



City of
**WOOD
RIVER**

PIPELINE

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"FAMILY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN"

On June 17 & 18, Wood River merchants and the City will celebrate the third annual **"Family Days"**. Current plans call for the following:

Special sales will be held throughout the business community, **and craft and antique booths** downtown.

Two **"trolleys"** will give free rides in a circuitous route around town, starting at International House of Pancakes and stopping at Phoebe's, the Aquatic Center, Foxes Grove, and back to I-Hop.

A large **flea market** is planned at the Moose parking lot.

Miniature car races will be held at Wood River Bowl.

KIX Radio will broadcast on Saturday from Wood River.

Local merchants will have **strolling minstrels, a mime, a banjo player and a balloon artist** entertaining downtown.

Magna Bank of Wood River will host a **Classic Chevrolet show** on Saturday at the bank parking lot.

A **food tent** will be set up in the downtown area and **BBQ** is planned at the Moose and Foxes Grove.

The Moose will host a **dance** on Friday night and I-HOP will provide the **Pat Holt singers** for your entertainment on Saturday evening.

In conjunction with **Family Days**, the Aquatic Center will hold their traditional **tug-of-war** and swimmers can compete in various **games** for **prizes**.

**Family
DAYS'88**
WOOD RIVER, U. S. A.

As you can see, this year's **Family Days** will be bigger and better than ever. No doubt there will be something for every one to enjoy on this special weekend.

NEW DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Economic and Community Development was recently created within the City to carry out the community's role in economic development while continuing the staff's efforts in City Planning, maintenance of property values and elimination of health hazards, unsafe conditions and eyesores. The Director's role will be to seek businesses and developers, and emphasize the advantages offered for the entire City, the tax increment financing district, and

enterprise zone. A list of tasks this new department will be assigned includes the following: coordination of all development, initiating and supporting community and economic development programs and projects, enforcement of zoning and subdivision ordinances and land use regulations, issuing permits, conducting site and building inspections, and providing staff and technical support to the Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and City Manager.

It is the City's intent to constantly pursue ways to be effective and continue to grow in the field of economic development.

Introducing...

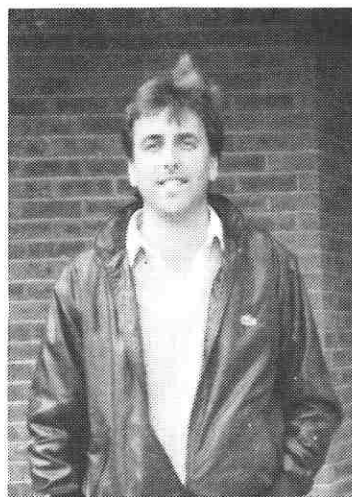
MARK MARCUIZZO



Belk Park Golf Course has new manager. Golf Pro Mark Marcuzzo started his professional golf career in 1985 when he began teaching golf at Oak Brook Golf Club in Edwardsville. He was a golf instructor at Sunset Hills Country Club and most recently employed as assistant at Lockhaven County Club.

In January of this year Mark completed Business School I and in November he will complete Business School II, making him eligible for certification as a Class "A" golf professional.

Marcuzzo first began playing golf when he was seven years old. He was a four-year letterman in both golf and baseball at Staunton High School, and a regular on the golf team at SIU-E for four years. Mark was named college All-American in 1984.



"As far as responsibilities at Belk, I'm here to promote golf, teach golf, and educate the public about golf, and above all - make the golf experience a more enjoyable one," states Mark.

New Golf Rates:

* 9 holes	\$ 6.50
*18 holes	\$11.00
*Golf carts (18 holes)	\$16.00

SEASON OPENER PLANNED AT AQUATIC CENTER



The **1988 Aquatic Center Season Opener** will take place on Saturday, June 18 from 11 AM to 8 PM. The season opener consists of many special events such as KIX Radio broadcast poolside, water games, tug-of-war, celebrity personalities, prizes, special promotions and give-a-ways. In the past years, this has been a fun-packed day for the entire family and promises to be even more exciting this year.

THANKS TO
GARDEN CLUB &
DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS



The members of the Wood River Garden Club have contributed their time and know-how to the beautification of the City's thoroughfares. They have planted flowers in wooden barrels throughout the downtown area and in the "Welcome to Wood River" planter on new Route 143. Trees have also been planted by the Garden Club along the split-rail fence on Ninth Street.

The Wood River Civic Action Association and the downtown merchants have contributed to this effort by donating the cost of the flowers and barrels.

The City is pleased to recognize the efforts of these worthwhile organizations in their endeavor to improve the appearance of the City.

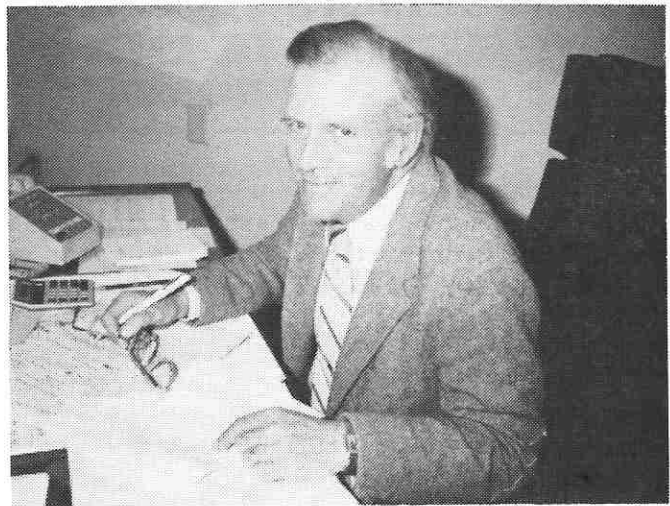
RETIREMENTS ANNOUNCED

CHIEF OF POLICE

May 27 marked the retirement date for Ralph Skinner as Wood River's Chief of Police. Ralph's compassion and friendly smile will be missed by the citizens of our community in need of police assistance.

A familiar face in the Wood River area for many years, Ralph grew up in Hartford and graduated from Wood River High School. After four years in the Navy and working at local industries, Ralph joined Wood River Police Department in May, 1965 as a patrolman.

During the past 23 years with the City, Skinner has watched the department grow from seven police officers to 17 currently. His law enforcement career has enabled him to observe first hand the implementation of advanced record processing, radar, computers, complex recording and telephone systems, and sophisticated training equipment, to name a few. Ralph commented, "In the 23 years I've been a police officer, the citizens of Wood River have always shown a strong support for the Police Department. I hope that the next 23 years shows this same support, because they have one of the best police forces a community could have."

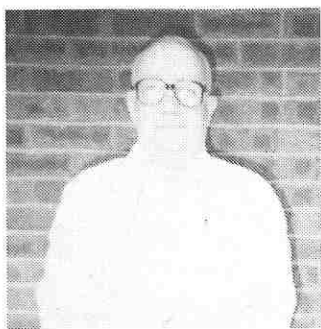


Chief Skinner retires after 23 years of service.

Ralph plans to continue working in Wood River for a local company, but he and his wife Connie will be moving to Carlinville, Illinois. Ralph was afforded the rare opportunity of purchasing the home that originally belonged to his grandfather—the home where his father grew up. A well-stocked pond and rich garden land will leave Ralph with little idle time.

We wish Ralph Skinner much success in his new career and many hours of enjoyable leisure time.

WATER PLANT OPERATOR II



Paul Kelley completes 20 years at City Water Plant.

Tribute is being extended to retiree, Paul Kelley, of the City Water Plant. He is a life-long resident of Wood River, born in 1926 in the old O'Neal Building (upstairs), formerly Fulp's Drug Store and now occupied by Swiss

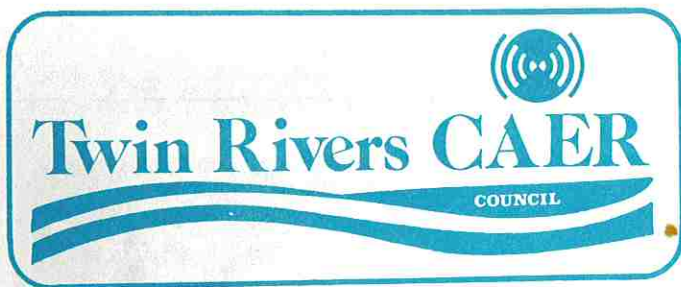
Farms Deli at Ferguson and Whitelaw. Shortly thereafter his family moved to Harnett Street where he was raised.

Paul started work for the City in 1962 under City Manager Laird. His title was Building Inspector and he helped bring that department into the 20th century.

Paul left the City in 1964 but returned in June of 1969 to work at the 5-year old Water Treatment Plant, located on North Walcott. Applying his knowledge of mechanics, instrumentation, and operations, Paul has played a major role in supplying quality water to the citizens of Wood River for almost 20 years. His good humor and expertise will be missed by those who have had the pleasure of working with him.

Paul and his wife, Mary, are camping enthusiasts and plan to spend his retirement traveling the country. The Kelley's will also spend winters in Florida, and when not traveling, do volunteer work in the area. Much time will also be spent with their five children and nine grandchildren.

Our best goes out to Paul and his family on his retirement.



Since the early days of Standard Oil, the manufacturing and transportation of chemicals through Wood River has been a fact of life. Tankers running down the designated truck routes and rail cars rolling along the west end tracks are all but ignored by those of us who grew up with these sights. In short, we know the chemicals are there, but until there is an accident, most of us don't care.

This is not the case with the local emergency services; fire, police, ambulance, and industrial responders. In August of 1986, several Fire Chiefs and representatives from industry met for lunch to discuss the possibilities of cross-training employees and developing an area-wide plan to handle accidents. What started out as a pizza luncheon, soon developed into the Twin Rivers CAER Council.

To clarify our title, Twin Rivers stands for the juncture of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, a focal point of the area. CAER stands for Community Awareness and Emergency Response, a logo of the Chemical Manufacturers Association who initiated the program. And last is the Council, made up of representatives from local municipalities and industries. At this time, Twin Rivers CAER has voting members from Amoco Petroleum, Bethalto, Clark, East Alton, Hartford, Olin Corporation, Rosewood Heights, Roxana, Shell Oil, South Roxana, Wood River, and Wood River Township Hospital.

The goal of Twin Rivers CAER is to reach out to the public with information on chemicals that pass through their community; to establish a comprehensive emergency response plan; and to train emergency service personnel to execute that plan, should the need arise. To accomplish this goal is not an easy task, nor is it a task which sees an ending. New members, recognizing the need to prepare, continue to join us. The Emergency Operation Plan, adopted in October of 1987, continues to change as better methods of operation are found.

Semi-annual drills, used to test capabilities, are planned, executed, and critiqued. A never-ending cycle of training and retraining, both young and old employees, continues in every member department.

Just as our community grows, so does the need to prepare for the unexpected disaster, be it chemical or otherwise. Through its involvement with the Twin Rivers CAER Council, the City of Wood River is doing just that. So, the next time you see a tanker or rail car with a sign on the side that reads FLAMMABLE or DANGEROUS, remember that we are preparing because we CAER.

WOOD RIVER LAUDED FOR WATER QUALITY



In April of this year the Illinois Department of Public Health officially recognized and commended Wood River's water supply for the high degree of compliance in 1987 with the State Fluoridation Law. The valuable benefits of water fluoridation are provided only when the concentration of fluoride is consistently maintained.

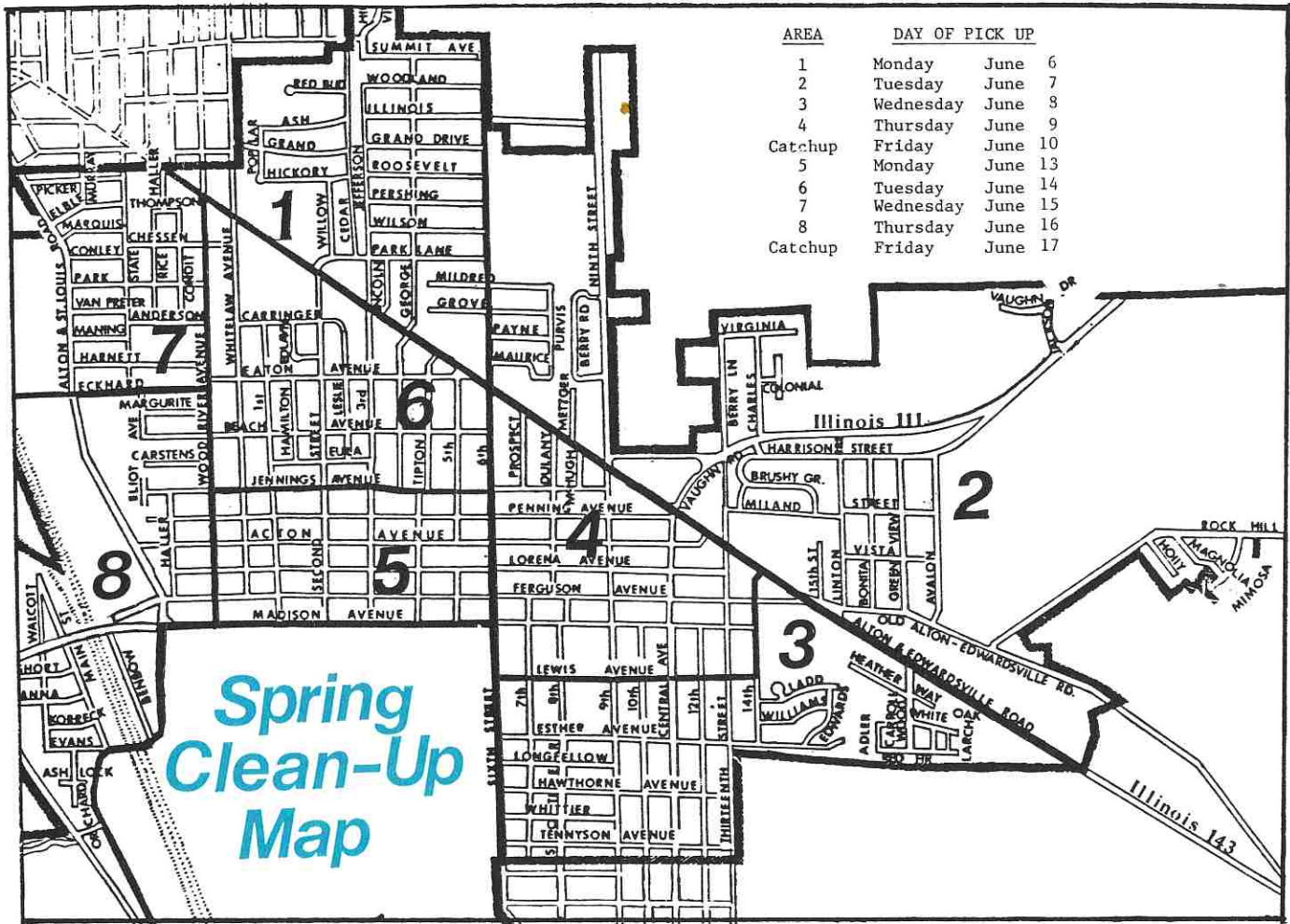
The State currently issues special Certificates of Recognition to water suppliers that have achieved 100% compliance with the law. We narrowly missed achieving a 100% compliance record. The City proudly passes this information on to its residents.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS



Three of the City's summer employees were recognized recently for their scholastic accomplishments. Amy Gefferth, Carie Morgan and Kristi O'Brien received Silver Medallion Awards from the Growth Association for their outstanding academic achievements. They were selected from the area's top 8 percent of graduating seniors from seven area high schools. **Congratulations girls!**

SPRING CLEANUP TIME



AREA	DAY OF PICK UP	
1	Monday	June 6
2	Tuesday	June 7
3	Wednesday	June 8
4	Thursday	June 9
Catchup	Friday	June 10
5	Monday	June 13
6	Tuesday	June 14
7	Wednesday	June 15
8	Thursday	June 16
Catchup	Friday	June 17

Spring cleanup will again be scheduled the first two weeks in June. As in the past, we will pick up items placed at the curb. There will be no alley pickups. Brush and limbs will not be picked up unless they are cut into 3-4 foot lengths and tied in bundles of reasonable size. Building materials such as bricks, concrete or blocks will not be accepted.

There's no better time than the present to begin getting your home, garage and yard in shape. Refer to the map above for the date the truck will be in your area. If for some reason we fall behind schedule, we will continue the next day.

Message

from the General Inspectors.....

Since we seem to accumulate more trash and yard debris during the summer months, the General Inspectors have some reminders for us.

Always place household garbage in tightly sealed trash containers.

Grass, leaves, paper and other debris should be placed in trash bags.

Limbs and branches will be picked up by the sanitation people if they are cut in 3-4 foot lengths and bundled.

The General Inspectors would like to call your attention to another yard violation occurring in various areas within the City. Parking vehicles in a required front yard or in a public right-of-way easement is a violation of City Code and can detract from the general appearance of the neighborhood.

It will also be beneficial to remember that these "tips" are being enforced for the benefit of the community as a whole. They not only improve the appearance of your home but your neighborhood and community will profit from your effort. Let's work together in developing a real sense of pride in Wood River.

RECREATION

CHEERLEADING CAMP

When: during the months of July & Aug.

DAY CAMP

8wk session during the summer months.

GYMNASTICS CAMP

When: during the months of July & Aug.



* SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

2nd Thurs. ea. Month

* DANCE LESSONS

- - Ballroom dance
Mon. 7-10pm
- Square dance
Tues. 7-9pm
- Hoedowners
2nd & 4th Sat.
each month

* EXERCISE GROUP

- - Ladies exercise
Mon. Wed. Fri.
9:30 - 10:30
- Aerobics
Mon. Tues. Thur.
6-7pm

* SOFTBALL & BASEBALL LGS.

- - Youth leagues
Registration
was during the
month of April

* MISCELLANEOUS

- - Bees
Behavioral eating
encouragement
Wed. 10:30a.m.
- Karate classes
Thurs. & Fri. 7-9pm
- Gymnastics
summer registration
begins in May
- Summer Playground
Day Camp registrations
begins in May

All of these classes are held at the Roundhouse with the exception of the karate classes. For more info call 254-5521

SOCCER: There will no longer be a Spring Soccer Program. We will have a newly organized program in the fall. This will be a longer season, and will start earlier than it has previously. Registration will begin in August.

AQUATIC CENTER RATES: Rates have been set for the 1988 season. The Resident Rates will stay the same as last year.

Single	\$ 45.00
Family Pass (3 Members)	\$120.00
Additional Member	\$ 15.00
Sen. Citizens (60 Yrs.)	\$ 25.00

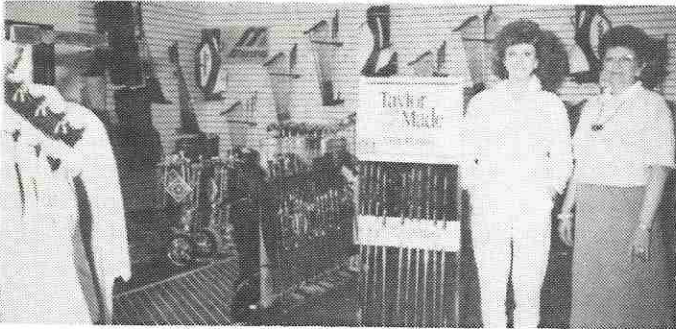
For more information regarding any of our Group Rates, Pool & Slide Rentals, or Nonresident Rates, please call the Roundhouse at 254-5521.

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP: This is a new program involving J.P.T.A. (Job Partnership Training Act), the Madison County Juvenile Center, and the entire city of Wood River. Operation Clean Sweep will operate in the city of Wood River and clean up the town in various ways such as painting curbs and replacing or repairing street signs. We believe this new program will help to make our city a clean place to live.

SWIM TEAM: Anyone with interest in this field, please call the Recreation Dept.: 254-5521

NEW BUSINESSES IN TOWN

We are always happy to welcome new businesses in our community. Since our last Pipeline publication, the following stores are open for business.



Located at 925 Edwardsville Road is **Par Four Golf Shop**. You'll find all your golfing supplies in this attractive new shop. Par Four is the first shop to open in a new mall known as Pine Tree Village on 9th & Edwardsville Road. Four additional stores will be opening soon.



"10" Great Nails, Plus, a new beauty salon, is located at 386 Edwardsville Road (formerly the display center for Foxes Grove). This nicely decorated shop also features solar nails, diet patches and tanning beds.



In the downtown area, **Suburban Flooring** now occupies the corner of Ferguson & Wood River Avenue. They have a complete line of carpet and all types of floor coverings.



The Wood River Public Library summer reading program theme will be **"DEVOUR A BOOK."**

Sink your teeth into a great book. Join us this summer for six weeks of Arts & Crafts, Films & Games, also Game Sheets of Mazes, Word Scrambles, Connect the Dots and Crossword Puzzles.

"BOOKBUCKS" is back again this summer. For every five books read during the six-week program, each child will be awarded one **"BOOKBUCK."**

Grades 1-6 are invited to register at the library by June 10, 1988. Program Dates: June 14, June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12 and July 19. Each program will start at 10:30 AM.

Pre-School Program

Ages 3-5

Summer Dates - June 18
July 16
Aug. 20

Each Saturday program starts at 10:30 AM.

More information may be obtained by calling the library at 254-4832. All programs of the library are free of charge and open to the public.

Library Hours: Mon - Fri 10AM-8PM
Sat 10AM-5PM

TAKE A BITE OUT OF BOREDOM - READ

It's delicious...

It's delightful...

It's DEVOUR A BOOK TIME!



City of Wood River, Illinois

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Dear Reader:

In talking with citizens in our community, we run into lots of questions and opinions. If you have any questions or comments, please fill in the space below and send to City Hall.

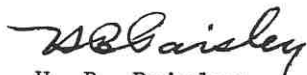
Questions/Comments _____

Answers/Responses (from last issue)

Several letters were received concerning various aspects of relocated Highway 143 with suggestions as to what the City should do in these matters. Since this is a State highway, neither the City Council or City staff have the authority to effect changes concerning left turn signals, street signs, or specific landscaping choices.

Our City Engineer questioned the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the need for left turn lanes and/or signals at certain intersections on relocated Highway 143 during the planning stage. The State studied those intersections and confirmed that the traffic count did not warrant left turn signals and, therefore, denied the request from our Traffic Commission and engineer.

Thank you for your comments and suggestions. It will not be possible to print answers to all questions received, but each issue will respond to several questions of general interest. However, we will respond by mail to all questions or comments, so be sure to provide your name and address. Your identity will not be printed in the Pipeline.



H. B. Paisley
Acting City Manager

Council Corner

Many times when a major crime occurs and is solved, we as residents only hear about the high profile items that can be sensationalized by the news media. We usually don't hear about what is actually involved in the investigation.

During a recent major case a total of twelve officers from our police department compiled, between them, over 350 hours within a four-day period. Additionally, eleven other police officers from seven different police departments assisted in various stages of the investigation. An assistant state's attorney remained at the scene to provide necessary legal assistance; two volunteer search and rescue organizations provided approximately fifteen men and women; two men from the public works department were assigned; a local river business provided a boat and two crew members at no charge; and the U.S. Coast Guard provided technical assistance.

Also one of our firefighters, who happened to be a neighbor, opened up his home to all of those involved in the investigation. His home served as a unique "command center" and seemed to have a never-ending pot of coffee.

It's very easy for us to take our police department, fire department and other public safety organizations for granted, at least until a significant event occurs. These are the times when we can reflect and realize the magnificent job that these men and women did, and do for us.

Whether paid or volunteers, they deserve our appreciation for their efforts, for their skills, and for their dedication. Please join me in thanking those dedicated individuals who provide our public safety. They are the ones that make us all proud to live in Wood River.



Dan Robien
Wood River City Council

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