

By Skip Myslenski & Linda Kay

A club-throwing contest may be a rousing way to open a celebrity golf tournament, but it failed to make points last year with the folks who operate the course at the Lincolnshire Marriott. Jimbo Covert, who chaired the event on behalf of St. Joseph's Hospital and who tossed the first club, defoliated a tree in the process. Club-throwing was thereafter banned, and this year the St. Joseph's Associates had to come up with a tamer way to raise money to fight cancer. To that end, they've convinced Diana Ditka to take on all comers in a long-drive contest preceding the July 8 tournament and will give anyone who outhits Mike Ditka's wife a button that says: "I beat Ditka." Covert, who is chairing the tourney again, would probably like to take that memento to Platteville.

## Down, but not out

The U.S. women's volleyball team arrived in Havana Wednesday to compete for one of eight berths in next year's Olympic field. The team is minus Keba Phipps, who is 17 and the youngest player on the squad. She is still fighting malaria, which team officials believe she caught when the women last visited Cuba in February. Phipps was hospitalized for the illness briefly, but felt strong enough to play a five-city exhibition tour against the Soviets at the end of May. She was on the court when the tour hit Chicago but called it quits a few days later and has not practiced

## Everyone wants a piece

Andy Warhol once proclaimed that everyone will enjoy 15 minutes of fame, but Andre Dawson is busy belying that familiar old saw. The spotlight settled on him when he reported to spring training, and its glare has only intensified as he ripped his way through the first third of the season. He has talked with Marv Albert before NBC's "Saturday Game of the Week," been filmed by a crew from ABC's "World News Tonight" and been interviewed by Roy Firestone on ESPN's "SportsLook." He has appeared on the cover of the Sporting News and been tailed by Sports Illustrated for nearly a month now. There have been major features or columns on him in every city the Cubs have visited, and here is the way a few of his days went during the current homestand. On one afternoon, he went from being interviewed by Channel 2 to being interviewed by Channel 5 to being interviewed by the New York Times to being interviewed by a freelance writer. ("We're giving away prizes for the first original question of the month," Cub public relations director Ned Colletti needled Channel 2's Susan Wallace.) "Wide World of Sports" dropped by the next afternoon and, the day following, it was another round with Sports Illustrated. (The magazine planned to publish its Dawson story some weeks ago, but it was bumped by one on Bob Horner's histrionics in Japan.) And how is Dawson handling all this attention? With grace and one reasonable request: that he not be disturbed once batting practice begins. Says Colletti, who has worked closely with Dawson while taking care of his schedule: "The only question I have is, 'Is he a better person or a better player?' "

## One man's opinion

Dwight Gooden is scheduled to face the Cubs Wednesday, and here is how New York Post columnist Dick Young feels it will go when the pitcher makes his first road appearance since undergoing drug rehabilitation. Writes Young: "You don't know how mean, how lewd, how personal fans can be until you have sat in the stands in Chicago. Especially in the bleachers. What mouths! Gooden is lucky he isn't an outfielder. . . . Wednesday will be show and tell day at Wrigley. Cub fans can be expected to break out all sorts of visual effects, like pouches of white powder, artistic signs and maybe a leather couch."

## School days, school days

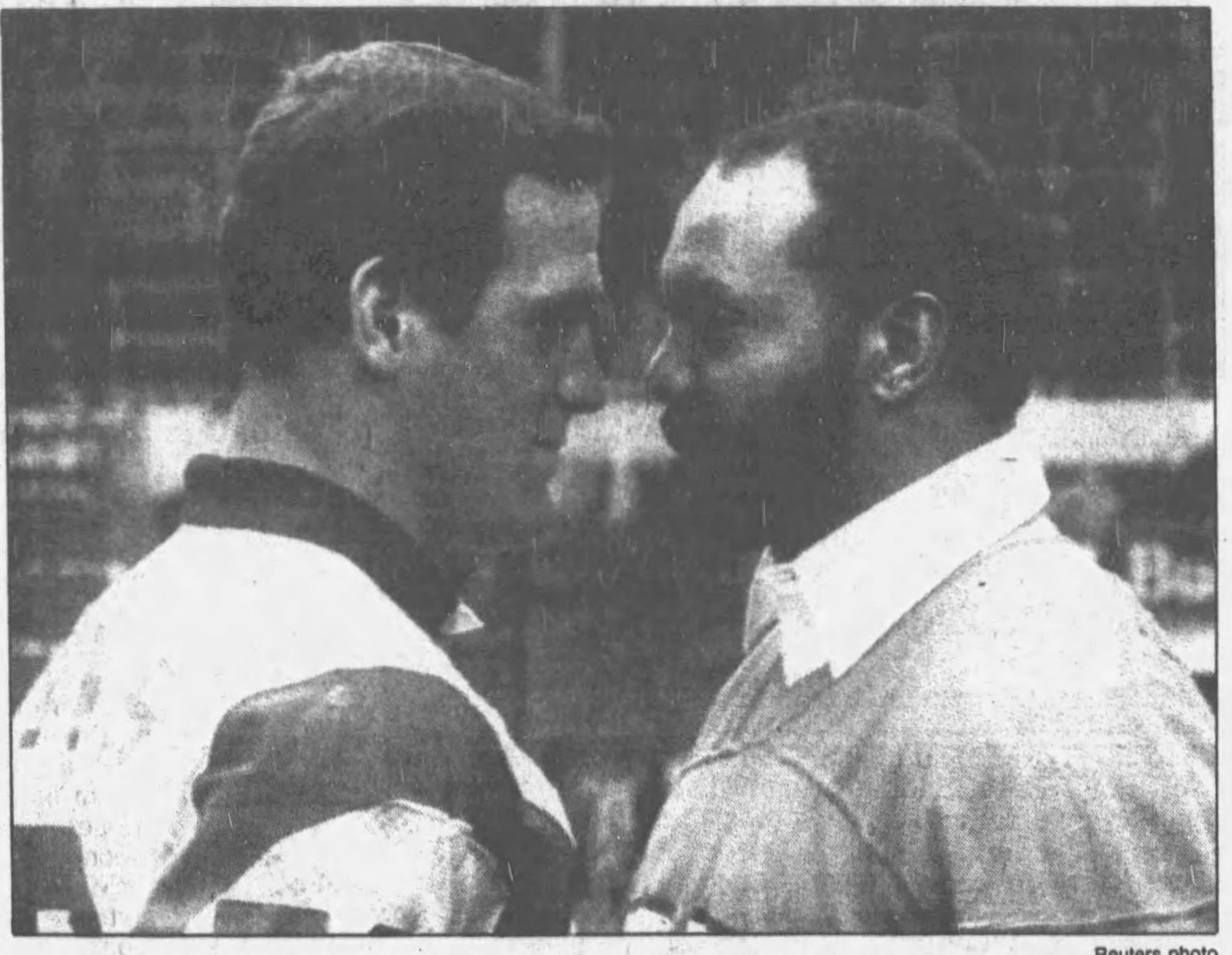
Just guess where Brooklyn's Erasmus Hall High School recently held a reunion. Why, at the Beverly (Hills) Wilshire Hotel, of course. The occasion was highlighted by the induction of the newest members into the school's Hall of Fame, and on hand for the ceremonies were the Raiders' Al Davis, former Browns coach Sam Rutigliano, former 76ers coach Billy Cunningham, current Nuggets coach Doug Moe and actress Lainie Kazan. Also inducted but unable to show up because of a performing commitment: singer Barbra Streisand.

## News, notes and nonsense

A bus will take about two dozen players from the NFL Mackey Awards banquet at the Hyatt Sunday to a fashion show at Park West later that night. Among the athlete-models: the ever fashionable Willie Gault (also a co-host for the evening), Andre Dawson, Shawon Dunston and Dave Duerson. . . . The United States Olympic Committee has given San Diego a year to formulate plans for a multisport Olympic training center in that city. ... Former Indiana and Northern Illinois football coach Lee Corso is back this time as the analyst on ESPN's coverage of Arena Football, which debuts June 20 with Denver at Chicago. . . . A group of North Shore runners founded the first marathon in the area in 1974, then dropped their run to help support America's Marathon/Chicago. But they never quit doing their own thing. The ninth annual half-marathon sponsored by Club Northshore is Sunday in Highland Park. . . . Butch Lewis, who is promoting Monday's War at the Shore between Michael Spinks and Gerry Cooney, has offered Fawn Hall \$25,000 to sing the national anthem or be a round card girl at the fight. At the end of each round, Lewis says, Hall can shred the cards.

And finally, overheard in Wrigley's bleachers during last weekend's Cubs-Cards series: "Can't wait for Dr.

Kilo on Wednesday."



linebacker Ricky Hunley at Wembly Sta-Los Angeles Rams linebacker Mel dium. They were in London to promote Owens can't quite hold the tough-guy the Aug. 9 Rams-Broncos game there. look as he stares down Denver Broncos

# Jordan's goals go airborne

Earlier this week, Bulls superstar Michael Jordan made his first public appearance since the end of the National Basketball Association season, and he is not mad about failing to be named the league's Most Valuable Player.

"I was disappointed, but not angry," said Jordan. "Magic [Johnson] had a great season and I had a great season, but I was a little confused in terms of what credentials are used to pick an MVP. I guess it gives me something to work for next

That isn't going to be easy, because he'll have to improve on: first-team All-NBA selection; 37.1 scoring average; 3,041 points (third-highest in league history); becoming the first player ever to have more than 100 blocked shots (125) and more than 200 steals (236) in a year; and helping his team to an improved record.

Well, maybe he could improve his shooting from the field (48.2 percent) a smidgen,

but his free-throw accuracy was excellent (85 percent).

"My role this year was to score more, and people are going to stereotype me as an offensive player," Jordan said. "I was more proud of my blocked shots and steals than my scoring. I wanted to make the NBA's All-Defensive team before I made All-NBA. It would be something for a prolific scorer to make the defensive team at the same time. That's another goal for me to shoot for."

Flashing the dunks, the moves, the smile and the personality that have made him an NBA superstar and a corporate entity, Jordan wowed a crowd during a short scrimmage and clinic Monday at Christian Brothers College in Memphis.

Jordan made impossible shots look easy, giving the crowd what it wanted.

"I'm so fortunate to get paid doing what I love," he said. "This is probably the easiest job in America."

# Foreman wonders why nobody wants to fight him

George Foreman knows he could beat current heavyweight champion Mike Tyson. It's just that he's not sure he'll ever get the chance.

Foreman, the former heavyweight champion who retired in 1977 to become a preacher, is expected to fight for the second time in his comeback bid later this month in Oakland against former Texas state heavyweight champion Charles Hostetter.

But Foreman, who says he now weighs about 255, says getting fights is even harder than coming down

from the 325 pounds he used to weigh.

"I can't get these guys to fight me," Foreman says. "Sometimes I get upset, but then I realize that maybe they think there is something to be worried

"I refuse to sign up with any promoters, and you know who I mean [Don King would be a good guess]. I hear from these guys, and then they back out. Like someone got to

"Don't you think more people want to see me fight in his punches. I can beat than Bonecrusher Tyson or any of them."

Somebody [Smith] or [Tim] Witherspoon or this guy who just fought Tyson [Pinklon Thomas]? Who are these guys, anyway? Where did they come from? I never heard of them. And isn't that what promoting is about? But they won't call me.

"I'll get that world championship if they give me a chance. Tyson is a speed fighter. He doesn't have the power I have. I discussed this with Archie Moore. You get inside on him and he can't do nothing, because he can't get the speed



AP Laserphoto George Foreman: "I'll get that world championship if they give me a chance."

No. 7 Pat Cash.

## Japanese company buys Turnberry

A Japanese golf management company announced Tuesday it had purchased Turnberry Golf Course in Scotland, one of eight courses used for the British Open.

Nitto Kogyo, a leading company in golf management, said it bought Turnberry Hotel and Golf Courses for \$24 million. The facility includes a 36-hole golf course and 133-room hotel.

It was the fourth overseas golf course purchased by Nitto Kogyo, a Tokyo-based company. The firm said it signed a purchase agreement with Orient Express Hotels and that the facility's current management will continue to operate it.

BRIEFS

Los Angeles lawyer Richard Margolis, the defense attor-

ney for former Clemson football player Kenny Flowers, said

prosecutors in the grand jury investigation of sports agent

Norby Walters plan to offer a plea bargain involving com-

munity service to some players accused of taking cash from

agents while still in college. Margolis said that Assistant

U.S. Atty. Howard M. Pearl, who is conducting the probe

in Chicago, told him that some athletes will be offered a

choice between community service or indictment on mis-

Sweden's Mats Wilander trailed West Germany's Eric

Jelen 6-3, 6-7, 2-0 when rain washed out their opening-

round match at the \$300,000 grass court tournament at

Tim Mayotte won his first-round match against coun-

tryman Todd Nelson. Boris Becker took an hour to beat

Australia's Peter Doohan, 6-2, 6-4, registering 11 aces.

Other seeds advancing included No. 2 Stefan Edberg and

The squabble over the makeup of the America's Cup site

selection committee will be sent to binding arbitration be-

cause of the rejection of a proposed compromise. A plan to

end the disagreement between Sail America Foundation and

the San Diego Yacht Club collapsed late Monday when the

club's directors rejected a proposal that would have expand-

ed the committee to 12 members from seven, with the

Raymond Floyd was named to the All-American Col-

legiate Golf Hall of Fame. Floyd, who attended the Univer-

sity of North Carolina, will be inducted July 23... Sandra

Palmer won \$14,000 in an LPGA Skins Game that marked

the return of Jan Stephenson to competition after missing

five weeks with two broken ribs. Stephenson was injured in

a May 2 auto accident in St. Petersburg, Fla. The \$25,000

Skins Game was a prelude to the Mayflower Classic begin-

The NCAA said it does not plan to investigate possible

steroid use at Miami of Florida despite allegations strength

coach Pat Jacobs may have sold the drugs to students. Said

John Toner, chairman of the NCAA's Special Committee

for Drug Testing: "As far as I know, we only know what we

have read in the paper. I would venture to say that it is an

Texas Gov. Bill Clements, who as chairman of Southern

Methodist University's Board of Governors approved the

continuation of illicit payments to football players, testified

for 31/2 hours before a committee of Methodist bishops in-

vestigating the scandal. A committee spokesman would not

reveal what Clements said. The failure to stop payments

resulted in a one-year suspension of SMU's football pro-

gram by the NCAA, the harshest penalty it has ever leveled.

Richard Petty, the winningest driver in NASCAR his-

tory, will sit out the next two Winston Cup races because of

An undetermined number of horses were killed in a barn

fire at Hazel Park (Mich.) Harness Raceway. The 30 horses

Rick Minier and Rick Jones maintained their lead in

two broken ribs suffered in a crash May 31 at Dover, Del.

in the barn were stabled by trainer-owner Tom Wantz.

SMU later decided it would not field a team in 1988.

demeanor or felony tax-fraud charges.

yacht club holding a 7-5 majority.

ning Thursday in Indianapolis.

institutional matter at this point."

## Ditka, other NFL coaches to make motivational film

Mike Ditka will moderate a motivational film with fellow National Football League coaches Tom Flores of the Raiders, Dan Reeves of the Broncos, Joe Gibbs of the Redskins and Marty Schottenheimer of the Browns for corporate and individual use.

The 30-minute film, entitled "CoachTalk," will be produced by Inez Harris-Hayes and David R. Hayes, who produced a similar project in 1968 with the Packers' Vince Lombardi entitled "Second Effort."

At a press conference Tuesday, Ditka described the Lombardi film as the "greatest motivational video ever made. What we do is no different from what people do in business—try to get maximum sales efforts."

The coaches will film a six-hour session in Chicago on June 24 that will be cut to 22 minutes. According to the producers, it will be the first time audiences will be able to view an exchange of ideas on winning by a group of NFL coaches.

Ditka was made moderator after CBS commentator John Madden told them it would take him a week to drive his new motorhome to Chicago for the one-day session.

"Most of the coaches want to do it because they want to know what the others are doing," Ditka said. "We play the Raiders and the Broncos, and I hope we play the Redskins."

## Queen's Club in West London. Seeded players eliminated in the first round were France's Yannick Noah and Yugoslavia's Slobodan Zivojinovic. Noah lost 3-6, 7-6, 6-3 to Andreas Maurer of West Germany. Defending champion

always prove costly

The item was called "The Isiah

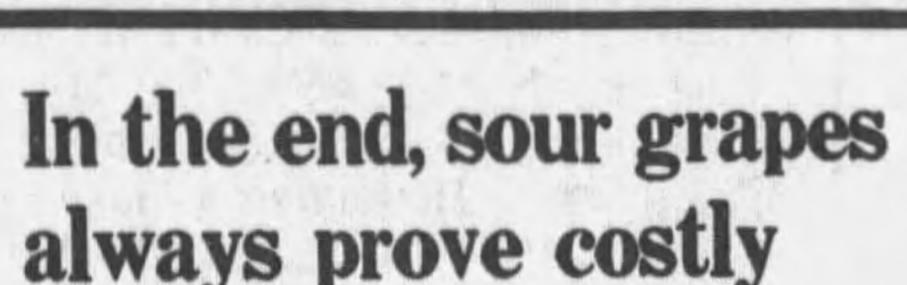
Special," priced at \$12.95. The listed ingredients: Sour grapes wrapped in white and rye bread, vinegar

The tab was steep, but any taker might have had to pay a higher price that of being tried for treason, con-

taurant of Bird's Boston Connection, a hotel in the heart of the town that Bird put on the basketball map while playing for the Sycamores.

Celtics in the semifinals of the playoffs.

A grand opening at the restaurant will be held once Bird is finished with the



Everybody was laughing, but nobody was ordering the lunch special at the newest restaurant in Terre Haute, Ind., where Larry Bird played for Indiana

on the side.

victed and shot on the spot. The item was being offered in the res-

The "Thursday Special," of course, referred to Isiah Thomas and his Detroit Piston teammates, who offered a few unkind remarks about Bird after losing a tough seven-game series to the

season.



Former Minnesota Vikings coach Bud Grant examines Billy Casper's driver Monday during the MidAmerican Bud Grant Senior Golf Classic.

## For dad who has it all Father's Day is just around the bend, and Chicagoan Joe Crispino of Beeper Plus of Illinois, 6914 W. North Ave., has a hot item for the dedicated sports fan in the family. This portable, pocket ticker provides up-to-the-minute scores on ballgames. In two weeks, you'll also be

Compiled by Mike Conklin, Rich Strom and Bob Vanderberg from

the \$140,000 Showboat PBA Doubles Classic in Las Vegas.

## TANK MCNAMARA





able to get results from the local

racetracks. Cost? It's \$435 to buy the

unit, which includes a month of free

service, and \$60 per month thereafter

for feeds of results.

## GIL THORP





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