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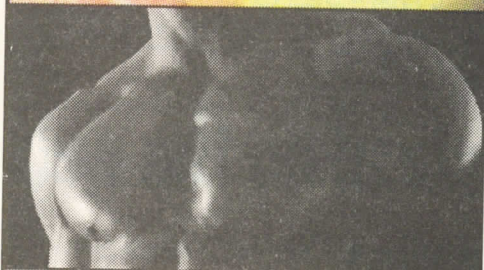
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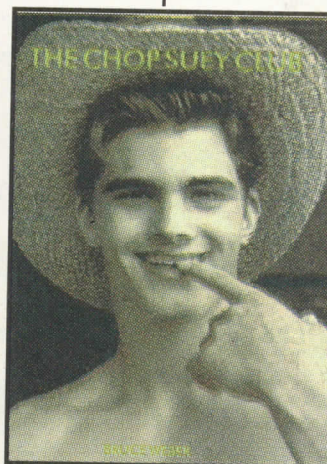
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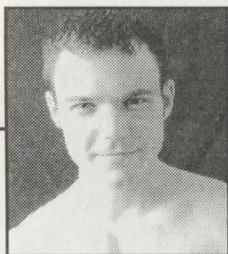
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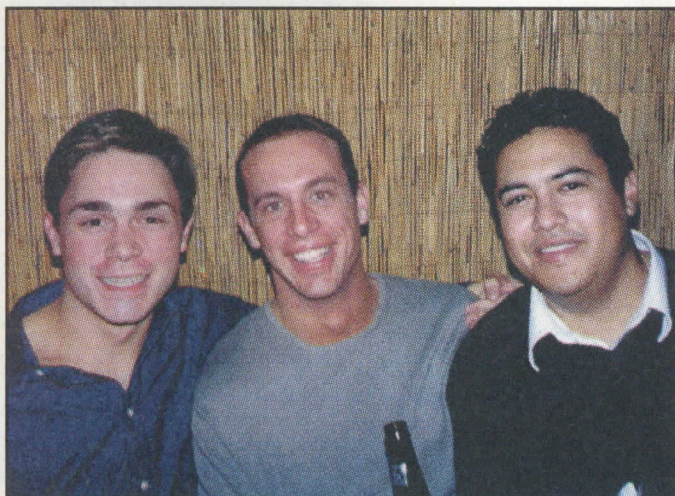
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scene and heard

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by mark goebel



Unhinged Productions, a gay theater company, recently provided a new twist on the traditional fund-raiser. On Feb 12, Unhinged flew in New York resident **DJ STEVE TRAVOLTA** and had him set the tone for an evening of old school Hollywood glamour. A \$20 donation gave you access to the upstairs bar area at **RICH'S**, where Unhinged bought the drinks and let you watch the superpowers of fashion battle it out for your wallet. Designers like Versace, Dolce & Gabbano, Macho Galindo had their best flaunted during the show to help raise funds for the theater. Unhinged Productions presents **WALKING THE DEAD** beginning Feb. 18 at Atomic Café. Call 713-398-7577 for more information.

Speaking of Rich's, there is a rumor floating around that they will be hosting **MR. GAY USA** on Aug. 6. My sources say so far there are more than 50 hot young guys from across the country set to arrive in Houston, ready to wrestle it out

to pin down that title. Keep it posted here for more specifics.

Casually elegant downtown club **TONIC** celebrated it's one-year anniversary this month. Tonic went through a tremendous remodel late last year, and the results were incredible. To keep the momentum rolling, and to show off their tremendous style, Tonic has kicked off a whole slew of events to keep the hip and trendy flocking to the club. The most note-worthy places popular **DJ MIKE SNOW** at the helm, with his soul-shaking grooves shipped in for Sundays' "Redemption." Doors open at 9 p.m., with no cover and affordable drink specials. Tonic's located at 310 Main, between Preston and Congress. Call 713-228-7978.

SCOOBY-DOO CREW hosts another rave on Feb 26. The Crew will be mowing down whatever is currently located at **THE HANGER**, 3333 Polk (at Roberts), and putting up the set for **RETURN TO SHANGRI-LA**—an absolute festival of House, Trance, Techno, Electro and Jungle. There will be four areas of music to assault your ear drums, a 100,000-watt sound system and more than



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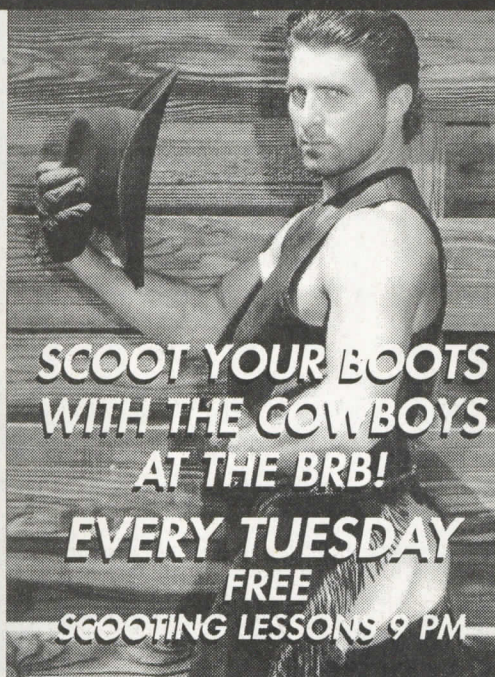
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20 DJs and artists from around the globe. The line up includes **EDDIE AMADOR**, from Yoshi Toshi Records in Los Angeles, **DOC MARTIN** and **IDJUT BOYS** from the United Kingdom. Pre-event tickets are \$20 at **CHEMISTRY RECORDS** (713-521-4797). Tickets at the door will be \$25. Check out www.scoobydoocrew.org for details, or call 800-625-0224.

Leather guru **KEN CLAUDE** has formed a new leather/levi/uniform club. **HOUSTON LEATHER ALLIANCE (HLA)** is a pan-sexual association—everyone from gay men to straight women is welcome. Besides its open door policy on sexuality, HLA also stresses safe, responsible play among consenting adults when playing it ruff in leather. For more information: kenc@neosoft.com or HLA, P.O. Box 66730, Houston, Texas 77266.

NIGHT IN BLACK LEATHER returns March 24 with its kick-off party at **VENTURE-N** and continues on March 25. A silent auction will be held both nights, with proceeds going to **BODY POSITIVE WELLNESS CENTER**. If you have items to donate for the auction, contact **DON GILL** at 713-521-0911

Now that you know about upcoming leather events, where do you go to get the gear? The grand opening of the second location of **BLACK HAWK LEATHER** is this weekend. The new store, 3814 S. Shepherd. opens at the same time the location inside Venture-N celebrates its second anniversary. To help celebrate, owners Bob and Kim will host demonstrations at both locations. A custom whip maker will be on hand, teaching "leather etiquette" as well as demonstrating the basics of using a whip. For more information: blkhwlthr@aol.com or 713-LEATHER.

There are a ton of great people that have birthdays this month, including Darlene at **DECADES**, **BILL HARVARD**, **PHILLIP KNOWLTON** at **PROJECT CAESAR** and Mr. Fantastic at **EVOLVE**. Thanks for keeping Houston's nightlife new and interesting. Gimme a shout at markg@coolmail.net, and let me know your favorite place to hang.

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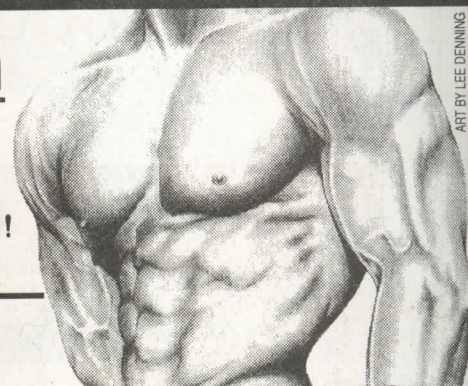
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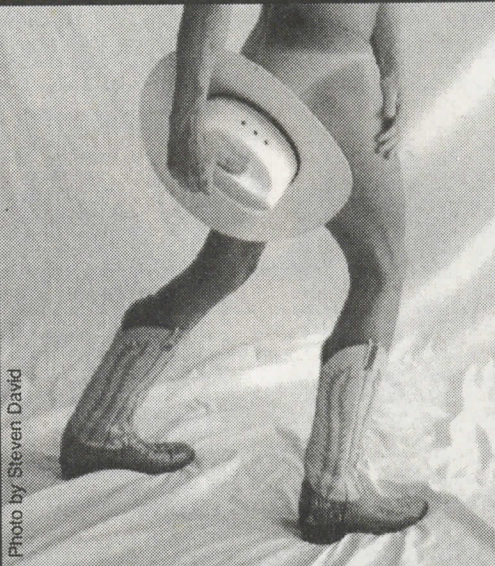
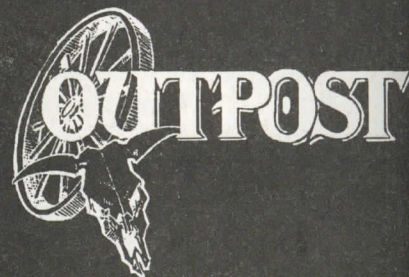


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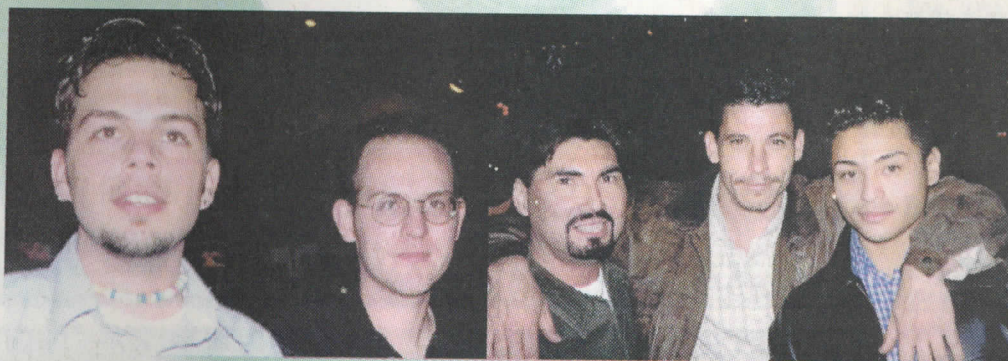
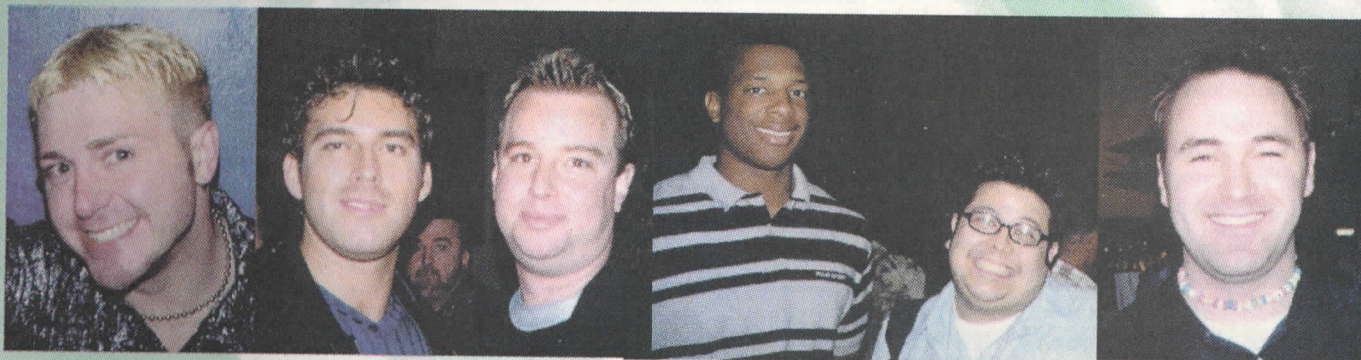
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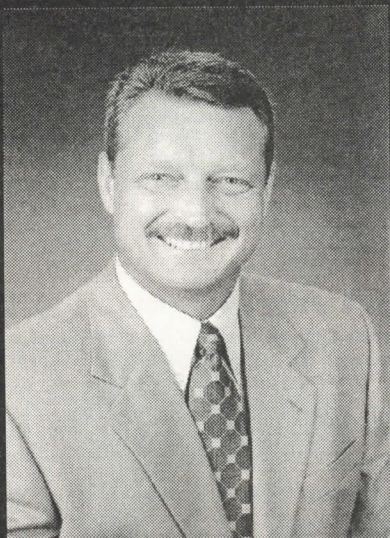
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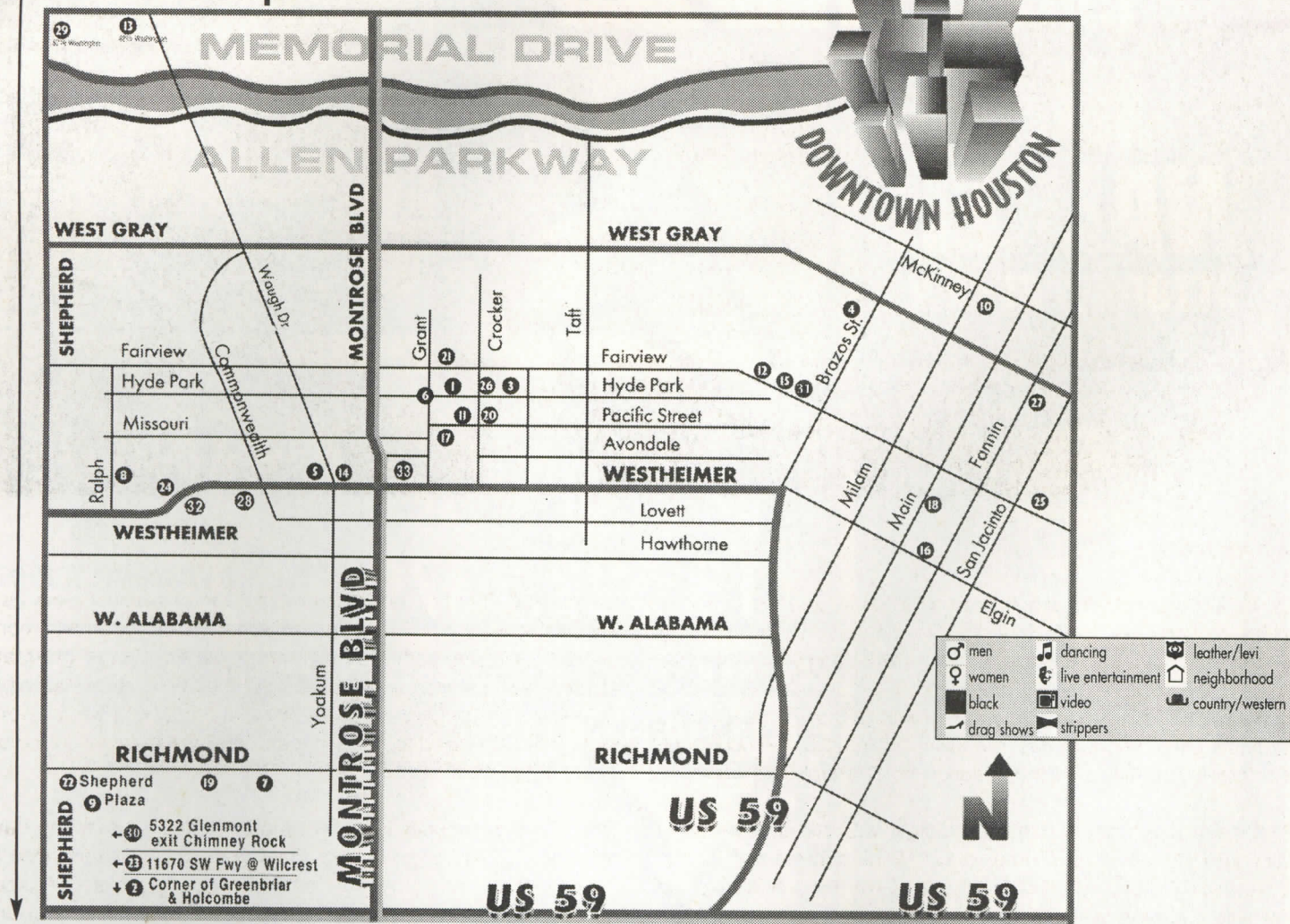
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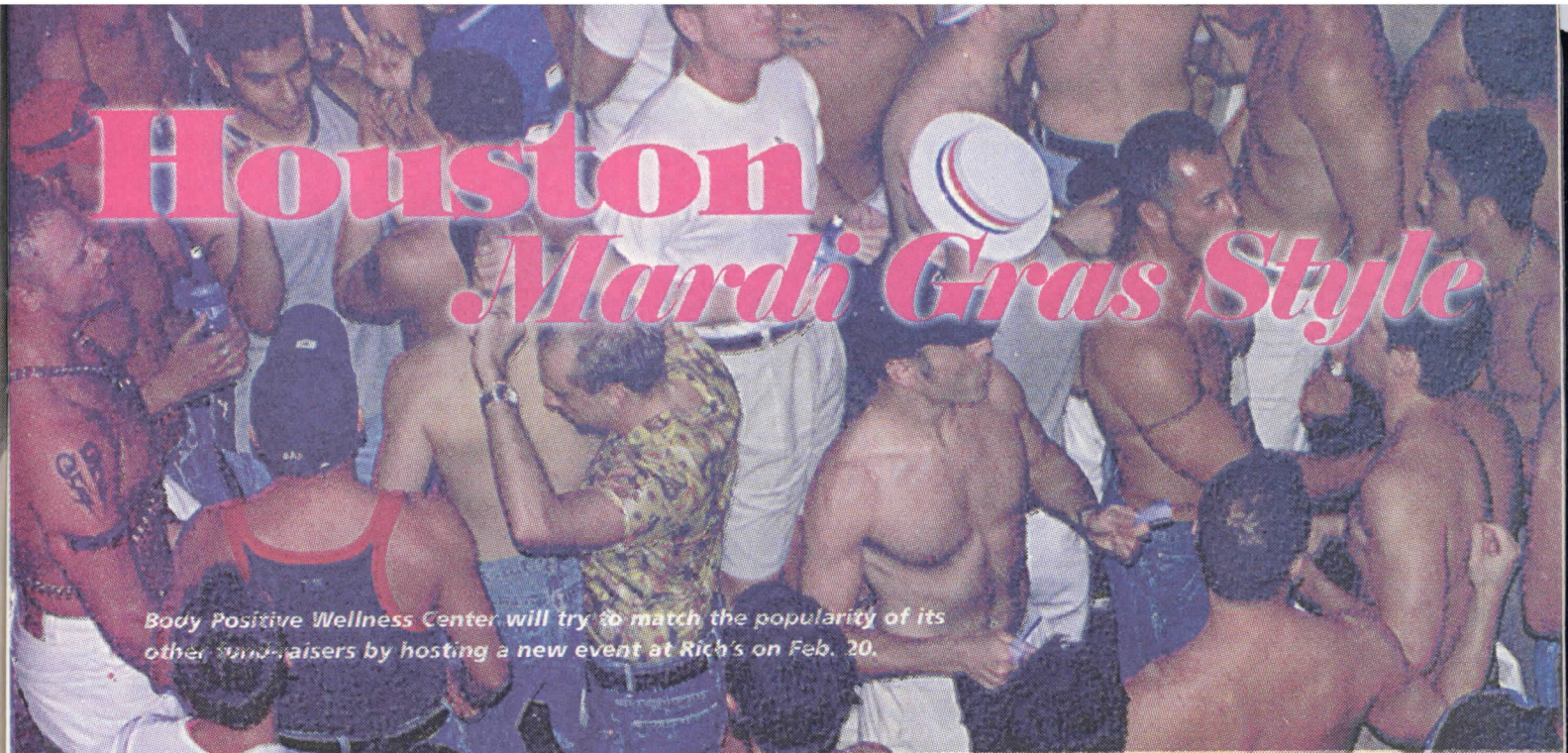
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Houston *Mardi Gras Style*

Body Positive Wellness Center will try to match the popularity of its other fund-raisers by hosting a new event at Rich's on Feb. 20.

by mark goebel

The center known for its popular "Big Bang" fund-raisers on July 4 is taking on something new: Body Positive Wellness Center will host "Mardi Gras Madness Masquerade Ball-2000" on Feb. 20 at Rich's.

Last year, "Big Bang" raised more than \$38,000 and earned kudos for hosting the best fund-raiser in town. On Feb. 20, the center will join forces with Rich's Sunday T-dance for its Mardi Gras event.

Rich's will rock from 4 p.m. to midnight with the sounds of DJ Michael Tank, a regular spinner at both Pacific Street and Rich's. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10. Proceeds from the event go to the wellness center.

The funds will help the center in its mission to supply supervised exercise sessions and nutritional counseling to people with HIV/AIDS to help combat wasting syndrome and lipodystrophy. The center also offers massage therapy, chiropractic care, stress management classes, peer counseling and wellness seminars to its clients. More than 70 percent of the center's clients see improvements in lean body mass, energy levels, strength and overall quality of life, according to center officials.

"The wellness center is about teaching people living with HIV how to take care of themselves through nutrition, exercise and other mind-body programs" said Pete Sharpe, president of Body Positive. "We rely primarily on the community's support. Many of our friends are surviving this illness, but their quality of life has not improved with the new drugs. We are trying to change that."

Some 260 clients have taken advantage of the wellness center facilities since it opened in June 1998—80 have completed its three-month core program. When clients graduate from sessions with a personal trainer and nutrition counseling, they are encouraged to continue visiting the gym for workouts, nutrition advice, massages and visits to a chiropractor, according to the center.

The entire community is invited to the Mardi Gras event to have fun and support a good cause, Sharpe said. Organizers hope to raise \$10,000 and attract more than 800 party-goers. Costumes are encouraged and a contest will be held to pick the best and award prizes. The event will also feature free Tarot card readings by So Rong Sisters, as well as discounted drink specials offered through the night.

"The Mardi Gras Madness Masquerade Ball" will undoubtedly be a party everybody will remember," said Nelson Vergel, an organizer of the event. "What the 'Big Bang Party' is for the Fourth of July, the Mardi Gras Madness Masquerade Ball will be for Mardi Gras festivities in Houston in this new millennium. Together with Rich's, we will show once again that the Houston community knows how to have a great time while supporting a great cause."

Mardi Gras Madness Masquerade Ball

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