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November Meeting to Feature Floral Design Ideas

Martha Maldonado of Lexa's Creative Floral Design will demonstrate the art of creating beautiful holiday floral arrangements at the November 20th West Walker Civic Association Meeting. Always a popular guest speaker, Martha is the owner of Lexa's Creative Floral Design, located at 4433 N. Elston Ave. Known for creating exotic and unusual arrangements, Martha will share her ideas for creating one-of-a-kind holiday arrangements.

Fall Fest A Success!

Thanks to the hard work of West Walker volunteers and the generosity of local merchants, West Walker's third annual Fall Festival was a success. Although attendance was less than previous years, children and adults enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon nevertheless. The day included pumpkin painting, crafts, music by **Annalee Koehn and Danny Miller**, refreshments, and a pie baking contest. Winner **Gloria Lasley** (apple quince pie) was rewarded with a \$50 gift certificate from **Smoque BBQ Restaurant**. Thanks to our judges, **Barry Sorkin** from Smoque, **Tony La Paz** from Alderman Margaret Laurino's office, and last year's winner, **Mel Westmeyer**.

The winner of the Fall basket raffle, donated by **Dorie Westmeyer** of Charles Rutenberg Realty, was Tony LaPaz. **Peg Klimek** won a \$35 gift certificate to Smoque. The grand prize, a one-night stay and water park passes for four at Grand Bear Falls Indoor Water Park at Grand Bear Lodge, Starved Rock, provided by **NBC5**, went to **Helen Lira**. Congratulations to our winners, and thanks to the volunteers and additional donors listed below.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November 14 through December 9 La Costa Theater presents, "Brotherly Love" 3931 N. Elston Ave., 2nd Floor www.lacostatheater.com

Now through December 1 Art Synthesis 2007 Independence Park Library 3548 W. Irving Park Rd. (see page 5 for information)

November 20 • 7:30 p.m. WWCA General Meeting Latvian Community Center 4146 N. Elston Ave.

November 21 • 7:00 p.m. Beat 1723 CAPS Meeting 17th District Police Station, Community Room - 4650 N. Pulaski

November 26 & December 1 Chicago Park District Winter Program Registration Online (11/26) - In Person (12/1) www.chicagoparkdistrict.com

December 5 • 7:00 p.m. Meeting - Friends of the Independence Park Library *3548 W. Irving Park Rd.*

December 9 • 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Edward Christmas Cookie Walk *Buckley Hall - 4343 W. Sunnyside*

December 18 • 7:30 p.m. WWCA General Meeting and Holiday Party *Latvian Community Center 4146 N. Elston Ave.*

> You can also visit our Community Calendar online at: http://westwalker.org/calendar.html

Dear Neighbor:

I'm delighted to introduce what I hope will become a regular *Wire* feature. West Walker resident **Michelle Kaicener**, the chair of our new Environment Committee, has agreed to write a monthly column devoted to sharing ideas about how to be more environmentally conscious. Michelle not only has great ideas, she puts them into action, as you'll read in her column on page 4. I'm looking forward to hearing Michelle's ideas about how to make West Walker a greener place to live!

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, it seems appropriate to give thanks for all the people who make the West Walker Civic Association such a vibrant organization. Thanks to the Vision and Zoning committees who continue their work to bring the community's Vision to life. You may have noticed that the condominium development planned for 4150 N. Elston (the former C. Manny's restaurant) has broken ground. In addition, talks continue with First Chicago Bank & Trust regarding their plans for a new banking center and other development as yet to be named. Thanks to **Davor Engel** for his guidance through this process. You'll find preliminary details on page 5 for the Art In My Backyard series under development by **Jackie Kazarian** and the Vision Committee's **Johanna Zorn**. It's an exciting first step in the establishment of a West Walker cultural center.

Thanks also go out to the Special Events Committee and especially **Dorie Westmeyer** for another fun Fall Festival. You'll find photos and more details on the following page.

Most of all, I'd like to thank the folks who have a less visible but mightily important role in West Walker: Our officers and board of directors who are the gears who keep this thing moving; our Web Master, **Marvin Weinstein** who brings us to the world wide web; our editor, **Beth Tigue** whose patience and talent are greatly appreciated; and our *Wire* carriers who are out there every month bringing this column and more to you. You'll find their names to the right. If you see them, please pass along your thanks.

And to everyone else who attends a meeting, participates in a committee, makes a phone call on our behalf, helps a neighbor, thanks!

Lastly, I'd like to make a pitch for membership. Unlike other neighboring civic organizations, we deliver the *Wire* to every household within our boundaries. You needn't be a member to stay informed through the *Wire*. Consequently, our membership tends to be low. So if you've appreciated some of the work that the WWCA is doing, please show your gratitude by joining. We need you! At just \$10 per family, and less for seniors, it's a bargain. You'll find a membership form on page 10.

Be sure to join us for **Martha Maldonado's** tips on holiday floral arrangements at the November meeting. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

West Walker Mission Statement "The pursuit of the West Walker Civic Association is to make our diverse neighborhood the best it can be by securing the services, safeguards and improvements the West Walker community is entitled to have." Celebrating more than 95 years of service to the West Walker Community

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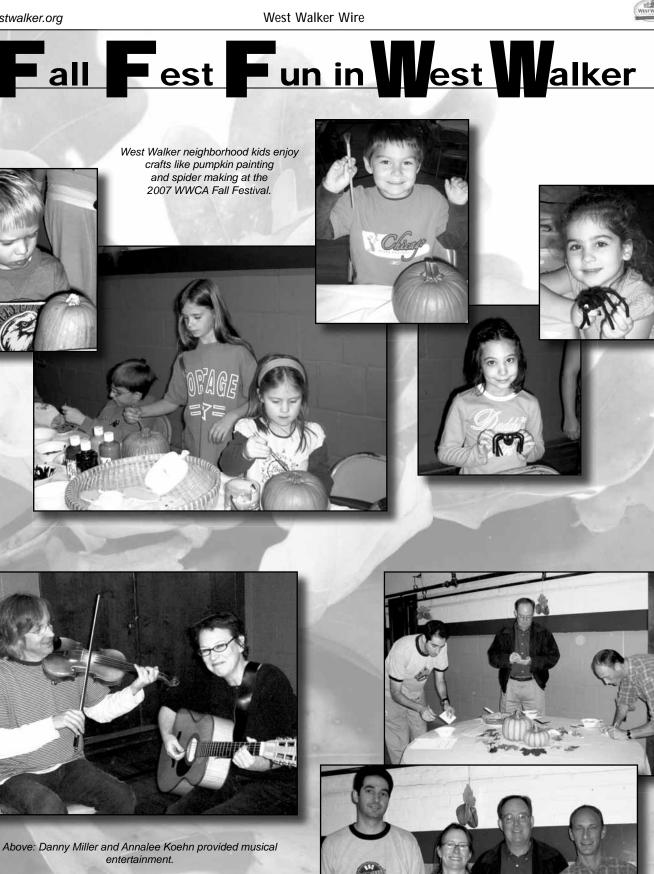
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Liz Mills President



Above Right: It's a tough job, but someone's got to do it! Our Judges sampling the entries in the Pie baking contest.

Below Right: Judges Barry Sorkin (of Smoque BBQ), Mel Westmeyer (last year's pie contest winner) & Tony LaPaz (39th Ward Office), with Gloria Lasley - the winner of the 2007 Pie contest with her apple quince pie.

A Greener Place to Live Can Start in West Walker

It has taken me a while to gather my thoughts to write this column. I'm so excited to be involved in environmental issues in the neighborhood! I have been interested in the environment for a long time, and have been following the story of global warming with keen interest.

It is easy to become overwhelmed by the sheer scale of the issue, and say to oneself "I'm just one person – what can I really do?" Well, the answer is, quite a lot! If everyone does a few things, it can amount to a whole lot of action!

Every journey starts with one small step. So, when I started thinking about writing a monthly column for the Wire, I realized I couldn't solve all the environmental problems in one issue, but that I would start with one small step. Also, let me say I would never ask anyone to do something I haven't done myself – so, let me tell you about a few of the things I have done at my own home. Here's just a quick list of what I've accomplished since moving into West Walker in 2006.



- Had a stainless steel liner installed in my chimney
- Installed Solar panels for heat and hot water which generate most, if not all, of my hot water in the summer, and about 35% in the winter (also contributing to lessening my gas usage for heat).
- · Started a vegetable garden and planted dwarf fruit trees
- Added some edible ornamentals hardy fig, hardy kiwi, grape, blackcurrant and gooseberry, along with herbs amongst my regular perennials
- Used the "Lasagne Gardening" method in my front yard to grow annuals, perennials and edible plants. Also cleared an area on the parkway with this method (creating greenery without having to cut the lawn!)

If you are interested in more information on any of the projects I have undertaken, I'd be happy to talk to you about them (We may even feature them in future editions of the Wire).

So, where to start on the Environmental Committee?

Well, recycling is important – I use the blue bags, but look forward to getting a blue bin instead, and will be following the progress of the pilot with the Alderman's office.

Also, my basement flooded twice this year, in June and August. So I think it's important to be working with Tom LaPorte from the Department of Water Management on initiatives which will help reduce the impact of big thunderstorms on our neighborhood. I rerouted one downspout on the side of my house into a rain barrel, which enables me to store water for garden use. Tom LaPorte is willing to have someone come to your home to evaluate whether you can do this also.

I'd welcome your thoughts and suggestions regarding environmental issues, and anyone willing to help on the committee with implementing neighborhood projects.

Looking forward to working with you!

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Art in My Backyard!!

The West Walker Vision Committee is thrilled to announce that it will be launching a series of events called "Art in my Backyard" in 2008. The idea behind the series is two-fold, to celebrate our local artists, musicians and writers, and to bring more art to West Walker. In the coming year you can look forward to a number of exciting events including an art exhibition by neighborhood artists. Our very own Jackie Kazarian is planning this event and here's your opportunity to take part!

ARTIST CALL:

The exhibit will be held in a neighborhood storefront (tba) with a public opening reception. Participating artists are expected to assist with installation and gallery-sitting for one day during the run of the show.

Proceeds from sales will go directly to the artist.

If you would like to be considered for an exhibition, send jpegs to jk@jackiekazarian.net, or mail slides or CD to Jackie Kazarian, 4052 N. Avers Ave, Chicago, IL 60618. Please include your name, address, phone number, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you wish the materials to be returned. Artists living within the following boundaries will be considered: Lawrence to Belmont, Central to California.

Art Synthesis 2007 Features Local Artists

Art Synthesis, an exhibition of art work produced by artists of the Independence/Irving Park Community, is currently open at the Chicago Public Library -Independence Branch, 3548 West Irving Park Road. The exhibition opened in October to celebrate Chicago Artist's Month and is sponsored by the Artists' Council of the Friends of the Independence Branch. The show features 15 local artists and runs through December 1st. You can view the artwork Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 9 pm, Friday and Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm. The artwork is available for sale as well – for more information contact Mike Kolasinski at mbkolasinski@ earthlink.net or call the library at 312-744-0900.

West Walker Needs Your Help!

Two key volunteer positions are open within our organization. These jobs are essential to keeping our neighborhood informed and our gathering space ready for the monthly meetings. Both require a monthly commitment – but the time is relatively minimal.

Wire Carrier Coordinator

This position requires approximately a 2 hour per month commitment. One hour is for counting and sorting copies of the Wire for distribution to the Carriers (who will then deliver the newsletter in the neighborhood). The distribution to the carriers means going to between 14-16 homes in the neighborhood, (taking less than an hour by car, a bit more on foot). The Wire Carrier Coordinator is also responsible for recruiting new carriers if any are unable to continue to deliver.

Monthly Meeting Set Up/Break Down Coordinator(s)

Help ready our space before the monthly WWCA General meetings. This volunteer position requires arriving to the Latvian Hall at approximately 7:00 p.m. to unlock the building, set up chairs and a couple of tables. The meeting coordinator is also responsible for break down at the close of the meeting, putting chairs/tables away and any cleanup (minimal) of garbage. Keep in mind that most times others will be around to assist you. But we need someone to be the go to person for this job just in case others aren't around to help.

Keep in mind - this job could be shared between two volunteers (one to set up and one to break down), so maybe this is something you and a neighbor would consider taking on together!

If you've wanted to get involved with WWCA but were worried you didn't have a lot of time to give – these jobs could be for you! Contact any of the Officers or Board Members for more details or to volunteer.

WWCA - General Meeting Minutes - October 16, 2007 - 26 present

WWCA President Liz Mills opened the meeting at 7:35 pm.

New WWCA Board Members, Margaret McIntyre and Pam Maremont, were announced and welcomed.

The September General Meeting Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Bob Begeske reported a general account balance of \$1,850.00. The current Banner Account balance is \$3,628.68.

Ashley Bush and Jonathon Hymen of the recently relocated LaCosta Theatre Company were on hand to introduce their Company to the neighborhood. The theatre company, located at 3931 North Elston, has opened its first run, with more plays planned. For play information, go to www.lacostatheatre.com. The group plans for a variety of community outreach programs, including classes, play readings and a summer children's camp. The theater may also host additional events such as gallery openings and productions by other theater groups. Discount pricing on shows is available for local residents and further details are available on the web site or at the box office.

Also present was Falon Mihalic of the Healthy Streets Campaign. Healthy Streets is a pilot program aimed at reducing automobile accidents, injuries and fatalities within a targeted area bounded by Montrose, Fullerton, Kedzie and Austin. In 2005, 9,034 crashes were reported within that area, for an average of 25 crashes per day. Healthy Street's goal is to reduce that statistic by 50%. They will be attempting to employ street design changes, increased and targeted traffic enforcement and awareness advertising to achieve this goal. Further information is available at www.healthystreets.org.

The Vision Committee will soon launch an artistic series titled Art in My Backyard. The series will feature varied artistic events starting in early 2008. These events will take place as the search for a West Walker Cultural Anchor continues.

Mike Webber reported that the Chicago Committee on Zoning approved the variance on the 4154 N. Elston property, purchase on the property has been completed and the WWCA Zoning Committee is evaluating final plans for the buildings.

Voting has been completed for the Independence Park Bungalow as part of the American Express and The National Trust for Historic Preservation "Partners in Preservation" which will distribute \$1 million to protect significant local architecture. Grants are to be announced November 13, 2007.

In CAPS, increased numbers of burglaries have been occurring in the neighborhood. Police believe the general increase in affluence of the neighborhood has attracted thieves. Keep your property secure at all times. Also, when calling 311 or 911 for any reason, remember that the more detail provided, the better able the City and Police will be able to respond.

The Stripp Joynt, located at 4170 North Elston, has ceased operations pending further review by the City of Chicago Department of the Environment.

The sudden opening of a Car Wash at Elston and Harding is being investigated for proper zoning and permits.

A new Wire Coordinator, whose primary responsibility is to ensure delivery of the Wire to all carriers, is needed. Anyone interested should approach any WWCA Board Officer or Board Member.

Michelle Kaicener is coordinating recycling efforts. Keep an eye on www.bluecartschicago.com for the latest on the new City recycling program.

The meeting was adjourned by President, Liz Mills.



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CAPS Report

While burglary is not the top crime this month it is still in the top three and this past month I experienced it first hand. After the Wire went to press in October we learned that a resident's car had been ransacked while parked in the garage. On October 28, sometime after 11:30 p.m., two garages in the 4200 block of N. Hamlin were also entered and several items were stolen from both the cars and the garages. It is still unclear how the criminals got into the garages, but it appears that they used a garbage can to climb onto the roof and entered through the access door. Once inside, they rifled through the cars, stealing such things as CDs, car manuals and cell phone accessories. Some tools where also stolen and they exited through the main door. The officers of beat 1723 still stress how important it is to lock your windows and doors, especially when you are not home.

While no one wants to be the victim of a crime, we have decided to use this opportunity to reach out to some of our neighbors. Introduce yourself to the neighbor across the alley, exchange phone numbers with your neighbor on the corner and let the new family on the block know that they are part of a community. The more you communicate and keep a watch out on your block the less likely crime will spread.

The October CAPS meeting included two presenters, one from the Tactical Gang Team and a representative from the 911 call center. Most of the discussion centered around 911 and how calls are handled and then officers dispatched. Once a call comes in it is given a priority number (1-3), priority 1 being the potential for loss of life. The calls are then routed to the appropriate service (police, fire or medical) and the nearest station. You can follow up on a 911 call you have made by calling 911 back and asking to speak with a supervisor. They are limited by some of the information they can share, but you should be able to find out some details.

The ice cream truck mentioned in the last month's report has been permanently parked and the driver was arrested.

Margaret Laurino Alderman 39th Ward 39th Ward Public Service Office 4404 West Lawrence Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60630-2511 Ward Office: (773) 736-5594 Ward39@cityofchicago.org



City Hall, Room 203 121 North LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60602 (312) 744-7242 Statistics by type of crime in the West Walker

neighborhood (September 18 – October 18, 2007):

CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) meetings for 2007 for our beat are held at the 17th District in the community Room, 4650 N. Pulaski. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. monthly on the 3rd Wednesday and typically last one hour. The next meeting is November 21.

Aggravated Battery with a Dangerous Weapon1







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St. Edward School and Parish	Ministerial Alliance News
News	Youth Film Project
St. Edward School hosted its Halloween Fun Fair for students on Friday, October 26. The children player carnival games (everyone was a winner) and won wide variety of prizes. The children came dressed their Halloween best and the costumes couldn't hav been cuter! The annual St. Edward Christmas Cookie Walk will be held in Buckley Hall on December 9 from 8 a.m. to p.m. Come pick up some home baked treats and brows	Luther King Day on January 21st, 2008, the Irving Park Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a film project. Children and youth are invited to answer the question, "If Martin Luther King came to our neighborhood today, what would he see?" by taking video or still photos of their neighborhood or writing a poem or performing a drama to be presented on January 20th, 2008. For more information contact The Rev. Alice Greene, Irving
the various gifts that are perfect for Christmas! The student Christmas program will be held of December 12 in the school gym (Buckley Hall) at p.m. The sounds of the junior and senior orchestr together with the student singers and choir will real put you in the Christmas spirit!	 ⁷ held at Irving Park Lutheran Church 3938 W. Belle ^a, Plaine, on Tuesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. ^b The Rev. Vicki Hadaway of Irving Park Methodist will preach. People of all faiths are encouraged to
Top Performers in Academic Bowl Finals Congratulations to St. Edward Academic Quiz boy team who won first place in their division! The eve was held October 16 at Notre Dame High Schoo Congratulations to William Jacobs, Ian Buchana Jennifer White, Kendrick DeCastro, Jeremy Quinone Anna Marie Aguirre, Amelia Ryczek, Gibran Mende and James Pascalo. Math Team Winners The St. Edward girl's math team won first place in a Math competition held at Notre Dame for Gir High School that was held on October 27. Kudos our team that included Anna Marie Aguirre, Jennife White, Felicity Gonzalez, Amelia Ryczek, Katie Mart and Michelle Ryczek. In addition, Katie Martin place seventh in the individual competition.	 News from the Irving Park Community Food Pantry November and Decembers are our busiest months. We hope you will donate generously to help those in need during the Holiday seasons. Our Thanksgiving distribution is November 14th and our Christmas distribution is December 19th. We serve 1,400 people in zip codes 60641 and half of 60618 up to Kedzie. We hope to give our 240 children under the age of 12 a \$20 gift certificate to Toys-R-Us. We are all so blessed with so much and there are so many that are
The monthly school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the lower churc All school parents and parishioners are welcome. For more information, call the school at 773/736-9133.	h. Mako A Child's
WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS" STPACT	 Bring a food or monetary donation to the November WWCA meeting. For more information, to make a donation or volunteer, contact the Food Pantry at (773) 283-6296 or go to

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West Walker Wire

<u>ice Report: 39tl</u> ward

I hope everyone enjoys a very pleasant and safe Thanksgiving! And even though the snow will soon begin to fall, our neighborhood parks are still as active as ever. The Chicago Park **District** has enough activities to keep everyone busy well into the new year. Information about the parks' winter programs is available now online at www.chicagoparkdistrict.com. Program sessions run the weeks of Monday, January 7 through Sunday, March 23, and online registration begins Monday, November 26 at 9:00 a.m. In-person registration at most parks begins Saturday, December 1 (confirm date with your local park). Online registration ends Sunday, January 6, 2008, so get online today and decide what programs interest you.



The cold weather is here to stay, and flu season is upon us. I strongly encourage senior citizens, those with chronic illnesses, and young children to receive influenza vaccinations. And in addition to receiving a flu shot, the Chicago Department of Public Health recommends you take the following steps to better your chances of staying healthy this flu season:

- Avoid direct contact with infected persons or contaminated surfaces.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water, especially before you eat and after you use the bathroom.
- Make an extra effort to clean commonly touched surfaces.
- Do not share anything that goes in the mouth.
- Eat more whole grain, vegetables, and fruit. Get enough rest and exercise.
- Do not smoke, and reduce your exposure to secondhand smoke.
- If you have the flu or a cold, cover your nose and mouth when you cough and sneeze, and promptly discard all used tissues.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact my public service office at (773)736-5594 or email us at ward39@cityofchicago.org.

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino - Alderman, 39th Ward

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Office Report: 40th District

Senior Citizen Exemption

The senior citizen exemption may entitle Cook County property owners, aged 65 and over, to a reduction in property taxes. This exemption entitles qualified senior citizens to a reduction of \$3,500 in the equalized assessed value (EAV) of their properties, resulting in significant tax savings.

To qualify for the Senior Citizen Exemption for the taxable year 2006 the property owner must meet the following requirements:

- Be born prior to or in the year 1941
- Own the property during 2006
- (If a property owner takes residence after January 1, he or she may receive a prorated exemption based on the month the property was purchased.)
- Use the property as principle place of residence

Senior citizens qualifying for this exemption will automatically receive the Homeowners Exemption. These two exemptions combined may result in hundreds of dollars in reduced property taxes. Taxpayers must file each year in order to continue to receive the Senior Citizens Exemption.

Those tax payers who have received the Senior Citizens Exemption in the past should automatically receive a tax payer exemption mailing each year. Applications must be completed and returned to the Cook County Assessor's Office as soon as possible. Tax payers, who do not automatically receive a mailing by May 1st, should contact the Cook County Assessor's Office at 312-443-7550.

Senior Freeze Exemption

In addition to the Senior Citizen Exemption, seniors on limited incomes may also qualify for another valuable exemption. The Senior Freeze Exemption allows qualified senior citizens to apply for a freeze of the equalized assessed value (EAV) of their properties.

This exemption freezes the equalized assessed value at the level prior to the taxable year of which the applicant first applies and qualifies. For example, a senior citizen who applies and qualifies for this exemption in the taxable year 2006 will have the EAV of the property frozen at the 2005 level.

Those receiving this exemption should be aware that this does not automatically freeze the tax bill amount. Only the EAV remains at the fixed amount. The budget that each taxing district approves and the resulting tax rate will continue to affect the calculation of tax bills.

Tax payers having additional questions regarding the Senior Freeze Exemption should contact the Assessor's Office at 312-443-7550. State law requires that tax payers file applications each year in order to continue to receive the Senior Freeze Exemption. You may also call my office if you have any questions at: Richard Bradley, State Representative 40th District, 3520 N. Pulaski Road Chicago, IL 60641, (773) 794-9444.

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