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(above) The Summit High School Cast of Clue

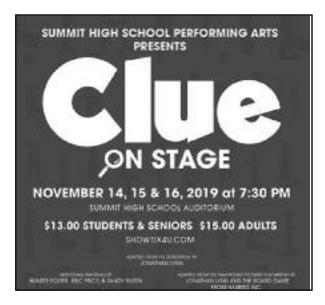
Summit High School Theatre Department's intriguing fall play Clue opens Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. for three nights in the Summit High School auditorium.

Purchase tickets at showtix4u.com or at the door on the night of the performance. Ticket prices are \$13 for students and seniors, and \$15 for adults.

"It's a dark and stormy night, and you've been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Each guest has an alias, the butler offers a variety of weapons, and the host is well....dead! So whodunnit?

Join the iconic oddballs as they race to find the murderer before the body count stacks up. Based on the cult classic film and the popular board game, Clue is a madcap comedy that will keep the entire family guessing until the final twist . " shares Summit High School Drama Director Anne Poyner.

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SANTA CLAUS SHOP PREPARES TO HELP DELIVER A JOYOUS HOLIDAY

Submitted by Lauren Bialek

The Santa Claus Shop will open its doors once again to area families, providing its 53rd consecutive year of complimentary holiday shopping. The shop serves more than 400 lowincome families and senior citizens from Summit and other local communities, including New Providence and Berkeley Heights, who are referred by local social services agents.

This year's Santa Claus Shop will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Avenue in Summit. Families will be offered shopping hours by invitation only on Wednesday, December 4. In addition, the Santa Claus Shop will be hosting a holiday gathering for senior citizens on Tuesday, December 3.

The Santa Claus Shop guests personally select a household item, new clothing for each member of their immediate family, a hat and mittens, a book, and a new toy for each child. Local volunteers are responsible for the shop setup, personal shopping services for each guest, giftwrapping, and clean up.

The Santa Claus Shop is chaired by Summit residents, Michelle Frei, Kim McGovern, Megan Rende and Christine Semcer and co-chaired by Lauren Bialek, Susan Campbell, Maritess Manaluz and Marnie O'Connell. The Santa Claus Shop exists solely on donations and volunteers. With the monetary donations from area residents, local organizations and businesses, the Santa Claus Shop can purchase the gifts that allow less holiday giving without financial burden.

To keep the holiday spirit alive for local residents in need, the Santa Claus Shop chairwomen ask for members of the community to consider giving. Checks can be made payable to SHIP, with Santa Claus Shop noted on the

fortunate neighbors to experience the joy of check's memo line, and mailed to the Santa Claus Shop, P.O. Box 119, Summit, NJ 07901. The ability to make an online donation is also available at summitsantaclausshop.com. If you would like to find out more information or get involved please visit our website or follow us on Facebook at Santa Claus Shop - Summit, NJ.



(above, l-r) The co-chairs for the 53rd annual Santa Claus Shop, Megan Rende, Kim McGovern, Christine Semcer and Michelle Frei.





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KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT THE SUMMIT LIBRARY THIS NOVEMBER

Some Holiday Bling

Just in time for the holidays—or for those looking to find a new accessory to brighten up their wardrobe—it's the Friends of the Summit Free Public Library Giant Jewelry Sale! Taking place on Saturday, November 2 from 9 a.m - 5 p.m., and again on Sunday, November 3 from 1-4 p.m., shoppers will be delighted by the huge selection of fine and costume jewelry.

Encore! Encore!

On Sunday, November 17 from 2-3 p.m. the library will be hosting the Radiance Chamber Ensemble featuring Lea Karpman, Michael Schneider, and Peggy Reynolds on violin, Oliver Shapiro on cello and Joan Baldwin on keyboard. This always-popular local ensemble will perform



(above) On Sunday, November 17 from 2-3 p.m. the library will be hosting the Radiance Chamber Ensemble featuring Lea Karpman, Michael Schneider, and Peggy Reynolds on violin, Oliver Shapiro on cello and Joan Baldwin on keyboard.

a selection of music from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. Featured composers include Beethoven, Dvorak, Schumann, Prokokiev, Albeniz, Curti, Schubert, and Sousa. All are welcome to come listen to some beautiful chamber music in the library's Rotunda.

On Sunday, November 24 from 2-4 p.m. the public is invited to participate in an Irish Traditional Music Workshop and Concert presented by Lesl Harker, who plays the Irish flute and Jerry O'Sullivan, who plays the Uilleann pipes. Open to all traditional instruments, participants can bring their instruments and learn a melody or learn how to lilt with their voice. Everyone is encouraged to sit back and listen to some traditional Irish music, which will follow the workshop. The concert will feature the music of the late National Heritage Fellow, Mike Rafferty, of East County Galway, Ireland.

Relax!

On Wednesday, November 6 from 7-8:30, the library will be hosting a Meditation Workshop with Umesh Bhatia, a long-time practitioner of meditation. Learn how meditation can bring about a sense of calm and balance that benefits your emotional and physical well-being. Umesh will walk participants through meditation principles and practices. You'll leave feeling refreshed! Call the library at 908-273-0350, option 3 to reserve a space. Get Crafty with Us!

On Sunday, November 10 from 2-4 p.m. adults and teens are invited to come craft with us in our Make Your Own: Friendship Pins class! Friendship pins display designs made from seed beads and safety pins. It's easy to create many different colorful designs. We will start with an American flag pin and from there you may choose from various seasonal and fun designs. Wear what you create or give these pins as gifts to friends and family. Class is free, but space is limited, so please call the library's Information Desk at 908-273-0350, option 3 to reserve your spot. We provide all the materials and instructions—you provide your creativity!

Under the Hood at the State Department

On Tuesday, November 12 at 7 p.m., Retired US Diplomat Bruce Knotts will present The State of the State Department and US Diplomacy. Knotts will review the mechanics of foreign policy.

Non-Profit Marketing and Fundraising Workshops

On Monday, November 11, 2019 at 7 p.m. our Workshop Series for Non-Profits series kicks off with How to Brand and Market Your Non-Profit.

On Monday, November 18 at 7 p.m. our series continues with How to Ask for the Gift.

We wrap up the series on Wednesday, November 20 at 7 p.m. with Uncovering Buried Treasure: How to Find Major Donors.





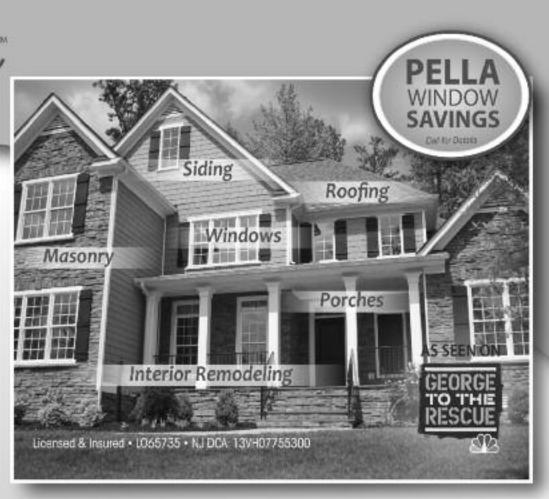












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THE GREEN NEW DEAL: A RESOLUTION TO SAVE HABITABLE EARTH

Submitted by Daniela Gioseffi On Tuesday, November 12, 2019, from 7 to 9 p.m., The Green New Deal: A Resolution to Save Habitable Earth will be discussed and explained followed by a question and answer period open to the audience. Hosted by Summit Area Green Faith Circle, made up of several houses of worship of all denominations in our area, it will take place at Beacon Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, Downstairs at 4 Waldron St. Corner Springfield Ave., Summit, NJ.

The presentation will be by Summit Professors, Dr. Marian Glenn and Professor Daniela Gioseffi.

Dr. Marian Glenn is Professor Emerita of Biology at Seton Hall University and a founding faculty member of Seton Hall's Program in Environmental Studies. Dr. Glenn is President of the Trustees of the Rahway River Watershed Association. a member of Summit's Environmental Commission, where she chairs the Green Energy Team, and is on the Advisory Board of the Association for New Jersey Environmental Commissions. She helped to set up the Summit Area Green Faith Circle, and Summit's Community Garden.

Professor Daniela Gioseffi is a climate activist, American Book Award winning author and Summit's own widely published author. She was the first journalist to integrate Selma's WSLA-TV in 1961, 3 years before the MLK Jr. Selma March. She's been an eco-feminist since 1973. In her 1993 book ON PREJUDICE: A Global Perspective, was an essay by Al Gore on Environmental Racism. She edits Eco-Poetry.org,



featuring great poets, with editorials, news, and Dickinson University (MPA), he served as links to issues like the Green New Deal, climate crisis and SunriseMovement.org. A documentary on her life titled Author and Activist, is screening at colleges, libraries, and theaters.

Dr. Glenn and Pr. Gioseffi will be joined by Reverend Ronald Tuff, Green Faith's Black Church Engagement Director. With degrees from Wilberforce University (BA) and Fairleigh

director of the Paterson Task Force, a community-based weatherization agency, for 15 years. He is an associate pastor at First Bethel Baptist Church in Irvington, NJ. He also served as 2nd Vice President for the New Jersey Black Issues Convention, a statewide leadership roundtable of organizations representing the Black community.



(above, l-r) Dr. Marian Glenn, Reverend Ronald Tuff, Professor Daniela Gioseff



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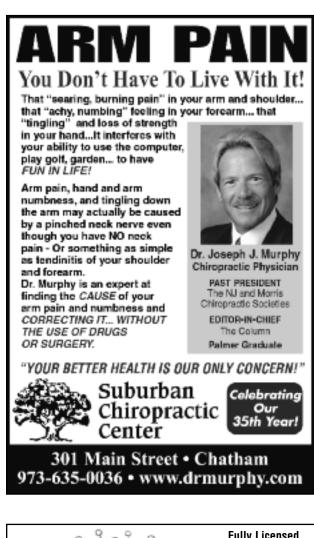
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SUICIDE PREVENTION / AWARENESS MONTH

Submitted by Mia Bivaletz

On September 26, 2019, Summit High School students experienced a very special event called In Their Shoes[™], in support of Suicide Prevention / Awareness month.

The program was brought to the high school by Attitudes in Reverse, a nonprofit whose mission is to build understanding and empathy, to encourage early intervention, and to ultimately save lives. In Their Shoes is a powerful and moving exhibit consisting of shoes to represent the 277 New Jersey youth who between 2014 -2016, ended their lives by suicide. The display helps to increase kindness towards those who might be struggling in silence and encourages them to seek help.

During the event, members from Attitudes in Reverse, as well as Counselors and the Child Study Team were available to answer questions, give out resources and offer support. In addition, therapy dogs were there to support students and lift up their spirits.

In Their Shoes was funded by Students Helping Students (the SHS Mental Health Awareness Club) and individual donations from the staff at SHS. Special thanks to Amy Herber, the SHS Counseling Dept, and all staff and students who visited the event.



(above) Allison Marcha with a therapy dog.

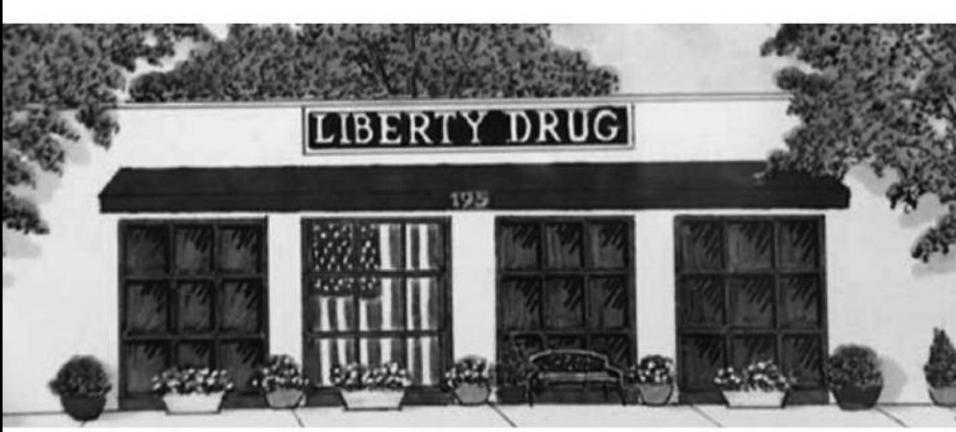


(above) SHS Counselor Amy Herber and Mary Kate Davidson

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RENAISSANCE CHURCH SENDING CLEAN WATER TO THOUSANDS IN AFRICA

Submitted by Jen Hinger

On October 19, 2019, by participating in the NYCRUNS half marathon in Brooklyn and fundraising with Team World Vision, about 60 runners and walkers from Renaissance Church, located in Summit, provided clean water to more than 1,500 people in Africa.

This year, the church team has raised over \$60,000. Just \$50 provides the infrastructure to bring lasting water to one person. In addition to raising funds for clean water, two team members who ran full marathons for World Vision sought sponsors for children.

"Renaissance Church is extremely proud of our team for moving their feet for vulnerable children. We run or walk so that children don't have to walk six kilometers for contaminated

water, and so that we can end the clean water crisis in our lifetime. Team World Vision is an incredible way to step out into faith and out of our comfort zones to make the world a better place," said Jennifer Hinger, Team Captain and Director of Communications at Renaissance Church. "There are 785 million people in the world without access to clean water, but that number last year was 884 million and it used to be billions. We're proud to be a part of making a difference."

Renaissance Church is a non-denominational church with fall services on Sundays at 8:30, 10, and 11:30 a.m. at 2 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit.

For more information about Renaissance Church, visit: renchurch.com.

For ways to support Team World Vision, visit: renchurch.com/twv or email twv@renchurch.com.

Renaissance Church runners in 2017 and 2018 raised \$115,000 for Team World Vision. Team World Vision is one of Renaissance Church's initiatives through its Ren Cares Ministry. Ren Cares is an important part of the church, empowering the church family to use time, talents, and treasures to care for the needs of people within our community and around the world.

World Vision is a humanitarian organization and the largest non-governmental provider of clean water in the world. They work to help communities lift themselves out of poverty by addressing issues.



(above) Renaissance Church Team World Vision runners and walkers participated in the NYCRUNS Brooklyn Half Marathon on October 19 and raised money to provide clean water to more than 1,500 people in Africa.



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pieces, jewelry for men as well as women, and new gift boxes, too! Be sure to check out the new expanded sale location near the library rotunda in the main reading room and come early for best selection! Cash and credit cards accepted. The Friends is a grass roots, tax-exempt organization dedicated to assisting the library and welcomes new members at any time. All sales proceeds directly benefit the library and all sales are final.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PROVIDES VOTER EDUCATION TOOL, VOTE411

Ahead of elections this fall, the League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit offers the nonpartisan election resource VOTE411.org. This "one-stop shop" for election information provides simple, helpful tools to help New Jersey voters navigate the voting process. VOTE411 provides candidate information, a voter registration tool, polling place information, and other helpful election information for all voters nationwide.

"Voters in Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit need simple, accessible tools to help them navigate the voting process before Election Day," said Susan Ferris Rights. "VOTE411 is the nation's premiere online election resource, and the League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit has published our voter guide on VOTE411 to serve as a resource for all of Berkeley Heights, New

Providence and Summit voters."

VOTE411 helps millions of voters each yearmany of them young people and first-time voters—learn about candidate stances, look up what's on their ballot, find their polling place, and more.

"The League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit is pleased to provide this important, nonpartisan resource to voters," said Susan Ferris Rights. "We encourage voters to visit VOTE411 to make a voting plan so they are prepared to cast their vote confidently on November 5."

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



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SAGE ANNOUNCES BIRTHDAY BASH TO CELEBRATE 65 YEARS

as a community leader in older adult care, the nonprofit will hold a birthday bash at Canoe Brook Country Club on November 7th beginning at 6:00 pm. The celebration will honor SAGE's corporate partner PNC Bank and longtime volunteer Kitty Hartman of New Providence. SAGE volunteer John Mell and his wife Anne of Summit will be guest speakers. The celebration will also pay homage to SAGE Founders and the nonprofit's story, which began in 1954 when a group of civil minded volunteers saw a need in the community to help older adults and took action to make it happen. The event will feature a silent auction, which will include two rounds of golf at Canoe Brook Country Club, dinners at The Summit House, Fiorino and the Harvest Group Restaurants, a blue sapphire necklace from Schroth and Lorenson Jewelers in Summit and lots more.

"It is hard to believe that SAGE is celebrating its 65th year," said Executive Director, Angela Sullivan. "We have accomplished so much over the years and yet when we look at the overwhelming statistics facing our aging community, we realize our work is needed now more than ever. Older adults count on SAGE and the valuable services we supply. We need the

In celebration of SAGE Eldercare's 65th year community's support to remain viable and a community leader in older adult care, the helpful."

To purchase tickets to SAGE's Birthday Bash please contact Jean Finsen at 908-598-5504 or email jfinsen@sageeldercare.org. To help SAGE in other ways or to learn more about SAGE's services, visit www.sageeldercare.org.

ABOUT SAGE ELDERCARE

Since 1954, SAGE Eldercare has been helping make the communities it serves amazing places to age. The non-profit organization provides a wide array of information, support, and services designed to help individuals lead the most independent and active lives possible. From helping with errands and delivering Meals on Wheels, to exercise classes, community programs and support groups, Medicare counseling, care planning, an adult day health care center, and home health care, as well as the SAGE Resale Shop and Furniture Restoration Workshop, SAGE's expertise helps older adults remain independent in their own homes. SAGE is committed to being the leading provider of programs and services to meet the changing needs of older adults, their families, and caregivers in Union, Essex, Morris, and Somerset Counties. For more information, please call 908.273.5550 or visit www.sageeldercare.org.



(above) SAGE Board President Christopher Cotter, SAGE volunteer Kitty Hartman, SAGE Trustee Michael Foncannon of PNC Bank and SAGE Executive Director Angela Sullivan.



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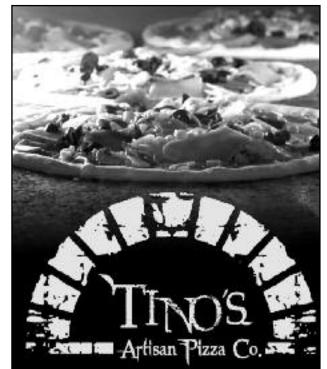
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VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP PARK LINE TRAIL

On Saturday, October 5, 2019, the Park Line Foundation held a fall cleanup along its Park Line trail adjacent to Overlook Hospital. More than 30 volunteers of all ages spent more than three hours clearing leaves, weeding and removing rocks and other debris from the completed portion of the trail known as Phase One located between Broad Street and Morris Avenue.



Photo by City of Summit



FIRST AID SQUAD RECOGNITIONS

recognized Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad Chief Kari Phair as its 2019 Squad Member of the Year, and the First Aid Squad with a third place award in its 2018 - 2019 Traffic and



The EMS Council of New Jersey has Safety Contest. Congratulations to Chief Phair and the entire Squad on this outstanding recognition. For more information on the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad go to summitems.org.



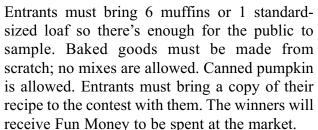
(above) Chief Kari Phair

(above) Equipment Lieutenant Robert Endress, Deputy Chief Matthew Raymond, Maintenance Lieutenant Richard Raymond with third place trophy.

SUNDAY FUNDAYS AT THE FARMERS MARKET: PUMPKIN BREAD/MUFFIN CONTEST

Sunday, Nov. 10, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

New this year! Amateur bakers are invited to bring their best pumpkin bread/muffins to the Summit Farmers Market by 10:45 a.m. on Nov. 10, 2019. Judging begins at 11 a.m. Bread and muffins will be judged on their flavor, texture, and appearance. After the baked goods are judged, the public will be able to sample them!







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SUMMIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOST ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

To get a head start on your holiday shopping, this year's Summit Historical Society's annual Holiday Boutique will take place two weeks before Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for our popular "Carter House by Candlelight" Sip and Shop. This year's Boutique will feature many new vendors, in addition to our best-selling previous vendors who will be selling a wide variety of items suitable for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas Holiday shoppers.

The Holiday Boutique will take place at The Carter House, home of the Summit Historical Society, at 90 Butler Parkway, in Summit. Admission is free and all are welcome. Please drop by and enjoy the Boutique. It will be a delightful way to enjoy shopping for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas. For details, call 908-277-1747 or visit summithistoricalsociety.org or facebook.com/summithistoricalsociety.

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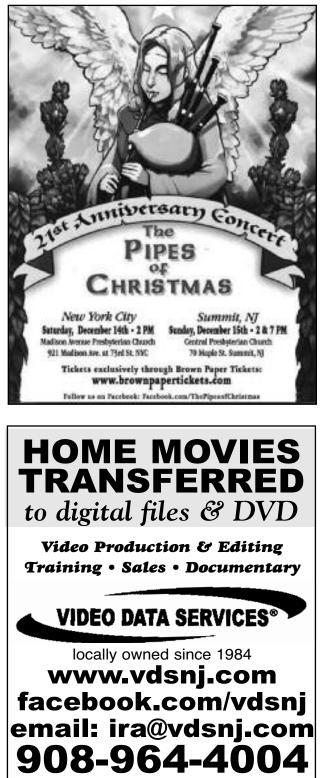
(above) The Summit High School Class of 1949 celebrated their 70th anniversary



Submitted by Vic Wintriss

For their 70th Summit High School class reunion, twenty classmates and families gathered at the Grand Summit Hotel for a three-day celebration organized by Summit attorney and classmate Bob Bourne. Classmates exchanged life-story presentations at the Grand Summit followed by a tour of the city narrated by Mayor Nora Radest and a gala lunch at the Canoe Brook Country Club. The tour included a visit to the new Summit Community Center and a drive around the city. Mayor Radest provided the group with data showing how much the Summit economy has grown since 1949 when the population of Summit was 10,000, a movie ticket was 25¢, and a Coke was 5¢. All agreed that Summit was a wonderful place to grow up and is still a great town.

The class of 1949 classmates attending the reunion event included: Ernie Acquaviva, Chris Trapp, John Garno, Beverly York, Hugh Williams, William Close, Jack Callander, Edward Barber, Peter White, Donald Zeiger, Bob Bourne, William Peet, and Vic Wintriss.



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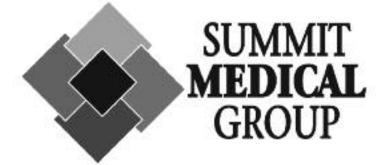
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