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*of the East Bay*

# Lavender Notes

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## Elder Economic Dignity Act Passes

AB 324 & AJR 6: Elder Economic Dignity Act of 2009 Passes Assembly

Lavender Seniors are supporters of the Elder Economic Dignity Act of 2009 which passed in the Assembly and will now go to the senate. Legislatures have not been successful in eradicating poverty because they do not have an accurate view of how most people live in today's economy. This new legislation sponsored by the Women's Foundation of California, Insight Center for Community Economic Development and Co –sponsored by the California Senior Legislature, Catholic Charities of California, and the National Association of Social Workers California Chapter, would use the Elder Economic Security Standard™ Index (Elder Index) to better measure poverty in order to plan for the needs of older adults. AB324 would require the California Department on Aging (CDA) and Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) to use the Elder Index in their planning. It would also require the CDA to update the index each year for each county and annually calculate qualitative and quantitative information for people living below the Elder Index of \$48,000 per year. Intake forms from senior service programs will be required to use the Elder Index when qualifying seniors for programs and services. AJR6 is a separate resolution to the bill which urges Congress and the President to update Federal Poverty Guidelines to reflect the actual costs to survive in each county of the US.

The current Federal Poverty Line (FPL) is measured solely on the cost of bare-bones food diet. Even though this is revised each year with the consumer price index (CPI), the 2008 FPL is the same dollar amount, \$10,400 for an individual living alone no matter were a person lives. Many seniors go without services because this method of calculating poverty underestimates the amount of people who can not afford basic needs. The Elder Index sets a new level of income for seniors. It provides the cost of meeting basic needs which will allow policymakers to implement better plans for providing seniors with access to lifeline services. The bill would also better enable service providers to connect seniors with these services.

## Budget Cuts Devastating

Budget Cuts will take place beginning in July with the passing of the new state budget. California's FY 2009-2010 deficit is projected to be about \$21.3 billion and Arnold Schwarzeneger's plan cuts safety net programs for our states poorest populations which include seniors, low income families and immigrants. How will that effect our community? As of June 17, here is the current situation approved by the State Budget Conference Committee: 30% funding cut of \$3 million to Caregiver Resource Centers; 30% cut of \$1.2 million to Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers effective October 1, 2009; no cuts to the Multi-Purpose Centers Senior Services Program (MSSP); 30% cut of \$2.5 million to Adult Day Health Care Programs which capped participation to 3 days per week as of August 1, 2009; In-Home Support Services (IHSS) will cut the number of participants by 10%; 50% cut of \$3.1 million to Alzheimer's Research Centers. These numbers are subject to change should the Budget Committee make revisions prior to sending it to the Assembly and Senate for a vote which must pass by 2/3. It is unclear how our communities will be effected, but it is expected that many people will lose services.

## Intergenerational Pride Program A Big Success!

Lavender Seniors hosted its first LGBT Youth Senior Luncheon at the United Methodist church in Walnut Creek on June 12th. The event was extremely well received by over 20 seniors and about half a dozen youth from the rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa and the Gay Straight Alliance Network (GSAN). A panel of youth and seniors kicked-off the program by sharing their "coming out" experiences. The panel discussion facilitated an amazing array of stories shared over lunch between the two generations. The outcome was awe inspiring! Not only did the youth learn about the history of LGBT seniors, they were noticeable empowered by sharing their stories with a generation that paved the way for the legal protections the LGBT community has today. Lavender Seniors would like to thank Larry Kolka of Edward Jones Investments for sponsoring this groundbreaking luncheon

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## LavenderNotes

is the official newsletter of  
*Lavender Seniors of the East Bay.*

### Mission Statement

The mission of Lavender Seniors of the East Bay is to improve the quality of life of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender seniors through direct service, community outreach, advocacy, and education.

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### ARE YOU CONFINED TO YOUR HOME OR YOUR ROOM?

If you are or you know someone who is, let us know. We have Friendly Visitor volunteers who want to meet you!! Call Melissa, 510-667-9655

### What We Do...

Founded in 1994, Lavender Seniors of the East Bay provides the following:

**LGBT Seniors of Color:** Improves access to health and human services to LGBT seniors in the African-American, Latino, Native American, Asian, and Pacific Islander communities.

**Friendly Visitors Program:** Matches volunteers with isolated and /or frail LGBT seniors for social support, light household and shopping assistance, and telephone assurance.

**Cultural Competency Training:** Through LGBT Senior panelists, educates service providers to comply with state laws to change policies and practices to make service more accessible to LGBT seniors.

**Monthly Informative Social Gatherings:** Help build informal social networks and individual's knowledge of issues affecting seniors at the Monthly Potluck in San Leandro, Lavender Lunch Bunch in Oakland, and South County Lunch and TalkAbout at the Fremont Senior Center.

**Community Involvement:** Engages in community building and partnering processes with local governments in order to insert LGBT elders' needs into their planning efforts.

**Monthly Discussion Groups:** Coming Out Again, Fellows of East Bay and Seniors Men's Afternoon co-sponsored and co-hosted by the North Berkeley Senior Center and Pacific Center (see back page for schedules) provide LGBT support group settings to elders in the North County.

**Monthly newsletter:** *Lavender Notes.*

**Website:** <http://www.lavenderseniors.org>

To get involved as a participant or volunteer, contact us at 510-667-9655, press 1, or go to: <http://www.lavenderseniors.org>

## July Birthdays

July 1 <sup>st</sup> Patty O. Will O.	Patricia S. July 13th Bea H.	Paul M. July 22 <sup>nd</sup> Toby M.
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July 10 <sup>th</sup> Julie N.	Marie K. July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer S. July 27 <sup>th</sup>
July 11th Verne N.	Kenneth A. Brenda W.	Charlene S. Thomas D.
July 12th Paul M.	July 19 <sup>th</sup> Cynthia D.	July 30 <sup>th</sup> Nacho A.

## MONTHLY POTLUCK

Saturday, July. 11<sup>th</sup> - 12 noon to 2pm

Program: Stagebridge

A thru K bring a Dessert/Fruit  
L thru R bring a Main Dish  
S thru Z bring a Salad



Donate to Lavender Seniors online! Now you can go to [www.lavenderseniors.org](http://www.lavenderseniors.org) and click the **Donate Now** link. This is an easy way to make a difference in your community.

### Become a "Friend of Lavender Seniors" Today!

Lavender Seniors of the East Bay need your help! LGBT seniors are among the most overlooked and underserved population. Your donation provides general operating support for programs that help LBGT seniors live better lives by addressing issues of stigmas based on age and sexual orientation, limited biological families and social support, health disparities, insensitive health and human services providers, and economic insecurity exacerbated by ineligibility for spousal or survivor's benefits.

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## VOLUNTEER CORNER

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I've been volunteering remotely for non-profits for so long, meeting my Lavender Senior face-to-face through the Friendly Visitors program was absolutely uplifting. It wasn't such a challenge to meet my client in the privacy of his room; it was seeing so many more like him when I wheeled him through the commons area to go see the sailboats float by the window. Most of the elderly seniors were just sitting and watching TV. I nodded to an old black woman, who nodded back. Ouch. I thought of returning later to strike up a conversation with her, but I never did. If I could clone myself and visit with the whole room I would in an instant.

What became clear in this first visit was that it's not about sexual orientation or gender or anything else. There are so many seniors getting old and I witnessed just one home in one city in one county in and one state.

We talk about zillions of Baby Boomer's retiring. Forget about whether my Social Security will be there when I retire--where will we build the retirement homes to house them all? And where will all the nurse practitioners and hospital aids come from to look after them?

As we face the monumental task of providing proper attention and medical care to the largest generation of Americans ever, who is going to stop by every commons area in every nursing home and say hello to every senior citizen living there? We'll need an army of Friendly Visitors like me. From what I saw, we already do. – John Bouvillion

"The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and doesn't stop until you get to the office." - Robert Frost

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### Lavender Leader Opportunities

**Cultural Competency Speakers Bureau** – Tell your story to health and human service providers to help them better serve the needs of LGBT seniors.

**Friendly Visitors** – Visit, make phone calls, and provide shopping assistance to reduce isolation and help LGBT seniors Age in Place.

**Fundraising** – Assist Lavender Seniors with raffle or event ticket sales.

**LGBT Aging Coalition Members** – Be a part of a network of seniors and community leaders whose mission is to increase access to health and human services. Various levels of participation are available on the coalition. Attend meetings, participate in government forums, and assist projects that improve the lives of LGBT seniors in the East Bay.

**Meal Program and Event Assistance** – Help set up for monthly potlucks and social events or facilitate monthly lunch bunch programs.

**News Crew** – Assist with the mailing of Lavender Notes.

**Outreach** – Host tabling for senior and LGBT community events.

If you are interested in any of the above opportunities, please call Tomi Smith at 510-667-9655 to request a Volunteer Application Package or go to [www.lavenderseniors.org](http://www.lavenderseniors.org), click "volunteers," click "volunteer pack," print the application, fill it out, and mail to Lavender Seniors.

**Training is provided!**

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### Journalist Seeking Interviews with Senior Gay Couples.

I'm a journalism graduation student in Brazil. I'm planning to do my graduation project in San Francisco and I've chosen a theme related to Proposition 8 and gay families.

I'd like to meet and interview senior gay couples, grandparents and their families. I think it will be interesting, in a Brazilian point of view, because it is rare to find homosexuals older than 60 in Brazil, as the generation that led the gay movement is younger.

So, in a way, in the United States, these families have gotten a structure that is more recognized. Proposition 8 should be an interesting subject to approach these families in how they felt with the response from Californian society, which seems contradictory with the liberal history of the State.

This should be the material to a book I'll present to my professors in the university and maybe later published nationally in the country.

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### Jane Rule

Born in New Jersey on March 28, 1931, Jane Rule was raised in the American Midwest and California. In 1952 she graduated from Mills College and Moved to Canada four years later, settling in British Columbia. Rule taught intermittently at the University of British Columbia until 1976 when she moved to Galiano Island.

Jane Rule is celebrated internationally for her fiction and her non-fiction. Her career began in 1964 with the publication of her novel "Desert of the Heart". One Toronto critic write, "But all the time you keep turning to the photograph of the author on the jacket and wondering how such a nice looking woman could ever have chosen so distasteful a subject." Rule was one of the first out-writers to write openly about being a lesbian in major fiction.

But, it was her 1975 book "Lesbian Issues" that catapulted her onto the world stage. Rule attempts to set down what is means to be a dyke. To do this, she beautifully measures her own attitudes toward sexuality against the images made by other women writers including Gertrude stein, Willa Cather, Radclyffe Hall, Vita Sackville-West and others.

"When one door of happiness closes, another one opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us."

-Helen Keller

## Fresno Gathering for Proposition 8

It was estimated that over three thousand gathered at the "Meet in the Middle" event in Fresno on Saturday following the ruling. The march, which originated in Selma, CA., proceeded to the Fresno City Hall, a distance of fourteen and a half miles. The program officially commenced at 1:00pm.

There were a number of booths scattered about the city hall area including a special table where materials were provided for participants who wanted to make their own signs.

At the booth for Marriage Equality USA we did a land office business in political shirts and bumper stickers proclaiming the freedom to marry.

For over three hours a massive number of passionate speakers spoke, including Rev. Troy Perry, retired head of Metropolitan Community Church and Molly McKay of Marriage Equality. They urged everyone to continue fighting for marriage equality.

At one point a rousing cheerleader urged the crowd to shout out if you were married. Booming hurrahs broke out. Then she went further. "How many of you have been faithful?" Near silence followed. What's going on here?

It was a great day for marriage supporters, but many of us keep wondering if all this endless self praise is enough to win over rural segments of the California population. We need to reach out further. Why not have a booth at the California State Fair which is held every September in Sacramento. Thousands of farm families pour into Sacramento each year and would be exposed to our side of the controversy. Perhaps Equality California could take on this challenging project. Just a thought. -**Frank Howell**

### Added Comments by Marvin Burrows:

*There were many famous speakers and activists including,*

Lt. Dan Choi discharged under "don't ask don't tell,"  
Cleve Jones, friend of Harvey Milk,  
Robin Tyler, LA activist and comedian,  
Dustin Lance Black, Oscar winner for screenplay of MILK,  
Charlize Theron, Oscar winning actress,  
Eric McCormack, straight actor of Will and Grace,  
Robin McGehee, local lesbian mom and event organizer.

From my observation of the event, I saw many new and young faces. Since Prop 8 lost, there are so many new organizations that there isn't enough room to name them all here.

In the mean time New Hampshire has joined other New England states in allowing Marriage Equality.

## LGBT GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

**When:** Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** Hospice of the East Bay  
**Fee:** \$50.00 for the full eight weeks \*  
**Facilitator:** K. Sue Duncan, MFT

To register please call the Center for Grief and Loss at Hospice of the East Bay (925) 887-5681 Pre-registration is required.

\*No one will be turned away.



### 365Gay Agenda [Blog](#)

## Ruby-Sachs: Reflections on a Big Gay Weekend

By [Emma Ruby-Sachs](#), [365gay blogger](#) 06.09.2009 1:21pm EDT

This has been a busy few days for the gay rights movement, and most of the news has been bad. I needed a pick me up today and my friend sent me the link for Ellen DeGeneres's Commencement speech a few weeks ago at Tulane. She had me laughing in no time. And I needed a laugh.

The Supreme Court has refused to review the Federal Court decision upholding Don't Ask, Don't Tell. It's a move that was not unexpected, and may save gay members from a bad high court precedent, but it lets the decision that DADT has a rational basis stand as the current law.

The New York Senate suffered a huge coup when two Democrats banded with Republicans in an effort to defeat gay marriage in the state. The move - amazing especially considering the low Republican support nationally and the complete lack of any concrete policy objectives as a party besides lower taxes and a decrease in social programs at a time when people are hurting more than ever - was a huge shock to the country. It forced me to reconsider just how important these kinds of social hot button issues are to the electorate.

And a pride marcher in San Diego was attacked by an anti-gay protestor as he made his way through the city surrounded by supporters.

After Ellen made a good joke or two about the hangovers and sexploits common to any graduating college class, she told the story of her own professional coming out. I remember watching that episode of her sitcom in the living room with my parents. My heart was in my throat and I couldn't stop laughing in a high pitched tone. That was me, up there, awkwardly navigating unburdening this huge secret. It was thrilling.

After that episode, Ellen was cancelled and blacklisted from Hollywood for three years. Her brave step, meant that her career was effectively over.

There's a lot to be sad about this weekend and I know that I am frustrated. But we have to keep in mind that times have changed since Ellen's first big gay plunge. Things are improving and with improvement comes polarization. The big battles are still out there, but we are slowly winning the small ones: gay marriage in New Hampshire, the first hearing on the UFAA and Ellen's talk show - a talk show hosted by an out lesbian with constant reminders of her sexuality thrown into each script - is topping the charts.

### In The Name Of Hate: Understanding Hate Crimes

By Barbara Perry  
Routledge-Paperback-

Hate crimes have been with us since the dawn of civilization. Barbara Perry defines such offenses as, "crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity." But for generations such crimes were taken for granted. It was only in 1990 that President Bush signed into law the Hate Statistics Act which authorized the collection of statistics that gave the public a picture of what we were really coping with.

Hate groups use the attacks to punish those individuals or groups who refuse to conform to their social definitions.

The reporting of violence against the LGBT community began when the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force started collecting data in 1984. Perry, who is Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Northern Arizona University, has uncovered some provocative trends. Violence against men appears to be decreasing, while attacks on women are on the increase. Women are usually attacked by people they know; men are assaulted by strangers.

Racial violence stands out as the most frequent crime, followed by anti-Semitic victims, and then gays. But

then we must ask the really tantalizing question: Who are these men who despise us so? Police officials tell us they are generally young, white males who are filled with the desire to eliminate "inferior populations." They feel they have a God given duty to protect society from moral "perverts" who pollute the social environment.

Members of groups such as the KKK are traditionally profiled as poor, ignorant whites. But in recent years such leaders have emerged as middle class and respectable men. For example Richard Butler, head of Aryan Nations, is an aerospace engineer. Robert Miles, head of the KKK works as a manager for an insurance company. When a gay male is assaulted, the body is frequently torn to pieces as a symbol of this unique form of resentment. Men who harass women despise them both for being women who refuse to stay in their socially prescribed role and because they symbolize the rise of the civil rights era and the decline of traditional sex roles, where the man is expected to rule. For years Senator Jesse Helms succeeded in excluding gays and lesbians for hate crimes legislation, which is still under debate. Only 14 states have hate crimes legislation that includes the lavender population. In 1994 the Violence against Women Act was sponsored by Senator Joe Biden.

Fortunately educational programs in the public schools are on the increase. The Anti-Defamation League has been a pioneer in this area. Students are taught to value difference as opposed to staid conformity. There has been increasing efforts to hire more people from all minority groups. The age of Obama brings renewed hope as Congress explores the proposed Hate Crimes Act. A new day may well be dawning as the 21<sup>st</sup> century unfolds.  
-Frank Howell

"I choose to risk my significance, to live so that which came to me as seed goes to the next as blossom and that which came to me as blossom, goes on as fruit."

- Dawana Markova

### The Zuni Man-Woman

In 1886 Washington, D.C. was emerging as the metropolitan capital of a booming nation. The trauma of the Civil War was in the past, industrialization and urbanization were in "manifest destiny." Now it was beginning to face the consequences of rapid growth and settlement. In Washington, a new generation of young professionals was eager to tackle these problems, especially the exploration of the West and its resources, including its native people. In the West, the last Indian tribes had been defeated. Anthropologists Matilda Coxe Stevenson, one of America's first women scientists, and her rival, Frank Hamilton Cushing, an eccentric young man fascinated with native people since his childhood, where two of these young professionals.

Four years earlier Cushing had brought a delegation of Zuni Indians on a much-publicized tour of the East. Matilda Coxe Stevenson decided she had to keep up, and so early that year she brought a remarkable cultural ambassador to the nation's capital. The Zuni "princess" We'wha (WAY-wah), as the local papers dubbed her, was an instant celebrity. Throughout the spring of 1886, she mingled with politicians, government officials, politicians, and the local elite. She befriended the speaker of the house and called on his wife. She demonstrated Zuni weaving on the Mall and worked with anthropologists at the Smithsonian Institution. She even appeared in a charity event at the National Theatre before an audience of senators, congressmen, Supreme Court justices, and the president. Finally, in early June, she paid a personal call on President Cleveland himself.

Washington society would have been shocked to learn the truth about We'wha. At six feet, the Zuni "princess" was one of the tallest and, according to Stevenson, strongest members of her tribe. Newspaper stories noted her "rather large" features and masculine stride. Yet, no one in Washington doubted that the visitor from Zuni was a woman.

But, in fact, We'wha was a man.

How could a six-foot tall Indian man be mistaken for a "maiden" and a "princess"? This was no Pocahontas! Even more intriguing is the relationship between Stevenson and We'wha. According to one gossip, "she", (We'wha), regularly entered the ladies rooms and boudoirs of Washington. How could Stevenson not know that her intelligent Zuni informant was really, in the words of one gossip, a "bold, bad man"?

The answer to this question takes us back to the dusty pueblo in New Mexico where We'wha grew up as an individual who combined male and female traits in a socially-recognized third gender role. The Zuni Man-Woman tells the story of the friendship that developed between We'wha and Matilda Stevenson, beginning in 1879, and the rivalry between Stevenson and Cushing, two pioneers of the new science of anthropology.

The Zuni Man-Woman explores a fascinating Native American tradition that until recently has been almost entirely overlooked—the role of the berdache or "two-spirit" (a term preferred by many contemporary native people), a status that once existed in tribes throughout native North America.

Berdaches often held honored and influential positions. We'wha was an accomplished potter and weaver, and a recognized expert in Zuni religion. That such an individual could become a representative for his tribe underscores the degree to which individual differences in gender and sexuality were accepted. In most tribes the ability to combine male and female skills was not viewed as a liability but a talent. It came as no surprise to the Zunis that We'wha would travel thousands of miles, overcoming the obstacles of language and culture, to live and mingle with the leaders of a powerful nation. Berdaches were expected to be extraordinary.

The Zuni Man-Woman reveals an American West strikingly different from "cowboy-and-Indian" stereotypes. It was a frontier of gender as well as culture, where an ambitious woman like Matilda Stevenson could prove herself the equal of men and where a visionary like Frank Cushing could find the meaning of life by "going Native." And it was a frontier where a man dressed as a woman could earn the respect and admiration of Indians and non-Indians alike.

The Zuni Man-Woman received the 1991 Margaret Mead Award of the American Anthropological Association and a Lambda Literary Award for nonfiction.



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# July 2009

## Schedule of Events

**July 3<sup>rd</sup> - 2:00PM to 4:00PM - Lavender Women's Book Group** (1<sup>st</sup> Fri.) North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 MKJ Jr. Way, (58<sup>th</sup> St.) Oakland **Reading:** "Zami" by Audre Lorde

**July 6<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 PM to 3:00PM-Coming Out Again Group** (1<sup>st</sup> Mon.) 1901 Hearst Ave. Berkeley, Dining Area, Co-Sponsored by Lavender Seniors and North Berkeley Senior Center.

**July 8<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM to 8:30PM - Lavender Seniors Board Meeting** (Wed. before Potluck) 1395 Bancroft Ave, San Leandro

**July 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> - 1:30PM to 3:30PM - Seniors Men's Group.** (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs.), 2712 Telegraph Ave. Berkeley at the Pacific Center Co-Sponsor: Pacific Center 510-548-8283

**July 11<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM -Lavender Potluck** (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat.)1395 Bancroft Ave, San Leandro; **Program: Stagebridge**

**July 14<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues.) PFLAG Meeting, 7:30PM,** Holy Redeemer Lutheran, 35660 Cedar Blvd., Newark

**July 18<sup>th</sup> - Fellows of the East Bay** (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.) 1823 9<sup>th</sup> Street (at Hearst), Berkeley. **Social Hour 5:30, Dinner 6:30.**

**July (To be Announced) 12:30 to 2:30 PM - Lavender Lunch Bunch,** (4<sup>th</sup> Fri.) North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 MLK Jr. Way. (58<sup>th</sup> St.) Oakland. **Sponsored by City of Oakland Aging and Adult Services. Program: To Be Announced**

**July 24<sup>th</sup> - 12:00PM to 2:00PM - South County Lunch Bunch and Talk About,** (4<sup>th</sup> Fri.)40086 Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont. **Program: To Be Announced**

**FREE LUNCH** for LGBT Residents. Sponsor: City of Fremont, Human Services Dept. For more info. Contact Ina Mae Murri 510-490-5425.

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			1	2	3 Book Group	4
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12	13	14 PFLAG	15	16	17	18 Fellows
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