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NEWSLETTER OF THE MOUNTAIN HOMESTEADERS ASSOCIATION

Editor—Marti Szczur

Wintergreen Founders Vision Overlook

The Wintergreen Nature Foundation invites you to honor the individuals whose foresight and vision shaped this community. The Nature Foundation has constructed an exhibit that will celebrate the insight of Wintergreen's founders and to forever remind our community that the nature of Wintergreen is its greatest asset. This exhibit will give visitors an interpretive tour of the natural beauty found at Wintergreen a midst a garden of native wildflower, ferns and shrubs. The overlook on Wintergreen Drive has been known as the Wintergreen Overlook. After **May 10th** 2008 this overlook will be renamed Wintergreen Founders Vision Overlook. Join The Wintergreen Nature Foundation, Wintergreen founders and the entire Wintergreen community for this event. Transportation will be provided from Trillium House. Dedication will begin at **10 AM** with a reception at Trillium House following.

Uh, Oh!

THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST 'LINK'…

… if you haven't paid your 2008 annual MHA dues. Use the form on the back page to send in with your dues. Also, please use this form to update any name/address information, **particularly email addresses**, so we can keep you posted on mountain news.

Need another incentive? New directory is coming out in July 2008 and will only will be sent to members who've paid their dues.

MIDDAY AT THE FREEZING POINT

by Joan Stemmler

I was sitting at my window drawing the gnarly tree branches, but now I'm just watching the changes to the whole scene. The day is almost perfect with only a thin cloud cover dimming the prospect ever so slightly. The view is to the northwest across the Upper Shamokin Gorge. Were I able to see through Laurel Springs Ridge, I'd have a clear line of sight to the Shenandoah Valley. That wooded southeast slope is relatively clear, covered with fallen russet leaves. Snow still lies on the stream bed of Stony Creek and the Old Appalachian Trail forms a continuous line of white slowly rising from near Wolf Trap Trail up towards the Shamokin Springs Nature Preserve.

While I was drawing, the sun dithered, intensifying and then diminishing the reds of the slope of the gorge. On the northwest face where we are situated, the alternating light and shadow formed and then erased the deep gray shadows of the tree branches on the trunks of "my" big chestnut oak and red maple trees. They are so near the window I can see the textures of the lichens on the rough bark of the oaks. Down below, little cups of melted snow circle the dark mass of the living trees that have absorbed the warmth of the sun. The crisp deer and squirrel tracks are no longer sharply defined as they slowly collapse with the rise of temperature from 3° yesterday to 32° today.

It is more than five weeks after the winter solstice. The trees in January are just beginning to respond to the longer periods of light by slightly enlarging their tightly wrapped leaf and flower buds. Soon, the silky silvery buds of the cucumber magnolias will elongate and the red maples will take on a rosy aura at the tips of their new twigs. Last July, just as gradually, the process happened in reverse. Trees began to cut back the water supply to their matured leaves beginning the process of drying up and falling away in preparation for the coming of freezing weather.

While I was writing, a breeze from the west dispersed the wispy clouds of twenty minutes ago. Now the sun shines in the blue sky over the Shenandoah Valley and the Blue Ridge. All of us living-celled organisms respond to these natural rhythms of light and darkness, heat and cold. I know that trees don't have emotions, not even feelings I presume. I wonder though, as I watch these passing phenomena, if the sap of the sugar maple is rising as happily are my spirits on this beautiful winter midday?

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Join these Mountain Activities ...

Mahjong meets Mondays at 10:00 am. Contact: Susan Capell on 361-2435.

Saturday Evening Bridge meets the second or third Saturday of the month, at 7:30 pm. Contact: Kate McIntire on 325-7073.

Mountain Women meetings are held the second Friday of each month at 10:00 am. Roadrunners are welcome! Contact: Martha Misker on 325-7585.

The Mountain Women Gardeners meet every third Friday at various member's homes. Contact: Vera Jones on 325-9256.

The Mountain Women Book Group meets the Monday after the Mountain Women meeting. Contact: Barbara Porter on 325-7314.

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Book Clubs: Two book clubs meet each month on Tues evenings. Contacts: Arlo Croxall on 361-0045 or Elaine Davis on 361-1936.

The Green Winners: is an investment club that meets the first Tuesday of each month, in the afternoon. Contact: Diane Crannis on dibooks@aol.com.

President's Corner

The new year brings us some new ideas for our social events. We start out with a BINGO party on Saturday, February 9. Though you may think Bingo very simple, a study discussed in the Wall Street Journal recently claims that it sharpens the mind and even delays Alzheimer's-some claim!
Our traditional events, later in the year, continue since they are undoubtedly popular. If you have any suggestions for new events, please contact Joanne White, Sharon Kincel or Joyce Claman.

I would like to remind you that the Tuckahoe Clubhouse (part of the Tuckahoe school) is available to Wintergreen residents (WPOA purchased it and remodeled our portion) It is available without charge to organized WG groups; there is a charge for private events. If you have any questions about its use, please give me a call or email.

Stu Harvey, MHA President

Spring Event — APRIL 19th

A starry night program is scheduled for April 19th with rain date of April 20. Details will be available later. The event sponsored by the Central Blue Ride Master Naturalist Chapter, the Charlottesville Astronomical Society and the Rockfish Valley Foundation will be held in the Rockfish Valley along the Rockfish River. It is free of charge and open to the public.

In addition to presentations by CAS members and viewing with their equipment to observe the night sky, there will be a camp fire sing-a-long. This is a family event and picnics beforehand are welcome. **Volunteers are needed** and anyone interested should contact Peter Agelasto at 361-2251.

2008
Mountain Homesteaders Activities

SAVE THESE DATES !!!!!

Feb 9th — Winter BINGO Party

March 15th — St. Patrick's Party

April 19th — Newcomers' Party

June 7th —Shrimp Fest

July 4th — Independence Day Dinner

August 9th — Annual Picnic

Sept. 6th — Lobster Fest

Sept. 27th — Oktoberfest

Dec. 6th — Annual Holiday Gala

Note: Details about events will be sent by email and posted at Mailbox Kiosk.

BINGO MANIA HITS THE MOUNTAIN

Well, maybe not mania, but definitely hilarious. Around 40 mountain homesteaders, with a sprinkling of valley folk, had a evening of good food and 6 games of BINGO with cash prizes increasing from $25 to $100. Horace Brady was the big Franklin (as in Ben) winner. Many thanks to the social committee for planning, setting and cleaning up. You all are incredible.

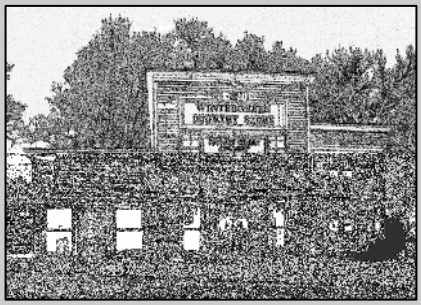
Extra special thanks to Sharon Kincel for spinning the numbers in a very official looking Bingo Cage and Ken Kincel for 'barking' the numbers. Despite all the complaints about not calling the 'right' number, going too fast and too slow at the same time, you were superb!

Ken Kincel practicing his spin.

What da he call? B11 or 7?

Save This Date

Blue Ridge Medical Center has scheduled the 10th annual *Evening of Art, Music and Cuisine* to be held from **6:30 to 9:30 on Friday, April 18th at Spruce Creek Gallery**. For those who may not have attended in the past, this is a not-to-be-missed event.



Attendees will bid for artwork, crafts and a multitude of other items in a delightful ambiance of background music while they partake of light culinary fare with local wines and brews under a cozy rain-or-shine marquee.

This year, for the first time ever the evening will showcase live artists demonstrating their unique skills on-site!

Proceeds from this gala benefit the important mission of the Medical Center's Rural Health Outreach Program.

Earl Swift, a well known Virginia author and writer for the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, is coming to Nelson County. Following his visit to Charlottesville for participation in the Festival of the Book, Mr. Swift will be coming to Nelson County to speak at the Nelson Center on **Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m.** This event is free and open to the public. Mr. Swift will also speak and be honored at a reception at Elk Hill, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Agelasto III on **Saturday, March 29th at 10 a.m.** This event is also free but space is limited. For reservations or information, call Peter Agelasto at 434.361.2251 or email agelasto@mindspring.com.

Of particular interest to those who live in Nelson County is the fact that Earl Swift has written much about Nelson County, including his paperback, "Journey on the James: Three Weeks Through the Heart of Virginia", and his booklet , "When the Rain Came" about Hurricane Camille and the flood of August 1969. His most recent book, "The Tangierman's Lament and Other Tales of Virginia", includes tales of some ordinary and extraordinary residents of Nelson County. Three of his chapters include stories about the days before and after Hurricane Camille , the river bateaux that journeyed up and down the James River, and Master Charles of Synchronicity. Earl Swift has been a Fulbright fellow and five times nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

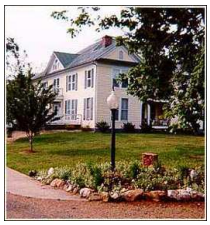
These events are sponsored by the Nelson County Historical Society, Oakland Museum and Rockfish Valley Foundation.

ROADRUNNERS

by Sylvia Shenk

Exploring the history and elegance of Nellysford

Can it be that this understated town at the foot of our mountain is laden with history and charm? Does one find the desire to wind down the Pyrenees-like mountain road with all of its curves to discover some of the treasures nestled in the gentle slopes of the valley? I would suggest that it's worth the journey, and I plan to explore the region as a roadrunner in my upcoming escapades in The Link, linking our mountain and valley.



I will begin with the ***Mark Addy Inn*****,** to which the very name "Nellysford" is linked. We actually came upon the Mark Addy this past fall at their first annual harvest festival. As we headed expectantly down the mountain, the leaves were dressed in celebration as if they, too, were going to a festival. The red maple in front of the Mountain Inn was queen of the ball. *The Wintergreen Founders Vision Overlook* was peaceful and calm, settling in for an evening's rest over the soft grey-blues of the Blue Ridge. But that was another time and season; we shall venture now down a so-called *slippery slope* to our destination.

The Harvest Festival itself was both entertaining and tasty. A sumptuous country meal topped off with an array of homemade pies was served in a tent, family style. In spite of the casual dining style, the ham, sweet potatoes gratinee, corn, warm rolls, gourmet salad and coleslaw were all delicious. The family dining encouraged conversation with both locals and travelers and led to a lively exchange. This was enhanced by the entertainers***, Jan Smith and Jeff Vogelgesang*** representing various types of American roots music including country, folk and blues. Jeff played the mandolin, with a guitar in the background and Jan's rich voice blended as a complementary instrument to their music. From this soft feel, the effect of the next group, ***Shake Sphere,*** was a dynamic change in its jazz-like, danceable quality. This dance fusion band included an accordion, two guitars, drums and African drums, two saxophones, and castanets. The evening left us yearning for more exposure to the Mark Addy. And so began our understanding of the fascinating history behind this charming inn and international cuisine of the Fountain Room.

The original log cabin was built in the then-called ***Wintergreen Valley*** on 1000 acres in the 1840's by ***Charles Everett*** who also owned and built the Belmont Estate in Charlottesville. This successful entrepreneur and physician to Thomas Jefferson was one of the founders of the UVA Medical School. He and friend Thomas Jefferson would escape to what was then called ***Upland Manor*** for weekends of relaxation and sport. Charles Everett was childless but very much devoted to his nephew, ***John Coleman Everett****,* who he sent to medical school. John Coleman moved to the Philadelphia area and became a wealthy physician and slave holder. Although Charles Everett willed everything to him, he would receive only Upland Manor if he did not free his slaves. John Coleman found it impossible to release his slaves during Civil War times, and he therefore only received Upland Manor. He married ***Nellie Garret Martin*** who became the first Postmistress of the town of ***Lodebar*** which is now ***Nellysford,*** named for Nellie Garret Martin. They built the current homestead on Upland Manor and added another room each time one of their seven children was born. It is an interesting aside that they are all buried at a small church on route 151 and that their descendants are still living around Nellysford and even visit the Inn upon occasion.

For a time, the house was used as a hospice for the elderly as well as a stable hand house. The farm stable hands from the Rhodes Farm Inn resided there. The current owners purchased the Inn from ***John Maddox*** who bought Upland Manor in the 1990's with his mother, ***Joanne.*** It was under their joint ownership that the Inn was transformed into a bed and breakfast. And now for the current naming of the Inn...The grandparents of John Maddox were renowned for their gracious entertaining in the county. Their names were ***Mark and Adeline***; hence the Inn was renamed the Mark Addy in an effort to replicate the gracious style of dining and entertaining of Mark and Adeline.

Leslie and Rafael (Rafi) Tal bought the Mark Addy in 2006 and have remained true to this tradition of hospitality and gracious entertaining. Rafi, an ex-Israeli Air Force pilot, has thrown all of his energy and creativity into the meal presentation and the enhancement of the Inn itself. He and his wife Leslie are passionate about their endeavor, and it shows in the culinary masterpieces of the Fountain Room as well as the unique décor of the Inn itself. Perhaps the live, double yellow head Amazon parrot who greets you from his cage as you enter the Victorian house is an indicator of the surprises that await you. If you like superb cuisine, fine imported wines as well as those from our local wineries, antiques, a combination of floral wallpapers, a mélange of décor in each room, all overlooking the Blue Ridge mountains, drop in on Leslie and Rafi Tal. But be certain to make reservations for dinner or your trip might be for naught.

In my next article, I plan to review a meal at the Mark Addy en route to the ***Earl Hammer Jr. Theater,*** another Stoney Creek treasure that links us to the community of Nelson County.

The fourth **Wounded Warrior Weekend** at Wintergreen on Jan 25-27th, like the ones before, was an astounding success hosting 21 warriors, with varying degrees of injuries.

All together, over a hundred people participated directly in this weekend. with 106 volunteer instructors, 100 volunteers, 21 warriors, 19 warrior guests, and 8 health care providers. For more information, check out http://www.nelsoncountylife.com/2008/01/28/wintergreen-wounded-warriors-2008-a-complete-success/

The **Magic of Music Ball**, the major fundraiser for Wintergreen Performing Arts' highly acclaimed music programs, will take place on **Friday, May 2, 2008** at Veritas Vineyard and Winery. In addition to a Live Auction and a limited Silent Auction, there will be something new and exciting -- an Events Fair!

The Events Fair will consist of parties, outing and events at local homes and venues. Individuals or small groups of individuals are joining together to host the events. The hosts will be responsible for providing all of the food, drink, entertainment, etc. All proceeds will benefit Wintergreen Performing Arts. Patrons attending the Ball will then sign up for the events that appeal to them. All of the events will take place during the 2008 calendar year. In the event there are spaces still available, on-line sign up will be possible after May 2. for more information, check out http://www.wintergreenperformingarts.org/

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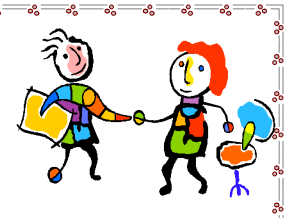

NEWCOMERS' PARTY

Saturday APRIL 19th 2008

5:30pm—8:30pm

TRILLIUM HOUSE

Wine and Soft Drinks provided

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("old" members, that is—not newcomers)

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MOUNTAIN TREASURES

by Sue Carlson

Shirley and Fred Thomas are roadrunners - like many mountain residents, they visit their mountain home on the weekends. They bought their first home in 1982 and as their family grew, they moved from their condo to a larger house, and next bought their current home in 1997. "I can't imagine life without Wintergreen," Shirley remarked as we visited in their comfortable sun filled living room overlooking the fairway. "We are avid golfers and skiers, enjoy participating in the Mountain Homesteader activities, and love watching the wildlife, especially the deer that graze on the golf course in the mornings."

Both Fred and Shirley have been active participants in the Wintergreen community since they moved here. Shirley has served on the Mountain Homesteaders Board as the social chair, which she thoroughly enjoyed, and most recently was treasurer. Fred has served on the WPI ski committee for 6 years. They host a musician and his family during the Wintergreen Performing Arts season. Their grandson Sam comes to visit to play with the musician's son Chandler, who is the same age.

Children are Shirley and Fred's joy. Family pictures are displayed everywhere, including on a quilt that Shirley made. They raised three children, Debbie, Fred Jr. and Jennifer, all of whom live in Virginia. "The children consider Wintergreen, not Lynchburg, as their real home, " Fred said. Our seven grandchildren visit often and enjoy all the activities here. One of the bedrooms is a dorm with bunk beds and plenty of toys, including a miniature drum set.

Shirley and Fred were each born, raised, and still live in Lynchburg. They met in high school at a Y-Teen dance. Shirley laughed at the memory. "I was with someone else, but left with Fred!" They married in 1955 after they finished college. Shirley attended Phillips Business College. Fred attended Lynchburg College. Fred started as a bookkeeper at Wholesale Distribution, the Barker-Jennings Corporation, and retired as the President. In addition to serving on industry and professional boards, he is also on the Board of the Lynchburg City Schools Education Foundation, which provides grants to the schools. He is on the Board of the Miller Home for girls. He and Shirley enjoy hosting the girls at Wintergreen for winter sports.

Shirley enjoys woodworking, sewing, making porcelain dolls, and quilting. She has stepping stones on a path in the backyard of their Wintergreen home, which she made from stained glass and concrete. Each one is different. She made her dining room table, benches, a hutch, and a bedside table for the bunk beds.

Shirley believes that participating in the Mountain Homesteaders activities is a great way to meet people who live here full or part-time. " Most of the social activities of the Homesteaders are on the weekends", she said. "One can get involved in community life or take a leadership role, even when living here just part-time," Fred concurred.

When I asked why they didn't retire full-time to Wintergreen, they agreed that they had too many friends in both places to choose just one home. "We have close ties to both places, which are only an hour apart." They reminisced about some of the experiences they have had. On a foggy afternoon about 7 or 8 years ago, Joan Berry was at their home planning a Homesteaders shrimp feast. A small plane hit a house near Laurel Springs drive, ending up on the deck of the house. Fortunately no one was hurt including the pilot. If the plane had been flying somewhat higher, it probably would have crashed into the Wintergarden.

In the early days, Homesteader parties were held at various homes, because the group was small. The last party held in a home was at their house with 70 people attending. On April 1, a number of years ago, they were getting ready for a party on their deck. Six inches of snow fell that day, with more the next! The party continued inside.

As members of WPI, they appreciate the upgrades to the golf course, the new snow making system, and the new ski lifts. The tubing park is a favorite with their grandchildren. "We also appreciate the bear proofing at the dumpsters. We used to see bears at night regularly at the dumpsters, which isn't good for people or bears. Hopefully the residents will be more careful with bird feeders and leaving windows and doors open next year. We love the bears, but it is a bad idea to attract them to our neighborhoods", they stated.

One wild animal sighting was exciting. When they were driving over Brent's mountain on RT 151, they saw a cougar! "He ran across the road and leaped over the guard rail, right in front of us. He was a beautiful gold color and probably weighed about 125 pounds", Fred said. "We know what a bobcat looks like as we see them occasionally. This was a magnificent mountain cat."

Their home in Lynchburg backs up to the forest. Fred surprised a red fox in his shrubbery one evening. They often see the deer resting in the lawn near the pool, and the red fox takes rest breaks in their gazebo. Although they travel sometimes in the U.S. to ski or enjoy states like Alaska, their main enjoyment is being with their family at Wintergreen.

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

Hope is on its way for improved cell phone reception. Here is the latest status.

ATT installed a new cell phone tower behind Wintergreen Fire Station 2 on Monocan Drive and had it activated by the end of 2007. Several other vendors are planning to bring service to the Wintergreen area in the next couple of years. Verizon plans several towers as part of a broad plan to bring service to a 5-county area and down to the Lynchburg area. Their network will include broadband, but is not expected to be activated until early 2010 when all towers in the area are ready.

In addition to Verizon, Ntelos is planning multiple towers to improve area coverage. Ntelos service could be ready within the year. Currently, Alltel appears not to be pursuing any towers in our area.

A benefit that WPOA accrues from having the towers on its property is that each tower brings monthly fees to the coffers. Also, the vendors have been sensitive to the Wintergreen environment and have worked to keep towers "low profile" by using wood posts and antennas that are dark in color.

At Wintergreen Performing Arts, the Volunteers are the Stars!

By Larry Alan Smith
Artistic & Executive Director of Wintergreen Performing Arts

It is a fact . . . WPA could not exist without the active involvement and strong commitment of its volunteers. Fifteen extraordinarily dedicated people serve on the Board of Directors, but there are dozens and dozens of other volunteers who give of their time and talent throughout the year to see that our programs are successful.

What moves someone to volunteer? There are obviously a variety of reasons, but I found the following statement by Wintergreen resident, **Don Burland**, to be particularly powerful. Don wrote about his involvement with Wintergreen Performing Arts in response to a request we received for an article. The magazine, *Where to Retire*, is for people who are contemplating retirement.

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Wintergreen Performing Arts and Retirement
by Don M. Burland,
Board Member and Treasurer, Wintergreen Performing Arts.

Wintergreen, Virginia is nestled into the eastern side of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It offers golf and skiing, hiking and magnificent panoramic views. But for those of us who have had a large portion of our life defined by work and careers, these amenities while perhaps necessary are not sufficient in themselves for a fulfilling retirement. That is where Wintergreen Performing Arts comes into the picture. WPA is a professionally run arts organization that puts on year-round programs of music, theater and dance, enhances arts education in the local public schools and produces a month-long Summer Music Festival featuring orchestra and chamber concerts, plays, lectures and a Festival Academy for aspiring young musicians. WPA is staffed by Wintergreen retirees and others who do everything from collecting tickets to managing marketing, from preparing meals at intimate in-home concerts to housing musicians and students.

After retiring from the Washington DC area and moving to Wintergreen, I began my involvement with WPA by attending Summer Festival events and noticing the enthusiastic involvement of the community. As a member of the Board and Treasurer of the organization, my participation has grown over the years. I never imagined, when contemplating retirement, that I would become involved in producing an annual bluegrass concert. But that is what happened and I am enjoying it. WPA has also provided me with a pathway for involvement with the local public schools. Education was certainly a large part of my work life. WPA has provided a pathway for continued involvement in retirement.

So Wintergreen Performing Arts adds a unique component to retirement. One can simply attend and enjoy the concerts or one can become actively involved in the organization of events. It provides an opportunity in retirement for working with a focus. Many of us retirees enjoy the option of extending our work lives.

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If you would like to get involved with Wintergreen Performing Arts, please contact us by phone at (434) 325-8292 or send an e-mail (info@wintergreenperformingarts.org).

GRANDKIDS COMING? LOVE ANIMALS?

With Spring just around the corner, are you looking for a fun experience to share with the grandchildren? Mountainside Petting Farm is just down the road in Afton! Meet the wonderful wallabies, the sweetest donkeys, ponies, bunnies, goats, pot bellied pig, babydoll and Jacob sheep, a Clydesdale horse, and even a baby camel named Chloe.

Bring your lunch and picnic in the woods in the gazebo or at one of the shaded picnic tables. Pony and donkey rides ($3) are always a blast for the grandchildren. Grandparents are admitted free of charge with the purchase of $5 tickets per grandchild.

Beginning the **first Saturday in April**, the Petting Zoo will be open on weekends (Sat-Sun) from 10:00am to 5:00pm. During the summer, it will be open Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Directions: 151 N, left on Blundell Hollow Rd (Rt 633)(1/8/mile past Ashley's Market), look for the windmill on the left.

434-361-0203 www.mountainsidepettingfarm.com

Editor's Note: Barbara Funke moved to Virginia from Michigan a couple of years ago and started her friendly petting zoo in 2007. Along with all the zoo animals, she also boards horses, of which my new horse, Toblerone, is a lucky resident. The photo is of Chloe, her baby camel, who is 1 month old and getting her bottle from a young friend , under the watchful eye of Barb.

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