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HISTORIC BEAUTY SALON DEFINES COMMUNITY

Walking into the Clover Lane Beauty Salon on a Friday morning is like walking into a neighborhood time warp. Betty Clements has kept her standing Friday morning appointment there for more than half her life. The 85-year old started coming to the salon at the corner of Clover Lane and Pershing Ave. when hairdresser Billie Ragan first opened in 1957. In fact, she had been going to Billie for a couple of years before that while Billie was doing hair out of her house at the corner of Clover Lane and Linden Ave. "A lot of school teachers would come to the salon to have their hair done after school," remembers Betty who worked as a school secretary until retiring in 1986.

"I've had a standing appointment here since 1962," says Beth Roane, who began coming to the Clover Lane Beauty Salon since she starting teaching school. "It's like family. I'm real close to everybody here. We know everything about each other, about our problems and about our kids." Beth moved to Arlington Heights with her family in 1956, raising four children who went through public schools and graduated from Arlington Heights High School. Even after she moved to Ridgely Hills, Beth makes the weekly trek back to the Clover Lane salon because "they do my hair the way I like it."

The shop has been a thriving hub of the local community for more than fifty years. "It's like Mayberry RFD," says Cindy Green who started doing hair there six years ago. "We're like the beauty shop next door to Mayberry's barber shop."

Ever since Billie Ragan bought the Scarlett's Grocery building in 1957, neighborhood women have been coming to the shop to have their hair "shampooed, set and combed out", like Nadine Nichols who at 87 years of age holds the record at the salon for most years as a customer.

When Billie sold the business in 1981 to her niece, Cleo Coffman Lowe, Cleo inherited many of her aunt's customers. "It's amazing how small a community Arlington Heights was," says Cleo.



Friday morning regular Beth Roane waits for hair stylist Cleo Lowe to finish up with Betty Clements at the Clover Lane Beauty Salon at the corner of Clover Lane and Pershing Ave.

Today, she is semi-retired, but still works at the shop on Fridays which are affectionately referred to as LOL Fridays, "Little Old Ladies Fridays", when the old timers line up to have Cleo do their hair.

"I watched Cleo grow up and now she does my hair," says Betty Clements who has called Arlington Heights home for all of her life. Like Betty, Cleo grew up in Arlington Heights and went through the public schools here. And grew up around the business. In 1952, Cleo's mother, Ida McAdams Coffman Card, took over the old dry cleaners on Clover Lane and opened up the Stripling High Beauty Salon, across the street from Stripling Middle School. "My mom and Billie were sisters and Mom eventually moved next door to Billie on Linden," says Cleo. Was there competition between the two sisters who were running beauty salons just a few blocks away from each other? According to Cleo, not at all, "they were just covering the area."

By the time Cleo graduated from Heights in 1965, she already had her beauty operator's license. She got married to a man whose mom was one of Ida's customers and eventually moved to West Texas. She worked as a bookkeeper and a waitress and became a mom, finally

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Christina Patoski

I watched with horror the fire coming out of my nearby neighbor's roof last week. Other neighbors were out, too, in shock and feeling helpless. It's a humbling and life changing experience to watch any house burn, but when it's a house just around the corner from you, it drives it home.

I've talked to my two neighbors who are firefighters about some of the standard operating procedures for fighting a blaze. Every fire is different, but firefighters almost always enter through the front door, which sometimes means kicking down it down. Then, they start with the unburned sections and work their way to the flames.

Neighbor after neighbor spoke with awed reverence about the performance of the Fort Worth firefighters and their heroic efforts to put out the two recent neighborhood fires. In turn, the firefighters were amazed by how many neighbors were out watching them, even in 22-degree weather at 3 o'clock in the morning. One neighbor even got coffee for the firefighters. The firefighters checked back every couple of hours for more than a day after the Hillcrest fire, just to make sure there was no re-ignition.

What was truly impressive was the compassion the firefighters showed the victims, as they watched their house going up in flames. One captain calmly assured the victim's father that they would get through it and encouraged them that once the fire was extinguished to leave as much in the house as possible and come back to videotape everything with a time and date stamp on it, for insurance purposes. He also warned them to not feel compelled to respond to all the clean-up companies that would inevitably be hounding them. He suggested they take their time about making a decision, that there are very reputable companies, and some not so.

More than one of the neighbors said it made them realize that they had no exit strategy plan in the event a fire started in their own house. Firefighters recommend devising two ways out of your house and to be prepared to go out a window if you have to. Crawl below the smoke if it's smoky. Agree to meet in the front yard and count heads if there's a fire. If it's a kitchen grease fire, call 911 and leave the house. Don't attempt to put it out yourself with water or a blanket--you're likely to end up a burn victim.

We are so lucky to have such experienced and compassionate people working as Fort Worth firefighters. Learn more fire safety tips at our upcoming membership meeting on Monday January 21 at the Fort Worth Professional Firefighters Hall (see Page 3 for details).

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WINTER SOCIAL FOR JANUARY MEETING

By popular demand, we'll skip our regular meeting format for the monthly AHNA membership meeting in January and shake it up a bit. Enjoy a drink and snacks with your neighbors on Monday January 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fort Worth Professional Firefighters Hall, 3655 Tulsa Way @ Crestline Rd. Bring beverages of your choice (beer, wine or otherwise) and snacks to share with everyone.

It's a night to enjoy each other and salute the firefighters who have been busy fighting fires in our neighborhood lately. They'll give us some tips on how to be prepared for a fire event in your house. This social is open to everyone, not just AHNA members.

WRITER BUD KENNEDY GUEST SPEAKER AT FEBRUARY MEETING

Star-Telegram columnist and Arlington Heights native Bud Kennedy will be the featured speaker at the AHNA membership meeting on Monday February 18 at Arlington Heights United Methodist Church starting at 6:30 p.m. Bud's entertaining views on news, politics and dining both delight and infuriate his readers, depending on which side of the fence you're sitting on. Just don't get him started on barbecue.

A 1972 graduate of Arlington Heights High School, Bud will share his unique perspectives from living on the West Side of Fort Worth for almost his entire life. Don't miss it--it's sure to be an entertaining evening!



AHNA Meeting Schedule

Monday January 21, 2013

Monday February 18, 2013

Monday March 18, 2013

6:30pm-7:30pm Every 3rd Monday

Arlington Heights United Methodist Church
4200 Camp Bowie Blvd. (enter on Hillcrest)

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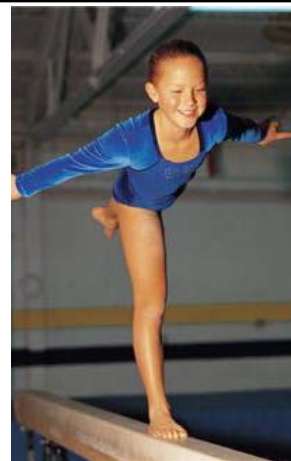
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NEW NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL OFFICER

If you want to know what really gets Neighborhood Patrol Officer Tom McNutt's goat, it's people who leave things in their cars. Not just little things, but expensive purses, I-Pads, wallets. "We would have very little crime if people wouldn't leave things in their cars!" he stresses.

Officer McNutt is our new NPO who covers our neighborhood as well as the So7 area, Montgomery Plaza, and Trinity Park. He's only been on his new beat for less than two months, but he's already ordered security cameras installed at Trinity Park and a manned mobile surveillance tower at Montgomery Plaza.

Officer McNutt works Mondays through Fridays from about 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. "I generally spend half my shift in Arlington Heights and the other half in the So7 area," he says.

He started his career as a policeman in Salt Lake City in 1989 and joined the Fort Worth police force in 1995. He signed on as patrol officer and became a Neighborhood Patrol Officer assigned to the Woodhaven neighborhood the first year the program rolled out. "I liked the idea of not having to work the midnight shift which I would have had to have done since I was a rookie," he explains.

Officer McNutt moved to the Narcotics Squad for ten years, sporting very long hair and a pierced earring. During his tenure there he also worked the DEA and traveled. In 2008, he moved back to patrol which as "a tough transition because I'd been off of patrol for ten years and a lot of things had changed, like computers and new forms and procedures."

In February 2009, he re-joined the Neighborhood Patrol Officer program and was assigned the Las Vegas Trail/Calmont area. His assignment in Arlington Heights is "the first time I haven't worked in the 'hood."

He lives in the country with three cats and three rescue dogs: an English mastiff, a rottweiler, and a beagle. The love of his life is 2012



Officer Tom McNutt, the new Neighborhood Patrol Officer for Arlington Heights, stands in front of his office at the edge of Ridgmar Mall.

Harley Street Glide which he likes to vacation on, travelling to Sturgis, Fayetteville, Galveston, Austin and sometimes even Scottsdale, Arizona.

We welcome Officer McNutt to Arlington Heights and look forward to working with him and the Citizens on Patrol to minimize crime in our neighborhood. For the last several months, property crime, both car break-ins and daytime home burglaries, have been down in the neighborhood.

Officer McNutt plans to attend the monthly AHNA membership meetings where he will present a monthly neighborhood crime overview and meet one on one with neighbors.

If you'd like to receive via email neighborhood crime reports, contact Officer McNutt at thomas.mcnuitt@fortworthtexas.gov. His phone number is 817-992-0187. If you see anything suspicious occurring that you want investigated immediately, do not call Officer McNutt or leave him a voice mail. He recommends calling 911.

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TWO HOUSES CATCH FIRE IN NEIGHBORHOOD

Carter Goree had just sat down with her parents for a dinner to celebrate her birthday when her cell phone went off, alerting her that her house alarm was going off. She dashed with her father back to her house on Pershing, thinking that someone was trying to break in the house. When they arrived they were shocked to see six fire trucks in front of the house, with more than twenty fire fighters trying to douse the flames flaring out of the roof of her home. It was a nightmare scenario that was almost too much to comprehend.

Carter jumped out of the car and ran up her driveway. All she cared about was her dog Lucy who was inside the smoky house. At that very moment, a firefighter walked out with Lucy in his arms and handed her to Carter who was weeping for joy.

Wearing helmets and breathing apparatus and toting 40-pound air tanks on their backs, the firefighters had already broken down the front door and started pulling down the ceiling in the living room, trying to get to the flames in the attic. After determining that no one was in the house, another group of firefighters started covering all the furniture in plastic sheeting. They even took down the artwork on the walls and covered it with plastic, too. Firefighters refer to this as "salvage" which is an integral part of their job.

Carter was lucky; the fire at her house on Saturday January 14, caused by "an unspecified short-circuit arc", was contained relatively quickly and never moved beyond the attic. Everything in her house was pretty well intact, though quite smoky.

Newlyweds Chas and Veronica Dummit weren't as lucky. On December 27 they left their Hillcrest house with their dog in tow to spend the night with Veronica's mother. Their heater had quit working and there was snow on the ground. They called their landlord to report the malfunction before taking leave of the house. At 3 a.m., a call came in to Fire Station 18 on Carleton Ave. for a grass fire a few blocks away at Bryce and Hillcrest. Firefighter Joe Crawford could already smell the smoke from inside the station.

When the four-member crew turned the corner on Hillcrest they could see 15-20 foot flames coming out of the roof of the house at 2220 Hillcrest. They immediately called for back up and jumped off the truck and got to work. The house was "fully involved. The center and back of the house were gone," says Engineer Brad Stafford who was driving the truck.

Next door neighbor Cindy Green woke up smelling smoke before the trucks got there. As soon as she opened her eyes, she saw her windows were glowing from the outside. She thought her house was on fire, so she grabbed cell phone and slipped on her flip flops and ran outside. "I forget my glasses, so it took me a while to dial 911," she says. "But, before I could hit send, the truck was out front."

Joe Crawford headed inside with the hose. "It was a big fire, you can't get much bigger than that," he says. "We don't usually pull up on a house like that. The attic had burned for so long that the ceiling was falling in." The fire spread into the walls and burned out the floor in the hallway as Firefighter Alan Duvall discovered when he fell through the floor.

The four Station 18 firefighters fought the fire by themselves for five to seven minutes until other companies showed up. "I had to conserve water until they got there and hooked us up to the hydrant on the corner of Hillcrest and El Campo. My empty light was blinking by the time the other trucks got there," says Joe.

"We didn't know if anyone was in there," continues Joe. "A car was in the driveway and there was mail in the mailbox. Our number one goal is life safety, so we're always searching first and then fight the fire after that." It was 22 degrees outside, but the neighbors were huddled in large numbers on the nearby sidewalks. One of them called the landlord who told them that the young couple and their dog were not in the house.

"It was a very stubborn fire," according to Alan. "We had a hard time getting access to the attic." Many of the old houses in Arlington Heights were built with lots of wood, including shiplap ceilings which burn hot and quickly. The newer houses have just one layer of sheet rock for ceiling which contains a fire for a longer period of time.

The firefighters tried to pull the ceiling down, but because of the heavy 1/4-inch shiplap boards it was hard to get down. It took two of them pulling on it ten or more times with a special hooked Pike pole before it gave. Some of the ceiling fell on Joe. "It was aggravating," says Lieutenant Chaney Mills. "I thought we could get a start on it, but the fire had a good head start on us. It was blowing and going before we got there."





By the time firefighters arrived at 2220 Hillcrest St. at 3 a.m. on December 27, the house was “fully involved” and took hours to extinguish. Several videos of this raging fire have been posted on YouTube. The house was a total loss and will be demolished soon.

The goal was to get someone up in the attic, but once the chimney started leaning, Battalion Chief David Clark “wanted us to come outside. It’s the chief’s call for our safety,” explains Chaney. “So we pulled out, surrounded it and then went back inside.”

Outside the house the other crews were spraying foam and hosing down the two adjacent houses to keep the fire from spreading. “We were running five lines off of Engine 18; two were for the houses next door,” Joe explains. The wind was blowing the flames dangerously close to Cindy’s house. “It’s a miracle that my house didn’t catch on fire,” she says. “I tried using my garden hose, but it was frozen.”

“There wasn’t much left inside,” according to Chaney. “I saw a collection of nutcrackers, but that’s about it.” “When we left at almost 6 a.m. it was still smoldering and smoking,” recalls Joe. The other crews stayed until about noon and kept checking back every couple of hours.

To the firefighters, it’s what they train to do. To the neighbors, it was a humbling and emotional experience to witness both the fire and the firefighters at work. It was frigid. The firefighters were soaking wet. There was ice everywhere. A section of one of the hoses and an interior ladder burned up. The gear and Engine 18 were so frozen they had to wait for them to thaw before they could clean them. It took an estimated 10,000 gallons of water and 50 gallons of foam to finally put out the fire. The cause of the fire was undetermined.

The very sad part was the total loss of just about everything that Chas and Veronica Dummit owned. Even sadder, they did not have renter’s insurance. What’s left of their house on Hillcrest will soon be demolished.

Cindy Green and several of the neighbors want to help the Dummits. In response to them, Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association has

created a special Hillcrest Fire Fund to benefit the Dummits. If you’d like to contribute, please write a check to AHNA and specify it’s for the Hillcrest Fire Fund. Send your checks to AHNA, PO Box 470692, Fort Worth, Texas, 76147.

Another effort that’s underway to benefit the Dummits is a call to all who attended their wedding to “re-gift” the initial wedding gifts they gave them.

Thankfully, house fires of this magnitude are extremely rare in Arlington Heights. And in both of these recent cases, there was no loss of life. For anyone who has watched our firefighters at work, it’s simply an awesome feat of fearless teamwork. They are worth every single penny that we pay them.



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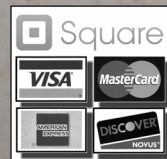
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WINTER BANDITS

by Kakkie Cunningham

Where are they? They're hardly ever late! It was already the third week of December and the treats that awaited my anticipated visitors were still edible but wouldn't last much longer without spoiling.

I had almost given up hope of seeing my annual visitors this year, but I finally heard the distinct soft "chip" sound announcing that my visitors had at last arrived. By the time I discovered their presence, the abundant berries on the pyracantha bush had visibly diminished in quantity.

The visitors that finally arrived were cedar waxwings, although I've called them "bandit birds" since I was a teenager. These taupe, yellow and black-colored birds are shaped like cardinals, complete with a black top crest. Like raccoons, they sport black masks across their eyes. They also have an unusual marking on their lower wing feathers. Another distinguishing feature is a bright red dot, described by the ornithologist who discovered the birds as "much like a blob of sealing wax".

Waxwings migrate to the southern states for the winter, but seldom stay in the same location for more than a week or so. Always found in large multi-generational flocks, they travel and feed together. There were probably 100 birds in the flock that stopped by this year. One afternoon within about twenty minutes, the flock stripped off the remaining 60% of the berries that were on my 30 year-old pyracantha which is now as tall as a tree. It produced a bumper crop this year, with the berries maturing and changing colors much earlier than usual. It turned out the waxwings weren't the only ones attracted to this year's bountiful harvest.



Cedar waxwings are fruit eaters who feed on berries in early winter, sometimes exhibiting drunken behavior after gorging on too many berries or berries that have fermented. (Photo by Kakkie Cunningham)

One afternoon, I spent close to an hour trying to capture images of the bandit birds devouring berries. I had a front row seat for a three-ring circus that spontaneously happened right before me. It started with the boisterous, somewhat elusive waxwings swarming the pyracantha. Then, suddenly in a flurry of motion, the bandits disappeared and a group of robins took over. Something spooked the robins into flight and all was quiet for a few minutes. A few brave robins returned only to be chased off again by an adolescent mockingbird. After a few minutes, the mocker realized it was being watched and jumped to a lower branch to return my stare. I froze, hoping the feeding frenzy would resume.

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moving back to Fort Worth and the hair business. She still lives in Arlington Heights.

Cindy Green, with her husband, has owned beauty salons for the last thirty years "all over the West side of Fort Worth." After her husband's disabling heart attack, she decided to look for a less stressful way to continue her career. "I was driving to work one day and passed the Clover Lane Beauty Salon," says Cindy who lives on Hillcrest in a house her grandparents used to live in. "It seemed like there was never much activity there, so I wondered if I could lease a space there." She left a phone message for Cleo, but didn't hear back from her for two weeks. "She let me move in and we get along real well," says Cindy who works at the neighborhood salon full time, Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Cindy, who grew up and went through school in Arlington Heights, loves the "small town feel" of the shop. "You don't have to get dressed to the nines to come in and get your hair done." When Cindy moved in, she painted and put in new floor and lighting fixtures, but you can't tell because she did it with a vintage look in mind. Throughout the shop there is a treasure trove of antique beauty salon relics that Cindy has found on ebay. The classic clock which says "Meet Your Friends Here" was Billie's clock and is a treasured heirloom. "I'm not allowed to touch it," says Cindy. "When the time changes, I have to wait for Cleo's husband to come change it."

"The shop is a neighborhood hang out," Cindy says. "My friends stop by for coffee." But, don't even think about walking in and getting an appointment on the spot. "I've been doing hair since 1979 and my clients have followed me from day one. I'm booked solid all week long."

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The bird flitted to the top of the bird water jar on the post just a foot or so to my right. After studying both me and the camera for a few seconds, he flew to my neighbor's tree. It was getting late, and as I turned to go inside, the mocker returned to my pyracantha and continued to eat his fill with no competition.

The next day, the tree was almost completely stripped of berries and my guests were gone. Even though that tree is far from a favorite, it will be tended to with the hope that I will once again see the "bandit birds" return to enjoy the berries.

CHRIST CHAPEL PARKING LOT ZONING CHANGE REQUEST UPDATE

In order to allow discussions to continue between Christ Chapel Bible Church and the nearby residential property owners, the church's zoning change request for the eleven residentially-zoned properties they've purchased in the 3600 and 3700 blocks of Pershing Ave. has been re-scheduled to be heard by the Fort Worth Zoning Commission on February 13, 2013.

The goal of the discussions is to find a win-win solution to the church's zoning change request to build more parking lots. The church says they need extra parking for Thursday morning Bible classes and about 40 Sunday mornings throughout the year.

There is still significant opposition from the neighbors who do not want to see any more of their community disappear for more parking lots that are used for less than 200 hours a year. The neighbors have asked the church to consider a phased approach to their parking expansion plans, encouraging them to start with the 75-space lot the church is building at the corner of Birchman Ave. and Owasso St. and re-assess their parking needs after that.

To resolve the church's parking deficits, the nearby residential property owners have suggested the church consider adding valet parking, privatizing the blocks of Birchman Ave. that are within their campus boundaries, and encouraging their congregants to park on the neighborhood streets, as is common practice in many urban churches.

Church officials say they will not consider using the residential lots they own on Pershing as residential. They asked the nearby neighbors to present ideas of what the community would like to see the church do with the lots besides residential. On January 15, the neighbors made a presentation based on green space ideas that would benefit the church as well as the nearby community, including a prayer garden, a mediation garden, a wedding gazebo, an outdoor learning space, a playground, a community garden, and just open green space with paths.

The next meeting between the church and the nearby residential property owners is scheduled for Tuesday January 22.

BRAVO TV FILMS AT CLOVER LANE BEAUTY SALON

When the Bravo TV crew popped in unannounced at the Clover Lane Beauty Salon last October, owner Cleo Lowe was finishing up one of her long-standing appointments. The crew wanted to film a segment there the next day for a new reality series featuring Courtney Kerr, break out star of Bravo's "Most Eligible Dallas" series. Cleo who works at the neighborhood salon only on Fridays was not interested, but left it to Cindy Green, who works there full time, to decide. Cindy was game.

The new series, "Courtney Loves Dallas", stars Fort Worth native Courtney Kerr whose popular fashion blog "What Courtney wore" features Courtney's "big hair, big personality, and an even bigger closet". The premise of this particular segment for the upcoming television series was Courtney comes back to Fort Worth to get in touch with her roots. The show is scheduled to premiere sometime in 2013.

"They wanted me to do Texas big hair," according to Cindy.

Cleo ran out and ordered a new sign for the front of the building because "my phone number had changed and the massage therapist we used to have was no longer here," explains Cindy. The two of them were hammering the new sign into the ground in front of the building on Friday night. They spent almost all night straightening up the shop "so we wouldn't be embarrassed with the dirt," Cleo admits.

Cindy barely got any sleep that night, waking up at 4 a.m. because "I realized my roots were showing, so I had to go in early and color my own hair!"

The TV crew showed up at 8 in the morning to change out the light bulbs and run cords throughout the small salon. At 1 p.m. "all these vans and trucks and people started pulling up," Cindy recalls. "It seemed like people were everywhere," according to Cleo. "It was quite a big deal."

The camera crew filmed Courtney and best friend Tori Gonzales as they pulled into the parking lot off of Clover Lane in a black Porsche. When Courtney walked in the shop "it was just like another client walking in," Cindy says. Accompanying her was her mother, Royanne Kerr, who lives in Arlington Heights, and grandmother Mimi.

"I couldn't believe how many people were in the salon," says Cindy who pulled out the hair spray and started backcombing the ladies' hair. As Courtney told Cindy, "the higher the hair, the closer to God." Cindy joked back, "you ought be talking to Jesus by now" as she was teasing up Courtney's hair. Then, Courtney started back combing her mom's hair and spontaneously broke out into song and dance.

Three hours later, everyone was gone and Cindy started on her regularly scheduled appointments which she had pushed back to the end of the day. It was a long day of work that ended at 10 p.m., but "it was a whirlwind experience, it happened fast, and it was a lot of fun," Cindy admits. "It's not everyday that someone sings and dances in the middle of your salon. It was not a typical hair day."



Bravo TV star Courtney Kerr filmed a segment for her upcoming Bravo TV series "Courtney Loves Dallas" at the Clover Lane Beauty Salon. Hair stylist and AHNA member Cindy Green (right) worked her big hair magic on Courtney's mom Royanne Kerr who lives in Arlington Heights and Courtney. (Photo courtesy of Cindy Green)

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