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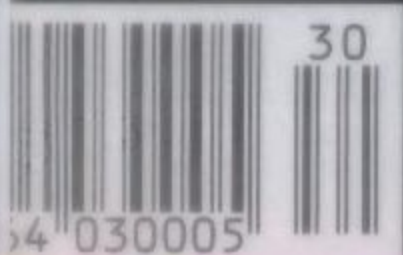
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Melanie Barcenas, 9,  
of San Diego spends  
weekends  
training for her  
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