The Unpredictability of War

Would you know what to do if terror hit our campus?

by Lydia C. Miller-Lawler

has the thought ever crossed your mind, "What if the war were to come to OUR homeland?"

This worrisome question has already been contemplated by our administration and by the emergency force of the City of Miami.

"We have a disaster plan ready with general idea of what we will do in an emergency situation," states Dr. Glenn Mayle, NEO's President.

The radios were put in place especially in a threat of any type.

The U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Caul Debose checks the seal of protective masks on the soldiers. (DOD photo)

Dr. Mayle took certain measures for the students safety, when he became president of the college, by installing an emergency radios in each building. This radio will sound an alarm if there is case of tornados, but will be used if there is a threat of chemical or biological warfare.

"NEO has distributed a Emergency Procedures Manual to every one on campus," said Mayle.

"We would like everyone to familiarize themselves with the plan that was handed out. No one is going to read the manual if an emergency arises, so people will need to know ahead of time what they should do."

Another safeguard in case of an emergency is NEO's use of a police force instead of a security staff. NEO's police force is equipped with tools and the back up help that will be needed if there is an emergency situation.

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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Employment Workshops to Teach Job Necessities

The Carl Perkins grant is sponsoring two employment workshops for our students. The first workshop will be Wednesday, April 2nd at 7 pm in the Faculty Lounge. It will teach students how to correctly fill out a job application and complete with students creating a resume.

The second workshop will be Tuesday, April 22nd at 2 pm in Cunningham 106. This workshop will last approximately 1 1/2 hours. There will be hands-on training for students who need to register in advance by calling Teresa Thompson at 624-669.

Aggie Days Schedule

Monday, March 31 - Aggie Gathering to view participants in the Aggie Western at the NEO Arena. Ask one of the Aggie staff or call Lisa at 624-628 for more information.

Tuesday, April 1 - High school horse judging contest at the NEO Arena.

Wednesday, April 2 - Aggie Western in the evening. This is a Showmanship contest for one who wishes to participate. Animals will be provided. Categories are swine, cattle, sheep and horses. This is fun for all, as well as participate in. Great prizes will be given away! For more information contact Teresa Thompson at 624-624.

Sign up for intermural softball, volleyball, and horseshoes today!! Teams need to have their forms to Gary Wright by Monday, March 31.

Walk America Needs Volunteers

This is a great opportunity to do community service and participate in a good cause! The walk America is on April 26, 2003 at 9 am with registration at 8:30 am and charge of NEO's pictures at 9:30 am. The walk is only 2 miles. Those interested are asked to meet at the NEO gym at 7 pm in the NEO gym. These girls and guys have done walking very hard over the past few months and deserve our support and recognition. So come out and see this squad perform!

Come out and watch the National Bound NEO Cheer Leaders perform their competition cheer on Monday, March 31, at 7 pm in the NEO gym.

Volunteers needed for Walk America in 2002. This is a wonderful chance to help the day of the walk. Prizes will be available for certain amounts raised. A fundraising packet may be picked up or can be mailed to you. This is a fun event with lots of food and events like face painting, jumping Jupiter and more! If you don't like to raise money you can volunteer to set up or run a booth. Contact Teresa Thompson at 624-624 for planning session dates for upcoming events.
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COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

NEO Women Plan Fundraiser for Students

The Book and Gift Fair is being offered by NEO Women on Monday, March 31 and Tuesday April 1, in room 203 of Fine Arts and in 205 of the LA Building. This fund-raiser will be from 10am to 3pm. The objective of the NEO Women is to help our students. Each year, $200 minimum of the funds raised goes to NEO’s school nurse to help with emergency medical expenses for the students.

“We hope the community will come out to check out the other items for NEO. One of the goals of the project is to raise enough money to offer a scholarship. For more info contact Judy Poole or Gina Manders, 540-6307 or 540-6204. Check this neat fundraiser out and support NEO!”

The Talent Show that was planned for Monday, March 31 has been cancelled: too few students signed up to participate as well as a conflict in scheduling for the Auditorium.

Library News & Views

Coffee at the Campfire

Our college has a great tradition dating back more than 80 years. You have good reason to take pride in being a Norseman, whether on the gridiron or the stage, in the rodeo arena or the concert hall or the laboratory. I would like to talk about some of those traditions, and some of the books at your library which are connected to them.

One great tradition at NEO, which I think sometimes is not sufficiently appreciated, is one with very deep roots in the history of Oklahoma and this part of America: the Rodeo Club, and the Equine and Livestock Judging Teams.

Owen Wister was the author of a novel called The Virginian which happens to be my all-time favorite book. He wrote that the cowboy has the same importance to the culture and history of the United States as the knight of the Middle Ages has to the culture and history of England or France. Our library has a copy of The Virginian.

I knew a professor at the University of Kansas, John Senior, a New Yorker with a Ph.D. from Columbia, who as a teenager during the Depression ran away to South Dakota to work on a ranch. Dr. Senior, echoing Owen Wister and using categories drawn from Aristotle, had this to say about the cowboy:

“The immediate (practical) purpose of drinking a cup of coffee is to wash the biscuit down; the proximate (ethical), the intimate communion of (say) cowboys standing around a campfire in a drenching rain, water curling off their Stetsons, over yellow slickers, splashing on the towels of spurs, their faces creased with squinting at the sun, drawing the bitter liquid down their several throats into the single moral belly of their comradeship. The remote (political) purpose of coffee at the campfire, especially in the rain, is the making of Americans - born on the frontier, free, frank, touchy about honor, despisers of fences, lovers of horses, worshippers of eagles and women. Nations have their drinks: the English tea, the Irish whiskey, the German beer. Drinking coffee from a can is us. The ultimate purpose is mystical. To drink a can of coffee with the cowboys in the rain is as Odysseus said of Alcinoüs’s banquet: something like perfection.”

Technology and business and math all have their place in our curriculum and in society. But our Ag Department and our Rodeo Club have an importance, to NEO and to Oklahoma, which is unique and, I would say, central to who we are as children of the land and as citizens of our great country. Anyway I never saw any pictures of Osama Bin Laden or the other criminals in the Taliban wearing Stetsons.
### News

**Free Classes! Spring Continuing Education Course Lists -->**

- **Miami NEO Courses**
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<td>Wed Apr 3, 9:00AM-5:00PM, 10 hours</td>
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<td>LA Conf. Rm. 3, 1st floor, NEOS, 540-5325 ext. 2L, e-mail <a href="mailto:scott@scott.md">scott@scott.md</a> for info.</td>
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<td>Wed Apr 30, 9:00AM-12:00PM, 3 hours</td>
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Equestrian Judging Team pictured with all of the team awards from 2002. The team won these trophies for Equisport Champion, Sweepstakes Champion, Congress Champion, and World Champion. L-R Coach Clay Cavinder, Lindsay Larson, Ashley Houser, Amber Harrill, Kara Wiltkerson, Sadonia Arevedo, Lydia Miller, Lawler, Justin McGee, and Justin Masey. (photo by Tony Lim)

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**Duff’s Miami Floral**

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Sat. 8-2

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<td>Basic investing regarding stocks, mutual funds, stock options, bonds</td>
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<td>New class! Co-Parenting Through Dance</td>
<td>Th TBA 6-6:30 PM 2-hr. cl. $22.50</td>
<td>Regulation 6 PM in LA Room 211 on Jan. 30 Class at Soccer Field by Miami Airport Call 540-601 or 540-6204 to schedule</td>
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<td>Latin &amp; Swing Dance Class</td>
<td>W TBA 6:30-7:30 PM 1-hr. cl. $20.00 single $20.00 couples</td>
<td>Student Union Rec Center 100 Copies of classes and books will be available: Blue, Green, Men's, Women's, Mix, Ann Arbor, Miami, Miami-Swing &amp; Regular Swing</td>
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**Northeastern Oklahoma’s Premier Cattle Show Set for April 6th at NEO Arena**

The Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau is proud to co-sponsor the Blue and Gold Steer and Heifer Show in conjunction with NEO A&M College and the NEO Aggie Days event. The Blue and Gold Classic will be held at 11 am on Sunday, April 6 at the NEO Multi-Purpose Arena. Registration is Sunday between 6:30 am and 9 am.

For more information contact the Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau at (918) 542-4435 or contact Jary Douglas at (918) 542-6272 or Rod Hough at (918) 542-2803.

What we like about this event is that it attracts quality livestock from around the area and allows our local youth to participate in two top quality livestock shows on the same day,” said Douglas.

21: The registration fees are $40 both rings or $5 Blue Ring only with 100% of entry fees paid back in class money.

“I feel that this show brings substantial outside interest to Miami and benefits our local business community,” said Jary Douglas, Event Coordinator.

This show also offers two $800 scholarships, which are awarded to best heifer and best steer in a special class open to all high school seniors.
Ask Me...

Q: I am a Christian and I was told that I could not pray in class. Why not? I was then told that it is unethical. Is it okay to pray?

A: I see nothing wrong with you praying because it is in the First Amendment that you have the right to pray where and when you see fit. The school cannot pro-mote prayer; however, according to Fred Brown, Vice President of the Ethics Committee for the Society of Professional Journalists, “I am not aware of any widely used code that says a student cannot pray before a test. Schools supported by tax money expect the prayer to be silent.”

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In response to the “letter to the editor” in the March 7, 2003, I am shocked that someone actually thinks that college students should be fined for not going to class! We are not in high school anymore. Education here is a choice not an arbitrarily made decision such as grade school and such. If a student does not go to class, that is between the teacher and the student, not the entire student body or a fine levied by the school. We pay for the class, if we do not go, that is our grade, our problem. It seems to me that someone is a little jealous that some of us can miss class and do well on tests and exams, even better sometimes than those who attend on a regular basis. A major four year university does not take attendance, so to the person who wrote the original letter, I say this, you do not get bonus points for attendance anymore. Grow up.

Dear Editor,

It’s interesting that body art would make the front page over war. I guess you can tell what students have on their minds. I guess I can understand how current events might seem boring and overdone, but I think if they can relate it back to NEO, it might be more interesting. For example, there’s a billion articles about the war with Iraq, but how many of those articles concentrated on students from NEO possibly going. Probably few if any. Do we have any students from or with parents form the Middle East or North or South Korea here? How about any Muslims (this one might cause a stir though)? Or how about an article, “Life Outside of Miami?” (see Editor page 7)

Whatever your feelings are:
Support Our Troops in the War

Question of the Week:

What do you think about the war in Iraq?

“I don’t feel like we are doing the right thing, but now that we have done it, I respect our troops.”
- Tara Davis

“I think that the U.S. is giving good effort and we will have a victorious outcome.”
- Kito Talbert

“I feel that the war is needed because we are trying to make peace over in Iraq to make it a free country.”
- Josh Stewart

“War is based upon money and we are too busy dropping bombs to realize where the real corruption is, inside the government.”
- Jay Ashmore

“I wish we had never went to war. I don’t know why we did. I feel it’s unnecessary and there could have been a better way of going about the situation instead of going to war.”
- Almalika Lemon
Editor from pg. 6

I'm just trying to help. I know if you've down something a billion times, it's hard to come up with something new or different. Well, maybe you got a billion people giving you ideas, and the last thing you need is one more. If that's the case, then good luck.

Dear Editor,

I have some questions to pose relative to the Middle East war. These questions are just food for thought. Now that we are 5 days into the war with Iraq, why has the U.S. leadership changed the stated goal of the war? At the outset, didn't our leaders say that we were attempting to overthrow Saddam Hussein, because he has "weapons of mass destruction which he might use against the United States?" Now that we have actually invaded Iraq, why has our stated goal changed? Why are we now going in there to "liberate the oppressed Iraqi people?" I believe that the politically correct politicians have named this war "Iraqi Freedom." When did that become the goal of this war? Is there anyone out there who remembers the Vietnam conflict? Wasn't the goal of that long war to liberate the oppressed South Vietnamese people and free them from the evil North Vietnamese regime? Do you see a pattern or parallel here? Are we concerned about the Middle East condition, because they control our oil? Would we be nearly as concerned about a brutal regime if it didn't potentially affect something as economically significant as oil?

Signed, Citizen

Dear Editor,

I think the article written to "The Editor" in last editions' The Norse Wind was ridiculous. (sic) If people can make "good grades" without going to class the more power to them. I think that people in college should be able to care for themselves. As for the fines, where would the money go? Who would it benefit? (sic) The teachers get paid whether the class shows or not. I think there are more problems on this campus than truancy. Thanks for letting us voice our opinion.

-College Student

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War Plan from pg 1

be needed in the event of an emergency. This unit has resources at its disposal in any situation.

The City of Miami's plan will first start with the dispatch of police, fire, and ambulance units. The local emergency departments will take all the measures they are capable of taking before asking for help from the State of Oklahoma.

"The mayor of Miami must proclaim this a 'local emergency,'" said Durborow, "then the state will send in generators, chemical masks, and other supplies needed."

NEO's Emergency Procedures Manual outlines what each person should do in case of a variety of threats.

"Reading this plan will reduce panic in the case of an emergency," remarked Mayle. "It is a very useful product."

If you need a copy of NEO's Emergency Procedures Manual, go to the Office of Student Affairs, first floor, Dyer.

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Movie Night is on Tuesday, April 1 at the Twin Theaters: View From the Top (Gwyneth Paltrow - PG-13) 9 pm $1 w/ID

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Miami OK
The new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. He took out his card, wrote “Revelation 3:20” on the back, and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, “Genesis 3:10.” Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up into gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins “Behold, I stand at the door Knock.” Genesis 3:10 reads, “I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked.”

Remember when the funniest jokes were the clean ones? They still are! A cheerful heart is good medicine. (Proverbs 17:22a)
The NEO Lady Norse basketball finished up play last week at nationals. The team had an impressive season record of 23-5 before playoffs and 28-7 after nationals. The girls played well enough in conference to seat them good in the regional tournament held at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. The team took the championship at regionals, defeating Carl Albert 87-61 in game one. In game two the team beat NOC Tonkawa 91-52. In game three the team came out with another win over UAFS of 85-71. These victories gave the team a birth to the national tournament in Salina, Kansas. Their first game was against Malcom X College. The Lady Norse were victorious in a 93-74 upset. However the team got beat 61-70 in game two against Midland College. For game three came back strong and picked up another victory over Hiwassee Community College in a 76-68 game. Game four was to be played for 5th place and the Lady Norse came up short against Wagash Valley in a 63-71 game. This allowed the Lady Norse to pick up the honor of 6th place in the nation. The Lady Norse will take a week off and then resume practice and weight lifting to get ready for next season. Congrats Lady Norse!
LADY NORSE SOFTBALL: JUST WARMING UP

by Andrea Willibey

The Lady Norse Softball team has been keeping pretty busy lately. Instead of going on Spring Break like the rest of NEO, their season really fired up. A couple of rainy days did allow the ladies a few days off. The Lady Norse started off their Spring Break in Tulsa. On Saturday March 15, the ladies played 4 games. Knocking off Independence CC 10-0, Lake County IL 13-1, Butler CC 9-0, and Western TX 5-0. Sunday, the ladies came out their first game and handed Northern Iowa a 16-0 loss. However, Cowley County’s right-handed pitcher would give the Lady Norse some trouble and they would pick up their first 2-0 loss of the season.

“I think we played very well in the tournament. We played some good teams and the Cowley County pitcher just pitched the game of her life to give us our first loss,” commented assistant coach Carlos Sanchez. “But other than that we played good.” On Monday, March 17, the Lady Norse played some good teams and the Cowley County pitcher just pitched the game of her life to give us our first loss,” commented assistant coach Carlos Sanchez. “But other than that we played good.”

“We have a really good pitching staff and we’ve been playing exceptionally good defense. Plus, our offense has been maturing very well,” said head coach Eric Iverson. “Our main strengths are our speed, defense, and pitching.”

The Lady Norse pitching staff has combined for a .63 ERA. Sophomore Jamie Elam has 57 strikeouts in 54 innings pitched and Ashley Epperson has 82 strikeouts in 53 innings pitched. Offensively, the Lady Norse have combined for 15 home runs. Abba Shivers has 4, followed by Andrea Willibey, Samie Allen, and Kallie Jo Jones who each have 3. Allen also leads the team with 26 hits and Shivers leads the team with 22 RBIs, followed by Willibey and Allen who each have 21 RBIs.

The Norseman baseball team stayed hopping over Spring Break improving their record to 18-4 on the season. The men started their break on Saturday March 15, playing Eastern and splitting the series with a 11-1 loss and a 11-8 win. On Sunday, the Norseman played DMACC and split that series, too. Losing the first game 8-3 and then picking up the slack to get a 5-1 win. Allen County came to Miami on the 17th, and the Norseman gave them a 17-8 loss. The men turned around and played DMACC again on the 18th and won 6-5. The guys got a couple of days rest before Marshalltown (Iowa) came to Miami. The Norseman won 7-5. The University of Arkansas Fort Smith came to Miami on the 22nd. The Norseman split the series with them in a first game 10-6 loss and then a 4-2 win.

Nate Thurber leads the team with 9 home runs and 23 RBIs, followed by Vance Barber who has 7 home runs and 31 RBIs. Chris Gibson leads the Norseman’s pitching staff with 29 strikeouts in 30.2 innings pitched and has a 4.70 ERA. Kris Calhoun has a 3.31 ERA with 1 save and a 4-0 record. He’s allowed only 1 base on ball and 25 strikeouts in 16.1 innings pitched.

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

Baseball:
April 5 NEO vs Seminole 1pm
April 15 NEO vs Longview 1pm
Softball:
April 1 NEO vs Connors 2pm
April 10 NEO vs Murray State 2pm
April 15 NEO vs Western Ok State 2pm
Aggie Days Prepares
For Aggie Days

By Mike Mayfield

More than 1000 4-H and FFA members will visit the NEO campus next week to compete in the annual Aggie Days competitions.

Students will compete in sixteen contests such as equine judging, livestock judging, floriculture, and forestry.

Activities begin with the equine contest on Tuesday, April 1.

The speech and dairy contests are the evening of Friday, April 4, and the remaining contests are held Saturday, April 5.

These activities will attract students from the four-state area, and in the past, students from as far as Texas and Indiana have attended.

Aggie Days is a vital recruitment tool for the Ag Department and NEO in general.

Contests are administered through a cooperative effort of NEO faculty, students, and outside personnel.

If you wish to be a part of this NEO tradition by assisting our staff with Aggie Days activities, contact Lisa Lewis at extension 6268 for more information.

High school students with their awards from a variety of contests during Aggie Days in 2002.

The Point
a column by
G.M. Mayfield

Thanks to Protesters

I’d like to thank the masses of war protesters for reinforcing my belief that many Americans are selfless by nature.

Our government is assisting the Iraqi people in obtaining the one thing Americans cherish most, the ideology which gives us the right to protest: freedom.

I’ve heard the response “we have no reason to be in Iraq.” Wake up and smell the towers burning. We are in a different world after 9-11.

Then there are those who fear civilian casualties and friendly fire. People with difficulty coping with this fear should realize U.S. armed forces are putting themselves in more danger to minimize civilian casualties, and technology is more advanced than in the previous engagement in the Gulf.

Then there are those who don’t want Americans in harm’s way. Well, our armed forces are all enlisted men and women whom I believe are trained to fight.

Wake up and smell the towers burning?

If you believe the war is over oil—grow up. Conspiracy Theory is a motion picture, and it is possible for a President to be honest.

There is also confusion over our goal. Is it disarmament? Is it regime change? Is it to liberate the Iraqi people? The answer: yes. Don’t you think they are all accomplished with the same mission?

The point: Despite what distrusting people may say, the reason for war is simple. It is the age old story of good vs. evil. The U.S. will not tolerate ruthless dictators with weapons of mass destruction. In the process of eliminating Saddam, the Iraqi people will gain political freedom.

As for war protesters, they do more harm than good now the shooting has begun. They waste the time and resources of local authorities who could be worried about protecting citizens from terrorists rather than an unruly crowd of idiots. If you think you’re helping your fellow Americans by protesting, you’re better off volunteering at an orphanage, hugging a tree, or saving a dolphin from a fishing net. Face the facts: the votes are in, (the U.N. doesn’t count). Protesters lost the debate and the U.S. military is not leaving Iraq due to self-righteous acts of civil disobedience.
Wild Mustangs: Old and New

by Michelle Orlowetz

Many people ride, rope and show horses. A few even train and breed. These horses are found by brokers or middlemen, reading the classifieds or going to the local auction house. In the good ole days you just saddled up one of your old horses and headed out on the trail to find a wild mustang.

In advance of the new arrival, from past experience the first thing you need is a vet that will work with the animal even if it is not gentle yet. The "saying anything that can go wrong will go wrong" is true when working with another living thinking being. Sometimes mustangs can be gentled quickly; sometimes it takes a very long time, but most of the time it is worth it.

For more information contact the Oklahoma Home Office in Pauls Valley at (800) 237-3642, where they have adoptions starting at 10 a.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Words of Wisdom – a commentary by Roger Fent

I was invited to write an article for the Norse Wind, so here goes.

Well, the semester is quickly drawing to a close. The challenges that you will experience are great at this time of year. You must restart your brain cells after nine days of mental stagnation called Spring Break. Hopefully you are energized and eager to get back to school. Spring really provides many other distractions for students and instructors alike. This beautiful spring weather, and all associated activities, really interferes with studying and all that other academic stuff. As the photoperiod and temperatures increase, we have numerous choices in spending our time. I would challenge each of you to dedicate yourselves to your classroom work: you know all that academic stuff. Many times, students allow the arrival of spring to adversely affect their grade in a course. Be careful to take care of your business during this critical time in the semester.

Remember, people (including teachers) will most readily recall your latest performance. Finish Strong!!
Annual Miami Goodwill Tour

The Miami Area Chamber of Commerce recently announced their annual trek to the Oklahoma State Capitol, known as the Goodwill Tour, will take place April 1, 2003. Participants will enjoy riding in a Charter Coach this year - rather than carpooling as in the past.

"The Goodwill Tour is a wonderful time to meet your state leaders and discuss issues that concern our community and your business," said Jennifer Smalley, Executive Director. "It is important that we, as concerned citizens, appropriately represent the Miami area at the State Capitol, where decisions are made that affect our lives."

Lunch is scheduled with State Senator Rick Littlefield and State Representative Larry Roberts at Sleepy Hollow Restaurant. Participants will also view the State Legislature in action from the Senate Gallery and be introduced on the Senate floor by Senator Littlefield.

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**Move It!**

And Reduce Your Risk of Diabetes

Don’t slow down! Becoming inactive and overweight as a teen can put you at risk for diabetes. In fact, type 2 diabetes is more common than ever in young American Indians and Alaska Natives. But you can stay healthy and have fun by keeping active.

So get up and Move It! And Reduce Your Risk of Diabetes.

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