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Fluoride Program

Parents of children who do not drink fluoridated water on a regular basis are urged to register their preschool, second, fifth and eighth grade children for the Summer Topical Fluoride program, reveals Dr. Douglas A. Mack, Director of the Kent County Health Department.

The programs are conducted by local committees in various communities in cooperation with the Kent County Health Department and Michigan Department of Public Health.

Chairpersons of the Summer Topical Fluoride program in this area are: Alto, Mrs. Kathy Gruizenga, 3750 Hilton Avenue, S.E., 868-6478; and Forest Hills, Maryann Shuster, Forest Hills Community Education, 6590 Cascade Road, S. E., 942-9555.

The program is aimed at preschoolers, second, fifth and eighth graders, since it is at these grade levels that children have newly erupted teeth which should be protected against decay. Fluoride has been found to be effective in reducing tooth

decay by an average of 40 percent. In addition to these benefits, the program offers a valuable dental health education experience.

The program consists of four visits to the topical fluoride clinic, which is usually located in a local school. On the first visit, the teeth are cleaned and the first application is given.

An application of sodium fluoride consists of teeth being isolated with cotton rolls, the teeth are dried with compressed air, and a two percent solution of fluoride is applied to the teeth. The application of sodium fluoride is repeated on the following visits.

It is recommended that children who have not had fluoridated water on a regular basis for the past five to seven years should participate in the program.

The clinics will be held during May, June or July, depending on local schedules. Reservations must be made with the local chairperson by February 18. A fee of \$4.00 for each eligible child covers the necessary expenses of the program.

Movie To Be Shown Saturday

The movie, "Circus Town," will be shown at the Lowell Library on Saturday, January 28, at 10 a.m. The movie is part of the Kent County Library System's "Here Comes the Circus" promotion.

The movie is a family film about Peru, Indiana, once the winter quarters of six American circuses. Calling on the town's spirit and on the resources of its retired circus people 2,000 out of the town's 15,000 residents give seven yearly performance. The old greats lend a hand as trainers.

The movie is free and open to the public. The Lowell Library, a member of the Kent County Library System, is on Main St. in the YMCA building. For further information, call the library at 897-9596.

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Planning Commission

Collins & Carter Are Sworn In

Swearing in of new members and election of chairman and vice-chairman were agenda items at the Monday, January 23, meeting of the Lowell Planning Commission.

Mayor Dean Collins and Councilman David Carter were sworn in as the two new members to the commission.

Commissioner Orval McKay made a motion to nominate William Doyle as chairman. The motion was seconded by commissioner Noel Christoff and Doyle was elected by unanimous

vote. A motion from commissioner Bill Jones nominating Christoff as vice-chairman received a second from McKay and was passed by a unanimous vote.

The Lowell Planning Commission is now comprised of William Doyle (chairman), Noel Christoff (vice-chairman), Ray Quada, Dean Collins, Orval McKay, Bill Jones, David Carter, John Troy and Duke Thomet.

The planning commission set a date of Monday, February 27

for a public hearing to discuss a request from Larry Keiser for a variance to enlarge his restaurant at 521 W. Main Street. Keiser would like to add eight feet to the west side of his existing building which would leave nine feet between the building and the curb.

There was some discussion concerning Lowell Township hook-ups to Lowell's sanitary sewer system. City Manager Ray Quada brought the commissioners up to date on the issue. McKay asked why the Lowell

Planning Commission hadn't been approached by the Lowell Township Planning Commission concerning sewer hook-up to the proposed apartment buildings in the township at the corner of Gee Dr. and Alden Nash.

Quada explained that the township has not yet held public hearings regarding the apartments and, consequently did not know at this time if the project would be approved by them.

Millage Attempt in May

Board Hears Special Ed. Report

Both the pain and promise of Special Education were explained to those attending the Lowell Board of Education meeting Monday night.

Realizing the importance of specially devised educational provisions to aid in reaching the full potential of each individual handicapped in one way or another, both the state and federal governments have enacted laws mandating what schools must do for these students.

Dr. George Jacob, Region Two Director of Special Ed for

the Kent Intermediate School District, spoke before the group explaining the laws and the educational programs for handicapped that must be provided.

Dr. Jacob was followed, however, by Dr. Jack Oatley, KISD Asst. Supt. of Administrative Services, who, although in favor of the programs, said that neither government has provided adequate financial support for what they demand and that the costs to each school district have escalated to the point where they are way out of hand.

Roger Buck, director of the Lowell Special Education department, told the listening audience that specific goals and objectives are worked out for each special ed student in the Lowell system and these are devised not only by the special ed team but also, in every instance, parents are requested to take part in the pre-planning. Buck's staff includes nine classroom personnel, three teacher consultants, one social worker, a psychologist and two speech therapists.

A brief business session preceded the special ed session with the board voting to cancel the February 13 meeting and hold a special meeting on Monday, February 6, instead.

The board also took action to set a millage election for May 2. The amount of mills needed to operate Lowell Schools next year has not yet been determined.

Four Attend Rally In House Chambers

Ben Baughman, Orion Thaler, Steve Smith and Mrs. Eunice Hilton were part of a group of forty senior citizens who attended a rally in the House Chambers in the Capitol in Lansing on Tues., Jan. 17.

More than 500 persons from throughout Michigan met with legislators to express seniors' need for public transportation. Mr. Baughman addressed the rally, stressing that while seniors may make up only 12% of

the general population, the percentage of those over 65 in the voting population has been estimated as high as 50% in some elections.

He urged legislators to remember that voting power when they are presented with the Milliken-Ryan transportation package bill later in the month.

Representative William A. Ryan, one of the bills co-sponsors, told the group that necessary compromises have been

made between highway interests and those who advocate more public transportation, and he predicted passage of the legislation when it comes out of committee. Included in the Balanced Transportation Package is the provision for Dial-A-Ride systems in every county. The Rural Transportation Fund 'guarantees that every county will be eligible for up to 5 demand-response vehicles.'

Other speakers were Lt. Gov. James Damman, representatives of the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging and several senior citizens. "Give us wheels so we can remain involved and not become a burden" was the theme of many statements.

Lt. Gov. Damman pointed out that surveys have shown that the two major concerns of elderly people are transportation and utility costs. Just before Christmas the legislature

passed a \$38 million fuel subsidy; those over 65 with incomes of \$7,000 or less will be eligible for at least \$100. Applications for energy relief should be available within a week. The Lowell Senior Neighbors Center, 897-5250, can give further information.

Nutrition Council Mrs. Anne Ellis and Mrs. Eunice Hilton represent the

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The Word Should Have Been 'Not'

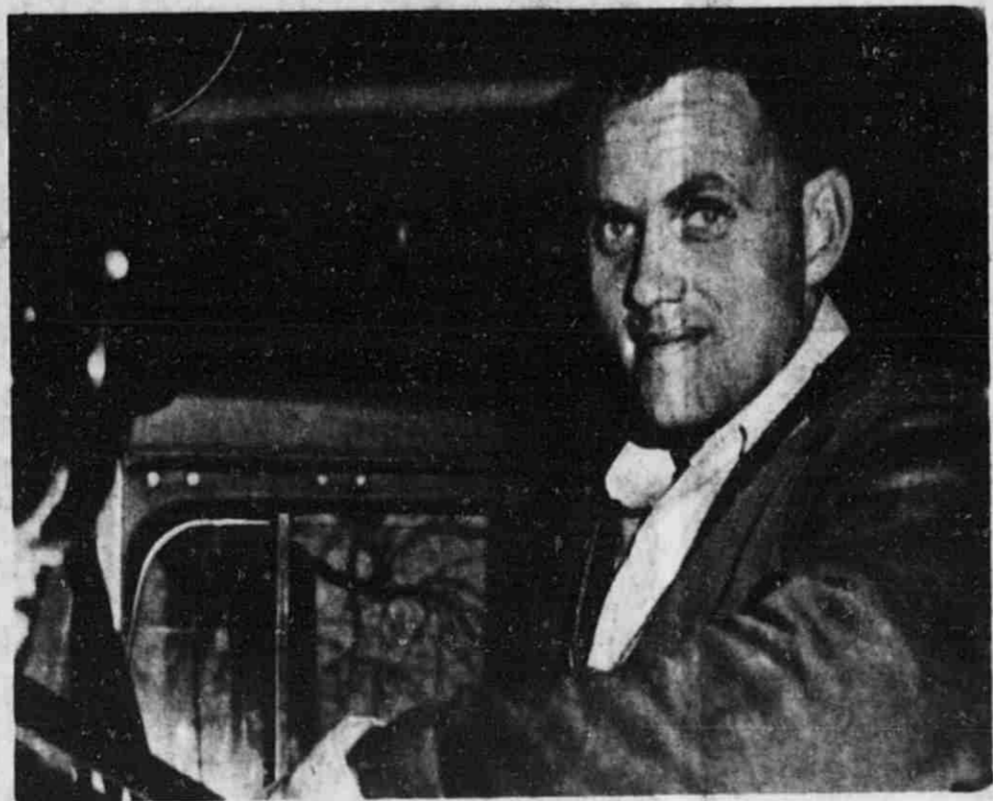
In last week's Ledger (see Stand Up; Speak Out) it was erroneously reported that your local school board asked that legislators now support proposed teacher licensure legislation.

The article dealt with a proposed law which would establish a commission (with a majority of its members being teachers' union members) to control teacher licensure and revocation and control the accreditation and curriculum in all schools. It further pointed out that the M.E.A. is presently working to be joined both state and nation wide in one union with all public employees—about 25% of the population in one union.

It was then stated that the local school board pleaded for citizens demands that legislators now allow these bills to become law. It should have said that legislators not allow these bills to become law.

The error was called to our attention by board member and legislative liaison, Judy Jansma. She further related, "We have an active citizens committee studying proposed school laws and then writing legislators with their reactions. Twice in the past eight months laws which would have been very costly to taxpayers were changed in response to this citizen interest."

Mrs. Jansma went on to say, "Rep. Martin Butz wrote us recently that he had voted as he had because of the citizen letters he had received. I have been encouraged by this and strongly urge that more people keep themselves informed of what their elected officials are doing and write or call them with their views. Don't just sigh and feel you can't do anything."



Jake is shown here in the cab of his big garbage truck which he is in and out of roughly a thousand times a week. This is the last week in Lowell for Jake's blue and white truck that carries the company slogan on its side, "Our business is always picking up."



In the past three years of working here in Lowell, Jake has thrown tens of thousands of filled plastic garbage bags into the back of his truck and carted them off to the Saranac Dump.

STRAND — REOPENING SOON!

Feb. 3 - 7 Days "Oh! God" starring George Burns and John Denver	Feb. 10 - 7 Days "Across The Great Divide"	Feb. 17-20 Walt Disney's "Darby O'Gill And The Little People"	Feb. 24-27 "You Light Up My Life"
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Known only as "Jake" to most Lowell residents, Jerold Klunder is finishing his last week as the city's hard working garbage man. Jake is employed by Pete's Disposal Service of Byron Center. The firm lost the contract for Lowell's trash dis-

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Indians Beat Red Arrows

The Lowell Red Arrows goal for the Red Arrows with Hockey team lost to the Ottawa Hills Indians Saturday, 9-2. The Indians received five goals in the first period, three in the second and one in the third. John Sarniak scored the first goal for the Red Arrows with 4:25 left in the first period. Tim Blocher and Troy O'Neil assisted.

With 10:29 left in the third period Dan Sarniak assisted by Kevin Blending scored Lowell's second goal.



cozy corner

By Roger Brown

Jay Vezino, a Ledger employee and his wife, Deb, just had a baby boy over the past weekend. It is their first child and after talking to Jay Monday morning, I couldn't help but reflect back four years to when our first child was born. So if you don't mind, we'll go back now to those thrilling days of yesteryear.

My wife began her labor at about six o'clock on a Thursday evening and since it was in November, I went outside to start the car and let it warm up when it was time to go. It was in the Boy Scouts as a youngster but the scout motto "be prepared" never stuck with me, the gas gauges on both of our cars read "walk". I called my father and explained the situation, he was at our house (barefoot in November) almost before I hung up the phone.

Terese and I took off for Grand Rapids in his car only to discover that it also was low on gas. Fortunately, we found a station open at Lowell and gassed up. We finally made it into Blodgett Hospital at about midnight.

The rush was all for naught, because Angie was not to be born until almost ten o'clock Friday evening after more than 24 hours of labor. We had taken the parent classes and breathing classes at Blodgett, so that I could accompany Terese in the labor and delivery rooms, this meant that we were both awake all night.

After Terese was taken to the recovery room, I went back to my parents house in Saranac and talked with them until two or three o'clock Saturday morning. Too excited to sleep, I was up at about six o'clock Saturday morning. With only three or four hours of sleep, I was out the door to buy cigars, flowers, candy and to spread the news.

I spent the whole day at the hospital and went back to Saranac that evening to play in the alumni football game. Our team won the game and of course that was great cause for celebration. Again it was about three o'clock in the morning before I got to bed, and again I was up early to get back to the hospital.

About one o'clock that afternoon the less than eight hours of sleep in the past four days and bumps and bruises from the football game caught up with me. My wife said that I looked like I belonged in the intensive care unit instead of the maternity ward.

I've often wondered what Angie must have thought of her new father that day. Not much I'll bet.

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- WED., Feb. 1: Meat loaf with Catsup, Mashed Potatoes with Butter, Green Beans, Biscuits or Rolls, Choice of Fresh or Canned Fruit, Milk.
- THURS., Feb. 2: Pizza, Cole Slaw, Buttered Vegetables, Assorted Fruits or Jello, Milk.
- FRI., Feb. 3: Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Hillbilly Rolls, Chocolate Pudding with Whip, Milk.

Lose To Kentwood

On Monday, January 16, the Lowell gymnastics team, despite a good performance lost to East Kentwood High School by a score of 67.73 to 81.95.

Scoring for Lowell on the uneven bars were: Jilisa Groeters, 5.25; Annette Sterling, 4.8; and Jenny Benedict, 4.05.

Tammy Nagy with a 6.0, Jilisa Groeters, 5.3, and Sue Stormzand with a 2.8 were the top scorers from Lowell on the balance beam.

On vault Jilisa Groeters scored a 7.2, Sam Willard a 6.7 and Jenny Benedict a 5.4.

Scorers on floor exercise were: Jilisa Groeters, 7.2; Tammy Nagy, 6.6, closely followed by Sue Stormzand with a 6.33.

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John F. Caylor, 51, of Lake Odessa, stepfather of John Curtis of Lowell, passed away Saturday morning, January 30, will be Mr. and Mrs. Thorol (Mary) Shaw of 1256 Sibley Street, Lowell.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles (Pat) Davis who served the First Congregational Church of Lowell from 1902-65 are residing in Berlin, Connecticut, where he is Director of Youth and Family Services. Mrs. Davis is teaching fifth grade in Newton; John joined the Army. Bob is a security worker in Hartford; Kim is in music activities; and Karen likes sports.

Russ and Chris Visner, 684 Adaway, S.E., have been named chairpersons of the Ferris State College Alumni Reception slated to be held on Saturday, February 18, at the Lincoln Country Club.

Kenneth W. Cornelisse has been appointed Extension 4-H youth agent for Kent County, through the efforts of the Kent County Board of Commissioners and the Michigan State University Service Director.

A surprise January birthday party was given recently by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jara for Mrs. Molly Wepman of Lowell. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil DeRushia, Mr. and Mrs. Oren Balcom, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Koss from Saranac, Mrs. Gerri Klahn and Mrs. Dolores Alexander. The ladies previously worked with Mrs. Wepman when she had her clothing store on East Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Collins and family of Lowell are in the process of moving to their new home at 92A-7 Cynthia Lane, Middletown, Connecticut 06457.

New Buds On The Family Tree

Mr. and Mrs. James (Jay) Vezino of Lowell are the proud parents of a baby boy, James William, Jr., born at 5:13 p.m. January 21 at Blodgett Memorial Hospital in Grand Rapids. The new arrival tipped the scales at seven pounds and six ounces.

The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kinyon, sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vezino, all of Lowell.

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OBITUARIES

DE WITT — Mrs. Harold (Geraldine) DeWitt, aged 50, of 521 Howard Street, Lowell, passed away Monday morning, January 23, at the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, January 25, at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home in Lowell with the Rev. Dean Bailey and the Rev. Julius Strand officiating. Burial followed in Grandland Memorial Park Cemetery.

Besides her husband, she leaves six children Mrs. Doug (Linda) Marker of Kalamazoo; Terry and Robin of Lowell; Denny, Cheryl, Chris and Cindy, all at home; her mother, Mrs. Grace Cotey of Grand Rapids; two sisters, Mrs. Larry (Connie) Hagg of Jensen, Mrs. Ralph (Helen) Carpenter of Rockford; and seven grandchildren.

MINARD — A long-time Lowell area resident, Mrs. Leona Minard of 510 King Street, passed away Wednesday, Jan-

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Show them where you keep the emergency numbers and how to call the operator, if necessary. Your babysitter should be told who to call, too. Know if 911 can be dialed for fire, medical and police help in your area. Nobody likes to think about emergencies at home. But, it's better to give a little thought now, than be sorry you didn't later. Why not check out the family on your emergency phone call procedure right now?

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Shown burning the mortgage, from left are Dave Wheelock, Rev. A.C. Yates, Rev. G. Vaughn Drummonds, Leo Pratt, and Vern Veneman.

Since the churches beginning January 25, 1970, the pastor and people have worked very hard at building first a congregation and then a place to worship. As of December 19, 1977 the church building is debt free for which the congregation is very thankful.

Wesleyan Church Burns Mortgage

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Lowell Center when they attend monthly meetings of the Nutrition Advisory Council. Under this program dinners are served at the Center Monday through Friday at noon. The Center is located at 214 E. Main St.; reservations must be made before 2 p.m. one day in advance. Donations are accepted.

Any person over 60 is eligible and new participants are welcome. Transportation can be provided if necessary and meals can be delivered to the home bound persons. Over 1,100 meals are served daily throughout Kent County under this program, which is geared to encouraging seniors to join others for fellowship as well as to providing well balanced meals at a cost seniors can

afford. "Come to greet and meet... not just to eat."

Calendar
Recreational and other programs are included on the Center calendar. Beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 1 p.m., a new art class will meet; there will be a variety of activities including country painting, macrame and ceramics.

Another craft class will meet at 9 a.m. on Friday mornings. The Armchair Travel programs are presented every Tuesday afternoon.



Some people think burdock leaves will cure fevers.



Waiting in Lansing to board the bus back to Lowell after attending a rally of senior citizens concerned about public transportation, were, Steve Smith, Mrs. Eunice Hilton, Ben Baughman and Orion Thaler, from the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARY NOTES

January 27: George Roberts, Veretta Smith, Nancy Ellis, Janice Yeiter.

January 28: Ronald Bieri, Hazel Tanner, Carla Anderson, Robert Kyser, Ryan White, Paul Bieri, jr., Bill Wierenga.

January 29: Brenda Baker, Jamie Miles, Erin Johnson, Marlene Jackson.

January 30: Orpha Chaterdon, Jo Goudzwaard, Jenny Dine.

January 31: Gilbert Fonger, Valda Chaterdon, David Bray.

February 1: Gordon Kelly, Ivan Blough.

February 2: Jo Ellen Lathwell, Alice Kinyon.

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Bruce Walter was back at Rotary on Wednesday, January 18, after a hospital stay, and the group sang the lovely folk song "Edelweiss" in his honor. Rich Greenwood led in a prayer of blessing before the meal.

Dean Bailey reported that the Lowell Rotarians will help host a delegation of Rotarians from India, visiting this area in April.

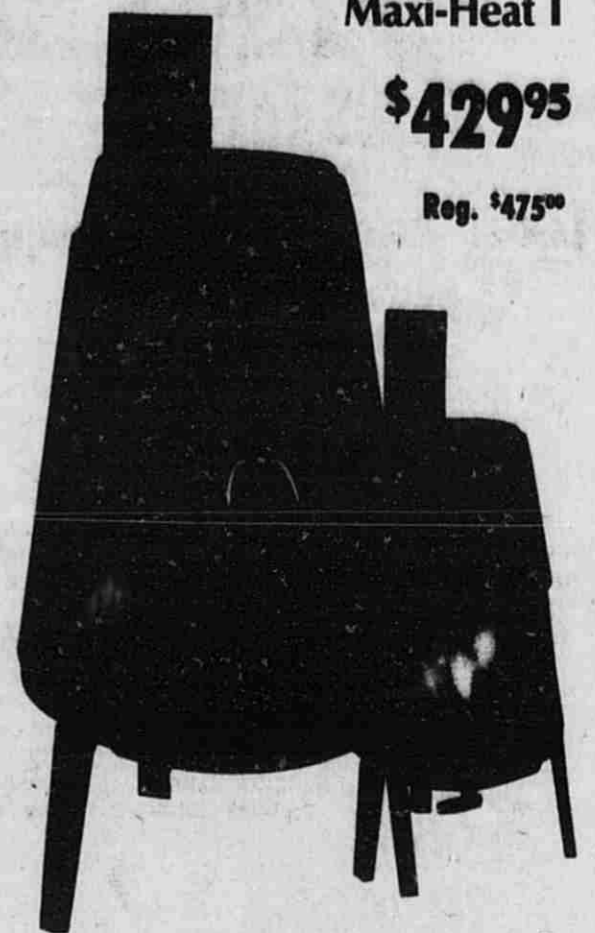
Bill McPherson presented Tom Haywood, Director of the Grand Rapids Art Council. Haywood discussed the planning of the proposed Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, to be built in Grand Rapids, on the west side of the river. The Museum will open near the end of 1981 or early 1982.

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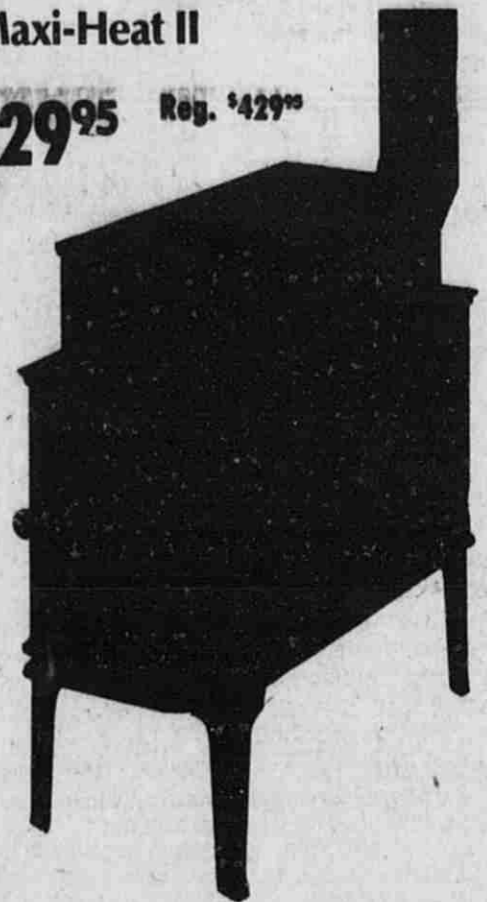
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