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The Third Great Awakening

In the early 19th century, Yale College's President Timothy Dwight's Protestant evangelical movement, the egalitarian "Second Great Awakening" was paired with proliferation of Pacific Islands trade and western expansion.

Both encouraged the generosity of the "exemplary Christians" of Cornwall, thus creating the Foreign Mission School (FMS); the first mission school on American soil. Heneri Opukahaia of Hawaii and John Ridge of the Cherokee Nation were two of its now more famous students.

On January 21, 2017, Kauanoe Hoomanawanui and Deborah Lee, relatives of Heneri Opukahaia, and Mary Kathryn Nagle, direct descendant of John Ridge, gathered in Cornwall as guests of the Cornwall Historical Society and current owner of the Steward's House of the FMS to plan events.

Heneri Opukahaia became one of the first Hawaiian converts to Christianity. Kauanoe and Deborah Lee attended church at Cornwall's UCC to honor the nearly 200-year-old ties between Heneri's Hawaiian and Cornwall parishes while also visiting the home in which Opukahaia lived and died. The Steward's House, or "The Commons," currently 14 Bolton Hill Road, re-

cently received National Historic Landmark designation. Well-known Cornwall history includes the marriage of the FMS steward's daughter, Sarah Northrup, to John Ridge of the Cherokee nation, entwining Cornwall history with that of the burgeoning USA, ostensibly aggravating our national wound known as the Trail of Tears.

Commissioned by the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C., Mary Kathryn has written a play about her grandparents' beginnings and has chosen Cornwall as the site of its debut.

This Third Great Awakening stirring in Cornwall is the culmination of current Christians' mission of outreach and inclusion; the magnanimous, earnest vision of young Native American leaders and dedication of our stewards of history. Mary Kathryn Nagle wrote, "It has taken many generations, but old wounds are healing. It is an honor to be a part of this."

The weekend of June 17 (also Kauanoe's birthday, by the way!) is the date for the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the FMS. Events will include the presentation of Mary Kathryn Nagle's play by students from Yale's Native American Cultural Center at the UCC in Cornwall, a colloquium, an exhibit presented by the historical society, commemoration of the Steward's

House with a reception following, and walking tours of Cornwall Village and cemetery.

By honoring Cornwall's past, we are honoring all of our ancestors and our collective history.
—Amy Johnson

Winter Visitors

West Cornwall has been having its annual winter visitors. Our winter visitors, bald eagles, are both the national bird and the national animal of the United States. The bald eagle is a very large fish-eating bird and frequents river environments like the Housatonic Valley.

Typically, northern New England populations of bald eagles head south to southern New England in mid-winter. As lakes and rivers in northern New England freeze over, the birds move to southerly open rivers and lakes to fish.

Don and Dianne Heiny live in West Cornwall and frequently walk on River Road. They have spotted the eagles on a number of occasions in January and February. Don even reported that he saw a bald eagle resting on top of the West Cornwall covered bridge. The eagles like to perch in trees or high objects along the river to watch for fish.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Every Week This Month: Mondays: Yoga, 8:30-10 am Library; Mat Squad at 6:30 pm UCC; Karate , 6:30-7:30 pm Town Hall; Men's Senior Basketball 6:30-8:30 pm CCS ♦ Tuesdays: Zumba, 5:30-6:30 pm Library ♦ Wednesdays: Tai Chi, 5-7 pm Town Hall call 672-0064; Stitch 'n Spin , 7:15-8:30 pm UCC ♦ Thursdays: Pilates, 8:30-9:30 am Library; Toddler Play Group , 10:30-11:30 am Library; Meditation , 4-5 pm call Debra 672-0229 Zumba , 5:30-6:30 pm Library; Mah Jongg , 7-9 pm Library call 672-6874; Adult Volleyball , 7-9 pm CCS gym ♦ Fridays: Yoga 8:30-10 am Library ♦ Saturdays: Ice Skating, 7-8 pm Schmidt Rink, Hotchkiss School ♦ Sundays: Yoga 9-10:30 am Library; Meditation , 1 pm call Debra 672-0229	1 ♦ 6 wk Creative Writing Course begins 6:30 pm Library	2 ♦ 6-wk Balance Class begins 9:30-10:30 am Cornwall Town Hall ♦ Woman's Society Dahlia Program 10 am Library	3	4 ♦ Community Contra Dance 7 pm Town Hall ♦ Film: <i>Amarcord</i> 7:30 pm Library		
5  1st Q	6 ♦ Region 1 Bd. of Ed. 6:30 pm HVRHS ♦ Cornwall Ag. Advisory Committee 7:30 pm Town Office	7 ♦ Inland Wetlands Agency 7 pm Town Hall ♦ Board of Selectmen 7:30 pm Town Hall	8	9	10 ♦ Willy Wonka, Jr. 7 pm CCS	11 ♦ Willy Wonka, Jr. 2 pm CCS
12  FULL	13 ♦ Free Blood Pressure Clinic Noon-1 pm UCC ♦ Park & Rec. 7:30 pm Town Hall	14 ♦ Eco. Dev. Comm. 9 am Town Hall ♦ WC Septic Committee 5 pm Ingersoll's Shop ♦ P&Z 7 pm Library ♦ Housatonic River Commission 7:30 pm CCS	15 ♦ Deadline: April <i>Chronicle Copy</i> ♦ Board of Education 4:15 pm CCS ♦ Bd. of Finance 7:30 pm Town Hall	16 ♦ Knitting Group/Hats/ Cancer Patients 10 am Library ♦ Cornwall Conservation 7 pm Library	17 ♦ Lego After School 3-5 pm Library	18 ♦ Beekeeping Workshop 10:30 am Local Farm
19	20  4th Q	21 ♦ Board of Selectmen 7:30 pm Town Hall	22 ♦ Cornwall Business Association 9 am West Cornwall Library	23	24 ♦ Lego After School 3-5 pm Library	25
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A mature bald eagle can weigh almost 14 pounds and have a wingspan of up to seven feet. Females are generally about 25 percent larger than males. With their distinctive feather coloration, a dark brown body contrasted with a white head, neck, and tail, the large eagles are a spectacular sight along the Housatonic.

Although bald eagles' natural range includes most of North America, their numbers went into a steep decline in the 20th century. The widespread use of the pesticide DDT caused the eagle eggs to become brittle and break when the eagles nested. Commercial trapping and killing also took a toll on the species. By the 1950s it was estimated that only about 400 breeding pairs existed in the lower 48 states.

In 1972 the federal government banned the use of DDT. Killing of the birds was also prohibited by laws enacted in the sixties and seventies. The bald eagle was declared an endangered species in 1967.

With these protections in place, the bald eagle population made a strong recovery and, in 2006, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimated that there were about 10,000 breeding pairs. The service also estimates that there may be about ten breeding pairs in Connecticut.

—Mark Wilson

Water In/Water Out for West Cornwall

The discussion was all about water. Todd Piker, chairman of West Cornwall Water/Septic Group, opened the January 20 meeting introducing the firm of Wendell, McDonnell and Costello, Consulting Engineers, which was selected after a "carefully documented vetting process of five firms."

Steve McDonnell explained his firm's plan. He considers this the kick-off meeting and solicited public input. In early spring they will gather data on site and interview someone at each building. A flyer will announce dates well in advance. Once all the data is collected, any alternative solutions that are needed will be discussed further at a public meeting. Payment for any upgrades would vary depending on what needs to be done; generally any sewer system that would run by a structure would be assessed at a higher rate and any hook-ups would be similar to other utility fees.

A question was asked about fixing known problems. The response was that there are no known problems, just limitation on some properties.

Member Ian Ingersoll encouraged citizens to be involved by signing up to receive email updates on the committee's progress; ian@ianingersoll.com. He also stated that some have voiced concerns about the village changing and he pointed out that

change is happening every day and this project can positively impact the vitality of this beautiful village. All meetings are posted and the public is welcome to share thoughts.

—Jayne Ridgway

Not Just a Pretty Acronym

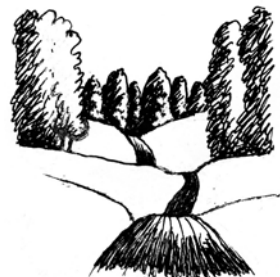
Ten years ago, after canvassing town citizens, the Planning and Zoning Commission wrote the Town Plan of Conservation and Development. One of this document's suggestions for the future of Cornwall led to the formation of the town-appointed Conservation Commission, whose job was to make recommendations about natural resources as related to the town plan. A few more hands on deck would help the commission do the best job dealing with our abundance of ecological niches: agricultural, forestry, and water resources. If you love all things natural, rural, and Cornwall, consider joining our ranks as the commission could use any enthusiastic person, especially with any of the following talents: naturalists, GIS aficionados, or outdoor education promoters. Accessing one of Joseph Markow's bulletins on the CornwallCT.org website will show the work of the CCC. Contact kbartomioli@gmail.com or pmulberry@optonline.net.



Where Oh Where Does My Little Dog Go

Winter presents some challenges for those of us humans who like to walk, but some of Cornwall's canine population like to go out walking no matter what the weather. Walking in Cornwall Village can be a social time for Molly Bruehl, newly trained as a therapy dog. If not visiting people at Noble Horizons, she loves to see certain dog friends on her jaunts outdoors in town. She enjoys Maggie Whiteside, Juliet Hubbard's mom's dog Indie, who comes down from Boston now and then, and the Danforth-Gold's Ruby, who walks around the block after church every Sunday. Chowder and Hudson do the circle in the village like clockwork every day at 4 P.M. and used to be accompanied by Henry Scott before his recent death. Rico Gracey seems to have gone off to college with Jed.

This Molly bounds through snow to greet Peter and Nancy Kalmes each time they come to feed the Cheneys' donkeys, knowing she will get dog treats from them. Hugh hikes everywhere with Henry and his Molly (Cornwall Village pet names seem to run in pairs). He may need cleats or snowshoes to go up Pine Knob Loop, Ballyhack, or the Welles Preserve, but finds those treks refreshing. Less so his adopted Southern girl Molly, who is a little lazy about following him



Goodbye to Friends

Frank H. Bailey

Lena Bartomioli

Richard Frank

Martha "Marty" Rubin

Katherine G. Ridgway

Land Transfers

Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) to Wayde Wolfe, property with buildings and improvements thereon at 111 College Street, for \$41,000.

Matthew John Currie to Marzena Mysliwiec, two parcels of land with all buildings and improvements thereon at 52 Cemetery Hill Road, for \$280,000.

Southern Specialty Properties, LLC to Celeste and Fabricio A. Barbosa, land with all buildings and improvements thereon at 15 Burlwood Lane, for \$220,000.

Kathryn E. Stein and James Merrill to Naison E. Mastrocola, 19.693 acres on Mohawk Mountain Road, for \$145,000.

Daniel D. Hubbard to Richard Pandiscio, half interest in two parcels of land on Dibble Hill Road, for \$36,250.

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there or when he's on skis.

Shelby and Murphy, Caroline Kosciusko's dogs, love to go to the end of Town Street toward Music Mountain, as it isn't plowed so they can go off leash. Sometimes they do the Cream Hill-Scoville-Town Street-Cogswell route, loving especially to bark at the geese on the Scovilles' pond. Once, along with Annie Kosciusko and Martha Bruehl on Dibble, they came upon bear cubs. Shelby thought it was new friends, but fortunately did come when called.

Saccardis' dogs have seen fox, bobcat, lots of turkeys, a red-tailed hawk and, when they walked by the river, bald eagles. Susan has a regular routine walking with three of their five dogs. Corky and Timmy, along with Rajah, the only dog who is not a rescue, love winter: they jump in snow, eat it, and catch snowballs. Even with serious melt, they will find the one patch of snow left and lie on it.

Don Bachman notes that when he takes his brother's Jack Russell mix Daisy to Trinity Retreat Center on River Road, most of the drivers of cars slow down tolerantly and may even smile. In the woods at Trinity, they often follow cross-country ski tracks. But even in winter one must do a tick check, he advises.

Winter is tough on some dogs like Jasper West, who used to love walking the Rattlesnake loop on icy days but is aging, and now he may just sit in a

Letters to the Chronicle

A NOTE OF THANKS

On February 12, after a full 16 years, the Wandering Moose quietly closed its doors for the last time. This decision was not made in haste and was not forced. Simply it was time to stop struggling to make a go of the place and move on and let someone else take over the space.

When I moved my family to Cornwall 26 years ago, it was a place Sharon and I fell in love with. The true sense of community was incredible and was a place people wanted to be because of what it was. With that, when I was offered a choice of a corporate executive chef, where I would be working 90 hours a week, not seeing my family, or open the Moose and live my life with them and give to my community, that is what I chose.

I have been very grateful to work in Cornwall for the past years. The memories we have gotten, friends we have made, and opportunities to give have been very rewarding. We offered school fundraisers, school hot lunches, music dinners to raise money for trips, opened our doors in times of storms, power outages, and senior luncheons. None of these were done for profit. Our philosophy over the years was that no business should benefit from people's hardship and every volunteer should be rewarded for their efforts. It may have proven to be bad business practice, but for us it was a way to give back to Cornwall.

We are thankful because over the years we have been let into so many people's lives, and so many have touched ours. Sharon and I raised three amazing children, who learned as well, that giving back is sometimes more important than getting. Our son Zach was the youngest active EMT in the state when he joined Cornwall Fire/EMS. He now has graduated from Springfield College with a degree in emergency medical management and volunteers as EMS chief in town. Liz has worked in the restaurant, graduated from URI with top honors and continues to grow. Many of our customers were at her wedding. Becky was encouraged to perform and has given her gift back to so many others as she works towards a professional career after graduating from Providence College with a degree in vocal performance.

I know sometimes people said I was too passionate in my opinions or that I may have been gruff or grumpy. Our lives were lived in front of

pile of snow. Molly Bruehl loves to chase balls, but is perplexed when they disappear into the soft snow. She and other Pine Street walkers complain about the new oil surface and sealer on the road, which, even if covered with ice and sand, gets into the dogs' paws and then spread on the rugs inside.

It seems that man's best friend keeps many of us healthy enjoying the beauty of our town, even in winter. —Ann Gold

you all. Some found our kindness; others may have not have seen it. For those who felt we were less than welcoming, I am sorry. Sometimes the stress and pressure comes out where you don't want it to. We truly tried to do our best and will continue to give back where we can. Thanks for everything.

—Russ Sawicki

ALTERNATIVE FACTS

Alternative facts seem to have come into fashion. The statement in last month's article about the Cornwall Farm Market that "there had been at least two fender benders" is false and can be checked with public record. There have been no traffic incidents in the nine years of the market's existence. Safety of this area has been made the culprit for which reason some vendors long to move.

Let's remind you all that Route 128 through the village center of West Cornwall is a 20-mph pedestrian zone and if such was properly reinforced as the last 10-year town plan calls for, safety should not be an issue.

—Bianka Langner Griggs

EAST CORNWALL NEIGHBORS

After seeing dozens of beer cans, bottles, and other debris along Great Hill and Great Hollow Roads, our newish (several years) neighbors, with whom we share a driveway, Ji-Won Lee and Alexis Delletery, decided they had seen enough trash. So, this newly wedded couple proceeded to see how many cans (mostly beer) they could collect to take to the transfer station. So far, after one day, they have taken over 140 cans and plastic bottles down to Steve. And they are not done.

They walked down Essex Hill Road as well, and almost out to Route 4, along Great Hollow. We wonder how many of those beer cans came from drivers whom we hope are not driving intoxicated. In any event, East Cornwall looks 100 percent cleaner, in fact quite spiffy. We are most grateful. How about all the other neighborhoods?

—Carol Goodfriend

WINTER RAMBLES CONTINUED

Thanks to Dave Colbert (Feb. Chronicle) for reminding us about some great trails in town we can access all year round. Please remember that the Cornwall Conservation Trust has many hiking trails including Rattlesnake Road Preserve and the Welles Preserve, which are beautiful on snowshoes or yak tracks. Also, the Hart Farm Preserve is a great place to go sledding! Maps and information at cornwallconservationtrust.org.

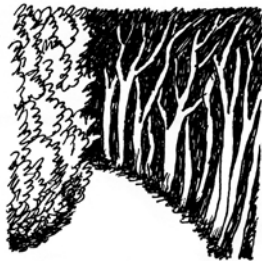
—Emilie Pryor

TICK ALERT

I walk many of Cornwall's trails with an energetic dog who needs a lot of exercise every day. Unfortunately, I've found that ticks hap-

pily exercise as well in temperatures above 35 degrees, especially along the Housatonic River (South River Road), as witnessed in that "warm" spell in the beginning of January. He was covered in them by the time we got back in the truck, prompting me to drive and pick whilst driving. So, Cornwallians, beware.

—Tom Wolf



FIFTY-TWO SHADES OF PINK

20 Jan. Post-Inaugural Friday night traffic swirls out of D.C. "My Way" was the Inaugural song. Thousands stream in for the Women's March on Washington. Cell phone connectivity nosedives. Traffic is ribbons of white and red. Rest areas on the NJTPK teem with women in eco cars, pink hats. The atmosphere palpably gentle and determined in ladies' laus all the way to D.C. When did women get to vote in the U.S.? * When did men get the vote? *

21 Jan. Saturday 10 A.M.:

D.C.'s Metro spews people, more pink-eared hats. Fathers, babies, boyfriends. The gray morning determined and calm.

No poles are permitted, people carry banners and posters. "NYET My President." I march with a shy N.Y. documentary filmmaker and my friend, carrying "Pantsuit Power!" Cordial police at checkpoint on Independence Avenue.

Inaugural porta-potties line the streets, padlocked. A Wall band (as in the Wall) plays, zigzagging through the crowd. Zero arrests in this March and the five major U.S. marches.

The massive crowd spirals toward the speeches. Girls dressed as suffragettes perch in trees, eying the largest crowd since Vietnam protests. A twin for HRC knits and marches, her back reads "Thank you Hillary." Is she? "We're all Hillary!" she grins. A mother-daughter duo has made the \$1,200 round-trip flights from AK to march. A teacher from VA reports daily overt racism unleashed in her seventh- and eighth-grade pupils since the election. Suffragettes are everywhere. Texting is impossible.

"Pantsuit Power's" friend called to say she was transfixed by the incredible international footage with women marching on all seven continents. My daughter (24) calls from Denver March (100K). "Strength. Love. Kindness" on her poster.

4 P.M.. Arrive White House Ellipse. (Open porta-potties by the Washington Monument. Thank-you, God). Two women, who were Obama staffers till last week, are posting a 4-foot by 8-foot Declaration of Sentiments, Seneca Falls 1848 in the cold mud ground. Huge American flags on either side frame the White House. "We want women to know about their history." Women, "who hold up half the sky" were recently ratified to vote (1920.) Some western states allowed earlier votes. White male vote (1776). Black male (1870). Voting Rights Act (1965) addressed state/local barriers. This reminder was worth six-hour march. Make history!

—Lib Tobin

Cornwall Briefs

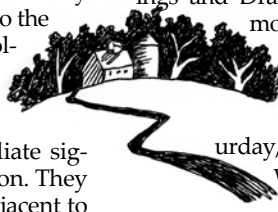
•**24 Little Bridges:** You don't always know where they are but they exist at various places along town roads, and a recent study indicated most of them need work to the tune eventually of \$1.3 million dollars. Six bridges are relatively new and in excellent shape. Thirteen need some degree of maintenance. Three bridges will require immediate significant work at a cost of \$1.3 million. They are located on Flat Rocks Road, adjacent to the town gravel bank, and the short strand in West Cornwall between Route 128 and the former Bate Meat Market. Just how will Cornwall pay for this work? Town Hall indicated it will require a bank loan or loans and that a town meeting would be called for a vote sometime in early April.

•**STEAP Grant Money:** There is \$120,000 available to repair or just spruce up local businesses, active agricultural buildings, and nonprofits. Funds available on a first-come first-served basis. Applications can be found on line at CornwallCT.org.

•**CT Budget Headaches:** The first selectman says Cornwall and 138 of the state's 169 towns are about to get hit with significant decreases in education funds. Gov. Molloy's proposed budget would cut our state support from \$85,000 to a paltry \$1,000, and, on top of that, Cornwall would have to pick up the bill for teacher pension obligations to the tune of \$190,000. Oh boy!

•**The Wandering Moose Closes:** Russ and Sharon Sawicki have made the decision to shut down Cornwall's West Cornwall café-restaurant and locals' gathering spot. February 12 was its last day of business. For more background, see Russ's letter on page 3.

—John Miller



A LEGO after-school program will be held March 17, 24, and 31. \$10 fee. Limited space.

Karl Goulet's art show "Two Dogs: Paintings and Drawings" is on display for the month of March.

Come march forth! Sashay and promenade at the Cornwall Contra Dance on Saturday, March 4, at town hall, 7 P.M., with our special guest, National Heritage Fellow Dudley Laufman. Donation requested to pay the caller. For more info. call Jane at 672-6101 or go to motherhouse.us.

CCS students perform Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka, Jr. Friday, March 10, at 7 P.M. and Saturday, March 11, at 2 P.M. No charge, but donations accepted.

Beekeeping Workshop. Learn about the life of the hive, needed equipment, and candle making on March 18 from 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Bring a favorite potluck dish with honey. For more info and to register visit Debra@Motherhouse.us or 860-671-7945.

The Historical Society is seeking signs, business cards, letterhead, etc. from Cornwall businesses past and present; the funkier the better. We would like an opportunity to include all previous or active businesses in our 2017 exhibit on industry here. Call 672-0505 or email director.cornwallhistory@gmail.com. Submissions must be made by April 30 to be included in the exhibit.

A Matter of Balance, a movement class led by PTs, will be held on Thursdays 9:30 to 10:30 A.M., for six weeks, starting March 2 at the town hall. Class is free. For more information, call 860-435-0816.

Assistant Town Clerk wanted. Three-hour work week plus serving as acting town clerk when so designated. Performs clerical duties in recording vital statistics, land records, election information, and other records. Issues licenses and permits. Long-term position. Interested persons should have the ability and desire to take certification classes. Must be an elector in Cornwall. Call Vera Dinneen at 672-2709 or email cwtownclerk@optonline.net.

Cabin Fever? Try these 1) Dig out Gramma's old cloche hat or Grandpa's zoot suit, 2) Practice Charleston and 3) Dust off that copy

of a Sherlock Holmes mystery. If you complete these, you will be a shoo-in for sleuthing at the Cornwall Child Center Murder Mystery Dinner on May 20. Please call Jayne Ridgway at 672-5880 if you have 1920s memorabilia or would like to help with the production.

Mat Squad meets Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. in the UCC Parish House to create waterproof sleeping mats for the local homeless using discarded plastic shopping bags. Consider joining the Mat Squad—new volunteers are most welcome and you do not need to know how to crochet. Please save plastic shopping bags. Drop-off places are at the UCC, town clerk's office, and CCS. For more information call 672-6840.

Property Tax Relief applications for the homeowner's tax relief program will be accepted by the assessor's office until May 17, 2017. Applicants are required by law to submit proof of their 2016 income and their Social Security form 1099 for the year 2016. The income limits for this year are: married \$42,900 or single \$35,200, including Social Security. Elderly homeowners must have reached the age of 65 by December 31, 2016 to qualify. Those homeowners on Social Security disability do not need to meet the age requirement,

but must show proof of their permanent disability status and meet the income limits for this program. Cornwall residents who qualify may apply at the assessor's office at town hall. Assessor office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 3:30 P.M. and Wednesdays from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Call 672-2703 with any questions.



Events & Announcements

At the Cornwall Library

A Creative Writing Workshop for six weeks, March 1 to April 5, 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. Introduction to writing fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. \$50. Space limited.

The Winter Film Series concludes with *Amarcord* on March 4 at 7:30 P.M. \$5 suggested donation.

The Wind That Refreshes

March has been the subject of much metaphor—lions, lambs, puffing wind gods and threatening skies. What will this year bring? One thing you may be certain of is how grateful the *Chronicle* will be for a refreshing check. Any amount welcome. Thanks!

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