



Day of the
Teacher
2010 CELEBRATION



.....

Montgomery Middle School
Tuesday, May 4

.....

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE)
RECOGNITION OF MAY 4, 2010,) RESOLUTION
AS SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT)
DAY OF THE TEACHER)**

WHEREAS, teachers work to open students' minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge and dreams; and

WHEREAS, teachers fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; and demonstrate their love of learning in the classroom every day; and

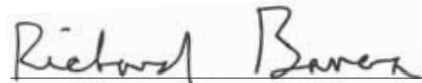
WHEREAS, teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation of good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the success of more than 132,000 students in the San Diego Unified School District depends on the skills, knowledge and attitudes acquired while under the nurturing guidance of more than 6600 teachers; and

WHEREAS, teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District does hereby acknowledge the contributions of all dedicated teachers and recognizes May 4, 2010, as the Day of the Teacher and urges parents, students and the community to publicly show their appreciation for teachers and their contributions that improve our daily lives, our community and our futures.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District, San Diego, California, at a public meeting thereof duly called and held this 4th day of May 2010.



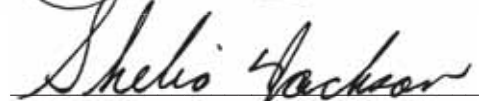
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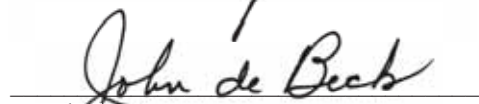
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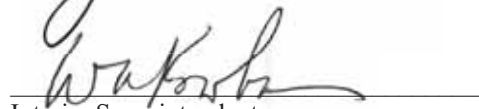
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Ceremony Proceedings



- 🌀 **Welcome** Richard Barrera
- 🌀 **Presentation of Colors** Kearny High Educational Complex JROTC
- 🌀 **Pledge of Allegiance** Montgomery Middle School students
- 🌀 **Our National Anthem** Andres Jaramillo, CPMA student
- 🌀 **Day of the Teacher Resolution** Richard Barrera
- 🌀 **Teacher Award Introductions** William Kowba
 - **Future Educator Scholars** Anthony La Rue & Mary Castleberry
 - **National Board Certified Teachers** Nellie Meyer
 - **School Site Teachers of the Year** Nellie Meyer
 - **Teacher of the Year Runners-up** Theodosia Ballard & Lili Reeves
- 🌀 **Presentations of the Teachers of the Year**
 - **Elementary School** Bill Freeman
 - **Middle School** Michael Crawford
 - **High School** Philippe Poncey
- 🌀 **Special Recognitions** Sponsoring Organizations
- 🌀 **Concluding Remarks** William Kowba



Welcome Reception & Menu

Co-sponsored by:



Menu

Presented by **Garfield High School ROP Culinary Arts**

- Southeast Salad Rolls with Chicken or Tofu
Served with Peanut or Spicy Ginger Sauce
- Artichoke Cheese Squares
- Eggs Stuffed with Fresh Herb Pesto

Presented by **Morse High School ROP Culinary Arts – The Hungry Tiger Café**

- Reuben Pastry Squares
- Mushroom Strudel
- Crab Crostinis
- Spinach Crêpe Spirals
- Panini Triangles with Smoked Mozzarella, Sundried Tomatoes and Pesto

Presented by **Scripps Ranch High School ROP Culinary Arts**

- Mini Apple Strudel
- Beet Cakes with Cream Cheese Frosting
- Strawberry Swirl Cheesecake
- Flourless Chocolate “Hummus” Cake

Performance by

The Patrick Henry High School Jazz Ensemble



Future Educators Scholars 2010

The Future Educator Scholars Program is a 20-year old program of the San Diego Education Fund. Future Educator Scholars are aspiring teachers who receive five-year scholarships, including mentoring and counseling, in exchange for agreeing to teach in the San Diego Unified School District. Scholars are usually the first in their families to attend college and reflect the diversity of district schools.

Corey Dew
Henry High School

Anika Hamid
Morse High School

Eugene Marble III
Patrick Henry High School

Ismael Perez
Mission Bay High School

Mashin Scholars 2010

The San Diego Education Fund also administers the Mashin Scholarship Program. Two retired teachers, Virginia and Jack Mashin, left an endowment to fund 4-year scholarships for math and science majors.

Thanya De Santiago
Serra High School

Matthew Garrett
Mission Bay High School

Truong Hong
Crawford High Educational Complex

Ahram Rodriquez
Hoover High School

2010 National Board Certified Teachers

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NBPTS is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan and nongovernmental organization. It was formed in 1987 to advance the quality of teaching and learning by developing professional standards for accomplished teaching, creating a voluntary system to certify teachers who meet those standards and integrating certified teachers into educational reform efforts.

Linnea Caldera Miller
Joyner Elementary

Michel Cazary
Garfield Elementary

Alicia Flores
Crawford Educational Complex

Suzie Fore
Serra High School

Sarah Gladd
Montgomery Middle School

Jessica Guy-Smith
Montgomery Middle School

Mary Laiuppa
Clairemont High School and Kearny Complex

Cynthia Larkin
Morse High School

Yvonne Munguia-Lucero
Crown Point Elementary

Cecile Nedellec
Serra High School

Maria Nichols *
Magnet Program Office

Bonnie Paget-Milse *
Dailard Elementary

Brian Pollard
O'Farrell Community School

Becky Reid *
Sunset View Elementary

Kimberly Roberts
Bell Middle School

Kathy Ryan
Fay Elementary

Aimee Sage
Behavior Support Services

Amy Sanders *
Nye Elementary

Joy Schumacher
Dingeman Elementary

Betsy Shirazi *
De Portola Elementary

Jon Strebler *
San Diego School of International Studies

Jessica Touw
Birney Elementary

Quynh Tran
Crown Point Jr. Music Academy

Amanda Turnbull
Relocated-no longer with the District

Dianna Vanderhurst
Wangenheim Middle School

Karen Wroblewski *
Retired

* Recertified

Site Teachers of the Year

Nancy Acosta-Meza

Lafayette Elementary

Lizbeth Albano

Encanto Elementary School

Denise Alejandro

Garfield High School

Susie Anella

Doyle Elementary School

Jennifer Atkinson

Garfield Elementary

Utahna Atwell

Pacific Beach Elementary School

Lisa Bailey

E.B. Scripps Elementary School

Jason Bailow

iHigh Virtual Academy

Kim Barnes

Johnson Elementary School

Megan Barnett *

Hage Elementary School

Marcela Beltran

Normal Heights Elementary School

Dana Benevento

Bethune Elementary School

Christina Berg

School of Creative & Performing Arts

Robyn Bernstein *

Kumeyaay Elementary School

Diane Bladel

Mission Bay High School

James Bloom

Lincoln High - Science & Engineering

Ann Boisvert

Field Elementary School

Carlos Bribiesca

Cesar Chavez Elementary School

Paula Brown

Muirlands Middle School

Noreen Bruno

Linda Vista

Jill Bryson

Webster Elementary School

Jaime Caniff

Carver Elementary School

Cristina Carroll

Silver Gate Elementary School

Summer Catarius *

Marston Middle School

Meagan Champion *

Golden Hill Elementary

Mark Colombo

San Diego High - School of Business

Alycia Concannon

Sherman Elementary

Rick Corlett

Kearny High School - DMD

Thomas Courtney *

Chollas-Mead Elementary School

Nancy Cox

Dingeman Elementary School

Mickey Davenport *

Old Town Program

Robert Dean *

Scripps Ranch - School of Business

Irene Delgado

Green Elementary School

John Denear

Franklin Elementary

* District Teacher of the Year Candidates

Site Teachers of the Year

Amy Denney

Point Loma High School

Gayle Dirkes

Perry Elementary School

Deirdre Fabian

Baker Elementary School

Christina Faudoa

Knox Preparatory School

Rachel Finney

Mt. Everest Academy

Kevin Flynn

Adams Elementary

Michele Fournier

University City High School

Jessica Frichtel *

Kearny High School CTA

Tammy Frumkin

Oak Park Elementary School

Rachel Getzelman

Valencia Park Elementary School

Tom Giaquinto *

Miramar Ranch Elementary School

Gina Goss

Cadman Elementary School

Ed Gough

Morse High School

Nicole Greeley

Juarez Elementary

Mary Griffin

Lee Elementary School

Tim Hensley

Bell Elementary School

Kenneth Herschman

MVAS at Crawford

Gina Honma

McKinley Elementary School

Jill Hornung

Rosa Parks Elementary School

Michelle Houle *

Lindsay Community School

Margarita Idos

Paradise Hills

Ramona Jacobo

Emerson-Bandini Elementary

Mary Jennings

Fletcher Elementary School

Andrew Jensen

Farb Middle School

Janet Jones

San Diego High - International Studies

Maria Kammerzell

Carson Elementary School

Laura Kolk

Wilson Middle School

Emalyn Leppard *

Montgomery Middle School

Santiago Lerma

Hardy Elementary School

Mary Lewis

Roosevelt Middle School

Pam Limneos

Chesterton Elementary School

Robyn Logan

Fulton Elementary School

Rebekah Lugo *

The Language Academy

Mike Maheu *

Mira Mesa High School

* District Teacher of the Year Candidates

Site Teachers of the Year

Carol Manivone

Euclid Elementary School

Mary Martinez

Challenger Middle School

Teri Maxwell

Adapted PE

Deborah McAnulty *

Mark Twain High School

Jessica Meier

Angier Elementary School

Jennifer Merlo *

De Portola Middle School

Kelly Miller

Florence Elementary School

Laurie Miller

Gage Elementary School

Bonnie Milse

Dailard Elementary School

Orelia Moore

Horton Elementary School

Daria Murphy

Alcott Elementary

Maddy Murphy-Cristal

Dewey Elementary School

Tanja Neiner

Barnard Elementary School

Chrissy Niedzwiecki *

Marshall Middle School

Eric Nielsen

Lincoln School of Social Justice

Matthew Oeffling

Hancock Elementary

Kerri Perry

Audubon Elementary School

David Peterson *

Birney Elementary

Donna Pilkington

San Diego MET (Mesa College)

Janice Pingel

Innovation Middle School

Mike Powers

Lincoln School of Public Safety

Jill Prier

TRACE Program

Tina Rasori *

Fay Elementary School

Todd Resley *

Standley Middle School

Megan Richards

James Madison High School

Stacy Robe *

Pershing Middle School

Karen Robinson

Crawford High School IDEA

Jeffrey Sabins

Lincoln School of the Arts

Norma Sandoval *

Hoover High School

Chris Sego

Kearny High School SCT

Ericka Senegar *

Serra High School

Carol Shear

Bird Rock Elementary School

Julie Smith

Foster Elementary

Erika Spillane

Clairemont High School

* District Teacher of the Year Candidates

Site Teachers of the Year

Rhoda Stephens-Yoder

Ericson Elementary School

Phyllis Stevens

Rolando Park Elementary School

Leanne Tanner

Ocean Beach Elementary School

Harvey Tellinghuisen

VAPA Elementary Instructional Music

Rachel Tenenbaum *

La Jolla High School

Debra Thigpen

Jefferson Elementary School

Tim Tischer

ALBA Middle School

Christina Torcellini

Penn Elementary

Kimijo Trout

Rowan Elementary School

Lauren Vacchi

Freese Elementary

Maria Vargas

Euclid Elementary School

Cherilyn Veysey

ALBA High School

Cindy Wasserman *

Herbert Ibarra Elementary

Cathy Watson

Whitman Elementary School

Dave Weaks

Bayview Terrace

Amy Weinheimer

Pacific Beach Middle School

Raeanna Wertz *

Marshall Elementary School

Cindy Wilcken *

Logan Elementary School

Faith Wilson

Crawford High School CHAMPS

Reinaldo Wilson

Kimbrough Elementary School

Nancy Wooten *

Zamorano Fine Arts Academy

Teacher of the Year Semi-Finalists

Tom Giaquinto

Miramar Ranch Elementary School

Christine Niedzwiecki

Marshall Middle School

David Peterson

Birney Elementary School

Deborah McAnulty

Twain High School (Mesa Satellite)

Summer Catarius

Marston Middle School

Rachel Tenenbaum

La Jolla High School

Teacher of the Year Finalists

Thomas Courtney

Chollas/Mead Elementary School

Norma Sandoval

Hoover High School

Rebekah Lugo

The Language Academy

Teacher of the Year Runners Up

Robyn M. Bernstein

4th grade Teacher, Kumeyaay Elementary School

“Mrs. Bernstein is a true example of congruence when it comes to being a teacher. She models the behavior she wants and has a unique ability to bring out the best in all her students. She encourages them, empowers them, teaches them how to think critically and then challenges them. She smothers them with kindness, but challenges them to be independent. She forces them to grow, but at their own pace. She truly enforces the idea of “character development” and often facilitates the growing pains that children of 4th grade go through by teaching about or discussing character, all while teaching students to find some resolution to the disagreement.”

– Gabriel Adona, Counselor/Professor, San Diego Mesa College

Jessica M. Frichtel

9th-12th grade English Teacher, Stanley E. Foster Construction Tech Academy, Kearny Educational Complex

“Jessica Frichtel is a natural leader, and this talent is manifested in the myriad of projects and responsibilities she has undertaken. Mrs. Frichtel has been the lead teacher in charge of the development of the 9th grade interdisciplinary team, the English Language Arts Department chair and the Ladies of CTA Club advisor. She has played a vital role in developing the project-based program at CTA. With her vision and professional expertise, she has been instrumental in establishing meaningful relationships with staff and industry partners to provide our students with relevant, real world experiences that bridge the world of school and the world of work. Mrs. Frichtel cares deeply about all students, is a trustworthy confidante, praiseworthy professional and incredibly effective and caring teacher.”

– Laura B. Bellofatto, Principal, Kearny Construction Tech Academy

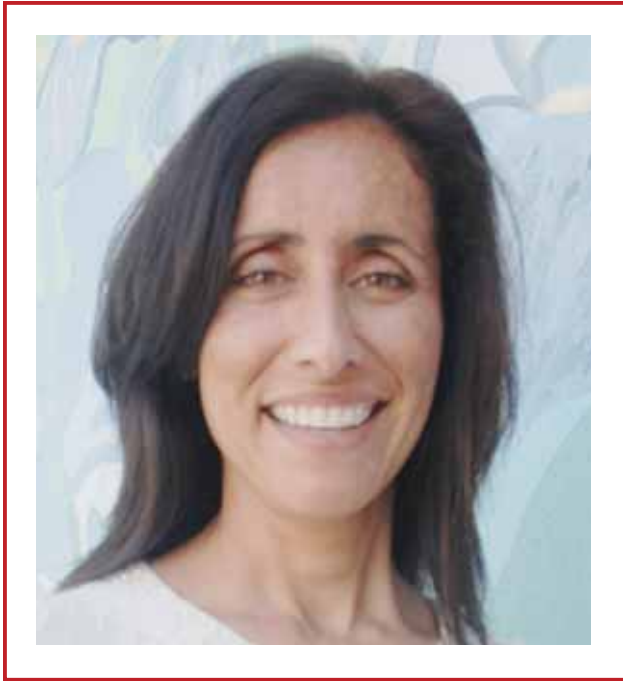
Jennifer Merlo

6th-8th grade English/Reading Support/P.E. Teacher, de Portola Middle School

“Jennifer’s commitment to helping others succeed (even students who are not on her case load) is what sets her apart from most other teachers. She has been a committed leader at our school. Serving on our School Site Council teams, she helped to pour over data and develop plans to address concerns identified. Jennifer has also served on our Instructional Leadership Team where she has been active in helping us design staff development activities. It’s through her help that our API scores increased from 813 last year to 839 this year. Jennifer’s teaching strength is her unyielding drive to help students. Students recognize that she’s there for them and respond to her requests because they know she’s doing it for them. They love her, as do the parents, because she does make a difference in their learning.”

– Elizabeth Gillingham, Principal, de Portola Middle School

Teacher of the Year at the Elementary School Level



Nancy Wooten Zamorano Fine Arts Academy

If you asked Nancy Wooten's mother, she would tell you that Nancy started teaching when she was four years old. As a child, Wooten would gather all the neighborhood kids into her garage to play "school." By the time she reached middle school, she was volunteering in a kindergarten classroom. In high school, she volunteered in a second grade classroom. Even though Wooten began her college studies in Psychology, the desire to become a teacher was "too strong for her to ignore." She switched paths and pursued a Masters Degree in Instructional Leadership. Wooten has been a teacher for more than 20 years, and currently teaches first grade at Zamorano Fine Arts Academy.

The child of immigrant parents from Mexico and Hungary, Wooten was placed in the English Language Learners program when she started school. With English as her second language, she worked hard to become a good student and eventually overcame her language barriers. She attributes her successes to the incredible support she received from her teachers. Today, Wooten feels a very personal connection with her own students who are learning English in their primary years.

Wooten has always followed the sage advice, "Never give up!" She shares this message with her students every day, encouraging them that they can achieve anything, regardless of limitations. Wooten creates a sense of "yearning to learn," inspiring students to become excited about the world around them. She also promotes friendship and camaraderie among her students, allowing her class to move forward as a cohesive unit with every lesson. Walk into her first grade classroom and one can immediately sense her students' respect for her and for each other. In the middle of a lesson, sitting with legs criss-crossed on a large rug, Wooten even encourages her students to release their pent-up energy, but in a productive and less distracting way. First graders gleefully shake their arms in unison, a move designed to express themselves and get other students excited about what they are learning.

Wooten is proud of the opportunities she has been given to personally touch the lives of her students and their families. One student, from a family with eleven children and blind parents that had escaped from Somalia, came to her with no knowledge of how to hold a book properly. That student left her first grade classroom reading at a third grade level and more than ready to excel in the next year. Opportunities like this are what give Wooten a sense of fulfillment each day she steps foot into her classroom.

Wooten is recognized by her colleagues as someone who is constantly striving to improve herself to be the best teacher possible. "I most admire the innate ability she has to touch the lives of her students and make the curriculum meaningful," says former Zamorano administrator, Terri Reid. Wooten earned National Board Certification in 2003, further exemplifying her dedication to teaching excellence.

Wooten earned a B.A. in Psychology with a minor in French from San Diego State University and an M.A. in Instructional Leadership from National University.

Please join San Diego Unified in congratulating Nancy Wooten and her family on her selection as 2010 Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Teacher of the Year at the Middle School Level



Emalyn Leppard Montgomery Middle School

Emalyn Leppard has always been certain that she would teach on an alternative path, although she never thought she would follow in her father's footsteps as a special education teacher. Early in her career, Leppard volunteered for the Linda Vista Leaders, eventually becoming a project director. Leppard worked to keep at-risk middle school students from becoming juvenile delinquents. In her first year as director, Leppard mentored, taught and counseled 40 at-risk students. In 1997, she continued her commitment to the Linda Vista community when she began teaching at Montgomery Middle School. She has been there ever since.

The great African American activist and writer W.E.B. Du Bois once said: "Education must not only teach work - it must teach life," a quote Leppard inte-

grates into her teaching philosophy every day. Leppard believes that every child can learn; there are just different processes and paces appropriate for each student. She thrives on making sure that her students are prepared for real life. She sets up processes that allow each student to feel the magic of their own personal academic success. These moments are what Leppard loves most about teaching -- when understanding one of her lessons translates into a boost in her students' self-confidence and belief that they can achieve just about anything, even if they have to work a little harder to get there.

Leppard often takes her alternative methods of teaching outside of the classroom. Proudly, her students' art work is on display at the San Diego International Airport and at the San Diego County Fair, among other prominent locations, through her partnership with the San Diego Art Institute. Through these projects, Leppard connects with her students on a personal level and encourages them to expand their natural talents.

Administrators and fellow teachers at Montgomery applaud her ability to take learning beyond classroom walls. She coordinates Montgomery's School Community Garden Project, which allows students to work alongside community volunteers. Her efforts to bring in community partners to beautify the garden have given students a place where they can learn about life through reflection and hands-on interaction. She has been praised as dependable, reliable, passionate and committed to her work, which as Principal Jonathon Ton states, "are definitive qualities that embody a solid educator."

Leppard earned a B.A. in Diversified Liberal Arts from the University of San Diego, an M.S. in Organizational Management and Leadership from Spring Field College and an M.A. in Special Education from Azusa Pacific University.

San Diego Unified congratulates Emalyn Leppard and her family on her selection as 2010 Middle School Teacher of the Year.

Teacher of the Year at the High School Level



Ericka Senegar Junipero Serra High School

"I'm in the business of energy, gotta handful of glucose, gonna make me some ATP...I break it down, break it down. I'm in the business of energy. Gotta handful of glucose, gonna make me some ATP...Break it down break it down in the plasm. I'm eating at McDonald's and breakin' it down in the cytoplasm!"

--ATP rap by Ericka Senegar-Mitchell

Ericka Senegar-Mitchell was in junior high school when she found her escape from the violence and poverty of the inner city through the world of science. Her teachers were the basis of influence, inspiring Senegar-Mitchell to continue her passion for science and make a difference in the lives of other struggling minority students. Following a highly successful career in the Biotech industry, Senegar-Mitchell now has more than 14 years of teaching experience under her belt, spending the past three years at Serra High School in Tierrasanta.

Founder of Science in the City (a program that inspires female students to love science) and the

JSBS Biotechnology Workforce Initiative, Senegar-Mitchell designs programs that academically and technically prepare and mentor San Diego's next generation of scientists. To date, she has raised more than \$45,000 in education and industry grants to help students build relationships with professionals in the science industry and participate in job shadows and externships. In response to a research report on high drop-out rates, she is determined to motivate students to stay in school, pursue higher education and work harder toward their dreams.

Exploring science in Senegar-Mitchell's classroom means embracing less conventional methods of teaching. Students practice their best Mitosis dance moves, recite a creative t-RNA rap song and discover DNA from a mock crime scene. This dynamic learning environment is one of a kind in the world of science.

As the national spokesperson for the Biotechnology Institute and as a participant in more than 60 professional development activities, Senegar-Mitchell takes every opportunity to study trends in education. She is constantly in search of new ways to support her students. Most recently, Senegar-Mitchell earned the 2010 Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence, a \$10,000 award. She is one of only 34 recipients in the world.

"To the parents of the students, Ericka is a gem," says Janet Green, Scripps Mercy Hospital Clinical Laboratory Scientist and Serra High School parent. "She is energetic, tireless, imaginative and caring. She lives and breathes teaching and we are blessed to have her at Serra High School."

Senegar-Mitchell earned a B.S. in Biochemistry from Loyola Marymount University, a B.S. in Biology from California State University, Dominguez Hills, a teaching credential in Biological Sciences and Chemistry from California State University, Fullerton, and an M.A. in Education Psychology from Chapman University.

San Diego Unified congratulates Ericka Senegar-Mitchell and her family on her selection as 2010 High School Teacher of the Year.

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Teacher of the Year Selection Committee:

Theodosia Ballard, John Rick, Lili Reeves,
Bill Freeman, Michael Crawford,
Philippe Poncey

Montgomery Middle School

The Staff and Students
(Jonathan Ton, principal)

Garfield High School

ROP Culinary Arts Program
(Arlyn Hackett, teacher)

Morse High School

ROP Culinary Arts Program – The Hungry
Tiger (Sara Smith, teacher)

Scripps Ranch School

ROP Culinary Arts Program
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Jazz Ensemble
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Kearny High School

Digital Media & Design class
(Rick Corlett, teacher)

Kearny High Educational Complex JROTC

(Col. Tim Swann (retired.), senior military
instructor)

CPMA

Andres Jaramillo, soloist.
(Sara Spafford, teacher)

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