

# *BOAF*

## *Bulletin Express*

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Editor: Ray Schwartz

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Dear BOAF members,

It's spring and things are supposed to be positive and looking up. And things are looking up for BOAF. We had a successful bird mart and are planning another. We're getting a grasp on the financial situation. We've found the by laws. Now, it's time to turn to other matters.

Last month I published an extract from the original by laws -- the purpose BOAF was formed. I also asked if you thought our purpose was still the same. I haven't gotten any feedback that it isn't, so I presume we still have the same purpose. Incidentally, according to the current by laws, our purpose hasn't changed.

Yet I still have the uneasy feeling we aren't doing something we should, or vice versa. I'd like to hear what you expect from BOAF. Expectations are a personal thing and, although we can't satisfy everyone's expectations, we can try!

I went to a lecture at the Flower Show last week, which brought out this thing about expectations. A friend of the lecturer received a letter that he could buy 10 beautiful flowering trees for only \$10. (I got the same letter and maybe you did too.) He looked at the picture of these magnificent 30-foot high trees covered with pink blossoms and decided immediately to order them. His order confirmation indicated they would be shipped on a particular date and he should have the area prepared to plant them immediately. Two weeks before the shipping date he went out with his son and started digging the holes. They worked all day Saturday and all day Sunday digging these ten giant holes. They figured that trees 30' tall must have a root ball at least 2 to 3 feet in diameter. The next weekend they worked in the fertilizer and manure.

Arrangements were made to borrow the neighbor's tractor to move these behemoths. Everything was ready for the delivery.

On the morning of delivery day, the doorbell rang. It was the postman. He said, I would have left this package in the mailbox but it was marked, "Plant immediately on receipt." The trees it turned out were only 6-inch tall seedlings! He was truly disappointed; his expectations were not met.

I'd like to hear what you expect from BOAF. What should we do that we aren't doing? What are we doing that we shouldn't do? What can we do better? Is BOAF meeting your expectations?

Sincerely,  
Ray Schwartz

### **Meeting Agenda**

7:30 - 8:15 BOAF Business Meeting

Old Business:

2001 & 2001 Show updates

BOAF bylaws

BOAF Library update

New Business:

Bring your concerns and voice them (please not too many at once)

Reports

Treasurer's report

Bird mart committee

8:15 - 9:00 Trained Parrots Demonstration

9:00 - 9:10 Break

9:10 - 9:30 Raffles

### **Meeting Place:**

Monthly BOAF meetings are held in Villa Crest Retirement Center, 1276 Hanover St., Manchester, NH. (The home is 0.4 miles east of the Hanover St exit, Exit 6, from Interstate 93.)

Regular meetings are held in the Villa Crest Dining Room on the second Monday of each month and start at 7:30 PM.

**Notes from the Editor:**

A flyer will be published in next month's bulletin for the Summer Bird Mart. Please contact me if you need some earlier, and I'll bring them to the meeting.

The contract for the 2001 National Caged Bird Show has been signed. The second payment has been made to The Holiday Inn for The Center of NH. 2001 A Bird Odyssey is on schedule to becoming a reality.

As editor I get lots of e-mail relating to BOAF and other bird related topics. In one week I exchanged several letters with a new member in Florida. One of these included a story about her birds. I had originally intended to shorten it but decided to publish it in two parts because of its relevance to what we do as bird owners and breeders. The first part follows:

A Bird Story by Ginger Ambrosio

To all my "feathered friends" at the Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society. I am one of your latest members via the internet. I live in Apopka Florida. I received the latest newsletter over this past weekend and quite honestly, was surprised at the scope of your group. I found the newsletter to be interesting and well produced. After surfing "our" web site, I admit I am tickled pink at the professionalism in its construction. Well done, y'all!!!

You did mention that you were soliciting articles about our pets, I offer you mine. I suppose getting started would be easiest if I shared with you about how I came to be such a bird enthusiast...

It was an early spring morning, one of the first days of spring that was warm enough to open up the house and let spring inside. I noticed off in the distance the sound of a canary; and how it was the ONLY sound I heard... no other birds. For Florida, this was odd, but as I pondered this, I figured that after the several hurricanes we endured in the recent past, understandable; birds had lost many babies due to driving rainstorms

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A Bird Story  
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Ginger Ambrosio

**The 1999 BOAF  
Directory of Officers**

**Elected Officers**

**President**

Ray Schwartz.....(603) 362-6106

**Vice President**

Allen Fox.....(603) 635-1324

**Treasurer**

Steve Tanner.....(603) 647-2013

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Nancy Storey.....(603) 382-5720

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**Auction Chairperson**

Open

**Publicity Chairperson**

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**Meeting Raffle Table Chairperson**

Nancy Storey.....(603) 382-5720

**Event Raffle Chairperson**

The Fox Family.....(603) 635-1324

**Librarian**

Ginny Gallien.....(603) 668-0132

**T-Shirt Chairperson**

TBD (me temporarily)

**Sunshine Committee Chairperson**

Ginny Gallien.....(603) 668-0132

**Classified Ads**

Allen Fox.....(603) 635-1324

**WEBmaster**

Allen Fox.....(603) 635-1324

**Board of Directors**

**Permanent Directors**

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**4 Year Director**

Andy Gallien.....(603) 668-0132

**3 Year Director**

TBD

**2 Year Director**

Susan Fellows.....(603) 887-4930

**1 Year Director**

Katy Secor.....(978) 251-3653

**NHAS Events:**

The New Hampshire Avicultural Society in Nashua is hosting two events of interest to bird people:

Spring Auction  
Nashua Senior Center  
April 8, 2000

Contact Don Masson for information and directions  
(978) 448-6025

A Presentation by Dr. Irene Pepperberg  
Saturday, May 27, 2000  
Doors open at 10:00 AM  
Tickets are \$10 for non NHAS members (\$3 for members)  
[I already asked, no discount for BOAF members]

Contacts: Arlene Levin (603) 882-9393  
Karen Herman (603) 883-3121

**Being Tickled With My Own Feathers**  
By Prism Schwartz

You've probably thought that it would be a disaster if their own feathers tickled birds. How would we survive the day without giggling and shaking all the time? I'm glad to report that our feathers normally don't tickle us even though they may itch a bit. However, there is one way in which my own feathers tickle me.

Every few months I change about a quarter of my zillion or so feathers (that's dad's estimate — I can't count that high yet). And one or two of these are always long tail feathers. Gotta keep up my appearance. Well, seeing a tail feather on the bottom of my cage makes dad act like a child. He takes the longest one and rubs the end of it on the white skin on my face. Then he laughs at me when I quiver. He calls me silly Prism. To accommodate him, I laugh too, but it really isn't funny; at least not to me. He says he's just getting even for my tail tickling his face when I sit on his lap to watch television. Where am I supposed to put my tail? It isn't removable.

I think this borders on macaw abuse. What do you other birds think? Do your human companions treat you like this?

You've probably heard of all the corporate mergers going on. Did you hear that Polygram Records, Warner Brothers and Keebler Crackers were merging to become Poly-Warner-Cracker?

**Visit to the Boston Aquarium to see Penguins**

Last winter we tried to organize a trip to the aquarium in Boston. Only a few people signed up. Besides Karen, The Tanner family, the Fox family and me, is anyone interested in such a field trip? If yes, please let me know so I can arrange car pooling. It will most likely be a Sunday afternoon in April or May.

**New Hatchlings**

Robert & Deborah Platt  
Marlboro, MA

Louisa Bauer  
Ogdensburg, NY

Olive Bentley  
Newmarket, NH

Ralph Napolillo  
Greene, RI

Robin & Bryan Shewokis  
Weymouth, MA

David Bailey  
Farmingdale, ME

Linda McNeill  
East Wareham, MA

Walter Goss  
Deerfield, NH

David S. Clay  
Middleboro, MA

**WANTED: Annual Show Team**

I'm the chairman for the annual show on September 16, 2000. I know it sounds a long way off but it will sneak up quickly. Most positions are still available. Nicole has offered to run the kitchen. We have some secretaries and stewards. Does anyone else want to help?

**Secretary's Report:****Meeting of March 13, 2000**

The meeting started at 7:49pm. New bird owners were introduced. The by-laws will be discussed at the next directors meeting. Ray updated the club on the status of the 2001 NCBS contract. A bird mart review was held. All the bills haven't been received yet but it looks as though the club met its financial goals, and we did get several new members. Steve Tanner submitted a preliminary financial report for the last mart. June 24 is available for the summer mart. A vote was taken for the 6/24 date and the date was approved unanimously. The status of the library is unchanged. Ray Schwartz is the 2000 Show Committee chairman. He asked for volunteers to staff the show committee. Due to other commitments, So So Whaley will postpone her presentation until the July meeting. A presentation on outdoor birding is now slated for May. Steve Tanner submitted a club treasurer report. There was discussion on a more permanent sign for outside the armory for mart advertising. Allen Fox also brought up a discussion on the BOAF web site. There was discussion on putting the bulletin on the site to save on mailing expenses. Our show date is 9/16, which is the same day as the Loudon races so there could be some problems with people finding rooms.

We had a short break and toy making began at 8:35pm, the raffle started at 9:40pm and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm.

***Ginger Ambrosio story continued***

and loss of habitat. (There is much construction here.) Well, I thought I needed to help nature along. I went out and bought a pair of finches; and on the way home decided to get two more to keep them company. That was the beginning of the "end" for me.

In no time, my friends found out about my affection for the birds and began to give me their unwanted birds... Soon I had 13 'tiels, lovebirds and parakeets- and one crusty orange winged amazon. My quiet little trailer became a refuge for all kinds of feathered friend.

It seemed that the wild birds heard my house and began to drop in the back yard to glean the discarded seed and stuff I put outside from cage cleaning... Soon there was a daily flood of all kinds of birds, blue jays, mockingbirds, doves and even several 'tiels who must have been escapees from homes or zoos that were damaged by high winds the previous year...

I had an acquaintance (who was rather envious of the way I had become such a bird keeper), run an ad in the local paper for unwanted birds. In less than four months, she and I collected over two hundred different birds!!!

Continued in the May bulletin

***Classified Advertising******Rules for Classified Ads***

***Classified Ads are free for BOAF members***

***Classified ads for the April Bulletin must be received by Allen no later than March 31, 2000***

**Cages cages and lone lady kakariki pied hen**

Set of 3 stackable cages, 2Hx2wx3L, 1 set with legs, supports other two. In excellent condition with pans 40 each or take all three for 100. Also very large Cockatoo or macaw cage off white iron, stands 6 ft tall dome top with round pan. NEEDS PAINT! \$150. Other misc cages available. One nice little kakariki pied hen close to breeding age, eats very well. Have parents, she is related to my birds. \$175. Contact: Amber; Goffstown, NH; 497-3948 kakarikimom@cs.com

**Cages**

California. Macaw cage, excellent condition \$400. Breeding cages 28x30x48 long. All are 1x1 wire with galvanized pans. Excellent condition \$50.00 ea. Octagon 20 incubator \$175.00 ; Contact: Jean; Manchester, NH; 603668-6122 jclou36521@aol.com

**Sun & Blue Crown Conures, Bronze Wing Pionus**

Currently handfeeding the following babies: sun conures, \$300. blue crown conures \$350, bronze wing pionus \$425 ; Contact: Rena or Allen Fox; Pelham, NH; (603)635-1324 afox1@erols

**Babies**

Yellow napes hatching in April. Visit [www.parrotbabys.com](http://www.parrotbabys.com) for current availability. ; Contact: Debbie; Northwood, NH; (603)942-7130 parrots@tlc.net

**Lovebirds!!!**

Fischer Mutation Pair PROVEN by me! Peachface 10mo old Single Breeder Other birds available. COMING SOON!!! Congo Greys! Reserve your baby NOW!!! ; Contact: Carol; Gt. Barrington, MA; (413)528-7903 berkaviary@aol.com

*Ads Continued on next page*

**Cockatiel Breeders..(Pet Quality)**

If anyone can help me place my feathered friends it would be greatly appreciated. Grandmother passed away and I need to move cant take all my loved ones w/me. So looking for good homes. 1st pair Norm cinn pearl hen/ Norm grey male s/cinn/pearl excellent parents proven together 4 5 yrs old 75.00 pr. 2nd pair Norm grey male split cinn/pearl/lutino/wf set up w/Albino hen not proven together.100.00 pr. Als0 h/f baby split parakeets 10wks 10.00 ea pretty colors. ; Contact: stephanie; Arlington, MA; (781)648-2460

**Lory, Cockatiels, and Lovebirds**

Hand Fed Baby Black Capped Lory, very tame, \$600. Hand Fed Baby Cockatiels, \$45.00 to \$75.00 each. Hand Fed baby Lovebirds, including double factor violets, \$60.00 to \$85.00 each. Brass parrot cage and stand \$150. ; Contact: Roger; Dracut,MA; (978)441-0374 rrahamelin@efdnorth.navfac.navy.mil

**Large Flight Cage**

I have a large wire aviary for sale. It is Five feet long by 2 feet wide by three feet tall. The wire spacing is one inch by two inch. There are some patches on it were there have been nest box holes. Email me if you have any questions. Asking \$75 or best offer. Possible delivery in nearby areas for an extra \$25. Thanks, Adam ; Contact: Adam ; Merrimack,NH; 603-424-7096 mrant00@aol.com

**baby african greys to hand feed**

I have several african grey babies that will be handfeeding I will sell to be handfed and will deliver to BOAF bird mart in NH in June if prepaid. these are congos and timnehs. I will not bring babies to bird mart unless they are pre sold. . I also have timneh greys that should be weaned by the June show. Also have new rod iron cages and other supplies. B G Aviaries Maine and yes we ship. ; Contact: Bobbi; Albion,ME; 207-437-2038 feathers@uninets.net

**Future Green Singing Finches**

Selling green singing finch babies — mom is sitting on 3 eggs which should hatch by April 2 and fledge, if all goes well, by @ April 20 to loving homes with mate or companion for \$50/each. I finger tame my finches. Either call or email me at selesky@fas.harvard.edu and I'll put you on a waiting list. ; Contact: Sandy Selesky; Westford, MA; 978-692-3755.

**breeding pair White Cap Pionus**

I have a pair of White Cap Pionus for sale. The male is proven but not by me. He is 7 years old. I have had the female since she was born, she is 6 years old and not proven but ready to breed. I need to downsize due to a disability. I would like \$500.00 for the pair The male is not tame, the femal is tame for me. ; Contact: Linda A Pytko; Worcester,MA; 508-799-6576 linda.pytko@us.ngrid.com

**cockatiels and lovebirds**

BABY HAND FED LOVEBIRDS AND COCKATIELS,PRICE IS \$50.00 I HAVE PIEDS LOVEBIRDS MENY VARIETYS OF COCKATIELS PRICE FOR COCKATIELS ARE \$50.00 all hand fed i have some breeders avilable price for breeders is \$125.00 a pr. I ALSO HAVE A BABIE HAND FED NANDAY 9WEEKS OLD VERY SWEET AND TAME PRICE \$200.00 ; Contact: pete; saugus,MA; 781-558-1115 robinn21@aol.com

**Proven Greys**

Proven Timneh Grey Pair....\$1,000; Proven Timneh Male....\$425. ; Contact: Melissa; Rochester,NH; (603)332-1419 crash@nh.ultranet.com

**Rainbow Lory**

HF/HT Rainbow Lory. Very pleasant, starting to speak. Desires attention. For sale with cage \$150.00 ; Contact: Tracey; Hollis,ME; (207)929-3935 MGilb15887@aol.com

**S.I. Eclectus**

Bonded pr. eclecttus female proven 1996 birds,in great feather, on pellets,soft food ; Contact: David S. Clay; Middleboro,,MA; 508-946-9155 DSCLAY@TMLP

Directors Meeting Report  
Meeting of March 20, 2000

The meeting started at 7:50. Allen & Rena Fox, Katy Secor, Ray Schwartz and Karen Andersen were present. Ray presented the revised Holiday Inn contract for the 2001 show. Ray and Karen signed the 2001 NCBS contract. The summer bird mart is locked in for June 24. There was discussion on how to pay for publicity for the mart. Doug Beardsley has resigned as director. Ray will appoint a temporary 3-year director until the next election is held in December. For our April club meeting we will have bird sexing available before the meeting; the cost was set at \$23. The meeting presentation will include trained Conures. The by-laws will either be published in the bulletin or distributed at a regular meeting. A discussion was held on the 2000 show. We also discussed the benefits versus cost of adding a third judge for the show. Dr. Al found that Chris Voronovich (finches and budgies) is available for the show. Katy Secor will look into the availability of other judges. We will decide on another judge at the ext board meeting. Affiliations will be reviewed at the same time. The suggestion was made to publish a vendor list much like our breeder list. We would still like to put the newsletter on the BOAF web site; it's a matter of mechanics. Allen will look into these details. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45p.

Thank you!!

The club has been fortunate in finding corporate sponsors to support BOAF by donating merchandise for our raffles. Please return the favor by supporting them and buying their products. Their generosity makes our raffles successful and helps keep your dues at the low level they've been for the past several years.

Webmaster's Report by Allen Fox

At last month's meeting I suggested that we place the bulletin on line in a form that would replace mailings for anyone who wanted to go that route. The response was good. Over the next few months we will start putting bulletins online that can be downloaded and printed and will look the same as the printed copies you receive today. By the time you read this report, the April and March bulletins will be available for download. As time goes on you will need a password to download the bulletin. We will supply the passwords to you. More next month on that. The goal is to allow members to download their bulletins thereby getting them sooner and also saving the club money. Printing and mailing our bulletin combine to be the largest expense the club has. Getting online versions will be strictly on a volunteer basis. Give it a try and let me know what you think or if you have any questions.

**For Sale: STUNNING COCKATIELS**

Hand fed white face cinnamon peds. extremely lovable and would make great breeders or pets...pets preferred. Great confirmation born 2/2000. These are large beautiful birds and range from light to heavy pied. Buy direct from breeder and save. Prices range from \$70.00 to \$125.00. Should be ready by mid april or experienced hand feeders may reserve now. I breed only and specialize in cockatiels. Best way to reach me is on the internet. Serious inquires only please. ; Contact: JEFF; concord, NH; (603)435-6121 JEFRO6121@AOL.COM

### *Meeting Raffles*

At every meeting we have both a raffle table and a fifty-fifty cash raffle. Support your club by bringing a raffle prize to the meeting as well as by buying raffle tickets at the meeting. Bird related items are especially appreciated. Let's restore this income generator to its former high level!

#### *Next Directors Meeting*

*Date: April 17, 2000*

*Time: 7:30 p.m.*

*Place: Allen Fox's home*

Agenda: At this meeting the Board of Directors will address a variety of issues carried over from prior meetings.

A decision will be made concerning adding a judge for the fall show.

We'll also continue our attempt at establishing an annual budget by addressing the special events.

Time permitting, we'll also address our legal status as an organization and determine what has to be done to incorporate as a not for profit corporation. (This relieves the board from personal liability for BOAF debts.)

If you can help with any of these topics, we'd appreciate it. Allen owns a large house so we have room for lots of members to participate.

If you can not make the meeting but would like to provide input on a particular topic, please notify a board member so he/she can present your views.

***Dodge Grain  
59 N. Broadway  
Salem, NH 03879  
(603) 893-3739***

**CAGES - FOODS  
TOYS - SUPPLIES  
Books and More**

### Bird Mart Report by Allen Fox

As many of you already know, the Mart was a huge success. We had an excellent crowd most of the day and everyone from patrons, to members and vendors had a great day. Our goal was to make \$1000 after expenses for the day and we beat that by at least \$500. Look for the financials in Steve's report. It was an easy decision to lock in the next date and Ray has locked in the armory for Saturday, June 24th. Ray has relinquished the role of co-chair of the marts and I am handling that task now. We have started a Bird Mart committee with Karen Herman signing up and I need another volunteer for the committee. I hope someone new will step up at the next meeting. Nicole has said she will help paint the sign, which is a great help since Ray and I aren't painters.

I would like to thank the following people who helped out the day of the mart. Angela and Dan did a great job on the kitchen. Ginny handled the gate and Andy along with Steve handled the finances, Jerry and Ina were the bird sales specialists. Also my kids Chris and Nicole for helping out with Raffle Table along with Katy. Other helpers were the two Karens. There were others that helped without being asked like the guys who helped set up and break down tables and chairs at the beginning and end of the day. Next time we will have a sign-up sheet so I don't forget anyone and if I didn't mention you here, thanks again, you know who you are. The member turnout was excellent too. It's definitely a chance for members to get together outside of the monthly meetings. From the gate and raffle table results our members supported us there too.

I would also like to list the members who donated to the raffle table and our corporate sponsors. A special thanks goes to Ginny for donating the Blue Ringneck and Lee Baker for the cage. That raffle item did great. Other member donations were: Blue & Grey Aviary, Sugar Babies, The Leather Elves, Katy Secor, Cal Geoffrey, Don Masson, Ray, Rena & Allen, and the members who donated anonymously. Companies that donated were Hagen, Dodge Grain, Quicko, Crazy Corn, Sun Seed, ZuPreem, Higgins, NatureZone Products, and Bird Talk.

A special sponsor note goes to Moyer and Sons the makers of Scarlett foods. They not only donated bags of Scarlett Foods the day of the Mart they have also made a \$250 cash donation to the club last week. They had a representative at the mart at the Dodge Grain table and Dave must have liked what he saw. We look forward to their continued support.

And a final note, the June 24th Bird Mart will be here before you know it. Make your plans now to be there. If you have new ideas or suggestions about future marts bring them to a meeting or contact me.

Thanks to all!

**2000 Calendar of Events**

April: Meeting 4/10/2000  
 Pre-Meeting: Bird Sexing  
 Clinic (Call for appointment)  
 Topic: Performing Parrots  
 Carmela Cannata & Rose Adler

May: Meeting 5/8/2000  
 Backyard Birding  
 by Chris Berger of  
 Wild Birds Unlimited

June: Meeting 6/12/2000  
 Topic: Exhibiting Canaries  
 by Jan Stachurski

**Summer Bird Mart**  
 June 24, 2000  
 Nashua Armory

July: Meeting 7/10/2000  
 Topic: Rehabilitation and  
 Exhibition of Wild Animals  
 by Soso Whaley and Donna Harned

August: Meeting 8/14/2000  
 Topic: Judging Show Birds  
 by Dr. Al Decoteau

September: Meeting 9/11/2000  
 Topic: Ice Cream Social

**Annual Show:** 9/16/2000  
 Nashua Armory

October: Meeting 10/9/2000  
 Nominations  
 Topic: TBD

November: Meeting 11/13/2000  
 Nominations  
 Topic: TBD

Fall Special Event (auction or  
 Mart): TBD

December: Meeting TBD  
 Elections

## 2000 BOAF Membership Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member: \_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_

Please check the birds in your collection:

\_\_\_ Finches \_\_\_ Softbills \_\_\_ Parrots \_\_\_ Budgies  
 \_\_\_ Canaries \_\_\_ Cockatiels \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

In the annual directory, please include my

\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_ Address \_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_ E-Mail  
 \_\_\_ Do not list me in the directory

Annual Dues: \$20 regular or dual (less referral bonus)  
 \$10 junior (under 18) or senior (over 60)

Referred to BOAF by \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **BOAF**

If not joining at the meeting send to: **Nancy Storey**  
**90 Hunt Road**  
**E. Hampstead, NH 03826**  
**(603) 382-5720**

*For office use only:*

*Paid by:* \_\_\_ cash: \_\_\_ *Check No.* \_\_\_\_\_

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