are grateful for the efforts of state and local officials that are helping us make this project a reality."

In a release, MEDC officials said the project will have a large impact in a rural community and reflects the company's long-term commitment to the area and to the state of Michigan. In addition, the project will revitalize underutilized property into food-grade production space that will allow for future growth. The investment is also important for continued relationships with Michigan growers and suppliers and to strengthen the regionally significant agribusiness industry.

"Congratulations to the entire Welch's team on your tremendous growth and success in Southwest Michigan! We appreciate your continued vote of confidence in our state and in our agricultural and manufacturing workforce," said Quentin Messer, Jr., CEO of the MEDC and President and Chair of the Michigan Strategic Fund. "This project is an economic win for Van Buren County and for the entire state. We're proud to join our local partners as we celebrate Welch's expansion in Michigan and look forward to continuing to work together to grow and add jobs for Michigan residents."



Van Buren County will also contribute staff for over 150 years. Our company is a unique one, time and resources in support of the project. For information on careers with Welch Foods, visit https://www.welchs.com/careers/.

"The village of Lawton is excited by Welch's decision to expand in our community," said Lawton Village Manager Lisa Imus. "We look forward to the new job opportunities and growth that this investment will bring to our residents and neighbors."



"We're thankful for our partners at the village of Lawton, Van Buren County and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation who made securing this grant for Welch Foods Cooperative possible," said Market Van Buren Executive Director Zach Morris. "Welch's decision to invest in Southwest Michigan is a testament to our region's competitive advantages and local leadership's collaborative spirit."

A Welch's spokesperson commented, "The Welch's brand has been loved around the world

owned by a cooperative of family farmers and built on a legacy of hard work and dedication. We're not just about grapes. Our bold ambition is to be the leading company of convenient, goodfor-you, fruit-based food and beverage globally.

Thornton's Home Town Café Celebrates 20 Years in Downtown St. Joe

Bacon, eggs, comfort, and community - you can't fit all of these on a plate, but you can find them all at Thornton's. Thornton's Home Town Cafe marked their 20 year anniversary earlier this month, offering goodies and giveaways, as a thank you to the community for their patronage, loyalty, and continued support.

Kathy Thornton is a Southwest Michigan native. Born and raised in the Twin Cities, this is where she met her husband Bob, and where they started their family. After twenty five years of living in larger cities like Houston, they purchased the restaurant, and returned to Michigan. "Downtown St. Joseph is the perfect place for Thornton's", Kathy says. "The name 'Home Town' was fitting, and we were glad to get back to a smaller area."

Bob and their daughter Shelley were an integral part of the restaurant's success. "You certainly learn a lot when owning your own business. The service industry as a whole is difficult; it takes a lot of determination and hard work to make a good name for your business," says Kathy. Since Bob's passing seven years ago, Kathy remains the sole owner, and with the sup-





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port of her incredible staff including daughter and granddaughter, Thornton's Home Town Cafe remains a popular spot with many happy custom-

With battles like the rise and fall of the economy, the weight of the pandemic, and supply chain disruptions, small businesses ride the economic wave of uncertainty every day. Success cannot happen without heart, and Thornton's foundation is built on it. "The majority of our regular customers return to Thornton's because we treat them like family. We strive to get to know them on a first name basis, and we want our customers to feel at home. We are not fancy, or serve exotic dishes, but our facility is kept clean and tidy. Our kitchen staff keeps everything consistent, and we serve good food at affordable prices. That's what the majority of our customers love," Kathy says.



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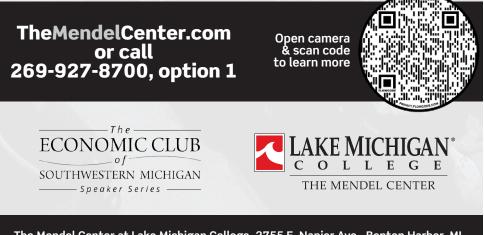
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Bill Nye is an Emmy-award winning television host, science educator, mechanical engineer, podcast host, and author who is best known for his role as the star of the timeless '90's science program Bill Nye the Science Guy. Since 2010, Nye has served as the CEO of The Planetary Society where he has played a central role in fulfilling the organization's mission to advance space science and exploration. He is a New York Times best-selling author and has written various titles, including the recently released Bill Nye's Great Big World of Science. During "An Evening with Bill Nye," he will share his infectious blend of humor, intellectual curiosity, and devotion to solving some of the world's most complex challenges through science.



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