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Talking to the Author-in-Residence,

Tedd Arnold

By Alexandra Adams



I think we were very lucky to have Tedd Arnold visit Culbertson. Arnold loves to write and illustrate. When asked how old he was when he wrote his first book, he said he was 6.5 feet tall! (I found out later that the author is 58 years old.) Arnold used to have a dog, but sadly, it died. When his family got kittens they were always male kittens. He illustrated and wrote a total of 56 books. He likes to go to the beach but likes lakes in Florida better. Finally, Tedd Arnold's favorite place is the bookstore. He plans to write another chapter book.

Sea Animals

By Erin Murphy

I was really wondering what the first through fifth grades thought of these animals: penguins, polar bears, sea lions, and sea otters. I had these students vote on which one they liked the best.

Sixty five percent of the votes were for penguins. Next, 26% of the votes were for polar bears. Then, sea otters had 6% of the votes. At the very bottom were the sea lions with 4% of the votes. I wasn't very surprised that penguins had the highest number of votes because the new movie Happy Feet came out. I was really surprised when I found out that sea otters and sea lions had really small numbers.



Ways to Sign a Yearbook

By Sarah Rote

So, it's the last week of school. Everyone is walking around at recess with yearbooks and pens ready. Your best friend comes up to you and says, "Will you sign my yearbook?" Now, the question is, "What do I sign?"

A lot of kids sign H.A.G.S, which means "have a great summer." Some kids write out a few sentences, and others just write their name in a fancy way. Here are some ideas for yearbook signing.

- R.O.Y.S. = Rock out your summer
- L8R BFF= Later best friend forever
- SH= Summer's here
- Draw a smiley face.
- S.H.I.F.T = Summer's here it's fun today
- Draw a beach ball.
- J.R.= Just relax
- RO= Rock on
- Draw fancy letters like **THIS OR THIS**
- SO= School's out
- Write a phrase like "See you next year," or "Good luck next year in ___ grade." Put the grade in the blank.

These are just a few ideas from my imagination. Get creative and you'll be inventing your own yearbook signing. After all, someone has to start it all. Bye everyone, from the fifth grade!



INTERVIEW WITH CHRIS PANEMENO!

By Bridget Houghton, Lindy Disman and Emily Barkann

Photo by Madison Murphy

In September 2006, Chris Panemeno was diagnosed with leukemia, a kind of cancer. Teachers and students around the school have been helping him and his family. For example, we sold pins and held Yellow Day in his honor. We bought him toys so he would be entertained while being at home with not much to do. The fifth graders had a birthday party for him, which was fun. The teachers visited him at his house and sent him some emails. Some of his closest friends visited him or called him. We hope everyone understands that there are different ways to learn and have fun while being diagnosed with leukemia.

Q1.) What are your hobbies?

A1.) Football, basketball, and baseball.

Q2.) What event this year will you treasure the most?

A2.) "My birthday parties!"

Q3.) What is your favorite food?

A3.) "Banana split."

Q4.) What is your favorite movie?

A4.) "Spider Man 3."

Q5.) What do you enjoy doing at home when you can't get outside?

A5.) "Playing video games."

Q6.) Do the medications make you feel better quickly?

A6.) "Yes"

Q7.) What's your favorite sport?

A7.) "Football!"

Q8.) What do you and the teachers do when they visit you at your house?

A8.) "We sit around playing video games, make cookies, and make Jell-O. Also, we read, do schoolwork, make ice cream sundaes, and take a walk together!"

Q9.) What do you do at the hospital?

A9) I sleep and watch T.V.

Q10) How many hats do you have? Which one is your favorite?

A10) I have about three and my favorite one is the Paxon Hollow one I'm wearing in the picture.

Q11) What is your favorite season and what do you do in that season?

A11) Winter. I like to have snowball fights.

Q12) What is your favorite color?

A12) Black

Is a tomato a fruit or a vegetable?

By Alexandra Adams

Do you think a tomato is a fruit or vegetable? "It is actually a fruit," says Mrs. Wolf, Culbertson cafeteria manager. Andra Adams, a dietitian at Taylor Hospital, says that medically it can be either one.

The second through fifth graders voted on what they thought a tomato is. One hundred sixty four students thought it was a fruit; one hundred forty three students thought it was a vegetable. I wasn't surprised when more people thought it was a fruit instead of a vegetable, because more scientists think it is a fruit.

Mrs. Vetter Tells All

***By Catie Leonard &
Taylor DeLisle-
Kostomite***

We asked Mrs. Vetter the following questions, and this is what she told us.

Q. What did you want to be when you were a little?

A. A business woman

Q. Who was your role model as a child?



A. My mother

Q. What inspired you to become a teacher?

A. It just appeared that it was the right career for me.

Q. What is your favorite subject to teach?

A. Math and social studies

Q. What is your favorite book to read to your students?

A. Hatchet

Q. Have you ever taught any other grade besides 5th grade, and if so, what grade?

A. Yes, 6th, 7th and 8th

Q. What is your favorite part about teaching?

A: The students and other teachers

Q: Do you have any pets; if so, what are their names?

A: I don't have any pets.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do over spring/summer vacation?

A: I like to work in my garden, read books, and go to the beach.

Q: Why did you choose to be a fifth grade teacher, instead of any of the other grades you taught?

A: I like how their personalities are starting to change.

Q: Do you have any advice for your students?

A: Yes, treat others the way you would like to be treated.

DEAR ADDIE

Dear Addie,

All my friends have cardboard dogs and I have a real one and they think mine is fake even though they've seen it before! What should I do?

From Cardboard

Dear Cardboard,

I'm not sure if you sent this as a joke, but is your problem that you're mad that they don't believe you? Maybe you could plan a day that they can come over to your house and you can show your dog to them.

Glad I could help, Addie

Dear Addie,

I got two bunnies for Easter. Do you have any tips for me?

LX

Dear LX,

Yes I do! Well, I do know that bunnies can go to the bathroom A LOT! And you probably have to clean the cages about every day, and some are hard to clean. So you would like an easy to clean cage, like one that has a bottom that slides out. Check online for some bargains, maybe even one for free!

Hope this helps, Addie

Dear Addie,

I liked this boy last year and I asked him out and he said, "NO!" I thought I was over him but I don't know. What should I do? Because I still like him! A LOT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Signed,

My mind says NO! but my heart says YES!

Dear My mind says NO! but my heart says YES!,

I wouldn't usually deal with this kind of stuff but I'll try! Well, it seems that you really like him, but he doesn't like you. Well, you can't make him like you, but you will find the right guy someday!
Addie

Dear, Addie,

I don't like this one girl. She is really annoying and she always copies me. I hate it! HELP!- Questionable

Dear Questionable,

I used to have someone I didn't really like who always tried to be around me, too. Maybe you can sit her down and ask her to please, stop copying you, and clinging to you all the time. Also, tell her that you need time with other friends and that you can make a time that you two can hang out!

Addie

Dear Addie,

My friend is always mad at me and people trick me a lot!
Signed, A sad peep

Dear A sad peep,

Maybe you can ask your friend why they are mad at you and solve this problem. A few of my friends always tricked me a lot, too. I told them enough is enough and said if they trick me meanly again, I'll tell on them. They took me seriously and I'm fine now. You just have got to show them you won't put up with it. Take this advice, Addie

Dear Addie,

Homework is too hard for me. I want to tell my teacher but she already thinks I can do it! What should I do?
Sincerely, Too Hard

Dear Too Hard,

Homework used to be a problem for me, too, especially math. Maybe you can get a tutor who can go over whatever you need to get better at. Or I used to go online to look for what I needed to do. Or tell your teacher that you need help; maybe she can give you some tips on what to do.
Hope you figure this out, Addie

Dear Addie

There's a girl on my bus who said I bullied her, but she really bullied me! What should I do?
Your friend, 825682

Dear 825682,

Maybe you can ask her why she lied about this. Maybe she's mad at you for something, or maybe she didn't want to get in trouble. But, whatever it is, she can't be allowed to lie, and you have to figure this out with her and an adult.
Addie

Dear Addie,

You know how we're supposed to include people? Well, this girl that I don't like is left out, but I have to include her even though she's MEAN! When I include her she gets bossy and ruins my recess. What should I do?
Signed, Don't wanna include

Dear Don't wanna include,

There also used to be a girl I didn't really like that would cry if I didn't play with her. She was kind of a pain, too, but she soon found some great new friends. Maybe tell her she also needs some new friends, and if it's kind of hard for her, give her a boost and help her make friends.
Hope you can help her, Addie

Asking Addie

By Sarah Rote, Taylor DeLisle-Kostomite and Addie

Q: How did you come up with the idea of writing letters to answer people's questions?

A: I wanted to help people and start a new Gazette trend.

Q: How did you come up with the name "Addie"?

A: I tried to find a name that wasn't any fifth grader's so it would keep my identity private.

Q: How many letters do you get each month?

A: About 10.

Q: Did you get an idea from the real advice column "Dear Abby,"?

A: Actually, no. It was just an inspiration I had after thinking of an original idea for the Gazette.

Q: Why do you want to keep your identity a secret?

A: So people would feel more comfortable talking to me.

Q: What made you want to help people by giving advice?

A: Most kids in school have problems and it would be a way to help them.

Q: Did you ever have a question that you couldn't think of an answer to?

A: A few, but I always find an answer some way or another.

Q: Is there one particular question or subject that you get a lot of letters about?

A: Yes, I have received a few asking who I was.

And that is our "Asking Addie" section for the final Gazette. See you next year everyone! H.A.G.S! (Have a great summer!)

Talking to Mrs. Seeds

By Alexandra Adams

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: 18 years

Q: Why do you like bears?

A: They're a symbol of childhood.

Q: What is your favorite subject?

A: Poetry

Q: Who was your favorite teacher?

A: Patricia Mary

Q: Why do you like having student teachers?

A: I like to mentor student teachers to be the best they can be.

Q: What is your favorite time of the day when teaching?

A: When my class is writing original pieces of writing.

Q: What is your favorite book to read to your class?

A: The Secret Garden

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Green

Q: What is your favorite movie?

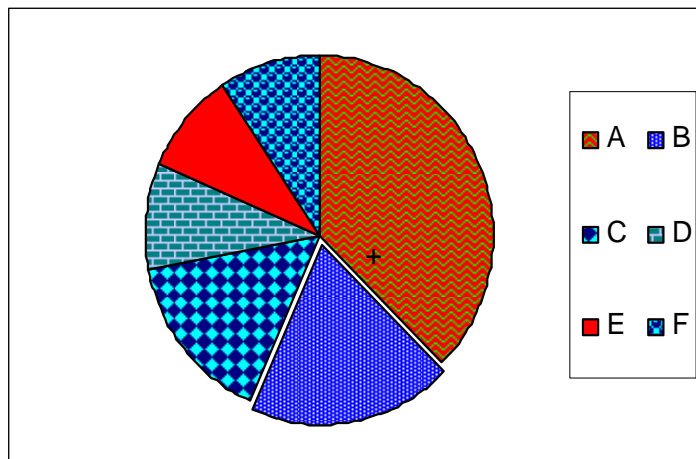
A: The Sound of Music



Reality Shows

By Lindy Disman

When television came to the world in 1942 there were only about 3 channels and they were all in black and white. Now in the twenty first century, depending on your TV, there can be up to 900 channels! On all of those channels there are hundreds of reality shows. I took a survey of the 5th grade to see which reality show was their favorite. Here are the results.



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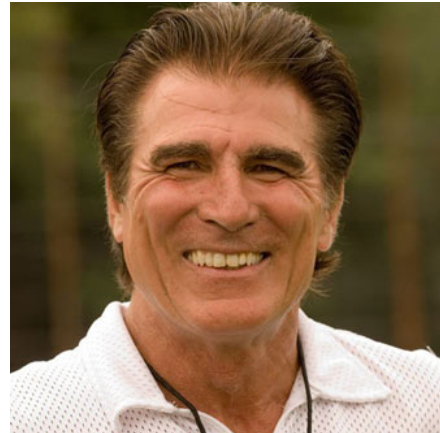
- A. -American Idol
- B. -Extreme Makeover Home Edition
- C. -Dancing with the Stars
- D. -Fear Factor
- E. -Survivor
- F. -My Super Sweet Sixteen

Of the reality shows above, American Idol was the favorite. Extreme Makeover Home Edition came in second. But when I first created this survey I had “Other” as one of the choices. It turned out that over half of the fifth grade chose “Other,” so I took it out of my graph. The fifth graders who chose “Other” told me they picked “Other” because they didn’t like the shows I chose or they didn’t watch reality shows.

INTERVIEW WITH VINCE PAPALE

By *Catie Leonard*

I did this interview with Mr. Papale on the phone. My grandma went to the same high school (Interboro) and graduated with him in the same class. He used to be a Philadelphia Eagles football player.



Q.) What inspired you to play football?

A.) My father inspired me with the Glenolden Pee-Wee team. He was my first coach in Pat Warner football.

Q.) What do you like to do in your spare time?

A.) I like to hang out with my kids Gabrielle and Vincent. I also like to read action and spy novels and garden/landscape.

Q.) How does it feel to have a book and a movie (*Invincible*) based on your life?

A.) It feels amazing, overwhelming, super cool, fun, humbling, great, and totally ridiculous.

Q.) What is your favorite book(s)?

A.) *Harry Potter Series*, and *Point of Impact*, which got made into the movie *Shooter*.

Q.) Do you have any pets?

A.) When I was a kid I had a parakeet, a cat, and a dog. Now my son has a turtle.

Q.) Do you have any hobbies?

A.) I like to workout and coach little kids.

Q.) What is your favorite color and why?

A.) Green, because it is the color of the Philadelphia Eagles!

Q.) Where in the world would you like to visit someday?

A.) I would like to visit Australia.

Q.) What did you want to be when you were growing up?

A.) I wanted to be a Philadelphia Eagle and a teacher. I got to be both!

Q.) Do you have any advice for children?

A.) My advice to children is to never give up, always dream high, and don't worry about failing. If you try and you fail, you are still a winner!

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Talking to Bridget Houghton

By Alexandra Adams

Bridget Houghton is a fifth grade student who has competed in the Penn Relays and several other races.



Q: How long have you been running?

A: 4 years

Q: How many awards do you have?

A: A lot

Q: How many people in your family run?

A: 4

Q: What is your favorite type of running?

A: Sprinting

Q: When do you practice running?

A: Every day

Q: Do you have to wear certain clothes?

A: It depends on the weather

Q: Why are you interested in running?

A: I enjoy the sport and generations before me have run

Q: What are your favorite events?

A: Relays

Q: Do you think you will continue running?

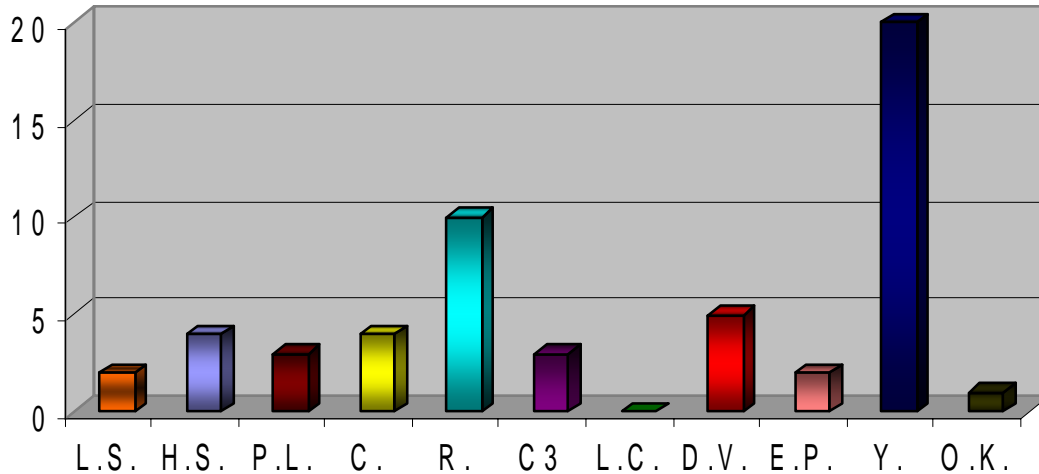
A: Yes

Star Wars Original Trilogy Favorite Character Survey

5th grade votes only, sorry other grades!

By Lindsey Walsh

I was both surprised and not surprised about the votes. Yoda won the poll with 20 votes which didn't surprise me. What did surprise me was the number of votes for R2-D2. He got 10 votes. I expected Luke to come in second, since he is the main character. The final tally is Yoda: 20, R2-D2: 10, Darth Vader: 5, Han



Solo and Chewbacca: tied with 4, Princess Leia and C-3PO: tied with 3, Emperor Palpatine: 2, Obi-Wan Kenobi: 1, and Lando Calrissian in last place with 0.

Key: L.S. = Luke Skywalker
 H.S. = Han Solo
 P.L. = Princess Leia
 C. = Chewbacca
 R. = R2-D2
 C3 = C-3PO
 L.C. = Lando Calrissian
 D.V. = Darth Vader
 E.P. = Emperor Palpatine
 Y. = Yoda
 O.K. = Obi-Wan Kenobi

Emily the Basketball Star!!!

By Bridget Houghton

Q.1) How many basketball games have you won?

A.1) Lots!

Q.2) What's your favorite position to play?

A.2) I like being guard.

Q.3) Who are most of your supporters?

A.3) My family and friends.

Q.4) What are the names of the coaches you've had?

A.4) Coach Dietrich and my Grandpa.

Q.5) How old were you when you started playing?

A.5) 8 years old!



Q.6) How many practices do you have in a week?

A.6) I do a practice every day after school for 1 hour.

Q.7) Do any of your other relatives play?

A.7) Yes, my dad, Grandpa, and my brother, Matt.

Q.8) What advice can you give to kids who are just starting to play?

A.8) Don't start out doing hard tricks and let the ball roll out of your hands.

Q.9) Who is a good competitor to play against?

A.9) Most of my friends that play are very good!

Editor's Note

I would like to thank the PTO for providing the funds for the printing of the *Gazette* again this year. Your help makes the newspaper possible and is greatly appreciated.

This fifth grade class of reporters enjoyed being the **FIRST** ones to do some different things in the *Gazette* and this issue is no exception! Lina Xinos provided the first maze. Brittany Saunders, Katie Duffy and Sarah Rote contributed the first color-by-number. Interviews of students are new to the paper in this issue, too! I am very proud of this year's creative, hard working reporters and have enjoyed working with them and editing their newspaper. I wish all the fifth graders the best of luck and continued success in middle school. I will miss you!

~Mrs. Julie Samuels, Librarian

Color By Number!!

By Brittany Saunders, Katie Duffy and Sarah Rote



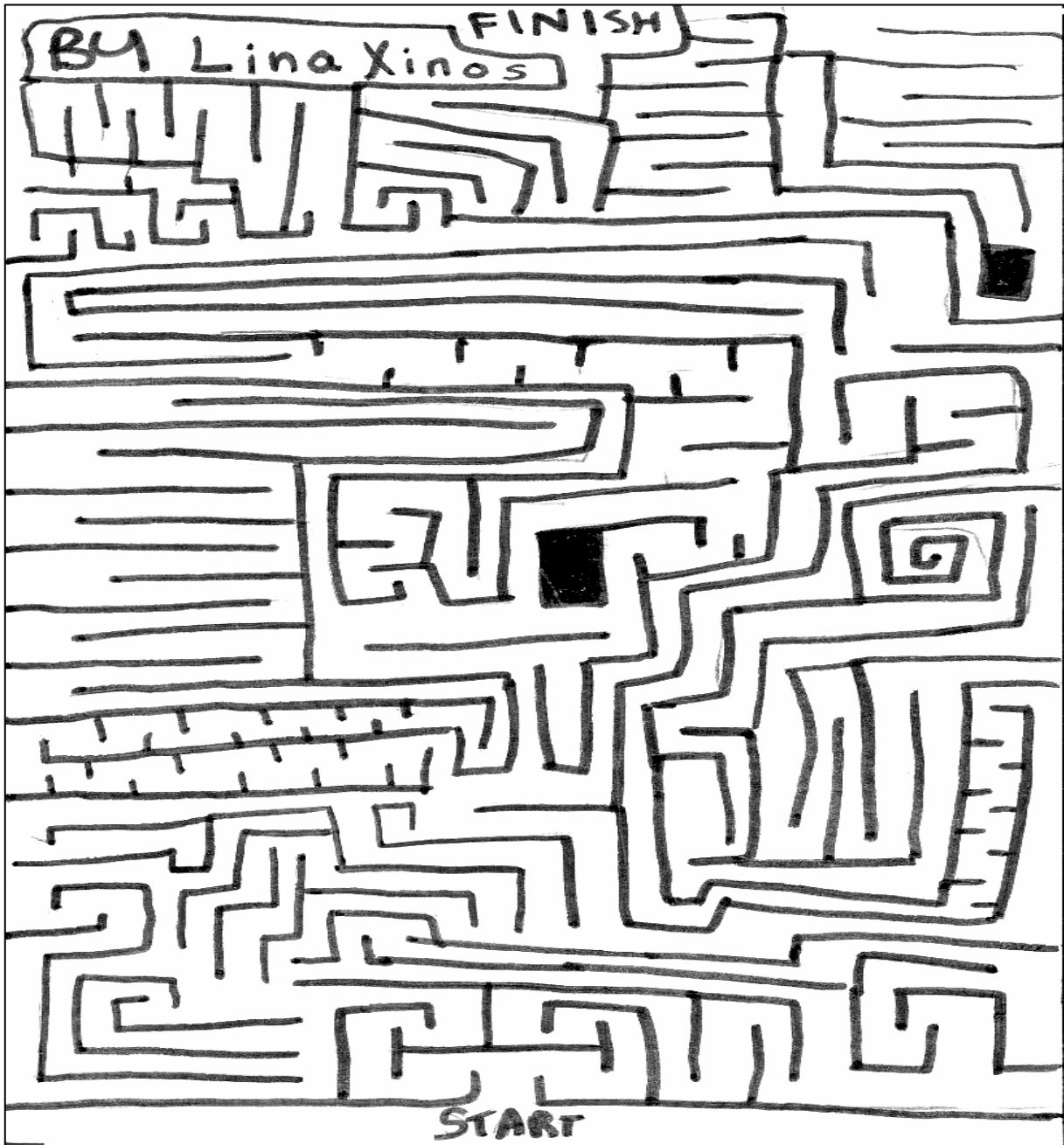
Color Key

0: White
1: Yellow
2: Light Brown
3: Red
4: Blue

5: Green
6: Light Blue
7: Orange
8: Purple
9: Dark Brown

Can You Get From Start To
Finish, And Then Get Back To
Start Using Another Path?

Challenge
Yourself!



Star Wars Word Search

By Lindsey Walsh

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Sports Word Search

By Luke Schmidt, Billy Manley and Michael Mandell

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FOOTBALL

SOCCER

HOCKEY

BASEBALL

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FIELD

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