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*A Tour Around The Island:  
On Foot*

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## Let's Go Outside

**W**hile Covid-19 continues to be present on the island, and the number of cases is on the rise, new rules have been instated (see details in this issue of The Weekly), it's hard to know what to do exactly. All visitors to the island are requested by the French government to self-isolate for seven days, then take another test to make sure no one is positive. Restaurants, bars, boutiques, and parties are off the table, but the outdoors is fair territory. Relax on your deck, swim in your pool or at the beach, where you can also walk, go on a hike to Colombier, or find a deserted cove and watch the sunset. Hire a private chef for a few dinners so you don't have to go to a restaurant, or order take-out. You can even get your groceries delivered.

People on the island are turning their attention to the outdoors as well, as indicated in two of our stories this week. First, the Saint Barth Nautical Center is organizing a windsurfing and kite-surfing competition this weekend on the beach in St Jean. A fun thing to go watch from a perch on the sand.

Secondly, two islanders decided to travel the perimeter of Saint Barth – on foot – and along the coastline. It took them over 12 hours to finish, and when they say their legs were stiff the next day, that sounds like an understatement to me. Check out their exploits, but please, please, please do not try and do this yourself. It's quite dangerous, but should you be tempted, our adventurers are starting an association to do this kind of hiking, and clean up the island on the way.

We all hope the virus will fade away with the advent of vaccines, but how long might that take. In the meantime, sitting outside is a nice option, and you get a good dose of vitamin D.

Enjoy the sun!

*Ellen Lampert-Gréaux*

## News Briefs

### Scientists Listen To Marine Mammals



On January 27, the staff of the Territorial Environmental Agency (ATE) retrieved data from the new hydrophone placed underwater 40 days earlier. The memory card will be sent to experts at the University of Toulon, who will analyze the different sounds recorded, in order to better understand the various mammals that are present in our marine milieu. Until recently, there were only two hydrophones in the Caribbean, including one in Saint Barthélemy. The first hydrophone revealed that certain areas around our island were a spot for the education of young cachalots. What will we learn now that there are 30 hydrophones placed in the waters of the Caribbean?

### Windsurf & Kitesurf

#### The CNSB Raises Its Sails

Hoping to motivate the island's windsurfers and kite-surfers, the Nautical Center of Saint Barth has organized a competition for this weekend. After weeks on dry land due to the pandemic, the Nautical Center is jump-starting the season with the Northern Islands Challenge, all while respecting social distancing and Covid-19 restrictions.

On Saturday, January 30, the youngest enthusiasts of these sports will have their turn to shine from 9am to 12pm, with circuits adapted to their individual level. The afternoon is reserved for registration the next day's Windsurfing Foil and Kite Foil races, which will begin at 10am and conclude at 4pm with an awards ceremony on the beach in Saint Jean.

Information and pre-registration on [centrenautiquestbarth@orange.fr](mailto:centrenautiquestbarth@orange.fr), or contact Maëlle at 06 77 31 83 27

#### **Schedule:**

- Kid's Windsurf: Saturday, January 30
  - 9am Confirmation of registration and briefing
  - 10am: First warning signal and races begin
  - 4pm-5pm: Registration for Sunday, St Jean next to CaribWaterplay
- Windfoil and Kitefoil: Sunday, January 31
  - 10am: First warning signal and races begin
  - 1pm: Last warning signal
  - 1:30pm: Maximum time to return to the shore; restauration
  - 4pm: Awards ceremony on the beach in St Jean

# Covid Continues To Spike

The official French Public Health report counts 50 new positive cases for the week of January 11-17, including 38 residents of Saint Barthélemy.

**T**he Covid-19 pandemic continues to spike in Saint Barthélemy. From January 11-17, 50 people tested positive, compared to 43 the week before. Of those 50 new cases, 38 were residents of the Saint Barth. To date, there have been 300 cases of the coronavirus confirmed since the epidemic started.

On Saturday, January 16 we also learned that travelers coming to St Barth from France should quarantine for seven days upon arrival. Tourists are requested to do the same, but tourism professionals didn't have that news until January 19. Many questions were directed to hotels, villas, and travel agencies. As Americans tend to stay on the island an average of five days, and Europeans for eight to ten days, travelers are hesitant to cancel. "We get information drop by drop," explains Pascale Minarro Baudouin, president of the real estate association. "We are telling our clients to see how long this decision lasts. For us, it's like a lockdown."

At a press conference on Tuesday, January 19, Alexandre Rochatte, the prefect of Guadeloupe noted: "The decree calls for preventative isolation, in order to slow the transmission of the disease. This form of isolation is important. It is not obligatory. It's a personal commitment we are asking everyone to respect, to limit exchanges with other people as much as possible. At the end of the seven-day period, it is strongly recommended to get a test, to verify that one is not carrying the virus.

For Bruno Magras, "The Collec-



tivity must respect the measures put in place by the government. We can plead our case for a relaxing of the rules, but now is not the time as the virus is active on the island and its variants are worrisome. "He points out that during the period of isolation, "that does not mean one has to remain indoors, just not to go to restaurants, bars, boutiques, or entertain friends. Relaxing, swimming at the beach, and walks are authorized."

## New Conditions To Travel

On January 18, new measures were put into place for those flying. For those in transit, especially foreigners, the rules are put in place by the individual airports. A test done less than 72 hours before travel is required for travelers from Sint Maarten to Saint Barthélemy. A PCR test of less than 120 hours is required in the other direction, Saint Barth to Juliana. Travelers must fill out a sworn statement and a certificate with a compelling reason to travel in the direction of Juliana to Saint Barthélemy. Going to Juliana, a

form must be filled out less than 12 hours before departing: <https://stmaartenehas.com/application-form/>

## Testing Center in Saint Jean

As of Thursday, January 21, all persons needing a PCR test in Saint Barthélemy (symptomatic persons, contact cases, all travelers) must go to the Red Cross screening center in Saint-Jean. Currently, due to the high demand following the recent national measures, the delay to obtain the results of the PCR test is estimated at 48 hours. The results will be sent directly by e-mail. It is imperative for travelers to take this timeframe into account before departure. Antigen test results will be delivered within one hour on site or by e-mail. The opening hours of the Red Cross testing center in Saint Jean are Monday to Friday from 8am to 3pm, and Saturday from 8am to 12pm. The center is closed on Sundays and holidays. There will be a fee for all those who do not have a "Carte Vitale."

# A Tour Around The Island: On Foot

“We felt like we were away on a trip,” said Hugo Cals and Arthur Mulero, who made it around the entire coast of the island in 13 hours and 20 minutes -on foot. Setting out at 4:30am from Marigot on January 12, the experience was a personal physical challenge for them.

Walking around the island on the roads would have been too easy. For these passionate hikers, even flat rocks seem like cheating. So, they opted for the shoreline, following it as much as possible, as fast as they could, running, swimming, or even rock climbing when necessitated by the landscape. “When there is already a path, you don’t think twice about where you will place your foot. When there is no path, it’s up to you to decide where to put your foot, paying permanent attention not to step on a sea urchin or anything else that might be alive,” explains Cals. For Mulero, it’s a “game” to play with the rocks. Having grown up in Saint Barthélemy, he answers “the entire island,” without hesitation when asked what this experience allowed him to discover. “All that is not the beach; we live on an island of three by eight kilometers, but until you have done this, you can’t imagine how big it actually is.”

When they left Marigot at 4:30am on January 12, it was raining, which they didn’t mind as they were prepared to be very hot. After an aborted first



*On the left, Hugo Cals, a 30-year-old architect, runs an average of 50km per week. Arthur Mulero, on the right, 23 years old, is studying management and is a big fan of hiking and tennis.*

attempt, Hugo knows that proceeding in a clockwise direction, one gets discouraged less easily.

## Getting Prepared

Shortly after setting out, close to 5am near Toiny, Hugo Cals slipped and fell into a crevasse full of water. His friend saw him disappear and could only

see a small light floating near the surface of the water. “It can happen so quickly,” they warn. Their precautions before setting out, other than physical training and regular explorations of the island, included a route created from a satellite image, that showed the reliefs and dan-

gerous passages. Paying sharp attention, they followed that path, as well as the droppings of wild goats as “they know the passages.”

“You have to be a little crazy to do this, the locals know it’s dangerous,” admits Hugo. And yet, it was his idea. At the end of the lockdown last spring, he and his friend Stéphane Balikdjian collected trash and debris found underwater in Marigot. Together they pulled pieces of roofing metal and other large vestiges of hurricane Irma from the sea.

After that, the tour of the island, for him, was also an occasion to check out the situation in inaccessible areas, far from the well-manicured beaches. For example, they found boat motors stuck between rocks, windows hanging on the rocks, a ripped-open refrigerator... “I wanted to do this as a physical challenge at first, but I realized there is quite a bit of debris you can only see if you follow the shoreline in a boat,” explains Mulero.

Next step in this challenge: start an association, SBH Coast Keepers, and create events to collect the debris found along the way as they

*“In this zone, the risk is getting thrown against the rocks by the waves. You have to anticipate each series of waves.”*



*A peek at islet Coco. Moving along the beaches was fairly slow, on average, Hugo and Arthur progressed at a rhythm of 2.7 km/hour .*



*Their itinerary was traced by their smart watch, which geo-localized them the entire way, providing extra security in case of a problem.*

tour the island. Perhaps with a small boat, if possible, without a motor. The three friends, Hugo, Arthur, and Stéphane, hope to build awareness, especially with young

people about their environment, in the broadest sense: “The idea is to clean Saint Barth and to stay in shape physically,” a mix of sports and environment.

When they got home at 6pm on January 12, after 36 kilometers on foot, and burning two days of calories (according to their smart watch), Hugo

had legs so stiff they could barely walk. “We had the impression of being someplace else.”

# Carnival 2021 Cancelled

**T**he Covid-19 pandemic and cultural events are not very good bedfellows. After the book, film, and theatre festivals were cancelled in 2020, now it's the 2021 Carnival that will not take place, as decided by the Collectivity. No floats, no costume parades, no burning of Vaval, this year. People were quick to comment on this decision.

Jocari Bapin, president of the Carnival committee, expressed her disappointment at the cancellation: "After a meeting with the Collectivity concerning the Carnival parades, we realized we would not be able to hold events on Mardi Gras or Ash Wednesday (burning of Vaval)." The reason being the spike in cases of Covid-19 in the past few weeks, which means that Carnival 2021 is an indirect victim of the pandemic: "New Year's festivities took place with hundreds of tourists, but when an event intended mainly for the local population is simply cancelled, it's really a shame," adds Bapin.

As for the merchants in Gustavia, it could be a blessing in disguise. "It's better like that," comments Le Select. "It's already complicated to get our clients to wear a mask, so if revelers came by, we'd risk being too overwhelmed."

It's a first. Unless we are mistaken, Carnival was never cancelled before. Even in years with cataclysmic events (such as hurricane Luis in 1995), Carnival was main-



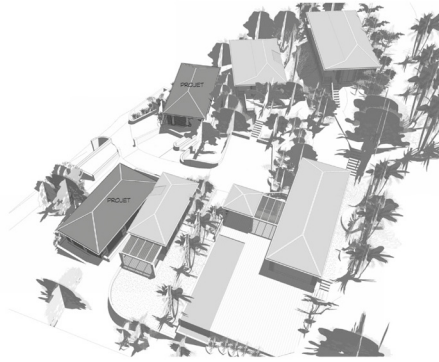
tained, showing the resilience of the island and helping it get back on its feet.

And it's not just in Saint Barth that Carnival represents a strong symbol of local folklore. The event is of major cultural importance on other French Antilles islands as well. This year, in Guadeloupe, for example, the prefecture came up with various ideas to celebrate Carnival, which allows small groups of up to 50 people to gather in closed locations, due to sanitary precautions. They are also encouraging people to dress for Carnival and show off their costumes online with images from rehearsals. In Guyana, Carnival was also cancelled last December, following a decision by the interim prefect.

## Carnival, A Saint Barth Tradition

"The celebration of Carnival on the island is an old tradition that goes back more than 80 years," explains a reader of *Le Journal de Saint Barth*. "The first parades were on foot in the villages, as the first vehicle arrived on the island only in 1951."

Schools started participating in the late 70s, when Carnival began to expand at the same rhythm as the population and tourism. With the arrival of the municipal tourist service in 1982, the event was relaunched in a more structured manner. 2021 will go down in the annals of the island as the first (and hopefully the only) year in which Carnival was cancelled in Saint Barthélemy.



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## Villa CR

BARNES St Barth agency is happy to present Villa CR.

Villa CR is a spectacular villa designed by ODP, located in Toiny on a 32,733 sq ft plot. The neighboring plot in front of the villa is in the green zone and enjoys absolute calm and tranquility. The villa has six bedrooms and a surface area is 2820 sq ft. A building permit has just been accepted for an additional surface of 1250 sq ft offering an opportunity for 12 bedrooms in total. This villa has great potential for expansion. Price: 8,450,000 Euros (agency fees included).

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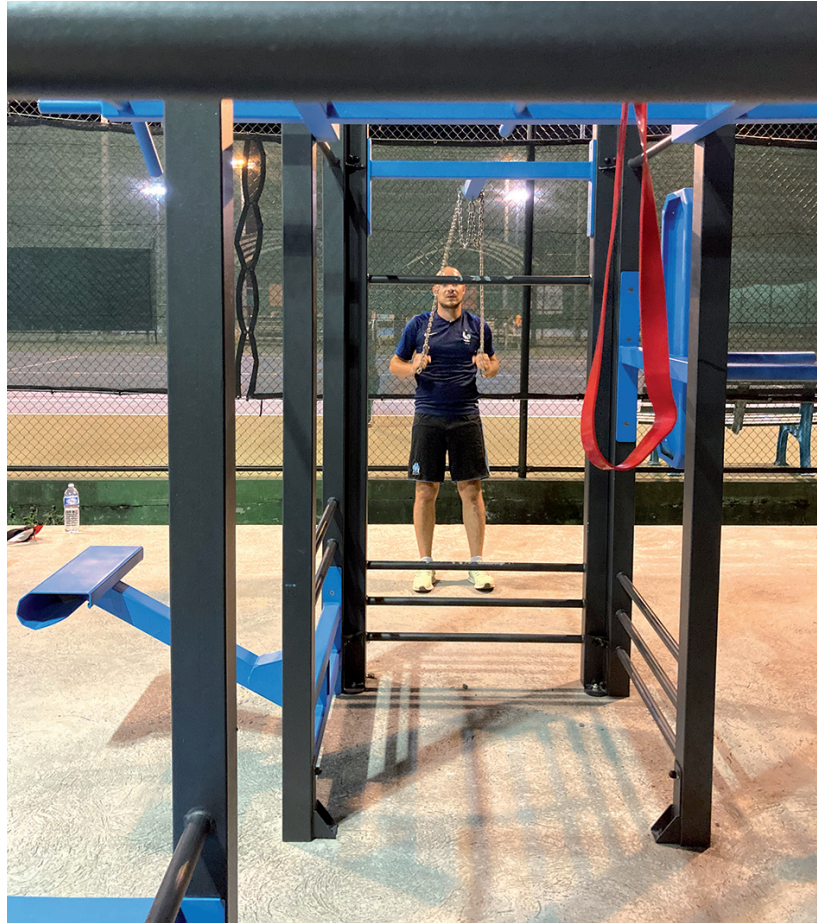


# AirFit, A Virtual Sports Coach

Since the St Jean stadium is closed to individuals not part of a club or association, a new option has opened behind the basketball court in the St Jean sports complex. Many people have been working out on what looks like a playground for kids. But it's actually a "cage" full of surprises...

By 7pm, darkness has fallen on this little corner of the Caribbean. The basketball court is a beehive of activity as the Pelicans get ready for their weekend meeting with Thunderz Grey. Behind them, an installation of workout equipment is in use by about a dozen athletic-looking individuals. On closer inspection, it's a group of young people happily training, working out, stretching. "And yet, there is no sports coach here," declares one of them, laughing, as their friend replies, "Here, the trainer is your smartphone." Instructions on an informational sign awaiting installation explain that one should download AirFit, an app available for iPhone and Android. With a good Wi-Fi connection, the download takes only a few seconds and is free.

The interface is intu-



*The AirFit center is perfect for personalized training*

itive, just enter your last name, first name, sex, and birthdate to create an account. This allows you to record your performances, for example the number of repetitions done in a series and how long it took, to be able to compare the results later. Comprising eight modules, the AirFit installation in Saint Barthélemy offers access to a multitude of exercises in order to work on the upper body (deltoids,

trapezius, pectorals, biceps, and triceps) and abdominals, as well as lower muscles such as the hamstrings or quadriceps. For each of these areas, 15 to 20 exercises are demonstrated by a 3D animation that clarifies the instructions. A punching bag is also available, ideal for warming up slowly... but the center of the bag is an iron bar so we hope no one loses a finger or two. Each part of the

installation also has 3D descriptions of stretches, to carefully close each segment of your workout. Open to everyone, the AirFit center cannot be used for money-making activities. It's more a question of goodwill and mutual support, creating a cool spot to workout accompanied by noises from the nearby tennis courts or the pétanque boules clinking in the distance.



# TIME OUT

Where to go dancing? See an art exhibit?  
Listen to live music? Time Out keeps you up to date  
on local happenings. Let's party !

## Live Music

- ▶ Every day
- DJ Set for lunch  
@ Le Barthélemy  
from 18th December
- Lunch at Al Mare  
Restaurant (Le Sereno)  
with DJ Maxine
- ▶ Friday, January 29
- For Her. Champagne for  
Ladies 8-10pm  
@ Le Bagatelle
- ▶ Saturday, January 30
- Nuit Blanche Party.  
White dress code & Joie de  
vivre @ Le Bagatelle
- Gypset Soirees from 7pm  
@ Le Manapany
- ▶ Sunday, January 31
- Live musical entertain-  
ment for brunch  
at Manapany
- ▶ Monday, February 1
- Monday aperitivo with  
live music at Al Mare  
Restaurant (Le Sereno)
- Tropical Twist Evening  
with Live music, from 7pm  
at Le Christopher

## Exhibitions

- Space Gallery St Barth  
Group exhibition present-  
ing many new artists incl.  
Charles Moreau, Jean-  
Philippe Piter and more.

- Group exhibition : Alain  
Le Chatelier, Gery Langlais  
Stanislas Defize, David  
Wegman, Lindy Shuttle-  
worth, Dave Stevenson @  
Les Artisans
- Bronze Sculptures at The  
Collectivity Garden
- Toutes Voiles Dehors!  
Michel Brosseau @ Galerie  
Asie
- ▶ Art Galleries
- Clic Gallery, Gustavia
- Les Artisans, Gustavia
- Art Hunter, Gustavia
- Camaruche Gallery
- SpaceSBH Gallery
- Pipiri Palace, Gustavia
- Pati's Gallery, St Jean
- Galerie Asie

- ▶ Artist's Collection
- Hannah Moser,
- Kay Quattrocchi, Salines
- Antoine Heckly

## Fashion Show

- ▶ Every lunch
- @ Pearl Beach
- @ Nikki Beach
- @ Le Barthelemy
- ▶ Every Tuesday
- 6:30 pm at La Case with  
DJ set, Cheval Blanc
- ▶ Every Friday
- 7pm at Le Manapany



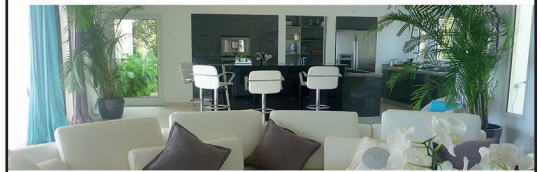
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via. The villa has a large living room, equipped with home  
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a queen-size bed, air-conditioning, Wi-Fi, TV, US satellite, DVD,  
bathroom with shower.

**For additional information contact  
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# GASTRONOMY

## Gustavia

Arawak	05.90.27.53.23
Bagatelle	05.90.27.51.51
Bar de l'Oubli	05.90.27.70.06
Bête à Z' Ailes (BAZ Bar)	05 90 29 74 09
Black Ginger	05.90.29.21.03
Bonito	05.90.27.96.96
Café Gloriette	05.90.27.13.71
Casa	05.90.27.63.77
Eddy's Restaurant	05.90.27 54 17
Fouquet's Saint-Barth (Carl Gustaf)	05.90.29 79 35
Fish Corner	05.90.51.36.33
Kinugawa	05 90.51.13.55
L'Entracte	05.90.27.70.11
L'Isola Ristorante	05.90.51.00.05
L'Isoletta	05.90.52.02.02
La Crêperie	05 90 27 84 07
La Cantina	05.90.27.55.66
La Guerite	05.90.27.71.83
La Petit Plage	05.90.27.73.00
Le Repaire	05.90.27 72 48
Orega	05.90.52.45.31
QG	05.90.87.41.36
Quarter Kitchen & Cocktail Lab	05.90.27.51.82
Shellona	05.90.29 06 66
Sin Garden	05 90 87 21 24

## Flamand

La Case (Cheval Blanc)	05.90 27 61 81
La Cabane (Cheval Blanc)	05.90 27 61 81
La Langouste	05.90.27.63.61
Shatira	05.90.27.68.67
Chez Rolande	05.90.27.51.42

## Corossol

Le Régal	05.90.27 85 26
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## Colombier

Les Bananiers	05.90.27.93.48
François Plantation (Villa Marie)	05.90.77.52.52

## Saline

Esprit Jean-Claude Dufour	05.90.52.46.10
Grain de Sel	05.90.52 46 05
Tamarin (Le)	05.90.29.27.74

## Lurin

Santa Fé	05.90.27.61.04
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## Anse des Cayes

Chez Yvon	05.90.29 86 81
Le Manapany	05.90.27.66.55

## Lorient

Jojo Burger	05 90 27 50 33
Le Bouchon	05 90 27 79 39
La Bohème	05 90 27 52 52
La Licorne	05 90 87 37 93
Le Portugal à St Barth	05 90 27 68 59

## Pointe Milou

Mango Bar Restaurant (Lunch)	05.90.27.63.63
Christo (Diner & Lounge)	05.90.27.63.63

## Toiny

Jarad (Le Toiny)	05.90 27.88.88
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## Grand Cul de Sac

Aux Amis (Le Barthélemy)	05.90.77.48.48
Yo Sushi Mania	06.90.62.69.83

## Public

Maya's	05.90.27.75.73
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## Saint-Jean

Chez Joe (Airport)	05.90.27.71.40
Kiki e Mo	05.90.27.90.65
Gyp'Sea Beach	05.90.77.53.01
L'Ardoise	05.90.77.41.97
La Terrasse	05.90.27.52.21
Le Glacier	05 90 27 71 30
Le Jardin	05 90 27 73 62
Le Piment	05.90 27.53.88
Lil'Rock	06.90.40.56.62
Nikki Beach	05.90.27.64.64
Pearl Beach	05.90.52.81.33
Zion (ex Hideaway)	05.90.27.63.62

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# Stay forever..



## **Villa TWH - 4 Bedrooms - Toiny** **6,750,000 €**

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## **Villa MCL - 4 Bedrooms - Marigot** **6,500,000 €**

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## **Land HAZ - St Jean - 1338m<sup>2</sup>** **2,862,000 € each**

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## **Villa CBI - 4 Bedrooms - Grand Cul de Sac** **4,900,000 €**

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## **Land TOI - Lot size 1590m<sup>2</sup> - Toiny** **3,500,000 €**

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