

THE OAK



The Los Encinos School Newspaper

"By kids, for kids."

Leonis Adobe by Hannah, 4th

Fourth grade went on a field trip to Leonis Adobe Museum to learn about ranchos and the ranch owners, called Rancheros. We got to see the house that Miguel and Espiritu Leonis lived in. It was made out of real adobe brick.



We got to see horses, Texas longhorns, sheep, rams, turkeys, doves, cats, chickens, and hens. We also got to feed and pet fluffy mom and baby sheep and baby rams!



After that, we saw the life of a blacksmith, fixing or repairing horseshoes and other items. Then, we got to see the life of a Vaquero, the cowboys of the ranch. We got to sit on a saddle and use a lasso.



We also learned how they make tortillas and butter. We mashed up the soft masa with a rock and all took turns churning the creamy butter. We also saw how they get their water and got to try out the pump. They taught us how to do laundry with a washboard and hang everything on a clothesline to dry. We had a very busy morning at the ranch, can't wait until you see it! 🌿

Letter from the Editor by Zelda, 5th



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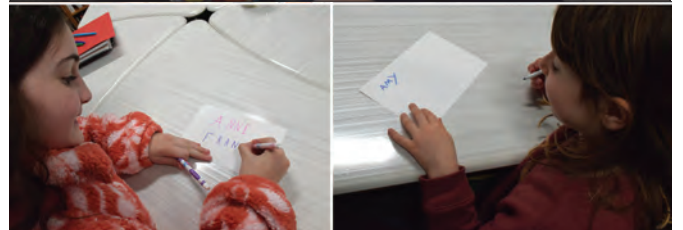
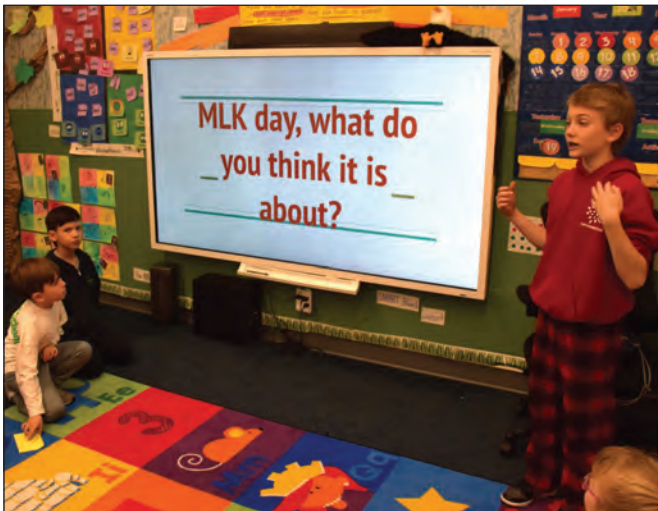
I hope everyone enjoyed the first issue of *The Oak* this year. It was full of so many wonderful stories written by our amazing student body. My favorite part of doing the paper is working with every single one of you. This trimester's issue is full of more great drawings, funny jokes, and amazing stories. I hope you all enjoy reading it as much as we did putting it together. 🌿

January Care Families by Stevie, 4th

The January Care Family activity was very exciting. We talked all about Change Makers in our lives. A change maker is someone who changes the world for the better. One change maker I know is Martin Luther King, Jr. He helped black people fight for more rights.

In Care Family #4, we used black paper and chalk to draw our Change Makers. In Care Family #3, they read a book about Agents of Change. In Care Family #9, they wrote their Agents of Change on a little piece of paper.

That was the January Care Family. I can't wait until February's Care Family! 🐾

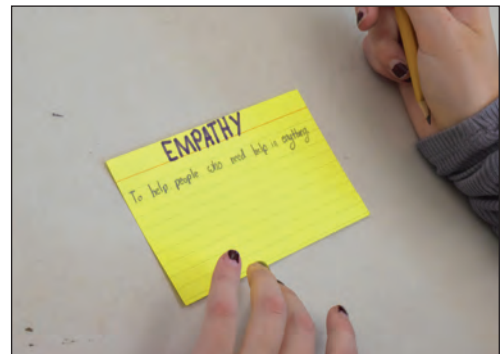
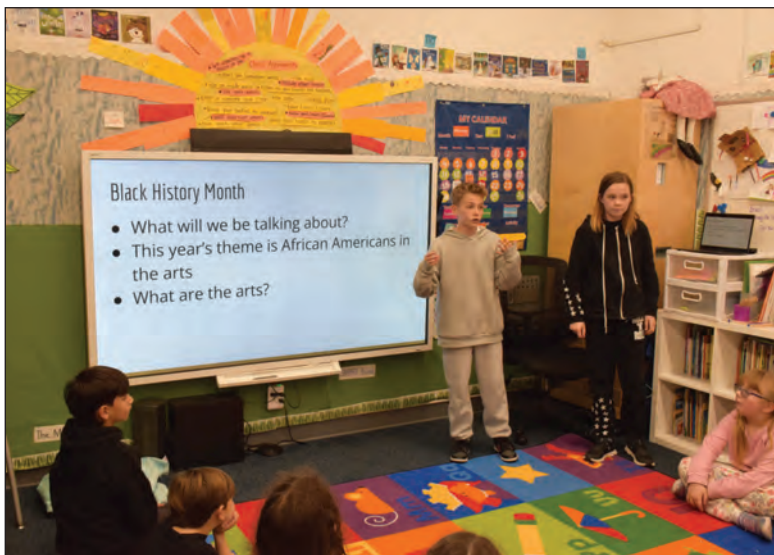
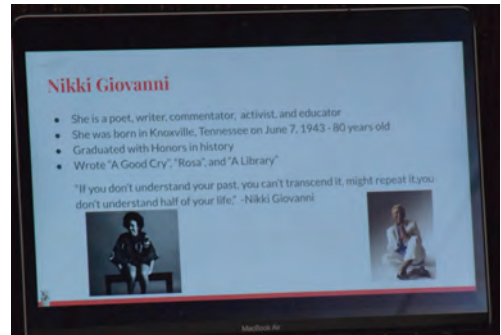


February Care Families

by Connor, 6th

In February, coinciding with Black History Month, the sixth grade presented in their Care Families about African Americans in the Arts. Every Care Family researched a different African American person that has done something inspiring that falls under "the arts" which can be anything like cooking, athletics, painting, science, etc.

Our Care Families were separated into groups of three and talked about one of the following virtues and values: empathy, compassion, inclusiveness, belonging, and respect. Black History Month is an important time to recognize African Americans who have made special contributions to the world.

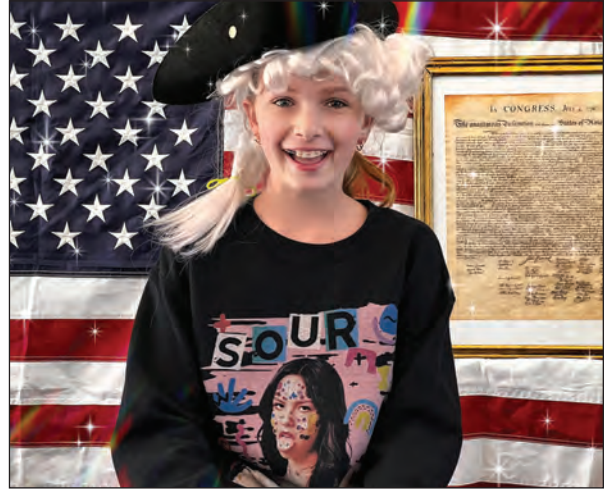


I Do Declare

by Valentina, 5th

Just prior to Presidents' Day, Mr. Myers gave us an optional awesome challenge to memorize a few paragraphs of the Declaration of Independence. He gave us two-and-a-half weeks to prepare and it was not easy!

On the day, Mr. Myers made it even more fun by giving us a colonial hat and wig to wear as we recited the paragraphs from memory in front of the class. We all encouraged and cheered each other as we took turns getting up in front of the class. 🍀



Poem

by Maya R., 3rd

Comic

by Isaiah, 4th

- Loving
- Optimistic
- Special
- Enjoyable
- Nicest teachers
- Creative
- Inviting
- Next-level
- One hundred percent fantastic
- Silly



How Normal People Celebrate Holidays vs. Me



Sports

Eagles Flying High by Dylan, 4th

The LES basketball team is the best team in the world. Nobody is stopping them! The basketball team drills are amazing.

The coaches are Coach Terry and Coach Hutchinson. Every time someone makes a point, the crowd goes wild.

Everyone wants to be on the basketball team. That's why the LES basketball team is awesome. 🐦



Everest Drawings by Kindergarteners



by Keon



by Millie



by Alex J.



by Henry



by Chloe

Sports Smile



by Everett F., 2nd

What is a basketball player's favorite food?
(Answer on page 16)

Field Trips

Check This Out by Chloe, 2nd

For our field trip, 2nd grade went to the CSUN University Library. We played I-Spy with papers looking for different things in the library. We also saw a quilt and 2nd grade is learning about quilts.

There were robots that gave you books. There are 1.5 million books in the robot station. At the end, we made bookmarks.

We had a lot of fun. Then we went on the bus and back to school. I think you should go! 🌸



4th Grade On a Mission by Emma, 4th

The 4th grade class went on a field trip to the San Fernando Mission. The San Fernando Mission was founded on September 8, 1797.

While we were at the Mission we went inside the church, where the boys were seated on the left side and the girls were seated on the right side. Inside the church we saw a very elaborate altar.

The walls of the church were painted with Native American designs. Around the Mission we saw statues and bells. Some of the bells were large and some were smaller. (see *Mission next page*)



Mission *(continued from previous page)*

The bells at the Mission ring each day to announce when it is time to go to church, when it is time to eat breakfast, lunch and dinner, when it is time to work, and when it is time to go to sleep.

There was even a winery at the mission, where they make wine by smashing grapes with their feet. As we walked around the Mission we passed a cemetery.

At the end of our field trip we drew different Native American pictures, like flowers, leaves, statues, and buildings with Valerie. 🌿



Start the Presses by Grayson, 5th

The printing museum is an amazing place. They show you how the colonial printers did their job. They showed us how they made their letters they used to print their publications.

We even got to use the printing machines ourselves. In another area, we learned about how printers bind the books we read. There are several methods including the types of folding we got to do. 🌿



The highlight of our trip was meeting the OG Founding Father, Benjamin Franklin, who spoke to us about his inventions and philosophies on life in the colonies. Overall, the experience was amazing with all the antique machines around us. It was a true taste of colonial life. 🌿



In the Spotlight...

...with Coach Michael by Saint, 3rd

I sat down with Coach Michael to learn more about him.



Q: Hi, what is your favorite food?

Coach Michael: Tacos

Q: What about your favorite color?

Coach Michael: Black.

Q: If you weren't teaching, what would you do?

Coach Michael: Professional runner.

Q: What was challenging and rewarding about serving in the military?

Coach Michael: It was rewarding to serve our country. The most challenging part was boot camp!



(left) Coach Eastburn served in the 349th Combat Support Hospital - US Army Reserve. His rank was E4 Specialist (Combat Medic).

Q: Why do you teach P.E.?

Coach Michael: Because I think it helps kids stay fit and that's important.



Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

Coach Michael: Running and racing.



Q: Do you have any pets?

Coach Michael: I had dogs growing up.

Q: What is your favorite sports team?

Coach Michael: The Lakers.

Q: What are your plans for the summer?

Coach Michael: I'm going to run two things: Camp Los Encinos with Mr. Hutch and another 100-mile race! 🌿

Community Engagement by Maya P., 3rd

Some kids in third grade had the idea to put together hygiene kits for the unhoused people.

In the hygiene kits, we are putting dental care items, small snacks, and body care items. We are collecting items through May, and then we will be putting the kits together for families to pass out in their neighborhoods. 🌱



At an all-school assembly, third-graders announced their plan to build Hygiene Kits for the Unhoused.

Day of Love & Kindness

Poem by Luna, 4th

The Day of Love and Kindness is all about spreading joy.

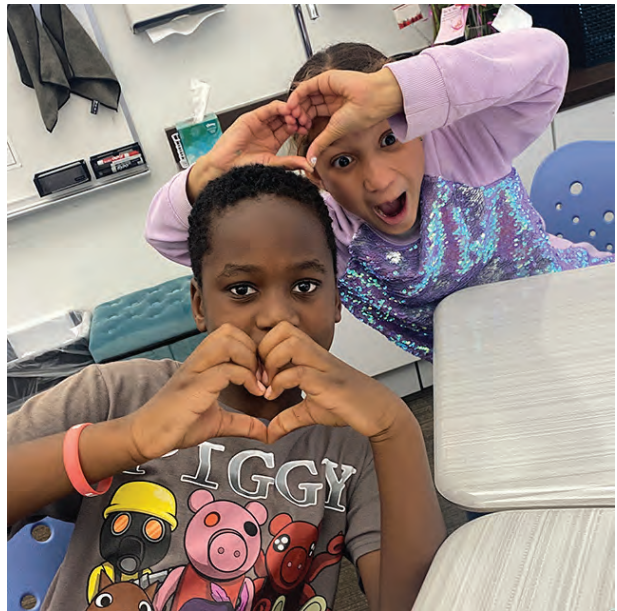
At school we hand out gifts and candies, including little toys.

You can write a card for each student in your class.

Read it in your classroom or even on the grass.

Spreading kind words is the right thing to do. Talk with old friends and new ones, too.

Valentine's Day is a day for candy and fun. But giving love is the most important part; you're never really done. 🌱



Comic "Mission: Squirrel" by Eli, 3rd



2nd Grade Everests



by Cooper



by Nico

Who Am I? by Nora, 5th

Who's feathery like a peacock?
 What's a bird, flies high up above?
 What animal has yellow feet, and black sharp claws?
 When the bird is not at LES, it's home in its nest.
 The kindergarteners giggle, when the bird brings a silly riddle.
 What's its name? _____

(Solution on page 16)



by Aiden

Alumni Alert

by Lily, 4th

On a regular Friday, I had the chance to meet Chiara Munzi (her first name is pronounced Kee-Ah-Ra). She was an old LES student who used to go here many years ago. She graduated college and started her own business. Before we get on to the business part, I want to tell you some things I learned about her.

Here at LES, her favorite traditions were the Virginia Reel and the haunted house. She has a good memory of doing individual art shows when she was here in 6th grade. She went to Marlborough for high school and Wash U St. Louis for college. She studied finance and philosophy there. Her kindergarten buddy was Jojo, who was in my 6th grade buddy's class. Here are some of the things I asked her and some of her answers.

Q: What advice do you have for LES students?

Chiara: To do what you really love to do.

Q: What inspired you to start your business?

Chiara: A problem with regular oatmeal.

Q: What are your goals for the future?

Chiara: To grow my business and share.

Q: How does it feel to be back at Los Encinos?

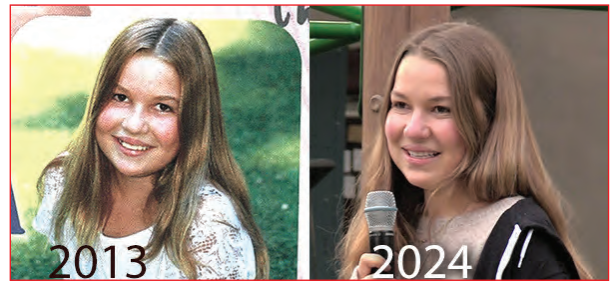
Chiara: It feels awesome! Seeing all my old teachers and friends is really heartwarming.

A big thing to tell about her: Right now she is on a TV show called, *60 Day Hustle*. It helps people who are starting a business grow through challenges and have an opportunity to win \$100,000! If you want to watch it, it's streaming in April on Amazon Prime! 🌿

(Ed. Note: You can order Chickpea Oatmeal from her website: chickpeaoats.com).



Lily interviews Chiara on the Buddy Bench.



Chiara 'then & now.' In sixth-grade and today.



Chiara shared her story at the PA meeting and gave everyone samples to try (see below).



Virtues & Values

Ed. Note: The Double-V for January was *Courage*, and in February it was *Effort*. If you're curious what VV will be featured in March, you'd be right... it's *Curiosity*!

Courage

by Adrian, 2nd
Courage is helping others. Courage is like being brave. Courage is standing up for your friends because it is scary when a bully is bullying your friend. You say, "Hey, stop bullying my friend." Courage is also facing your fear. For an example, when I went on a boat ride in Mexico I was scared but I still got on it. I showed courage. 🌿



by Levi

1st Grade Everest Drawings



by Grace



by Maren



by Zachary



by Zeppe

Effort

by AJ, 1st
Effort is about how hard you try to do something. If something is hard, you have to put more effort into it. I show effort when I play soccer. I work hard to score a goal. 🌿

by Ava, 2nd
Effort means don't give up and try hard. Don't just wake up and make your bed sloppy. Put effort into it. You have time, you don't just walk away. If you have a brother or a sister, sometimes it's hard to show effort by being a good example. But it's important if you're arguing with your sibling. Put effort into staying calm and making a resolution. When you put effort into doing things it makes you better at the stuff you do. I even did not want to put effort into writing this. I wanted to give up but I did not and look where it got me! 🌿

Games & More

Just Joking...

by Raynor, K

Question: How does the ocean say "hello"?

Answer: It waves!

by Jack S., 1st

Question: What did the square say to the circle?

Answer: You have no points!

by Archie, 1st

Question: What is a treasure hunter's favorite snack?

Answer: Gold fish!

Word Search by Audra, 3rd (Solution on page 16)

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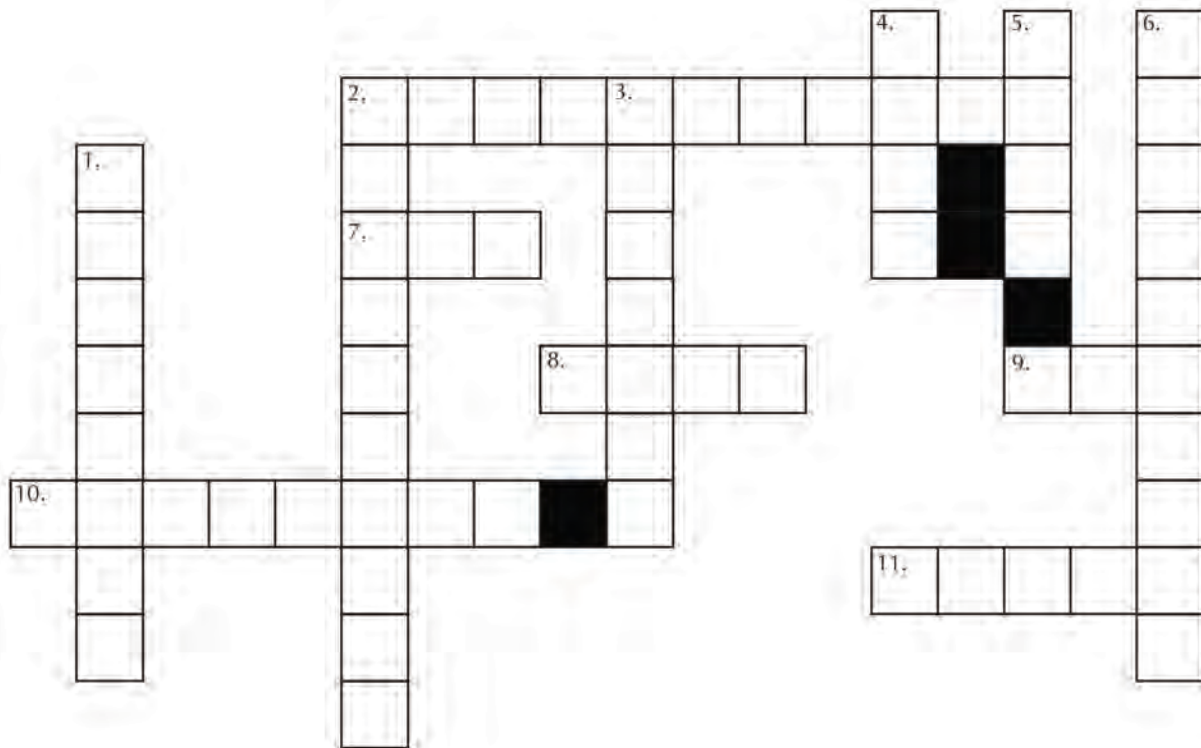
BUDDY BENCH

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Crossword Puzzle

by Ava, 3rd
 "All-Around School" (Solution on page 16)



DOWN

1. Happy and sad are these
2. The place to be at recess
3. This bird usually appears on Fridays
4. This class has pluses and minuses
5. Can be fiction or non-fiction
6. I like to make things in this space

ACROSS

2. Hurray for this tech lab (2 words)
7. This room can get messy when we paint
8. My favorite thing to do with 5 Down
9. The school with red gates (abbr.)
10. After-school assignments
11. You make notes in this class



Happy Birthday (January-February-March) by Maya, 4th

BIRTHDAY List Jan-Mar

| JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH |
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| Charlie | Ella | Harper |
| Logan | Nolan | Jack |
| Jack | Everett | Ava |
| Logan | Cameron | Saige |
| Lucas | Zahlia | Stokely |
| Zoe | Jack | Kayla |
| Hannah | Sienna | Tyler |
| Audrey | Keon | Erik |
| Nora | Zelda | Iris |
| Chester | Grace | Teddy |
| Kai | Eliza | Aiden |
| Maxwell | | Nico |
| Ramsey | | Annabel |
| Oliver | | Francesca |
| Millie | | Maddox |
| Archie | | Cassia |
| Raynor | | Magnus |
| Max | | |
| Cecily | | |

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- Mr. Myers – January 1
- Coach Michael – January 7
- Mrs. Miller – January 16
- Mr. J – January 18
- Ms. Resnick – January 19
- Mr. Beckmann – January 27
- Ms. Emma – February 3
- Mrs. Reinfeld – February 21
- Daniel – March 2
- Ms. Anthonyson – March 3
- Ms. Byer – March 11
- Michele – March 12
- Ayron – March 15
- Mr. Birch – March 17

Handwritten notes: #It's My Birthday!, #Birthday, HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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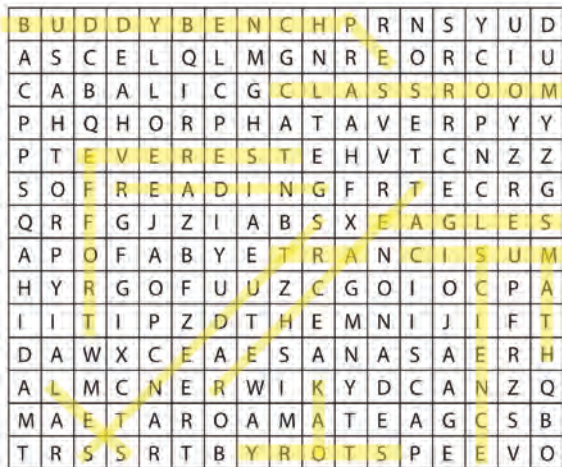


SOLUTIONS

Sports Smile (page 5):
 Dunkin' Donuts!

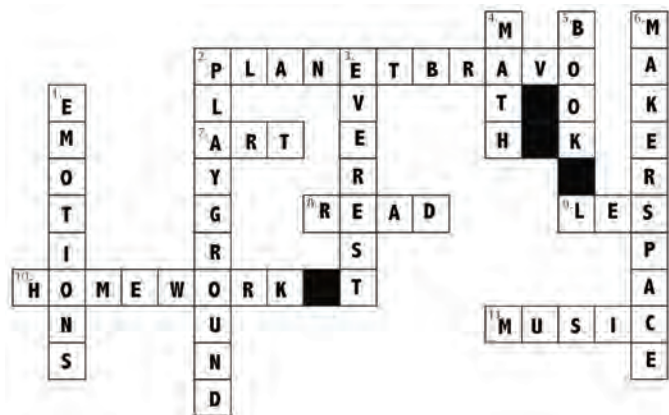
Who Am I? (page 10): Everest

Word Search (page 13):



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| OAK | EFFORT | MUSIC | BUDDY BENCH |
| LES | STORY | SCIENCE | PE |
| CLASSROOM | STUDENTS | MATH | EAGLES |

Crossword (page 14):



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