



# The Chanticleer

New 159 website - [www.branch159.sirinc2.org](http://www.branch159.sirinc2.org)

Date August 13, 2015

Place Pardini's Restaurant  
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

**Program: FSU AD - Jim Bartko**

Social Hour 11:00 AM

Meeting : 12 Noon  
\$ 15 and no Buck Bucket

Well, live and learn! I did not know that an eye socket full of perspiration could so obscure a fella's vision that he can't even see the cotton-pick'n ball on the tee - much less were the darned thing lands (however close by that should be) while playing golf in the Fresno summer. Yet there I was at Riverside, learning that very thing in the toasty month of July! Ahh, but just wait until August!



**Big SIR Charlie**

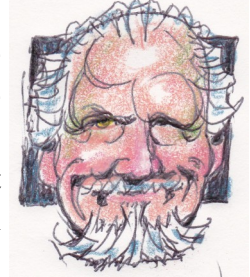
Roosters! Let us resolve to continue having fun in each other's company no matter what. Let's find joy whatever the hazard, and no matter what obstacles may have been thrown in our path.

We add to "the dignity of retirement" when we do so. It helps when we are seen by the more general public in an active enjoyment of the full life. To that extent, we break the stereotype of the house-bound senior who feels useless, or the moribund elder facing a pointless future.

We may be active enough ourselves, but others in the community may not be. Let's find those who need us and help them out! When we see a guy who could benefit from a healthy association with other men, let's tell him who and what we are. Let's find 'em, and bring 'em in, boys!

The first 160 members who attend the August luncheon will receive five business-card size "prospect cards." Each card describes Branch 159 on the obverse, and some of our activities on the reverse. Also on the back is space for you to write your own name and phone number. (Big SIR continued on page 2)

We are continuing to get favorable comments as members notice the much improved quality of Pardini's food and service. Our Sir leadership has been doing a great job of communicating and progressing with Pardini's over the first half of this year.



**Little SIR Perry**

Guys...let's celebrate our Journey through August with lots of fun, enjoy our retirement, our many choices of activities and free time. Strut and do a bit of crowing. We will cool our feathers and enjoy another SIR lunch at Pardini's, be amused, informed and entertained.

Be sure to invite a good friend to join us for lunch. He is bound to like us, the food and enjoy our speakers. Remember to tell your caller and count him in for the correct food count and have a good time.

New Fresno State Athletic Director Jim Bartko is living up to the university's "Be Bold" mantra and he will share those bold ideas in August including details on the recently announced major renovation of Bulldog Stadium and other aspects of his 5-point plan to achieve the highest Bulldog standards and strengthen the Fresno State brand. Jim has consistently found ways to "git-her-done"...and very well...where ever he has needed to produce results. Pat Ogle will introduce Jim and cover all the highlights in a question and answer format.

August heat in Avenal made the beginning of football practice at the high school field a torturous sweat box. In the fifties we weren't allowed to drink water. The big guys would get sick and us little guys gloated and knew they were big, soft and out of (Little SIR continued on page 2)

## August Menu

Sliced Smoked Ham/Dejon  
Cream Sauce  
Deep Fried Chicken  
Rice Pilaf  
Glazed Baby Carrots  
Summer Salad  
Garden Green Salad  
Rolls & Butter  
Coffee, Tea, & Decaf  
Assorted Desserts

**Be A Friend - Bring a Friend**

(Big Sir continued from page 1) When you meet a retired guy who could benefit from plugging in, give him the card as you talk up Branch 159. Put your name and number on the back, and tell him to, “call me!” Now you can enrich the guy’s life by bringing him to SIR.

After all, if you want to hear speakers the caliber of the Athletic Director of the California State University in Fresno, you gotta come to Branch 159. If you want to play a lot of golf affordably - and at whatever level you wish - we have you covered. If you want to hang out a bit or have a drink with the best bunch of guys under God’s great sun, then you had best be hanging with us. No brag! Just fact!

When you bring ‘em in as a sponsor, explain things to them as completely as you can, but the Branch will be working on an electronic briefing that the newby will get as well. We are working to make sure that everyone gets the information that he needs.

There is no longer any doubt in my military mind that Pardini’s is the best prepared food in town. Come to the luncheon and just see if I ain't right!

“Shuffle the deck,” so to speak, and sit at a table with some roosters you have not broken bread with before! Just see for yourself if they aren’t the greatest bunch of guys that you could hope to meet! You will be amazed!

Gentlemen, the chance to enjoy old friendships and to form new one’s is before you. Come, let us fellowship together! If you need transportation, call Steve Chase. He will help.

I’ll see you all at Pardini’s on August 13th. Come early and gab!

(Little SIR continued from page 1) shape...dark ages of sports training.

At home we were smart enough to give water to our feathered flock and feed them. While it was hot work for us three boys we had all the cold water we wanted. We collected eggs and cleaned out our hen house. Pop raised rabbits and chickens starting with the Big War. Rationed meat stamps were used for beef and pork.

Just about everything else was rationed. We saw what our chores brought, understood the food chain and thought life was good in our small town.

Back, during the War, we were proud to know the Kettleman Hills oil field, above Avenal supplied a major portion of the oil for America’s war effort. We had something to strut about.

Last month’s speaker hit a major league bases loaded home run. Avenal born Fresno Grizzly GM, Derek Franks spoke of the ball club’s plans and exciting successes. Fresno is getting much better baseball, entertainment, and wins.

Derek, his dad, Mike and I may have set a record of three former Avenal guys in the same Fresno restaurant. I thought I learned enough from Derek to feel like an expert...sort of. Good deal.

Hope you are the right-Rooster who gets out of the hen house and struts with your lady at SIR Ladies Date Night, Sunday, August 16...enjoy dining with friends at Roger Rockers and meet more new ones.

For our September speaker...we are very pleased to have Madera Municipal Golf Director Ron Goering...with thanks to Gilbert Matossian for making our connection.

## SIR JOHN JOSEPH BRECHMANN

John Joseph Brechmann was born at Saint Agnes Hospital (the original Hospital) in Fresno, California on a hot August 23<sup>rd</sup> in 1935. He was the last of 4 children, all brothers. His 3 older brothers each fought in WWII. One surviving the battle of the bulge with nothing more than a small fingernail size piece of shrapnel that his buddy removed with a bayonet. He refused to go see a medic, because he didn’t want a Purple Heart for such a small wound. This is the stuff of which John and his brothers were made.



John’s first school was Kindergarten at Heaton Elementary. For 1<sup>st</sup> grade, he was transferred to Saint Theresa’s. He was there for all 6 grades. While in elementary school he participated in Catholic Youth Athletics, (CYO). Following his elementary years, SIR John was promoted to San Joaquin Memorial. At that time boys went to San Joaquin Memorial from 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades. In junior high, John was not only an athlete, but he was an academic scholar. This earned him a scholarship for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades at Memorial. He was admitted tuition free for those 2 years. This

made his pappy happy.

During high school and junior high, John was active in sports. He earned 8 Varsity letters and 2 Jr Varsity letters. Baseball was his prime sport. He played it all 6 years. He played varsity football for 2 years and the same for basketball. SIR John graduated in 1953.

In 53 he enrolled at Fresno State College in the Civil Engineering program. He worked hard at his studies for 3 years, whereupon he left school to volunteer for the Army

John took his basic training at Fort Lewis. While completing basic training, the army saw that they had a trained civil engineer. The army then sent him OJT (On the Job Training) to the Persideo in San Francisco. He was assigned to the 30<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, 337<sup>th</sup> Engineering Company. He spent his service time at the Persideo. John arrived there in November of 1956. In June of 1958 the army decided to reduce its forces and gave him an early out with the requirement that he serve two year on active reserve and 2 years on inactive reserve. Upon returning to Fresno, he joined the Navy Reserve where he served his time.

In 1958, John returned to school at Fresno state. He enrolled in summer school, and found a job working part time for Harold Schlitz & Assoc. He continued his college on a part time basis and graduated in 1963 with a BA in Civil Engineering.

In the interim, on September 5, 1959 John and Kathy Matesso got married. Their first child, Michael was born in September 1960. One more boy followed in January of 1965, his name is Patrick. Each of the sons are married and have children. Michael has 3 daughters. Rebekah is working on a Civil Engineering degree at Fresno State University. Corryn, his 2<sup>nd</sup> child is a sophomore in high school, and Samantha Jo, is a high school freshman. Patrick has 2 daughters. Samantha Rose, the oldest girl, is attending Fresno State University on a soccer scholarship and taking classes in the Education Department. Her younger sister, Taylor, is a freshman at Fresno City College, and is on the Dean's List.

In 1963, with Civil Engineering degree in hand, John went to work full time for Harold Schlitz & Assoc. His job required a lot of time surveying in the mountains around Shaver Lake, Cartwright Reservoir, and Dinky Creek. John tells the story of having to set up a transit in the middle of Dinky Creek road, all the time dodging cars. He was surveying a forest service road outside of the old Pine Mountain Lumber Mill near Dinkey Creek. As part of his job, John and another fellow surveyed a forest service road that ran from Porterville over the mountains to the Eastern Sierras at 9 mile canyon. It was never paved, but probably still exists.

Harold Schlitz decided to retire in 1971, and he turned over the entire business to John. John rented office space from Harold for a couple of years, then he move his business to Olive where he rented space. Around 78/79, John decided to own his own building. He built it on Olive and moved his business there.

John switched the focus of his business from surveying to structural engineering shortly after taking over the business. He was very successful working with steel structural engineering. Sometime in 1997/98 John decided it was time to retire, so he closed the business down.

SIR then became prominent in John's life, after playing golf for a few years with his brother and other SIR members. His brother Doran was his sponsor, and he was inducted on July 12, 2001. He became friends with Dave Betts. Dave was the handicap chair at that time. As would have it, Dave moved on to the SIR State Golf Committee. John agreed to take over from him as the SIR 159 Handicap Chair. He continues in that role today. When John started as Handicap Chair, he was also doing the weekly tournament scoring. It is because of John, that each of you golfers have a current NCGA handicap. When you see him at the luncheons, take time to thank John for the service he provides.

*Interviewed & Written by – John Crawford*

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## **Golfers Corner**

In August , we'll have many events: four regular weekly golf games, the Branch Annual Individual Championship (8/6 & 8/12), our branch Qualifier for the Associate Club net Amateur NCGA (8/06) and the SIR State Individual Division 5 Qualifier (8/21).

Monthly Chairman for August is Bob Moore. Nice to see Bob is back not only playing golf with us but helping us run our weekly games. Thumbs up !  
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2015 Annual Branch 159 GOLF Banquet Awards is moved to October 20th, 2015, from 10:00AM to Noon, at Yosemite Falls Cafe (Granite Park), 4020 N. Cedar Ave, Fresno. A full breakfast will be served at 10:30AM; bar will be open for those interested (\$5/+).

Branch 159 Annual Individual Championship (Aug 6 & 12) will play a combined 36 holes. First round will be at Ridge Creek GC and the second round at Riverside GC. Scoring will be Gross and Net stroke with full handicap (as

of 8/1). This is a major event for our branch, with many prizes and awards. Lets have a large field so each of the 4 flights will be balanced and competitive.

Branch 159 Qualifier for the NCGA Associate Club Net Amateur will be played at Ridge Creek on 8/06, concurrently with our branch Championship 1st round. This is an NCGA individual net stroke event, with 100% full handicap. Those interested must sign up for our regular event AND with Mike Moyle (by Monday 08/03 by 8:00PM). Up to 6 players can make the cut to the next level.

NCGA PACE of PLAY. Our players going to any NCGA event need to be aware the NCGA is enforcing the pace of play policy and that our Branch 159 Pace of Play bears little resemblance with the NCGA's guidelines. Knowledge of the rule and of its application is key to avoid a 1, 2 , 3 stroke penalty or even a disqualification. The guidelines are available on the NCGA website and also usually part the specific tournament rules handed out by the starter.

The allotted time will vary with each course and at each tournament the NCGA scorecard will indicate the player's expected time position after each hole. This scorecard is like a road map and it is the player's responsibility to know their group position relative to the published Pace of Play. A group is deemed out of position if they are over their allotted time AND more than 14 minutes behind the group in front of them. Whenever available, check the atomic clocks positioned at the tee boxes throughout the course and compare the time with the expected time position for each hole. If these atomic clocks are not available, then ask the NCGA mar-

shals following the players for the official time. Warning or Penalty stroke(s) can be assessed at any check-point holes or during the game.

NCGA Senior Four-ball net local qualifier took place at Sunnyside CC July 29th (White tees 6,470y for seniors !!). Our branch had 2 teams, in a pool of 18 teams, competing for 3 spots. Morgan/Phillips came really close (-4) to making the cut. Matossian/Moyle (-6) took the 3rd spot and are going to the Championship at Poppy Hills GC (Aug 31st & Sept 1st).

DIVISION 5 QUALIFIER for SIR STATE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP. Good luck to branch 159 players competing on August 21st, at Rancho del Rey GC, Atwater, in the local Division 5 qualifier. Mike Moyle & Butch Evans are our Area 29 coordinators (\$45 prepayment due to Butch).

SIR STATE FALL CLASSIC (Sept 14 & 15), Whitney Oaks GC, Rocklin, CA, is organized by our State Golf Committee. Two days of golf (4M2BB & Scramble), ladies welcome. The fee to play both rounds is \$130 (cart + range balls+ large prize fund). For further information, please check the SIR State Golf website, or call Dave Betts (559) 434-1468.

Ron Rich Championship. The final match took place at Dragonfly GC between Dell Kerns and Butch Evans. It was a close match, however Butch pulled out in the last 3 holes to win 3/2. Congratulations to both players for their competitiveness and fair play throughout the tournament.

Riverside GC News. The bunkers with white stakes centered in them on holes 1, 4, 17 and 18 are totally under repair and must be played as Ground under Repair (free relief, 1 club length, not closer to hole). Some bunkers will be removed, and some will be com-

pletely redesigned (thick sand, higher banks, larger sand area). Expect these holes to play differently when all work is completed.

<b>Branch 159 August Golf Schedule</b>				
<i>Chairman Bob Moore</i>				
<i>Phone 322-6909</i>				
Thur 8/6	8AM	SG	Ridge Creek	
Wed 8/12	8AM	SG	Riverside	
Thur 8/20	8AM	SG	Airways	
Thur 8/27	8AM	SG	Madera Muni	
Thur 9/3	8AM	SG	Belmont	
Wed 9/9	8AM	SG	Madera CC	

### **Bridge Scores**

**July 7** 1st. Russ Mott, 2nd. Fred Wrazel, 3rd. Vic Froehmer  
4th. Allen Bertelsen, 5th Jim Whitmer

Consolation: Gene Tognazzini  
High score: 3690 Russ Mott  
High table: 1310 Vic Froehmer

**Aug 21** 1st. George Rurik, 2nd. Jim Lund, 3rd. Jack Leonard,  
4th. Gene Tognazzini, 5th. Vic Froehmer , 6th. Hugh Cox,  
7th. Russ Mott

Consolation; Bob Cleveland  
High score: 4500 George Rurik  
High table (tied) 1250  
( Vic Froehmer -- Jack Leonard)  
(Gene Tognazzini George Rurik)

### **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

Birdie & Ray Allen  
Berdie & Ed Beier  
Marilyn & Donald Boline  
Dene & Jerry Brown  
Lillian & Harry Buchaklian  
Linda & Alan Bynum  
Fran & Ray Cereghino  
Dorothy & Carrol Dahl  
Kay & Ed Dill  
Mary & Paul Gabrielson  
Laynee & Gary Greenberg  
Sue & Bill Hedman  
Patty & Joe Huizar  
Louise & Bob Jones  
Sue & Mike Kilijian

Judith & Jim Knapp  
Nancy & Bill Leavitt  
Faye & Don Lowe  
Ann & Fred Lusk  
Janis & Duke Marshall  
Sharon & Warren Nelson  
Karen & Jack Neugebauer  
Anne & Michael Petrovich  
Pat & Larry Rosander  
Betty & Chuck Royse  
Barbara & Jim Ruhl  
Janet & Don Ryan  
Carol & Lynn Streit  
Kay & Jim Suddath  
Denise & Steve Whitehead  
Joan & Bob Zoldoske

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### **Digital Media/Computer Group:**

We will not meet on the third Tuesday in August due to summer break.

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### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Dave Betts, John Brechmann, Jerry Brown, Dwaine Chambers, Doug Duke, Dennis Ensminger, Estle Finney, Bruce Gibson, Al Gonzalez, Scott Holmes, Perry Huffman, Mike Jerkovich, Dana Kahler, Mike Kilijian, Bob Knebel, Bill Neal, Jim Peterson, Don Ryan, Tom Simpson, John Volkman, Ron Wilson, Russ Wyatt

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### **Attendance Report**

In July, 2015, SIR Branch #159 had 245 active members with 143 of those members attending the July 9, 2015 luncheon. This represents 58% of the membership present. Of the 102 members absent 61 were excused. Members are expected to attend the monthly meeting or to notify the Attendance Chairman when the wish to be excused. Three consecutive unexcused absences or six unexcused absences in a twelve month period constitutes a jeopardy to membership. If you are unable to attend a future meeting, PLEASE call

447-5388 or send an email to DukMarshall@aol.com When you call or email please include your NAME and BADGE NUMBER

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### ***Duke Marshall, Attendance Chairman***

**Editors Note** ..... I was recently contacted by the General Services Manager in Clovis, and Clovis has some services available that some of us might be interested in using. I have edited some of what she had to say and am passing it on to you.

“ The City of Clovis has purchased land and is currently designing a new senior center expected to be 25,000 to 30,000 square feet. I'm seeking input into the type of programs and services we could offer to attract independent, active men such as you. Some of the highlights of the new building include:

- Multi-purpose room with stage that accommodates 300 people (ours currently hold 200 with no stage) and full commercial kitchen.

- Dedicated gym specifically for seniors age 50+. We plan to coordinate with local colleges or outside organizations to provide rehabilitation and/or private training.

- Art classes, dance classes, exercise, a pool room, seminars, classes related to seniors (such as estate planning, health issues, transportation issues, etc.), trips and tours, live music, biking on the adjacent trail, and many special events.

- Of course, the main goal of the new center is to provide a place where seniors can enjoy an active, healthy, lifestyle.”

She also sent me the August

newsletter and calendar that I can forward to you if you are interested; she also provided contact information.

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### **Callers Corner**

We are still looking for a few good men who will be willing to give up 35 minutes of the month to serve as a caller for the good old 159th. We need help to provide an accurate head count which is very important to the integrity of our branch.

**Ron Travis**

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### **September Menu**

**Lasagna w/meat sause  
Cheese Filled Tortelloni  
w/Vodka cream sause  
Caesar Salad  
Fresh Fruit Display  
Garlic Bread  
Coffee, Tea, & Decaf  
Assorted Desserts**

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### **September Speaker**

**Madera Muni Golf Director Ron Goering**



(1)Grandpa Joe was a tough old cowboy with grizzled hair, chiseled features, and hands tougher than barbed wire. I'd sit on his lap while he rocked

in his favorite old chair on the porch, and he'd tell me again and again that his secret to living a long life was to sprinkle a pinch of gunpowder on his oatmeal every morning.

I stopped believing his tall tales when I grew up, but Grandpa Joe lived on for a lot more years, enjoying perfect health until the ripe old age of 107. He left behind 14 children, 30 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, 25 great-great-grandchildren -- and a 15-foot crater where the crematorium used to be.

(2) ---I very quietly confided to my best friend that I was having an affair.

She turned to me and asked, 'Are you having it catered'?

(3) I've sure gotten old! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to black-outs. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92.

Have lost all my friends. But, thank God,  
***I still have my driver's license.***

(4) My memory's not as sharp as it used to be.  
Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

### SIR's BEST Bowling for July

The Sir's bowling league is active and rolling. Come join in the fun on Friday afternoon at 1:00 pm. Cost is \$7 for 3 games. Check the data on the Sir's 159 Bowling Page. Just click on the bowler icon.

Starting June 5 we turn into a summer league, nothing else changes, just a few missing bowlers from time to time. What a great way to get out of the valley heat for a couple hours..... Fall/Winter league begins Sept. 11.

Hope to see you then.

3-Jul	Hi Hdcp. Series	Duke Marshall	641	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Duke Marshall	564	159
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Merle Knapp	230	175
	Hi Scratch Game	Merle Knapp	203	175
10-Jul	Hi Hdcp. Series	Rich Lewis	650	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Duke Marshall	564	159
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Duke Marshall	238	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Duke Marshall	218	159
17-Jul	Hi Hdcp. Series	Don Corley	664	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Don Corley	586	159
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Don Corley	252	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Don Corley	226	159
24-Jul	Hi Hdcp. Series	Daryl Derouchey	640	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Daryl Derouchey	586	159
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Daryl Derouchey	229	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Daryl Derouchey	211	159
31-Jul	Hi Hdcp. Series	Tom Harlan	613	175
	Hi Scratch Series	Tom Harlan	532	175
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Tom Harlan	228	175
	Hi Scratch Game	Don Corley	202	159

At a members request, I was asked to supply this information to update your directories — these roosters are not with us any more and names and reasons are provided so you can update.

Berg	Walt	Resigned	Lapietra	Nick	Resigned
Blackburn	John	Resigned	Lulejian	Richard	Inactive
Bosserman	Bob	Inactive	Manley	Jerry	Resigned
Brough	Byron	Deceased	Montgomery	Bob	Deceased
Christiansen	Axel	Resigned	Nakayama	Corky	Resigned
Copp	Ron	Inactive	Nelson	Gerald	Resigned
Cross	Marvin	Resigned	Petersen	Preston	Inactive
Devlin	John	Inactive	Philips	Charlie	Resigned
Dildine	George	Resigned	Reed	Orie	Resigned
Dorgan	Jim	Inactive	Reichard	Dale	Deceased
Dunklin	Jim	Inactive	Rich	Dennis	Inactive
Escola	Al	Inactive	Robinson	Bob	Resigned
Fanucchi	Lee	Deceased	Rodriquez	Dan	Inactive
Freeman	Bill	Inactive	Rotramel	Mike	Resigned
Gorden	Les	Inactive	Shaw	Warren	Resigned
Graham	Richard,	Inactive	Sheffield	Bob	Resigned
Halverstadt	Lee	Deceased	Sheldon	Jim	Inactive
Kalpakoff	Paul	Inactive	Stenberg	Bob	Inactive
Kayajanian	Bob	Inactive	Stewart	Lew	Inactive
Kerney	Carroll	Resigned	Torrez	Claude	Deceased
Klomp	William	Resigned	Whitaker	Jack	Resigned

## GOOD COMPANY PLAYERS

### PRESENTS

#### 'ALL SHOOK UP'

#### SIR 159 LADIES DATE NIGHT

#### DINNER & SHOW @ ROGER ROCKA'S

SUNDAY AUGUST 16

**BUFFET DINNER @ 6:00 PM**

**PRE-SHOW @ 7:00PM**

4 TABLES ARE FULL(32) 2 TABLES ARE AVAILABLE (8)

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