

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dale Wood



Spring is almost upon us and we Eden Islanders have begun to "dewinterize." We are mowing our lawns, planting flowers, pressure washing our decks and uncovering our boats. In this season of renewal, I hope that our individual fresh starts will include a commitment to our neighbors and our neighborhood.

There are two important ways in which you can show that you care about your neighborhood. First, you can support the Eden Isles Homeowners' Association financially. ANNUAL dues for the Homeowners' Association are ONLY \$20 per household. Did you know that the Homeowners' Association saved you more than the \$20 of annual dues in its renegotiation of the last garbage pickup contract? Yes it's true! Waste Management wanted to increase your garbage pickup fees by \$2 per month over what the fee is now. It was YOUR Homeowners' Association that saved you \$24 in garbage pick up fees. Isn't that incentive enough for you to pay your dues if you haven't already.

GREENFORCE fees are only \$35 per year. With these fees your Homeowners' Association cuts the grass and maintains the trees on the Boulevard and in the neighborhood's common areas. Yes we could let the Parish maintain these areas, but they would only cut the areas four times a year and they wouldn't maintain the trees the signage. The Homeowners' Association cuts the grass FOURTEEN times a year. We plant trees and we maintain

the signage. Surely, \$35 a year is a small price to pay for the service you are getting. THIS IS LESS THAN 10 CENTS PER DAY!

A contribution to the LEGAL FUND is voluntary. Your Homeowners' Association is working hard to protect your property values. Legal Fund contributions are dedicated to stopping the Oak Harbor developers from building projects adjacent to Eden Isles that will devalue our properties, increase traffic on our streets and potentially increase crime in the area.

Your Homeowners' Association has made great strides in this arena. Since intervening in the lawsuit between the Oak Harbor developers and the Parish, we have gotten our concerns expressed in the press five times. Additionally, the Oak Harbor developers have agreed to consider deed restrictions against building certain types of projects.

The voluntary contributions to the LEGAL FUND have helped fund our efforts. We need more help though! A \$100 contribution may save you thousands of dollars in maintaining or increasing the value of your home. Stand up for your neighborhood and protect your property values! Please support the LEGAL FUND with a voluntary contribution.

Beyond financial support, the second most important way of showing that you care about your neighborhood is by respecting the covenants that you signed when you bought your house. What are these covenants? They are the RULES that we agreed to live by in this neighborhood. These rules were developed for your benefit, i.e: the peaceable, possession and enjoyment of your home!!

Don't know what your covenants are? Call me at 781-2272 and I'll arrange to get you a copy.

I have begun an initiative to insure that our covenants are strongly enforced. Part of the initiative involves asking the Parish to incorporate a mediation process for our neighborhood covenants into their Parish code enforcement process.

You can help with this initiative by simply complying with the covenants in your area.

Here are some quick suggestions for moving ahead in complying with our covenants -

LET'S STOP PARKING CARS,

TRAILERS AND "THINGS" IN OUR STREETS!! Not only is it unsightly, but it's a hazard! There are children playing in our streets and it's just a matter of time before a child is seriously injured or killed because they darted from behind an object parked in the street!!

LET'S STOP BUILDING BOAT DOCKS AND BOAT HOUSES THAT DON'T TAKE OUR NEIGHBORS OR BOATERS INTO ACCOUNT!!

Sure, you own halfway into the water behind your house, BUT you agreed in your covenants NOT to restrict the use of the waterways. Think about your neighbors!! Does your dock project hinder the ability to navigate the waterway or inhibit your neighbor's ability to enjoy the natural beauty associated with living in a waterfront community?

LET'S REMOVE OUR "STUFF" FROM THE COMMON AREAS!!

Boat trailers, basketball goals, swing sets, cars, etc. do not belong on the common areas. The common areas were designed to provide green space in our neighborhood. They were not designed to provide permanent dumping grounds for things that residents won't put in their own yards.

Put that boat trailer in storage! Get a portable basketball goal! Put that swing set in your yard! Donate that old car to a charity! DO SOMETHING but don't burden your neighbors with YOUR "stuff!"

In closing, my message is simple. SUPPORT YOUR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION AND SUPPORT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD'S COVENANTS. They both contribute greatly to maintaining the unique way of life in Eden Isles.

(A membership contribution form can be found in this publication.)

HOMEOWNERS MEETING

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Tammany Yacht Club

7:00 PM

www.EIHOA.com

An Open Letter from the Association's Historian to Joe "Coach" Thomas, Wayne Collier, The Planning and Zoning Commission and The Parish Council

At the informational meeting held on Thursday, March 8, 2001, concerning the Oak Harbor development, the developer's attorney stated that Eden Isles Homeowners' Association supported the original PUD, and gave the impression that their development has benefited Eden Isles. I wish to take exception to that statement.

I was at the Eden Isles Homeowners' Association meeting during the 1988 time frame when Landmark Land was proposing the PUD, and the Homeowners' Association did not support the PUD.

When the original developer went bankrupt and the bank sold the undeveloped Eden Isles property to Landmark Land Co., Eden Isles was a self-sufficient, thriving community with its own clubhouse, golf course, marina, paved streets, with sewer and water.

Landmark did not consult with the existing residents of Eden Isles when they developed their PUD. It wasn't until Landmark submitted their plans to the Parish that we discovered that Landmark proposed a direct flow of traffic from the I-10 interchange into Eden Isles Drive. The Eden Isles Homeowners' Association strongly objected to this traffic configuration.

Fearing the I-10 interchange would be built at Fremaux instead of Eden Isles, Landmark agreed to make the following concessions in exchange for dropping our objections to the I-10 interchange. Landmark agreed to change the I-10 configuration to flow directly into Oak Harbor Drive, instead of Eden Isles Drive. They agreed to make Oak Harbor Boulevard a four lane, 35 miles per from I-10 to Hwy. 11. They also agreed not to build any homes adjacent to Oak Harbor Boulevard that would impede traffic flow.

Based upon Landmark Land's promises, the Eden Isles Homeowners' Association dropped their objections. We did not approve or support Landmark's PUD, we simply dropped our objections based upon their promises.

Once Landmark succeeded in getting Parish approval of the I-10 interchange and their PUD, they broke their promises. Landmark did the following to inflict harm to the existing residents of the development.

1. Landmark destroyed and covered up our "Eden Isles Golf Course."
2. Burned down our "Eden Isles Clubhouse."
3. Changed the name of the development from Eden Isles to Oak Harbor.
4. Changed the name of our existing Eden Isles Marina to the Oak Harbor Marina.
5. Changed the subdivision name on our existing water tower from Eden Isles to Oak Harbor.

6. Designed Oak Harbor Blvd. to discourage its use as the main connection between I-10 and Hwy. 11, by reducing it to two lanes and 25 miles per hour, developing commercial lots adjacent to the Blvd. and extending its length to approximately three times the distance of the Eden Isles connection.
7. Tied into our existing sewer and water system and tried to increase rates to pay for their new development.

In summary, the new Oak Harbor development has not improved the existing Eden Isles development. The Oak Harbor development has increased traffic along Eden Isles Drive, diminished the name "Eden Isles" as a quality development by removing its name from all major amities, is attempting to construct unrestricted commercial development at the entrance to our community.

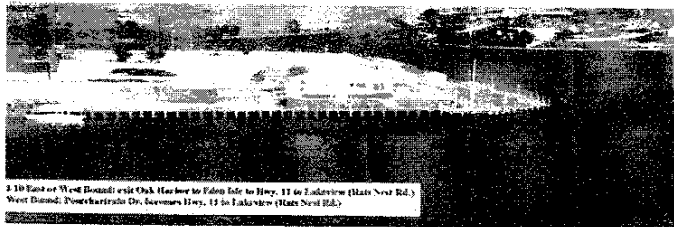
I hope this sets the record straight.

It is my hope that you will see through these half-truths and vote to support the residents of your district.

Sincerely,

Thomas Thompson, Historian
Eden Isles Homeowners's Association

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Neighborhood Watch Update Lady Beware

I spoke to Officer Jospheh Way, and was told they are rescheduling the Lady Beware Program either the first or second week in May, with a lean towards the second week. I will be contacting those ladies that have given me their names as wishing to take part; the classes will begin at 6:30 PM and usually run for about 3 hours. This will be from Monday to Thursday nights, with Friday being target practice during the day (yes, with real guns). Certificates of completion will be given out Thursday night after class.

Now that Mardi Gras is over, I also wish to restart having the Neighborhood Watch meetings. I have some names that were given to me last year of those of you interested, and will be calling some of you to use your homes as a location. We find the attendance is much higher when the seminar is kept close, and these meetings usually run about 2 hours. This is just for your neighbors and friends, so don't be afraid to offer your help.

I plan to continue my involvement in this program, because, I believe quality is better than quantity, and lets hope we continue to live peacefully, enjoying our little part of heaven!

Thanks for participating,

Marian Bencke, Neighborhood Watch Co-ordinator
9-4318

IN MEMORIAM

Joe Braud (Eden Isles Boulevard) and Shirley Hess (Moonraker) passed away. They will be missed by family, neighbors, and friends.

TAX TIP by M. Dale Wood Jr., CPA, MS* (* - in Taxation)

For certain non-cash charitable contributions (boats, cars, etc.) the amount of the deduction allowed on your tax form is the LOWER OF the amount you paid for the item or the item's fair market value.

In other words, that ten year old car that you were going to donate can only be deducted based upon it's fair market value, NOT what you paid for the car.

CRIME REPORT

As we told you in the last Eden Islander, the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office has installed a new computer system for reporting crimes by neighborhood.

We hoped that information would have been available for reproduction in this Eden Islander. However, it was not. If the computer system is fully functional by our next issue, we will begin reporting the data to you then.

WARNING TO BOATERS

All waterways in Eden Isles, including Moonraker Lake and Moonraker Canal have a speed limit of five miles per hour. According to Coast Guard regulations, any water craft causing wake damage to boats or bulkheads, may be held liable. Residents are asked to call St. Tammany Sheriff's Water Patrol 646-4100, for any violations.

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Your Eden Islander is numbered (see the back cover). We will randomly select a valid number between 1 and 1100 just prior to the Association's general membership meeting on March 27.

If you are present at the meeting, have the winning copy of the Eden Islander in your possession and have paid your membership dues and GREENFORCE fees - YOU WIN!

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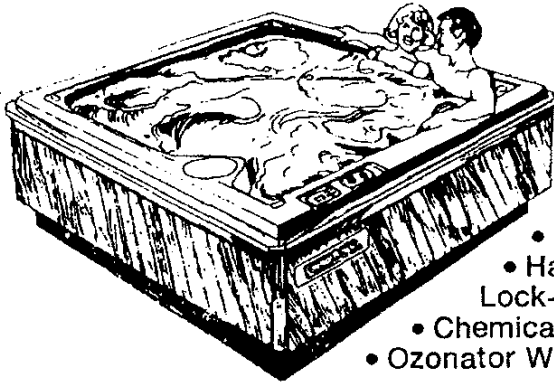
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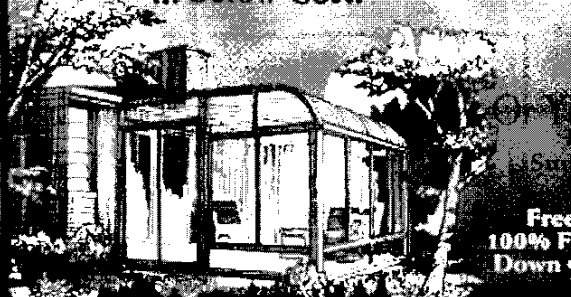
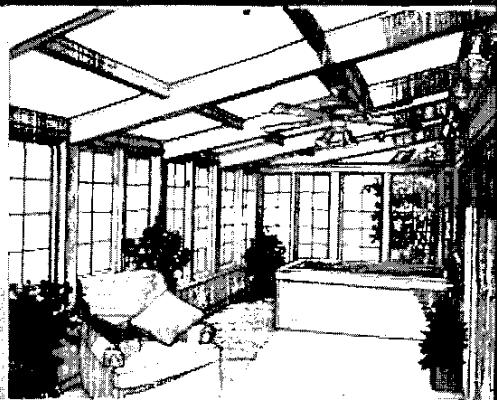
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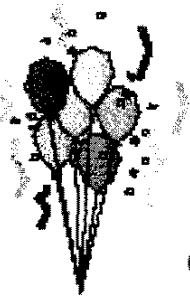
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Garden Club

Pam White

Spring has sprung quickly in Eden Isles, with cool nights and glorious days. The occasional rainfall has everything busting out all over. And as Mother Nature gets busy on her spring activities, so do the ladies of the Eden Isles Garden Club.

In mid-January, the ladies attended a wonderful herb luncheon, presented by Linda Franzio of the Passionate Platter, here in Slidell. We were given the opportunity to learn more about cooking with herbs as Ms. Franzio prepared our meal as we watched, then we got to sample all the goodies we had learned about. This has pretty much become an annual event with our club, always eagerly anticipated and much enjoyed.

Our February meeting was co-hosted by members June Collins, Gloria Accardo, Marie Perret, Myrlene Robinson, and Linda Triay. After the business meeting, Nell Forstall gave a brief demonstration about how to root cuttings, and then members were treated to a Mardi Gras picnic of hot dogs with all the trimmings, potato salad, and king cake, of course.

The February field trip for our ladies was a day at the races--the horse races to be exact. Members, spouses, and friends headed to the New Orleans Fairgrounds for an afternoon of food and racing, even having one of the races dedicated to our club. Great fun was had by all who attended, although I'm not so sure many of us returned home as actual winners!

The major spring activity for our garden club members is always the annual spring flower show, which will be held this year at the city auditorium on April 6th. The show is free and open to the public between 1:00 and 5:00 pm that day. The theme of the show this year is "Superstitions", and there will be plenty to see--exhibits in flower design and horticulture, arts and crafts and educational exhibits. There is also a plant sale held next door in the Recreation Center all day long, with plenty of variety and reasonable prices. The ladies of Eden Isles Garden Club have walked away with the top honor of the show--the Mayor's Trophy--for the last 5 years, so come on out and see if we can do it one more time!

In preparation for the flower show, a workshop was held on February 8th at the Recreation Center. Mary MaHaffey of Folsom gave a wonderful demonstration on design ideas for the show, with emphasis on the mechanics of how to put together a creative flower design. Pam White of Eden Isles Garden Club gave a brief demonstration of how to prepare both cut specimens and potted plants for entry in the horticulture division, and Marion Finnin of Magnolia Forest Garden Club, presented ideas and examples of the various designs to be shown in the Arts and Crafts exhibits.

The March meeting was co-hosted by members Linda Palisi, Edwana Bourgeois, Nunny Levis, and Kathy Schrieffer. After the business meeting, a guest

speaker from the New Orleans Extension Service gave a brief presentation on termites and the danger they pose to our homes. Members enjoyed a meal of soup, salad, bread pudding and brownies, then settled in for the annual white elephant sale.

Upcoming events in March include the Mississippi Gulf Coast Pilgrimage, going on March 8-17. On March 21, the Annual art in Bloom Exhibit is open to the public at the New Orleans Museum of Art in City Park. Watch your local papers for further details.

No yards were judged in February. Instead committee members Hilda Vaughn, Marion Frosio, and Yvon Molinary judged Mardi Gras decorations. Instead of picking winners, they decided to identify those homes which went all out to bring the spirit of Mardi Gras to our area. Those selected included: 400 Windward Passage, 110 Ondine Lane, 146 Eden Isles Drive, 104 Lakelawn Drive, 160 Pebble Beach Drive 162 Pebble Beach Drive, 163 Pebble Beach Drive, 165 Pebble Beach Drive, 123 Columbia Place, 107 Brushfire Lane, 423 Charles Court, 425 Charles Court, 102 Weatherly Cove, and 114 Weatherly Cove. Thanks to all of you.

Yards were judged on March 6, with the following homes taking the honors. 1st Place was 109 Sirius Lane, 2nd Place was 173 Pebble Beach Drive and 3rd Place was 109 Rampage Loop, and Honorable Mention was 110 Sirius Lane. Congratulations to you all, and may your competition be stiff next month.

In April, relandscaping of the Hwy. 11 entrance will begin. With a very generous donation from the Homeowners' Association and input from the Master Gardeners in the Garden Club, a total renovation of the beds around the anchor and across from the front of the guardhouse will take place. The emphasis will be on creating a unified design and continuous color for most of the year. We hope you will like the changes you see taking place as we work together to try to beautify our subdivision.

On April 21st, the Homeowners' Association is hosting it's annual Poker Run. Members of the Garden Club will once again be raffling off their Liquor Basket. Tickets are available at a cost of \$1 each or 6 for \$5 from any garden club member before the poker run, and a booth will be set up at the poker run to sell tickets that day. The winner will be announced at the end of the poker run. We hope to see you there.

Finally, club members and their families turned out for "A Pink Odyssey" at the home of New Orleans author Ann Rice. It was a charity event benefiting the Breast Cancer Task Force, and tickets were purchased by the club as one of their annual charitable donations.



Herb Luncheon at The Passionate Platter



February Hostesses: Myrlene Robinson, Gloria Accardo, Linda Triay and Marie Perrett.



Members Attend a Day at the Races



Mary MaHaffey gives a demonstration on design.



Nell Forstall gives a demonstration on how to root cuttings.



Flower Show Committee Chairladies, Missy Penton, Juanita Gibbs and Pam White.

SMALL BOATS CAN BE BIG TROUBLE



March Hostesses: Edwana Bougeois, Linda Palisi, Nunny Levis and Kathy Schrieffer.



March Garden of the Month



A Pink Odyssey at the home of Ann Rice. Guests include, Phyllis Mitts, Marie Perret, Ann Courrage, Yvon Molinary, Terry Mitts, George and Peggy Chiasson, George, Jessie and Georgia Molinary, not shown is Linda Terrell.

Let's talk some plain talk. Staying in a small boat is harder than staying in a large boat. It's simply much easier to fall out of a small boat. And the goal is, after all, staying in the boat. The formula for keeping yourself and a small boat upright is pretty basic:

- Keep your shoulders inside the gunwales (side rail/edges) of the boat while keeping your weight (center of gravity) as low as possible. Ignore either of these two rules and the odds of capsizing your boat or falling overboard are increased.

- Obviously, people move about in boats, but a boater should learn how to do this safely by counterbalancing and maintaining three points of contact at all times. Just like a stable three-legged stool, a boater should maintain balance by keeping both hands and one foot, or two feet and one hand in contact with the boat at all times.

- If something falls out of the boat, don't reach out for it. Instead, move the boat closer to the object so you can reach it without leaning your shoulders (and moving your center of gravity) outside of the boat.

Many of you may be saying to yourselves, "This is an insult to my intelligence. Anyone who's ever gotten in a small boat knows this intuitively, or learns it in the first 5 minutes." The goal is not to get anyone 'riled up;' the primary purpose of this column is to prevent boating injuries and loss of life, and the statistics suggest that either many do NOT know this information, or they are not utilizing it.

So let's look at how people lose their lives in boating accidents. Coast Guard statistics for 1999 indicate that more than 60% of boating fatalities result from capsizing, falling overboard or flooding/swamping. Many victims are men 26-50 years of age who are anglers in small open boats. Boat length is usually 16 feet or less, so the boat is often described as small, unstable, and unsafe. The boat is defined as the problem. Well, we already know that the vast majority of drowning victims are NOT wearing life jackets and most situations involve boaters who have no formal boating education. So, in actuality, it is people operating small boats who are responsible, not the boats themselves.

Small boats don't capsize and cause falls overboard by themselves. Learning balance and movement skills under controlled conditions can make outings more fun and reduce the risk of danger. Wearing your life jacket will provide extra security for mishaps caused by others or outside forces, such as the wakes of other boats. Safely operated, small open boats can provide hours of enjoyment for just cruising on the waterways or as a hunting or fishing platform. It is up to the boater to stay in the boat, upright and dry.

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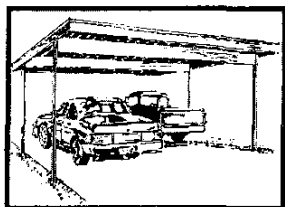
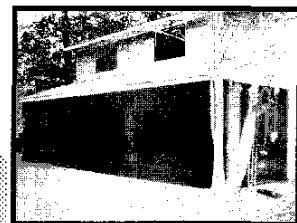


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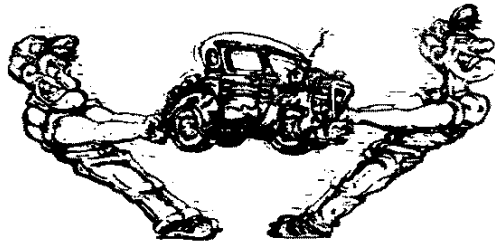
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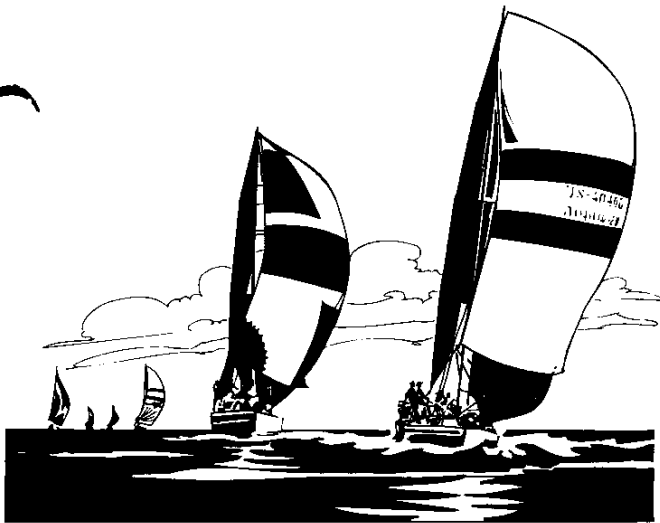
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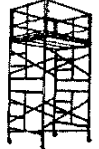
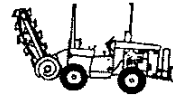
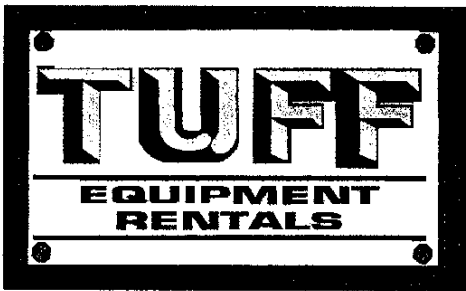
Tammany Yacht Club sponsors a series of yacht races on Wednesday night every spring. These races are open to every sailboat over 21' and every sailor interested in participating. No yacht club affiliation is required. Race registration will be held on Wednesday night, March 28 at Tammany Yacht Club. When the boats are registered, the race committee will determine what the classes (groups) will be, but generally speaking, there

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Starting Wednesday, April 4th, a race will be held each Wednesday (barring inclement weather) through May 2nd. Many of the sailors congregate at the club and at the club pier around 6:00 on Wednesdays and the races start at 7:00. The races are held in the area between the Highway 11 bridge and the Interstate 10 twin spans. After the finish, the yacht club is open to everyone and race results are announced. The scoring is accomplished using the PHRF handicapping system. If you are not familiar with the system, it is designed to handicap faster boats to theoretically eliminate the advantage of an inherently faster boat design, thereby testing each racer's skill on the race course. If you do not have a PHRF certificate, the race committee will assign your boat a handicap.

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You may leave a message at Tammany Yacht Club for the race committee by calling 629-5222, or, email the webmaster at www.tammany yachtclub.org. Either way, Tammany Yacht Club invites you to come enjoy boating this spring!



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