

West Chicago Community High School

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#### New year yields Wishing you a Bali Ha'i by Robin Marvin finally get the wonderful ... West Chicago new faces Yes, the rumors are true! John Watanabe

New faces seem to be patrolling school

hallways, and leading classrooms into intellectual dimensions this year. Students might be wondering who these people are and where they came from.

Lee Lever is a new parapro. Lever is a former student of Southern Illinois University. Before accepting his position at West Chicago, Lever worked as a truck driver. He has an English background from college and enjoys reading as well as spending time with his family.

Dr. Fischer is the new head of the English Department. Fischer has a masters in



Geralyn Armitage claims the first couple of weeks are hectic.

#### (Photo by Mike Sitarz)

Literature and Cinema Study. Fischer is currently finishing a Doctoral Degree with the University of Virginia. A former resident of a rural town in Virginia, Fischer was "very excited about coming to West Chicago," because of it closeness to a big city.

Fischer spends his time doing a variety of things such as, biking, jogging, and playing tennis. He has also taught yoga for seven or eight years. Dr. Fischer has also been all over Europe, including Rome and Egypt.

A recent addition to the Language Department is Suzanne Fox. Fox teaches French and Spanish and she formerly held position as the bilingual teacher for Lincoln School. Fox described her first week at West Chicago as "a lot of work."

Fox plans on becoming involved with both Spanish and French Clubs. In her spare time, she enjoys taking care of her children and painting.

Gary Braaten is the school's new full-time substitute. Braaten fills in for parapros and does other miscellaneous jobs. A 1978 graduate of Wheaton College, Braaten subpart-time position she chose this job after being impressed by the school. Krizek will be teaching at West Chicago for one semester

Margaret Currid is also a new parapro. Currid is a student at Northern Illinois University. She lives in Glen Ellyn and spends her free time writing short stories and creating ceramic sculptures

Another new addition to the third floor is Geralyn Armitage. Armitage teaches typing and business. A former resident of Park City, Utah, Armitage managed a ski lodge before coming to West Chicago. She found the first couple of weeks "hectic," but claims she's enjoying it. Armitage enjoys riding horses, knitting, reading, biking, skling,



Suzanne Fox teaches French and Spanish.

swimming, and sleeping. She is also the pep club advisor.

Barbara Kearney is another new parapro. Before taking this position she was a "little homemaker." She took the job at West Chicago because of her desire to work.

A former West Chicago substitute, Jonathan Volez is now a full-time Social Studies teacher. Volez is a class advisor and works at the soccer games.

Gregory Gardner is a bilingual English teacher. Gardner used to be a teacher's aid from the high school. A graduate of Wheaton College, he is interested in bilingual education and has far range plans of teaching in Latin America. Gardner enjoys studying languages and the Bible.

is Mr. Announcements.

In a recent interview Watanabe stated why he puts so much effort into the second hour announcements. He replied, "No offense to the people who have read the announcements in the past, but several listeners including yours truly, have thought that the announcements are kind of boring; and therefore some people wouldn't listen to them. So this got the wheels in my head turning and I came up with the helpful solution. I decided to do the announcements in a different manner ... to grab their (the students) attention and

#### Join girls football

#### By Lisa Cavin

What has a hundred legs and can be used to powder your nose? The We-go Girls Powder Puff Football Team, of course. Student Council has planned a girls touch football game as an addition to the Homecoming Schedule. Any junior or senior girl who is interested in participating and willing to put in the time, is encouraged to join. The game between the juniors and seniors will be held Wednesday, October 14 on the football field.

kiddies to listen to these classic kick donkey announcements.'

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John, one of the "Bridge's" very own Editorial editors, was quite surprised to find anyone interested in doing a story on him. Even though the interview was spur of the moment, his sense of humor lasted him through.

In conclusion he added "I decided to have two different formats each week with different guest celebrities. So far I've booked Cheech and Chong and Lily Tomlin and maybe I can even ... even bring the Beatles back together again."



John Watanabe, disc jockey on WCHS' (photo by Mike Sitarz)

## Students in exchange

#### by Bill Recchia

This summer, eight West Chicago students visited Germany for a three and a half week exchange program. The group included Silvia Belicke, Jeff Berka, Jim Horn, Steve Hemby, Mike Sosulski, Tim Swett, Tedd Termunde, Deidre O'Malley and Terry Strohm as chaperone.

Each student lived with a host family in the town of Gunzenhausen. According to Mrs. Strohm, they were "wonderful people. They accepted us with open arms.

With the student hosts, Wego students attended six days of school. Each student from W.C.C.H.S. prepared a topic to talk about in the German classes.

While in Germany, the group visited the city of Munich and learned about their

## Plans promote school spirit

#### by Sue Lindenmeier

Lack of school spirit is an issue being discussed among students, teachers and administration.

At a recent meeting, pep assemblies and spirit in general were reviewed by Richard Waterhouse and a group of concerned students and teachers.

government. "It was very interesting," said Mrs. Strohm. They also visited two different medieval cities

Famous castles and churches were also toured. "They were truly astonishing," exclaimed Strohm.

Then she added, "It was an excellent experience for us. We learned how to cope with a culture very different than ours.

#### And in France . . .

#### by Amy Zurawski

This summer Angie Perez, Sue Sloan, Tina Weatherford and Stephie Wienecke ventured to France from July 3-29.

Tina Weatherford stayed in the southern part of France in a small town called Aix. Stephie Wienecke stayed in Marseilla.

The girls had many interesting ex-

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#### S.S.P....a freshman experience

a group to help freshman handle everyday situations

stituted as a Math teacher at West Chicago high school two years ago. In June he decided to go into teaching and found this to be the only position close to a teaching job available. He hopes this job will serve as a stepping stone towards teaching economics or business. Braaten was previously employed by Johnson and Johnson Diapers in New York where he "worked his way from the bottom up" to operations supervision. Braaten is a volleyball coach at West Chicago and enjoys traveling and skiing.

Dale Krizek is a new art teacher and is presently working on her masters degree in ceramics and fibers. After searching for a

#### **Best Wishes**

We wish a special get well to Kim Armbrust from West Chicago Community High School students and faculty. Anyone interested in sending a note can write her at this address:

> **Kim Armbrust** Central DuPage Hospital Room 5222 Bed A Winfield, IL 60190

Dave Arneson is a new parapro and former graduate of Valparaiso. He claims he's enjoying his job very much and wishes to help Mr. Benner with his choirs. Arneson stated his hobbies are, playing tennis, singing, and playing piano.

Dan Mead came to this school this year as a parapro. He chose this job because of a desire to work with people. In a few months, Mead plans to get married. In the meantime, he enjoys writing prose, camping, hiking, playing soccer, and cooking. Mead said, "I find most students reasonably pleasant," and would like to start a magazine for students interested in writing.

Elaine Giermach and Joan Ferguson are also new additions to the teaching staff. Giermach teaches English in room 320. Ferguson is a physical education instructor. As this school year begins again, these new faculty members are becoming aware of what life is like at West Chicago Community High School.

They decided the plan would be to use the letter A assembly schedule as shown in the student handbook. Using this schedule, the assemblies would begin after third lunch, at 12:20, and last until 12:45. The idea behind it is that more students would be likely to attend.

Mr. Waterhouse feels that the whole student body should participate in these assemblies, and not rely on a few people to carry the load. He also believes less emphasis should be placed on who is leading the cheers.

To further stress this point, teacher, Terry Lemberg, feels that the crowd, pep band, cheerleadering and pom pon squads should join together in supporting their teams. One of Lemberg's ideas was to have a pep song that everyone in the audience could sing along with.

The new assembly schedule is a plan which could very well decide the fate or future of pep assemblies. Either assemblies will be put back at the end of the day or cancelled altogether. The hope of many is that students' apathy won't end one of our school's traditions.

#### by Jackie Thomason

During the freshman registration assembly, a representative of Student Support Project talked with students about West Chicago Community High School. A handout was distributed during registration explaining some aspects of S.S.P.

Student Support Project (S.S.P.) deals with self-awareness, communication skills, problem solving and group process. These skills will enable freshmen to handle everyday situations that may occur. With these skills, a student will have a positive self image, will be able to enjoy life naturally, and will be able to fashion a meaningful future.

If anyone is interested in being a member of S.S.P., watch for a S.S.P. leader when he visits study halls around September 28. At this time he will hand out a parent permission slip and another informational handout that will inform students when and where the meetings will be held. The permission slip has to be signed and returned. After this is accomplished, students may participate in small group meetings.

#### September 25, 1981

## Opinion \_\_\_\_\_ Preamble for new school year

We, the BRIDGE staff, in order to form a more perfect paper, establish free expressions, ensure accurate news, provide for the student body, promote the school spirit and secure the blessings of our readers to ourselves and our community, do ordain and establish this first edition of the West Chicago Community High School Bridge.



The BRIDGE staff; from left to right, back row: Debbie Hookham, Debbie Rathjen, Silvia Belicke, Bill Recchia, and Dave Barry. Middle row: John Watanabe, Lauren Vogt, Kim Hook, Delanie Jenkins, and Henry Bryan. Front row: Robin Marvin, Debbie Dastych and Sue Lindenmeier. Not pictured: Sheila Hodges, Jackie Thomason, and Mike Sitarz. (photo by Mike Sitarz)

## **Back the Cats**

#### by Robin Marvin

In a recent discussion with Assistant Dean John Highland, it was brought to my attention that records were set in attendance last year. Each month, new highs in student attendance were being made. I myself saw this as a rather commendable event.

Last year students attended sports matches, even missing a day of school when West Chicago played Wheaton Christian in a soccer match. You cheered West Chicago on, win or lose. I found it most admirable on your part.

But yet, when a plea was made to you by Pep Club for your cooperation and your participation at short pep assemblies, in my opinion, you let your faculty and your fellow students down.

With a new year filled with sports coming up, you should take some time to realize that there are teams, people you know, out there trying to put West Chicago on the top where it belongs. These athletes need your help and support. Don't take advantage of them by letting them take you to the top by themselves. They'll remember the ones who were there yelling and the ones who cheered "Battle Cry". It wouldn't be right for you to cut in after they're at the top, would it?

Pep assemblies will be held at different times this year. They are still on a voluntary basis. Make the faculty and the community proud of you again. Have fun this year and remember to "Back the Cats" in '81.

#### Letter to the Editor

## That German beer ...

#### by Tedd Termunde

The suitcases were packed, the cameras loaded, and with boarding passes in hand, eight teen-age American students and one teen-age looking American teacher began a three week excursion to Europe.

As part of the Student Exchange Service with Gunzenhausen, West Germany, our group spent an interesting, eventful and educational 27 days in Germany. With our parents far behind, suddenly we were cut off from all American culture — no more good "rock and country" music no more "Happy Days" and "Laverne and Shirley" and to think only an occasional McDonalds hamburger.

Yet to the amazement of many, we came through it alive. For three and one half weeks we were Americans in constant motion. We visited Munich, we visited Nuremberg, and we visited Munich again. The churches, the museums, and the hour upon hour spent in long touring lines of those wonderful old crumbling German castles. The quiet peaceful coach ride through the Bavarian Forest and the guarded eerie silence of the Czechoslovakian border added to the excitement of "eight We-go students traveling abroad."

And through it all, amidst the green rolling hills and still, everyday life — we drank from wheat beer — to dark beer, from Rhine wine to Mosel, fully warned of the evils of alcohol by our teacher-advisor-Mother who told us to "use but not abuse." Yet after the trip had ended, we all came home with a better understanding of German culture. The castles - the cities - the museums - the countryside - and God, what fantastic beer!

# Be more than an athletic supporter

#### by Sheila Hodges

Summer's over and school's in full swing! Freshmen have finally found their way, (except for those few still looking for the fourth floor), and detentions are already being given out.

Except for the announcements being more colorful and being one year older — everything is just about the same.

The soccer team is doing great and isn't even thought about or even mentioned in the announcements. Of course, everyone knows when there's a football game, but they don't know about the swim meet the same night. I think there's even a game called girls volleyball, but who knows? Who can be sure? Who can be sure of anything in a school that is so obsessed with football and basketball. How many people know we have the biggest Concert Choir in at least five years? Seventy people who will sing their hearts out to an audience that won't even be half the size of a football game audience.

It's terrible to think of, but the parents are a big part of this lack of consideration for other activities. All they care about are the ones their kids are in. School spirit can't just be for football or basketball. It would be nice to have a school that can be varied in qualities, but united in spirit.

# Cuts affect more than community

#### by Henry Bryan

The Reagan cuts have hit our school and students in two areas.

The first being school food prices — because of Reagan's reductions in funds for lunches. Ultimately this raises prices, but I'm sure you've noticed this. School supplies will also probably increase, if they haven't already.

The second area concerns college bound seniors because of Reagan cutting student assistance funds. Don't get me wrong, if you go to a bank and prove that you cannot send a kid to college without aid, perhaps you can get a small interest loan.

## Are you a Pepper?

#### Dear Editor,

I'd like to write in concern to the pep assemblies. We have heard many times that the cheerleaders and pom pon girls are no longer going to be in the assemblies. Well, the problem with our school is that not enough people have spirit. They need to be motivated, and the cheerleaders are the ones that are supposed to motivate us! True, they do get boring after a while, but that's because they do the same thing every time! That's the problem. It isn't that they're there, it's what they do there. And the band really should learn some new music. When we go to an assembly there's nothing new, no surprises. We could probably recite everything from beginning to end! I know it's hard work to make up and practice new cheers and routines and to learn new music. But we know that the band, cheerleaders, and pom pon girls are the "main events." Well, if the assembly doesn't go well, those are the people that are blamed and called "boring." But they aren't boring, they just need variety! They don't need to be excluded, just revised.

Jeane Murray

P.S. Besides, what is going to replace them?

Act a strict of total

Take heart, there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Starting in October, we have a five percent tax cut. For the next two years, starting 1982, we will have a ten percent tax cut both years.

Reagan wanted ten percent all three years, but this is just as good I think.

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What surprised you most about high school?



Rick Nickelson — "How expensive the lunches are."

Paul Bunge — "The size of the school."

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periences in France including a trip to the Eiffel Tower. "The view from the tower was spectacular." said Weahterford, "we were only allowed to go to the second floor but we could see for miles and miles."

They visited many other famous places such as Le Louvre Art Museum which houses such famous paintings as the "Mona Lisa" and "Winged Victory."

Versaillies impressed the girls. It is a castle built by Louis the XIV. He used this magnificent castle as a hunting lodge.

They visited some of the churches that France is famous for, including Notre Dama. Tina loved the back part of the church. She said it seemed to be more modern then the rest of the church with a type of arch projecting from the back. There was a beautiful stained glass window called the "Rose Window" that Wienecke remembered. It is a huge circle of stained glass high on the wall.

Another church that impressed the French travelers in "Notre Dama De La Grande" was a gold statue of Mary on the hill.

One of the things they found odd about



Rosie Cruz - "How strict the classes are."

Terri Bailey — "The strictness in the rules."

France is that all of the beaches are topless. Of course our visitors didn't join in, but like Wienecke says, "Once you walk onto one of their beaches with a one piece bathing suit on, they know you're a tourist."

The French have a lot of American television shows. They have programs like Little House On the Prairie and Mrs. Columbo, with French voices dubbed in.

Another thing they found odd is that in France they drive very fast since they have

no speed limits. There are also no lines down the center of the roads.

The food in France is not as different as the girls expected it to be. Even though it's very rich, they loved it all. Their favorite was a pastry called "Pain au Chocolate." It is a very light pastry with a creamy chocolate filling.

Mrs. Appel commented, that even though she didn't go to France with the students, "It was a wonderful experience for the girls to use the language and finally be able to see what we always talk about in class."

# Super-summer flix in review

#### by John Watanabe

Hurray for Hollywood! Throughout the summer of 1981, the movie industry took in lotsa box office cash without giving us a whole lotta trash. It was a season filled with crowd-pleasing pictures, and the deaths and re-births of interesting trends.

As some of you may recall, 1980 was a pretty dullsville year for movies. But this summer, the whole movie industry turned around with the June releases of **Raiders of the Lost Ark** and **Superman II**, the biggest moneymakers and movie events of the season. At that point, movie fans were reminded of what exciting films and long box office lines were like — two factors that apparently took a year-long snooze. It is interesting to note that alongside these blockbuster action films. 20th Century Fox re-released **The Empire Strikes Back**, another youth-oriented, \$100 million hit Caddyshack, fell flat on his donkey at the box office this time with Under the Rainbow, the midget comedy that was short on laughs.

Perhaps the most notorious rotten smell of the hot weather season was **The Cannonball Run**, the car crash comedy that crashes into the pits. **The Cannonball Run** opened to the third biggest weekend business in cinema history (following **Star Trek** and **Superman II**), but vanished from theaters in a couple of weeks for a good reason: it's one hellava stinker.

Two highly-acclaimed show biz acts, The Muppets and Mel Brooks, came up with a couple of somewhat disappointing but decent offerings: **The Great Muppet Caper**, which wasn't as delightful and honestly funny as the first Muppet film vehicle; and Mel Brooks' **History of the World, Part I**, an



Stripes, the season's funniest film - that's the fact, Jack!



that turned out to be the only real smash hit of the summer of '80.

Of course, what would this summer have been without a Bill Murray comedy? This hip Second City-trained performer has tickled our funny bones with three consecutive summer hits — Meatballs, Caduneven parody that used too much WCCHS bathroom wall humor.

The old 50's fad of watching 3-D movies with those dark paper glasses came back at us with the release of **Comin' at Ya!**, a stupid 3-D western that has been packing

secutive summer hits — Meatballs, Caddyshack, and this year. Stripes. It's not very surprising that Stripes struck box office lightning. Teenagers, many of them devoted followers of Saturday Night Live and SCTV, naturally got into Stripes irreverant humor and went to see it again and again and again (this reviewer managed to see it four times). We should salute Stripes for providing the summer's biggest laughs.

Hilarious comic Richard Pryor, whose late-1980 release **Stir Crazy** became a \$100 million baby, used his box office status to make this summer's **Bustin' Loose** a smash. Apart from these simple-minded comedies, Alan Alda turned out a sleeper hit with his wise, adult-oriented comedy The **Four Seasons**.

On the dark side, comedies were also among the summer crop's duds. Cheech and Chong's Nice Dreams, starring the Bud and Lou of the quaalude generation, was pretty much of a downer (but somehow managed to gross \$31 million). George Hamilton would've been funnier in Zorro, the Gay Blade, if he had played it a bit more straight. Chevy Chase, who appeared in the humorous past summer hits Foul Play and houses everywhere. Former Sweathog John Travolta and director Brian DePalma received the loudest raves of their careers with the stylish, serious-minded thriller **Blow Out**.

A pack of werewolf pictures suddenly rushed out from nowhere and took a huge bite out of box office receipts. Those movies included **The Howling**, **Wolfen**, and **An American Werewolf in London**. My big question is: Why are all these wolf flicks suddenly making a comeback? Are some producers paying a sentimental tribute to Wolfman Jack after **The Midnight Special** got cancelled?

That horrible trend of mad-slasher movies gradually faded away during this summer, thanks to decreasing crowds, and a couple of parodies (not very good ones, though) entitled **Student Bodies** and **Saturday the 14th**.

Overall, one can see that summer flicks are always pitched at teenagers and extreme escapist audiences. But the sudden high quality of films and rapid-selling of tickets this summer made the 1981 Movie Summer something very special.

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## We-go soccer still kicking

#### by Dave Barry

Sports.

While the skill and potential of We-go's varsity soccer team appear great, one critical problem remains: whether the players have the experience or the "spirit" needed to succeed.

Steve Kimery, head coach of the varsity squad, feels they have "a lot of improvement to do. We're not passing with any consistency or accuracy." he emphasized. Kimery also noted the loss of four critical players, particularly defenseman Arnold Kriegbaum.

Coach Kimery was extremely reluctant to make any comparison between this year's team and last year's team. "Last year is in the past," he stressed, "We can't just look back on that (success) and take it easy."

Glenbard North's head coach, Bill Vuono, however, offered a rather dismal comparison. "They were much more organized last year," he commented. "The wings don't seem to know where to go." Kimery readily agreed with this observation. He pointed to the overall lack of experience, explaining, "The players just haven't worked together long enough.

Vuono, who watched West Chicago in their 1-0 overtime victory against Glenbard North, noted other changes. "The fullbacks are slower this year," he said. "They seem much less effective.'

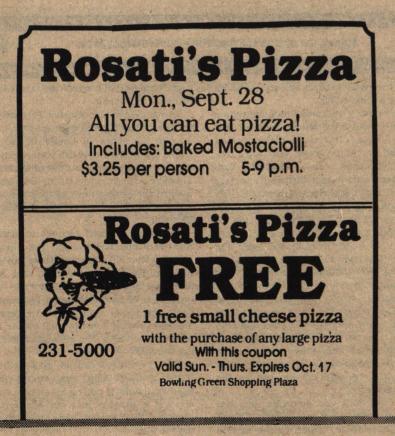
Though hesitant, Kimery did say this year's team was "similar in skill to last season." But he questions whether the same "strong desire to win" now exists. Last year's team was a "hungry ballclub," Kimery smiled. "I never know what to expect. They like to keep me guessing."

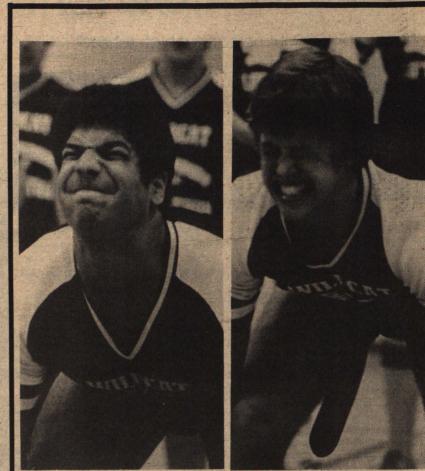
The team has one victory and one lie thus far. The tie came in an overtime game against Naperville North. The Wildcats had a 1-0 lead until they were scored on late in the fourth quarter.

Coach Kimery feels that injuries must be avoided if they are to succeed. Sophomore, Dan Barry has been sidelined due to a back injury. Also, forward, Enrique Guzman has been played cautiously due to weak ankles. If the varsity can avoid further injury they should remain competitive.



Julio Delreal dribbles along for We-go's varsity soccer team.





Senior, Mike Urcini smiles at the crowd as he tries for another Lift-a-thon record.

Gary Hansen grits his teeth as he attempts the deadlift in the annual Wildcat Lift-a-thon.

## Golfers on the upswing

#### by Dave Bahlmann

It's tee off time again and the We-Go golf team is swinging into action. Pat LeMaster has taken over the coaching position this year.

The team's success depends heavily on the veteran golfers. Brad Gary, who last year won sectionals and qualified for state, is back and ready for a repeat performance. "I'd like to win conference and place in state," he announces. Returning with him is senior Scott Imenkus, who also has his eyes set on state.

Brian Dean, Steve Lowell, Mike Malay, Mike Peterka and Jeff Weber round out the varsity squad, with Tom Butler in reserve.

We have a chance at winning better than half our games," predicts coach LeMaster. "They're knowledgeable golfers and work well with each other.

As for competitiveness, "It will be difficult doing well. Other teams are more affluent. They work with each other over the summer." he states. "Most of our players don't have that chance because they have jobs."

Since they use seven players and take the four best scores, there is a certain kind of

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competition within the squad. "Most of them are consistent around the low forties," said LeMaster.

As for the team thus far, they are a five hundred club. They beat St. Francis in their first competition, but lost to Naperville North the next time around.

"We have to beat both Napervilles and Wheaton Central to have a chance," claims Immekus. He also feels that losing last year's players, Phil Stilin and Jim Gates, has cost the team greatly.

The golfers had much to say about Coach LeMaster, who replaced former coach Robert Lemon. "He's a stricter coach," frowns Immekus. "But we need the practice and concentration," adds Gary.

LeMaster also coaches the sophomore team. "He's nice, I like him a lot," smiles Betsy Foote, the only girl on either team. As for being the only girl she comments, "It doesn't bother me.

Putting it all together is one thing LeMaster has to do, as he is also a math teacher here. "It keeps me busy," he sighs, "but I enjoy it. The rewards are great."



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