

Croatia Fest

Newsletter
Summer 2013

CroatiaFest 2013: The 10th Year

What is Croatia? Croatia is...

Sunday, Sept. 22
First Annual
Croatian Trivia Night
5:30-10 p.m.
Sarajevo Lounge
2330 1st Ave. Seattle

Saturday, Oct. 5
Dance and Sing-Along
7 p.m.-midnight
Russian Community Center
704 19th Ave. E. Seattle
Admission \$10 at the door

Sunday, Oct. 6
CroatiaFest
12 p.m.
Seattle Center Armory
305 Harrison St., Seattle

Friday, Oct. 11
Vatreni Soccer Match
12 p.m.
George & Dragon Pub
206 N. 36th St., Seattle

Look for updates at
www.croatiafest.org,
and like us on Facebook.

CroatiaFest activities are FREE
and open to the public.

TOP TAMBURITZA GROUP PLAYS AT CROATIAFEST



The Jerry Grcevich Tamburitza Orchestra of Pittsburgh will be featured at CroatiaFest 2013.

CroatiaFest 2013 is pleased to feature the Jerry Grcevich Tamburitza Orchestra of Pittsburgh, Penn.

Grcevich is generally recognized as the premiere tamburitza prim player in the world. He has gained fame both here and in Europe through his recordings and performances over nearly 40 years.

Initial instruction on the tambura was provided by his father Joe and his uncle Marko, both of the renowned Sloboda Tamburitza Orchestra.

Jerry progressed through the St. George Junior Tamburitza and then joined the Sloboda Orchestra, most popular in the years 1950-1980. He deepened his musical knowledge by enrolling in music theory classes at Seton Hill College in Greensburg, Penn. He later played with

the Slanina and Mirko Roknich orchestras until forming his own, the Jerry Grcevich Tamburitza Orchestra, in 1993.

Through the years, he has played countless times with other orchestras, always ready to help out in an emergency or provide welcome support.

At the age of 21, Grcevich made a pilgrimage to Vojvodina to study with the famous tamburitza prim player, Janika Balaz, the first of many musical journeys to the homeland of tamburitza. In 1980, he began composing and recording his own musical pieces.

He made several recordings using sound-on-sound recording techniques, to construct an ensemble featuring only his

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SEEDS FOR A BETTER CROATIAN FUTURE

By Frank Brozovich
Honorary Consul, Republic of Croatia

This June I was able to attend in Zagreb the first ever meeting of Croatia's world wide Honorary Consular Corps. There were 60 Honorary Croatian Consuls from all points of the globe at the meeting. There were presentations by Vesna Pusic, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs; Ivan Vrdoljak, Minister of Economic Affairs; Darko Lorencin, Minister of Tourism; and Drazen Pros, Deputy Minister of Entrepreneurship and Crafts. And there were meetings with President Josipovic and Prime Minister Zoran Milanovic.

A close look at the Croatian economy was given by Nadan Vidosevic, President of the Croatian Chamber of

Economy, and other heads of private associations. The consensus was that the Croatian economy was subjected to the European recession and the effects left over from the legacy of communism – a country of 4.3 million people that had 2 million people on the government payroll in some form.

Despite all of these negatives, the country is holding up, and there are some huge positives.

In addition to tourism, which is 20 percent of the economy, Croatia has a unique geographic location: The sea lanes from the German Port of Hamburg to the near East and North Africa is three times greater than the lane from the Croatian Port of Rijeka. Rijeka's port is being upgraded and there are plans (in the near future) to build a high

speed rail system from Rijeka to Central Europe. Along with all of the other roads that have recently been completed, a super road will be built from Hungary through Bosnia-Herzegovina to the Croatian Port, Ploce.

A canal connecting the River Sava and the Danube is being discussed. The icing on the cake is that a natural gas field exists in the upper Croatian Adriatic. Some gas is now being pumped and the American companies Exxon-Mobile and Conoco have signed contracts to further develop the potential of the field. There is also a long standing oil operation in Eastern Croatia that has never been fully developed that could offer future reward.

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CroatiaFest is produced by the local Croatian-American community and is part of Seattle Center's Festál, a year-long series of cultural events that honors the richness and diversity of our region.



Ethnic Heritage Council

FESTÁL 2012



WELCOME TO THE 10TH ANNUAL CROATIAFEST

Ten years ago, CroatiaFest had a vision to gather together Croatian communities and organizations and produce a festival to showcase the rich and beautiful culture of Croatia to the Pacific Northwest.

Through a partnership with the Seattle Center's Festál Series and the financial support of our many patrons, we have been able to present Croatian music, art, history, food, imported goods, expert lectures and travel at the festival held at the Seattle Center each October.

The challenge of the planning committee is to keep the festival growing with fresh ideas and programming to enhance the event each year. This year, we have added two events to CroatiaFest: Trivia Night and a televised Croatian Soccer match.

There will be three food vendors outside and three food vendors inside the Armory for your dining pleasure, offering a variety of authentic Croatian cuisine. All

proceeds go to their organizations. You may purchase your entrée and bring it into the new and enlarged Quincy's Beer and Wine garden located on the main floor of the Armory and enjoy a glass of imported Croatian Karlovacko Pivo with your meal.

Enjoy our merchant vendors, offering an array of Croatian imported goods and souvenirs, and four cooking demonstrations by our expert chefs. Experience the all-day main stage entertainment by talented Croatian dance and music ensembles. Make your way to Quincy's Corner for a personalized concert by Dalmatian klapa singing and tamburitza combos.

Mark your calendars for CroatiaFest 2013.

What would you like to see at future CroatiaFests? Send your critique and feedback to info@croatiafest.org.

Dobro Nam Dosli

SCHEDULE

PERFORMERS

12:00-12:30: Opening Ceremonies
12:30-12:45: Tamburaski Orkestar Kardinal Stepinac
12:50-1:05: Zenska Klapa Ruzmarin
1:10-1:25: Tamburaski Orkestar Kardinal Stepinac
1:30-1:45: Klapa Doowapella
1:50-2:00: Hrvatski Vitezovi
2:05-2:15: Nada Jurilj and Ana Sekulic
2:20-2:50: Jerry Grcevic Orchestra
2:55-3:10: Radost
3:15-3:30: Klapa Cino
3:35-4:15: Vela Luka Croatian Dance Ensemble with Ruze Dalmatinke and Bonaca
4:20-4:55: Jerry Grcevic Orchestra
5:00-5:15: Seattle Jr Tamburitzaans
5:20-6:00: Bosko Ciklic
6:05-6:15: Kisobran
6:20-8:00: Sinovi

QUINCY'S CORNER

2:00-2:30: Bonaca
2:45-3:15: Klapa Doowapella
3:30-4:30: Gradec

COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS

12:30-1:30: Hrustule with the Martinis Family
1:30-2:30: Dalmatian Quick Seafood Pasta with Venko Lisica
2:30-3:30: Rafoli, Croatian Filled Cookies, with John Woods & Priscilla Lisicich
3:30-4:00: Croatian Ricota with Neva Dominis and Ruzarija Zampera

FESTIVAL BOOTHS

FOOD

Main Floor of the Armory

SARMA: Meat stuffed cabbage rolls
POVITICA: Walnut dessert bread, purchased by the slice or loaf
PALACINKE: Made-to-order Croatian style crepes

Outside, Southwest Center Grounds

ČEVAPČIĆI: Grilled meat sausage served on pita bread
LIGNJE: Deep fried calamari
KOBASICA: Croatian style sausage with roll

MERCHANTS

CROATIAFEST SOUVENIR MERCHANTS

DISE: Annual T-shirt design and a wide variety of CroatiaFest apparel. All proceeds go to support CroatiaFest.

BALKAN MARKET: Croatian imported foods, soups, coffee, candy and much more

HEART OF CROATIA: Imported hand-selected gifts from Croatia

CROATIAN FIXATION: T-shirts, baby clothing and other fun Croatian themed items

DALMATIAN KITCHEN: Imported Croatian olive oil from Dalmatia

BRAĆ FINI SAPUNI: Soap made with native Croatian ingredients

INFORMATION & INTERACTIVE BOOTHS

CROATIA TODAY: Expert travel agents from Adriatic Travel and Croatia Only Tours will be on hand to answer all your questions about the beauty of travel to Croatia.

BOOKS: "Nona's Story: Your Story" by author Rosana Sablic

PHOTO SHOOT: Bring your camera, or have your picture taken; Croatian costume props will be provided by the Seattle Jr. Tamburitzaans.

GENEALOGY: Visit Barbara Starkey to inquire about family lineage.

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, MEMORIES, STORIES...

Who do you love? Who can't you imagine your life without?

"Nona's Story: Your Story" is a guided journal for self-awareness and legacy. It is a book of questions that will help you to reflect on your own life or easily record the essence and story of someone who has been influential in your life. What do you still need to know about your mother, father, grandmother or grandfather?

Author Rosana Sablic chronicled the incredible life of her own grandmother, Nona Ruza, immortalizing her and their unique love for each other, while sharing with readers the impact that her Croatian Nona has had on her life.

Through "Nona's Story: Your Story," you and your family can capture your heritage, share fond memories and pass the stories of your ancestors on to the next generation.

This guided journal is a must-have for individual self-reflection and legacy purposes and is excellent for workshops, retreats and to celebrate milestones and relationships.

Croatian-Canadian Sablic was born in Split, Croatia, resides in Vancouver, B.C., and travels to her soul's home, Croatia, each year to rejuvenate and reconnect. She is a business, human resources and career management professional with over 20 years of consulting, management and senior business development experience in private and public companies in Canada, the U.S. and Europe.



Rosana Sablic at book signing event.

Stop by the Author's Corner at CroatiaFest to purchase your very own signed copy. Books may also be purchased at www.sanaworks.org.

"Nona's Story: Your Story" is a perfect gift for birthdays, anniversaries, special occasions or just because.

WATCH CROATIA'S SOCCER TEAM OCT. 11

Support Vatreni, Croatia's national soccer team, in a massive World Cup qualifier against Belgium Oct. 11.

CroatiaFest invites you to a television viewing of the Croatia v. Belgium game, tentatively scheduled for noon Friday, Oct. 11 at George & Dragon Pub, 206 N. 36th St., in the Fremont neighborhood of Seattle.

Let us know on CroatiaFest's Facebook page or by emailing info@croatiafest.org if you would like to attend this fun gathering of your fellow Croatians. Wear your red and white checkers, have a few pivos and cheer on Vatrini to victory!



HOTELS OFFER CROATIAFEST RATES

Several hotels near the Seattle Center are pleased to offer CroatiaFest participants and guests special lodging rates during CroatiaFest.

The Best Western Executive Inn, The Inn at Queen Anne, and The Marqueen Hotel have offered CroatiaFest guests great rates in the past. At press time, rates have not been determined. Other hotels may offer special rates

as festival time draws near. Check the website for details and updates at www.croatiafest.org.

Let these hotels know you are attending CroatiaFest:

- The Best Western Executive Inn: 206-448-9444
- The Inn at Queen Anne: 206-282-7357
- The Marqueen Hotel: 206-282-7407



**SATURDAY NIGHT
WELCOMING DANCE**

OCTOBER 5, 2013



**FEATURING
JERRY GRCEVICH ORCHESTRA
From
PITTSBURGH, PA**

AND

**BOSKO CIKLIC
From
LOS ANGELES, CA**



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Menu Catered by Seattle Jr. Tamburitza's Parents

Ala Carte

EAT, DRINK, THINK! CROATIAN TRIVIA NIGHT

You are invited to the Trivia Night and Live Croatian Music event to kick off CroatiaFest. The event is 5:30-10 p.m. (game starts at 6 p.m.) Sunday, Sept. 22 at the Sarajevo Lounge. Gather your friends and family, brush up on your Croatian trivia, and win cash prizes!

Be sure to bring your appetite, as you will be able to order familiar favorites and entrees from back home from the menu. Dance and sing along to live music by

Trivia Night

our own Seattle Sinovi following the game.

There is no cover charge; the entry fee for trivia is \$2 per person, with a maximum of eight people per team.

Call the Sarajevo Lounge at 206-448-9000 for reservations. If you have any questions, contact Joanne Abdo at abdo67@msn.com.

Mark your calendars for Sept. 22 for what promises to be a fun filled evening.

CHILDREN'S CRAFT

SAY 'I LOVE YOU' IN CROATIAN WITH THE EMERSON SISTERS



A traditional gift for a beloved in Croatia is the Licitar heart. Licitar hearts are hard cookies made from honey dough, similar to gingerbread, that have been made for generations.

Often bright red and shaped as hearts, these tokens of affection are decorated by hand with icing and tiny mirrors. When the lucky recipient of a Licitar looks in the mirror, she or he sees the reflection of the person who is loved.

Over several centuries, Licitar hearts have become a prominent symbol of Croatian identity and are a familiar souvenir. In fact, Gingerbread Craft from Northern Croatia was added to the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2010.

Though Licitar hearts are often edible, our version of this craft is a small wooden keepsake ornament.

Last year, 150 Seattle children of all backgrounds created Licitar hearts for their loved ones.

This year we hope even more children will visit our craft table at CroatiaFest and then share their love, Croatian style!

FRESH, NEW WEBSITE FOR CROATIAFEST 2013

The CroatiaFest website has a whole new look.

At www.croatiafest.org, find this year's festival information quickly, browse the directory of our advertisers, and click on the links to their websites.

Reminisce about previous favorite CroatiaFests as you look through the photo gallery, and read articles from previous

years' newsletters and festival programs.

Sign up for eNews to receive informative, timely emails. Click on the links to connect via Facebook or the iPhone app.

Come back all year long, as the Croatian events calendar will be kept up-to-date on the homepage after CroatiaFest is over.



'THEY ALWAYS TOOK THE PRETTIEST ONE'

By Richard L. Major

Over the years, CroatiaFest's historical panels have focused on the contributions of our Croatian immigrants and their offspring to the building of America. We have presented material on fishing/shipbuilding, mining, the sporting world, the food industry and science/entrepreneurship. The role of women has been generously interwoven, and there has been reference to the grieving parents left behind, especially the mothers. Imagine, for example, the emotions involved when some 70 young men left the village of Desne on the lower Neretva River to work in the mines of Wilkeson, Wash., in most cases never to be seen again.

But what about the younger set left behind — the little brothers, sisters and small children? Presented here is a translated excerpt from a book by Croatian author Ivan Raos, who described his life as a child in Imotski, Croatia, not too far from the village of Desne mentioned above. I have entitled it, "They always took the prettiest one."



Dalmatia 1928. This 19-year-old "prettiest one" was selected by her future husband.

(From Raos) ... and then Nasic returned from America. He was around 40 years old. A big old man with graying hair. But he had a gold ring, a gold watch, a gold chain and gold teeth. In a word, he was

a golden man. When a man like that returns from abroad, you know why he came.

For a girl – and for the prettiest girl. Men like Nasic also have a lot of money, and when they come home and pick out a girl, the girl never refuses. Nor did my beautiful 19-year-old teta Anka refuse. She left. She left for America forever.

A heavy dark rain fell the night she left, and I cried the whole night through. She was the third teta that I had lost to America.

This year's historical panels will be devoted to the earliest immigrants to selected Pacific Northwest communities. Who came first? Where did most of the community's early Croatians come from? What attracted them to their chosen community? What were their crowning achievements? Their tragedies?

Please come and enjoy the historical panels at CroatiaFest 2013.

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own playing.

Grcevich has recorded and toured with most of the well-known tamburitza musicians alive today including Zvonko Bogdan and Miroslav Skoro. He has written hundreds of songs including the well-known songs "Ne Dirajte Mi Ravnicu" and "Juliska," which he co-wrote with Miro Skoro.

In 2001, Grcevich was inducted into the Tamburitza Hall of Fame and was named and awarded the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Fellowship in the Folk and Traditional Arts. In 2004, he performed at the Kennedy Center, and in 2005 was named National Heritage Fellow by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

CroatiaFest is proud and honored to present the Jerry Grcevich Orchestra to Seattle. You do not want to miss the performance of this very talented musician.

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There were presentations from some of Croatia's leading manufacturing firms including Koncar, an electrical, communications and energy company, and the firm Ericsson Nicola Tesla, a specialized provider of modern telecommunications equipment. We also had the opportunity to meet many young energetic Croatian entrepreneurs.

The seeds are there and if properly nourished should proffer a bright future.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CROATIAN AMBASSADOR

Dear Friends,

The time has come to celebrate another CroatiaFest in Seattle. It is with immense pleasure and pride that I congratulate everyone involved, from the organizers to the participants developing this year's theme.

What IS Croatia? It is an old new country. Our ancient cultural and political identity goes back to the early medieval times. We are an ancient nation. It was only 22 years ago that Croatia met its long yearned, full and universally recognized statehood as the modern day political framework of nationhood. It was only then that our culture, our identity and our national economy started to develop in the framework of modern Europe.

Alas, it wasn't a smooth transition. Decades of communism led to an unruly

dissolution of the failed Yugoslav state. We were forced into a war. However victorious we were, every war leaves deep scars on the fabrics of society. Only our vitality and strong civil culture would help us to overcome the consequences of evil in our recent history.

Croatia has proudly joined the European Union as of July 1, 2013. NATO membership four years ago and EU membership now mark the end of a turbulent political history for Croatia. We belong to the most powerful group of democracies and unified market oriented economies in the world. Our success is a testament to the culture and courage of our citizens, our leaders and our Diaspora. Joining the European Union is a strong signal of commitment and proof that Croatia is on its way to economic development, business growth, foreign policy and cultural integration. The prospect of prosperity and stability



Croatian Ambassador to the United States, Josko Paro

inside the EU is a leap for Croatia in the right direction for our future and to face the challenges of normalcy and improving the quality of life of our citizens. It is all about the economy.

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HRUSTULE - A CROATIAN CHRISTMAS TRADITION

*By Joanne Martinis
jmartinis@broadstripe.net*

Of course we had a tree with lights, hung our stockings on the fireplace and sang Christmas carols when I was a kid. But we really knew that it was Christmas when my grandfather made hrustule. When the cardboard boxes lined with foil and heaped full of these delicate, powdered sugar coated treats came out, it had to be a special occasion.

A hrustule is a thin, elongated, fried cookie that, when correctly made, is crispy and delicate and will literally dissolve in your mouth when you eat it. Because of the time involved, hrustule are traditionally prepared only for important occasions. In our family, they were only made at Christmas and sometimes

for weddings.

Many other cultures also have a tradition of fried holiday cookies, distinguished by their unique flavorings. For example Norwegian fattigmand are very similar to Croatian hrustule, but are flavored with cardamom and lemon. Hrustule have their own unique set of flavorings. In our family, they always contained vanilla, whiskey and a healthy dose of anise. Anise is a flavor rarely encountered in traditional American cookies and cakes, but it plays a

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Jenn Martinis rolling hrustule dough

AMBASSADOR

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I believe the time has come for our Croatian government to do their utmost to unite the homeland Croatia and the Diaspora Croatia. Croatia is not only a country but, above all, it is the people of Croatia. It was the notion of the united people of Croatia making possible our national survival and revival in spite of the lack of a real statehood. Now under the circumstances of full normalization of our national position in the world, we should be gathering once again around

economic matters as we now yearn for a better life. This inherently encompasses cultural as well as scientific cooperation. The homeland of Croatia should gather to collaborate and be open to learn from the rich knowledge and experience of other successes in the world.

We, in Croatia, should learn to complement the efforts of your strong Croatian cultural diplomacy as you have demonstrated in Seattle. Croatia is also you! I am enormously proud and grateful for the cultural riches you are sharing and exhibiting after one and a half centuries

of your presence in America. It was such a breath of fresh air when I visited Seattle last year to witness the Croatian communities coming together to showcase the folklore, music, food and traditions, which have been kept alive for generations. I have no doubt that future generations of Croatian Americans will be equally apt in the continuous efforts of keeping Croatia alive and strong! Thank you again!

With my most sincere regards,
*Josko Paro, Ambassador, Embassy of
Croatia to the United States of America*

CROATIAFEST BRUNCH 10 A.M.-NOON OCT. 6



Bartenders Božo Karanović and Marko Barać

At the 2013 CroatiaFest donor's brunch, we will be treated to a keynote address by the Republic of Croatia's ambassador to the United States Josip Josko Paro.

As in years past, this opportunity is open to those who donate a minimum of \$100 to support CroatiaFest. These donations are key to bringing our Croatian culture to the Seattle community.

In honor of your contributions, we will again enjoy the gourmet catering of Pogacha Restaurant and offer adult beverages served by our local handsome Croatian men, Božo Karanović and Marko Barać.

Please note that the location of the brunch has changed and will be held in the Seattle Center Pavilion, 305 Harrison St.

WE NEED YOU!

*By Mark Ruljancich
CroatiaFest Treasurer*

We have no corporate sponsors, we have no sugar daddy donors (Even if our P.O. box address is Medina, Bill Gates is not Croatian.), so we depend on your generous donations to make our festival a success.

Last year individual donors represented 56 percent of the total revenue. The remainder was made up from grants, ads in our souvenir program and miscellaneous sales at the festival. With your donation, we are able to bring talent from Pittsburgh, California and Canada, provide kitchen areas for our delicious foods and host unique vendors at CroatiaFest. Every aspect of the festival that you enjoy is possible because of your generosity.

So, as we look forward to our 10th annual CroatiaFest, we ask all of you to consider participating financially in making this event a success. We appreciate any amount, large or small. CroatiaFest is a 501c3 non-profit corporation. Your contribution is therefore tax deductible.

Time is running out - please send in your contribution today.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CROATIAFEST 2013*

CroatiaFest 2013 is brought to you through the generosity of these individual donors as well as grants & sponsors.

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CORPORATE GIFT MATCH

Does your employer take part in a donation matching program?

CroatiaFest is honored to partner with some of the area's top employers who have matched their employee donations including Microsoft, Expedia, Boeing and others.

CroatiaFest is a 501 c3 non-profit corporation registered with the IRS and is eligible to receive gift matching funds from several corporations. Check with your employer and double your gift to the festival.

**Donations recorded as of July 31, 2013. Please let us know if we made an error. Corrections will be printed in future CroatiaFest publications.*

Make CroatiaFest 2013 a success by giving your donation today! See the donation form on page 11.

COOKIES

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very important role in many of the Croatian sweets I had as a child. For many

years as an adult I did not have hrustule at Christmas. The demands of my job and the lack of helping hands made the task seem daunting. Then several years ago I returned to the Pacific Northwest

where several of my Martinis relatives still live. Getting together in December one year to make gingerbread houses, we started talking about Christmases past. We realized that for all of us, hrustule were a big part of the holiday. Yet we were not making them because of the work involved. Since then we have gotten together every December and made hrustule as a group. With lots of hands, the work goes quickly, and our family, friends and neighbors all get to sample this traditional cookie.



Toni Slavich fries the delicate pastry.

My Teta Vesna was acknowledged as making the lightest, crispiest, most delicate, hrustule in our family, and so we use her recipe and her special techniques. At CroatiaFest we will demonstrate how to make these cookies and will provide recipes and samples to taste. We hope this will inspire you to try these cookies in your family next Christmas.

Support CroatiaFest 2013! Your ongoing support is essential for the future of CroatiaFest.

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JOIN US IN SEATTLE FOR CROATIAFEST 2013

Sunday, Sept. 22

CROATIAN TRIVIA NIGHT

Sarajevo Lounge

Saturday, Oct. 5

**KICK-OFF DANCE &
SING-ALONG**

Russian Community Center

Sunday, Oct. 6

CROATIAFEST

Seattle Center Armory

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