Shark Top — Youth Ministries major Mark Simpson and his trainer, Matt Lawrence, ascend Shark Top mountain.

From sorrow to success

Mark Simpson overcomes challenge of mountain with help from trainer

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The mountain loomed in the distance, massive and intimidating to Mark Simpson's determined eyes. But he faced it head-on, for once in his life, with a new perspective and a renewed resolve.

Mark was diagnosed with Friedreich's Ataxia, a degenerative disease, at age 14. It affected his gait, balance, and severely limited his mobility. He had to use a wheelchair for most of his life, his body slowly getting weaker with each passing day.

Mark Simpson

But Mark had a dream, a goal that he wanted to achieve. He wanted to hike a mountain, to prove to himself that he was capable of more than just existing. He wanted to push his limits, to see what he was capable of.

Mark

He began preparing for his hike, his mind and body readying for the challenge that lay ahead. He started working out, training with his head trainer, Matt Lawrence, several times a week. They worked on his balance, his strength, and even his technique.

Mark

They practiced for weeks, Mark determined to push himself to the limit. He knew that he was capable, that he could overcome the obstacles that stood in his way. He just needed to believe in himself, to have that faith.

Mark

On the day of his hike, Mark was nervous but ready. He stood at the base of the mountain, looking up at the peak that he had set out to conquer. He took a deep breath and started his ascent, one step at a time.

Mark

He climbed higher, higher, never stopping, never giving up. He pushed through the pain, the fatigue, the doubts. He kept going, determined to make it to the top.

Mark

Finally, after hours of climbing, Mark reached the summit. He stood there, looking out at the view, feeling the wind in his hair. He felt a sense of pride, of accomplishment.

Mark

He had done it, he had conquered the mountain. And he knew that he could do anything else that he set his mind to.

Mark

He knew that he was capable, that he could overcome any obstacle that came his way. He just needed to believe in himself, to have that faith.

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The mountain would always be there, waiting for him to return. But he knew that he was ready, that he could conquer it again, if he needed to.

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National News

By Tire Sceultu

A graduate of Liberty, Baidar, 26-year-old retired Marine, pro-liberty activist and Virginia resident, was released by the FBI, Secret Service agents and local authorities after some Facebook posts that were allegedly "inciting violence.

"This was not an intentional act," said Baidar."It was just a reaction to the event that happened in Ferguson, Missouri.

According to the FBI, the event that triggered the release was a post by Baidar on his personal Facebook page.

"The FBI has received information that Baidar posted a message on his personal Facebook page that was not intended to incite violence," the FBI said in a statement. "Baidar has been released pending further investigation."

The post, which was made shortly after the Ferguson shooting, read: "Freedom is not free. We will never forget.

Baidar was one of three people arrested after the Ferguson shooting.

The other two, a man and a woman, were also released pending further investigation.

The FBI said it was investigating the incident to determine if there was any criminal activity.

"We are continuing to investigate and will provide updates as we have them," the FBI said.

Baidar is a senior in the Liberty University law school.

"I am pleased that the FBI has released me pending further investigation," Baidar said. "I am proud to be a part of the Liberty University community and I will continue to support our country and its values."
Parking continued from A1

The zones were filled both through lottery and a first-come-first-serve basis according to Malin. "We needed to come up with a way to manage that demand," Malin said. "We set out that the main campus would be the innermost, the student in mind, the administration addressing that area was our main issue." With addressing that issue in mind, the administration chose to begin towing all unauthorized illegally-parked vehicles on the first day of classes, according to Liberty University Police Department's Chief of Police Colonel Richard Hinkle.

"You will find that these cars that used to park illegally in front of DeMos will not be parking in those illegal spots anymore," Hinkle said. "We towed 20 cars on Monday."

Tuesday and close to 30 on Wednesday.

This decrease in illegal parking is mainly because of the improved parking within the other zones, according to Hinkle. The administration also stressed the essential presence that impacts parking.

"The infrastructure outside of Liberty is inadequate in terms of handling the amount of traffic we bring in," Director of Auxiliary Services Lee Brunson said. "It was just hard to handle the volume."

However, Hinkle said there are ways for students to help make a change.

"It is important for students to register to vote so they can participate in the city to upgrade the roads around Liberty. Lynchburg receives the vast majority of its sales tax revenue from the street, not necessarily Liberty, but instead spending the money to widen Words Road, the city spends millions on fancy sidewalks downtown," Hinkle said.

"The only way that it is going to change is if students to register to vote locally in big numbers. If students get involved, these initiatives will work," Falwell said.

Hinkle also stressed the immediate changes that can be made in order to foster a better campus atmosphere.

"Really evaluate your need for parking," Hinkle said. "If you want to park the higher amount, fine. But if you are only going to use your car twice a semester, there may be someone who really needs that space, and we will transition your decal to a lower one.

MCALPIN is a graduate assistant.

TRUMP continued from A1

NC State's main story The Apprentice, began his successful real estate career by inheriting his father's booming real estate company, Elizabeth Trump and Son, which was later renamed The Trump Organization. Trump has recently been the news headlines when he purchased the $1.6 million King Estate Winery and Vineyard in Albemarle County in April 2011.

A burst of excitement and surprise from the crowd followed the announcement that the well-known mogul will make his way to Lynchburg in about a month.

Parking responses

Students and staff have differing views on parking

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Students, staff and faculty have expressed mixed feelings about the new parking system that has been in effect since the first day of the new semester. Jack Steele, a sophomore general science major, does not mind the current parking arrangement. "I get here easy enough, and I never have a problem finding a spot," Steele said. "I think this structure has opened up campus to be. He also alluded to the bus system being a great option to get around campus. "Most of my classes are in Green Hall, and I park in that area, so it makes things really easy for me," Steele said.

Ananda Wine, a sophomore on campus student, does not particularly appreciate the new parking system. "Although I'm a sophomore and was able to bring my car to campus this year, I would rather freshmen and sophomores not be allowed to bring a car to campus, because it would open up parking even more," Wine said.

Deborah Hall, the faculty advisor for the Liberty Champion, is shuffled with the parking system. "I am able to park in front of my office every day. There are always spaces, and that has taken a lot of stress away," Huff said.

"The first floor faculty and staff in the general area jumped from $30 to either $60 or $600. If they chose not to park in the general lot, they have the same options as students of parking in a zone or carpooling.

OELRICH is the asst. news editor.
With the selection of Vermont Congressman Paul Ryan as his vice presidential running mate, Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney has bolstered his conservative credentials and also addressed the economic issues of the 2012 election. Ryan has been a key figure in shaping Republican economic policy throughout his career, strongly endorsing Romney's economic policy and introducing him as his running mate. He also serves as the chairman of the House Republican Party. He inaugurated the job of fixing the nation's fiscal challenges facing its future.

"I'm glad to introduce you," Romney said when introducing his running mate to a campaign event in Norfolk. As Chairman of the House Budget Committee, Ryan plays a large role in setting the 2013 Republican budget. According to one account, he wrote for the New York Times in January 2010, "The federal budget crisis is the single most important issue for this election with 36 percent of respondents deeming it as "very important." However, Ryan does not have a clear agenda for his campaign.

ROMLEY & RYAN — A T T E N D A N C E

Ryan's economically savvy background will be the hallmark of his candidacy. Ryan's Michigan birth made him a likely candidate for the presidency. Romney, however, is the first Republican to hold the office of Governor of the State of Maine in recent memory.

TELLER is an opinion writer.}

As a member of the editorial board, Teller has written on a wide range of topics, including politics, religion, and culture. His work has appeared in a number of national publications, including The New York Times and The Washington Post. He is also the author of several books, including "The Age of Reason."
Aurora victims deserved prayer not politics

Caroline Crammer

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Herb Schiller

Journalism and the American public may be forever altered by the news of the mass shooting in the Denver suburb of Aurora. The shooting killed 12 people and injured as many more. The interviewees, including me, were all shocked and horrified by what happened. The writer interviewed the most so-called experts, but none were...
Meeting new friends ‘At the Pool’

The social media site offers the ability to keep up with old friends with the fresh bonus of meeting new ones

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At the Pool, a new social network created for students, will be hosting an exclusive launch at Liberty University, Aug. 18.

In a world where social networks have become the norm, launches like this are nothing new. It seems as if there is a new network priced for our membership every month. Some sites once and go remember MySpace? While others stick around for a while and become part of our daily routine. For many Americans, social updates are real and tweets compared almost as quickly as a computer is opened. But according to At the Pool founder and CEO, Alex Capersmith, all of these sites are missing something. Social networks that are most frequented all focus on the same idea: staying connected. Facebook, Twitter and even Pinterest link the user with people they already know, it’s great to stay in touch with old friends, but those friendships can only go so far. When meeting away from home, students are faced with the challenge of finding new friends in a new community.

This is where At the Pool comes in. Rather than attempting to maintain friendships where physical interactions are few and far between, At the Pool strives to give face-to-face interaction. When explaining the motivation for creating the site, Capersmith said he was frustrated with how difficult it is to meet new people and how the Internet has been a barrier instead of a gateway. We set out to create a platform that gets us off-line. It seems ironic that a website has been created with the intention of getting people off the Internet and out into their neighborhoods, but that is exactly what At the Pool was created to do.

So what exactly is At the Pool? A press release circulated by Capersmith refers to it as “a service that connects students around interests, making it fun and easy to meet new people.” As with any other social network, the infamous personal profile must be created. Much of the process is the same: a profile picture can be uploaded, and the typical questions such as location and gender will be asked. Once the basics have been covered, the next step is to choose interests from a list that covers everything from paints to dinghies. It is from these interests that “matches” will be chosen. After the match has been found, a 24-hour time frame for chatting will be given. On a large campus such as Liberty University, the interest is to find people with similar interests to break out of our social circles. “Like any good host, we make an introduction because we know you'll get along,” Capersmith said in the press release.

Yes, there are the just another invitation to join the fold of social networking sites hybrid to make it big, but consider it an invitation to pool extraordinary people. Whether you are new to campus or returning, this is a great chance to make new connections. Diverge into the new site by going to AtThePool.com and requesting an invite using “Liberty” as the code. See you at The Pool.

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GLTC keeps running strong

Transit company continues service to Liberty University

Taylor Esko

The Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC) underwent a change in management over the last fiscal year where the company had to impose service cuts, furloughs in bus drivers and fare hikes in its fleet of buses.

The company has been in partnership with Liberty University since 2006 in an effort to offer an oncampus bus service so that students would have the means to arrive at classes on time. Now, having worked as a Liberty transit employee, both the university and GLTC say things have improved from the partnership's beginnings.

"The GLTC is saying that the service, which began with eight routes, has been so popular the university decided to plan a increase to the 20 existing routes and eventually offer oncampus services to pick up commuters from housing developments with high concentrations of Liberty students," GLTC says in the city's public relations handout for this partnership.

A News and Advance article documented the bus company's financial troubles during the 2012-13 fiscal year, where the company's service was strained due to state cuts. The article said that in February 2013, Mike Garland, who had worked at GLTC for five years, GLTC is hoping to improve service and efficiency in management, will be the new owner of the company.

GLTC is undergoing a management change, which includes a staff change from inside the company to an outside consultant to come in and run a new company. The GLTC said the management position is open, which includes a staff change from inside the company to an outside consultant.

"The GLTC is looking to offer an improved service to those students who are looking for something less hectic and more convenient than the currents bus service for students," GLTC said.

Even with previous changes meant to improve the service, GLTC said it is a very hard to live in the downtown area, which is just as busy as the downtown area.

"One of the main reasons that the company decided to change management was due to the necessity for the university to take a more active role in running the service," GLTC said.

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A women's hockey team player slices past her opponent as she prepares for a shot on the net.

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Thomas repeats as coach of the year

Jonathan Pearson

Another great year is in the books for the Liberty University golf team, and a second year in a row, coach Jeff Thomas took both the Virginia Collegiate Golf Coaches Association's Coach of the Year Award. He was also one of six finalists for the Dave Williams Award, the NCAA's top honor for a men's golf coach.

Thomas has been with the Flames for seven years and is a former player and graduate assistant. Last season, he led the Flames in three back-to-back titles, including the Big South Men's Golf Championship title.

"In order to be nominated as a finalist for National Coach of the Year," Thomas said. "It was also an honor to be nominated for the Southeastern Coach of the Year.

Thomas understands his players as what is important for his success as a coach.

"Our biggest thing is getting good players to come to Liberty that is what we are about and getting them to stick with us until the end. In trying to accomplish and for what the team is working to do," Thomas said.

The most exciting part of coaching is getting to work with the players everyday, being able to spend time with them and watch them develop as players and men," Thomas said.

"For the program, this year seems well of our guys, that they're going in the right direction and playing well," Thomas said. "Obviously, you don't get nominated for the award if the guys aren't playing well, so it's great that people are recognizing that.

"This year, we will just be better than what we were last year, as far as each individual player," Thomas said.

"We want to go out and play hard and play well. We have got a really good team and returned four of five starters that went to nationals last year and won regionals. We've got a lot of really good players and hopefully they can stay focused and keep on trying to make it back to the NCAA Finals this year and win another Big South Championship. We'll just see what happens from there.

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Before his suspension, Cabrera and already won the MVP of the 19th MLB All-Star game and was primed to win the National League batting title. But after being caught and admitting to his use of a banned substance, Cabrera went on an extra step and attempted to create a fake website to gain trust. Cabrera claimed that he was the substance through the website, which would help him challenge the 50-game suspension. However, false seems too shallow and Cabrera’s association has since been banned from all ballpark into the MLB. Cabrera, a former American League Cy Young player of the year, noted positive for a banned substance. And 22, one week after Cabrera. After a mediocre 2011 season with the New York Yankees, Cabrera signed a contract with the Phillies. He was immediately to their piping, taking an 18-year-old, and led the Athletics with a 5.81 earned run average: ERA. The MLB has made reforms that impact players, but baseball missing that third of a season 30 games of AG is still not enough to create true in the heart of substance offenders. Cabrera, who was suspended Aug. 15, may still come back and play before the beginning of playoffs.

MLB commissioner Bud Selig has recently done a great job in enforcing the policy of steroids. Given the tarnished legacy of baseball and steroids from the past, Selig still has a ways to go.

**RATTLE is the aest. sports column**

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Library University has been born with all the new sports facilities that are under way.

Athletic director Jeff Barber has expected to improve the next Washington Ballard sports to be completed in February 2011. In addition to the stadium, the Multipurpose Hopkins track and field used in students, community, faculty and staff will be renovated. Furthermore, due to the demolition of the Schilling Center, a new basketball facility is being built in the Vines Center.

There are already more updates in the works.

"We also have one that probably not on the radar screen too many people," Barber said. "We've had several donor step up and we are building a new golf facility."
I would help us in a lot of with big plans for wins, each contest against the Lake, and though there may not be many Liberty's QB

We're in a love over Alder would help us in a lot of

This season marks the 15th year that the Flames will square off against one of the four teams in the ACC's Coastal Division.

Alders said, "We've got a lot of enthusiasm for the game. We're excited to be playing our league opener against a team that we've been looking forward to playing." He added that the Flames are ready to take on the Flames, and that they will give it their all on the field.

The Flames are coming off a 3-1 start to the season, including a 31-12 win over Wake Forest.

"We're excited to be playing in front of our home crowd," said Flames head coach Justin Rice. "We've got a lot of momentum coming into this game, and we're looking forward to playing in front of our fans."
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Liberty students flock to Hillcats game
The Lynchburg Hillcats offered minor league baseball at discounted rates to Liberty students Thursday night

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Baseball fans, Liberty University students and lovers of cheap entertainment all had one place to be Thursday, Aug. 23. That place was Lynchburg’s City Stadium, site of the Lynchburg Hillcats minor Liberty University night.

The Hillcats, a minor league baseball affiliate of the Atlanta Braves, have collaborated with Liberty ever since the early 1990s to bring cheap, and sometimes free, baseball to students a few times each year. “Liberty has been the longest-running college night that we’ve had,” Hillcats Assistant General Manager Ronnie Roberts said. “The first Liberty night we had this year was in the spring. Liberty sponsored the fireworks, so all students got in free that night. This one is a little bit different. We’re trying it in with the other college nights.

This particular promotion allowed Liberty students through the gates for only $2 with their student ID. Non-Liberty students wearing Flames apparel were admitted for $4, half of the original ticket price.

Always having up the receipts, the Hillcats have also held college nights to recognize Lampson Academy, Lynchburg College, Randolph College, Sweet Briar College, University of Virginia and West Virginia University.

Brian Hicks, a senior at Liberty majoring in sports management, spent his summer as a stadium operations intern for the Hillcats. The highlight of his night was being chosen to throw out the first pitch for his school’s right in the stadium. “I think it’s a good promotion,” Hicks said. “It gets Liberty students off campus and out here. We get them interested in Hillcats baseball, and they get a good discount on tickets.

As Assistant General Manager, Roberts knows that nights like these are a great way to reach out and let people know that Hillcats baseball is the place to be on summer and fall nights.

“We’re always looking for ways to get as many people into the park as we can,” Roberts said. “The days of just opening the gates and hoping that pure baseball fans come to see a baseball game are long gone for most minor league teams. You have to go out into the community and make it attractive for the folks to come see a game and maybe come back on another night.”

Roberts has experienced almost every type of enjoyment that minor league baseball has to offer during his 22 years in his position, and part of his job is to find ways to get people interested in Hillcats baseball.

For the most part, it looks like he has succeeded. At least that is what Facebook says. Despite playing in the smallest market of the eight Carolina League teams, the Hillcats have the most Facebook friends of them all. That allows them to better spread the word when promotions like Liberty night are happening.

The action on the field was every bit as good as the admission price Thursday night. The Hillcats defeated the visiting Winston-Salem Dash by a score of 8-2.

As the game wrapped up, Hicks shared why he enjoys these types of college promotion nights.

“I think doing this is a good call,” Hicks said. “I like doing them all in a row. You can just see the different cultures of the different schools, and they all get to interact.”

Opponents and game times are still to be determined, but the Hillcats now look forward to pursuing a Carolina League championship when the playoffs begin Sept. 1.

LEASURE is the feature editor.
What you missed over summer
Liberty students who did not stay in Lynchburg over vacation missed many renovations, new business openings and pesky construction.

Construction

The campus of Liberty University looks quite different than fall did in the spring. Construction projects designed to improve academic buildings, athletic facilities and much more are taking shape all across campus.

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"The number one challenge is to keep the construction from causing a problem for the university so that they can educate the students in a manner that meets their needs and expectations," Spence said. "Construction does cause a lot of inconvenience in a lot of areas, but hopefully at the end of it all we will turn over facilities that will enhance the education process."

Dates of completion differ from jobs to jobs, but the goal remains the same: to make Liberty University a better place for students.

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Rise Up continues to challenge climbers

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Students are always looking for new places to explore and experience around Lynchburg, and for those interested in rock climbing, Rise Up Climbing has become one of the places to be.

Scaling the indoor cliffs of Central Virginia, it has been four years since rock climbing facility Rise Up Climbing burst into Lynchburg’s social scene. Seeking to maintain the family-like atmosphere, the owner and employees are setting up an array of paths, scheduling events and offering lessons to all who come to the establishment.

“I have been in this business for 20 years,” owner Dan Hague said. Dedicated to his job, Hague attempts to create a climbing lifestyle with his business. Through his employees, mentality and many years of experience, he has created a challenging rock climbing center that attracts his customers coming back for more.

The 40-foot wall is designed to challenge the climber in an intense yet rewarding mix of technique, strength and wit. However, not everyone who steps foot into the facility may have a background in climbing. In roughly 30 minutes, you can walk right in, and the owner and his employees can take you through a basic skills lesson that teaches the fundamental technique of climbing.

“Rise Up Climbing is a great place to start climbing,” Daniele Rolfe, a Rise Up Climbing Facebook follower, said. “Everyone is very nice and helpful. It is the best place to spend the day, especially in this heat.”

Although the winters in Rise Up Climbing’s prime business period, the summer attracts a lot of students looking to create a brand-new experience. According to Hague, it is a community that encourages customers to challenge themselves, climbing higher each time they come back.

“It is an art,” Hague said. Each stone in every path is set by one of the climbers on staff. The wall ranges in difficulty from easy to very difficult. With each path custom-set every week, a new challenge is presented each time a client comes into the facility. Hague says that this maintains the excitement and other sensations that come with solving the puzzle and reaching the top of the wall.

Offering affordable prices, Rise Up Climbing ensures that anyone looking to climb or learn to do so will enjoy it. For students, the business offers while month prepaid memberships for $60, full year memberships at $480 and $350 on-time visas. Discount rates are also offered Monday nights to college students. Rise Up, located at 1225 Church St. in Lynchburg, Va., is an experience in itself. Appealing to the students used to various and challenge them, when Rise Up Climbing is the pastime students are looking for to fill that empty space in their schedule.

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BELTING — Lead vocals Matt Thiemens takes the microphone as his band, Relient K, performs at Liberty's annual block party Saturday night.

Relient K and House of Heroes perform

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University students’ spirits were still high at the annual block party as rain drenched everyone in attendance.

Jeff Schneck, guitar player and back-up vocals for Relient K, sat down with the Liberty media editors to answer a few questions. Schneck, who is attending Liberty University Online (LUG), said that after going through all of his options for attending college, his decision to attend Liberty appeared clear: "It just seemed like a good fit," Schneck said. "My dad is a Baptist preacher. He was really excited that I was going to come here. You know, just sort of made sense."

Majoring in business, Schneck is preparing for whatever life holds, including life after Relient K. Although he does not know what specialization to take yet, he said he feels that Liberty will help him achieve his goals. "I don't really know what I'm going to do, or what I want to do. I'm trying to figure that out and go along," Schneck said. "[I'd like to do] something fun that pays well." Life on the road makes getting an education hard, Schneck said, but LUG's online education options makes taking courses easy. "There's so little to do other than play our show, which lasts about an hour a day so there's plenty of [spare] time on the road," Schneck said. "I can spend the rest of the day studying."

Preparing with the band for the block party concert, Schneck did not let the threat of weather ruin his outlook. "While Relient K doesn't have any pre-show traditions or rituals, Schneck said, the band likes to have fun and feed off audience members during their shows. "I like to run around and jump around the stage and act silly while performing," Schneck said. Even though Schneck calls himself the "guitar artist," his first act up to he began to speak about performing, his eyes conveyed an artist's passion. "(Performing) has been awesome. Probably the best," Schneck said. "I'm one of those things that you dream about when you're a kid. Paying more for a living, it doesn't get much better than that."

The crowd of people that surrounded the block party stage were equally as excited to hear Schneck and his bandmate play. A couple inches of rain soaked the feet of fans, but the energy in the crowd never faltered.

TOP — Jon Schneck, Relient K member and Liberty University Online student, speaks to Liberty media editors.

RIGHT — Matt Thiemens, lead vocals for Relient K, sings some of his band’s well-known songs as Liberty students listen in the rain.

Liberty’s annual block party is one of many events hosted by Student Activities. For more information about upcoming events and how to be involved, visit their website at liberty.edu/studentactivities or call 434-592-3061. For more information about Relient K and their future tour dates, visit their website at relientk.com.

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