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Remembering fallen brothers and sisters

These are just a few of the bricks at the Labor Monument in Iliion that memorialize some of our fellow union brethren who have passed on to a better work site. Still, we miss them. They are from different locals and different eras, appreciated by many and missed by all. If you visit the monument, you'll see many bricks like these honoring unionists alive and dead who contributed to the labor movement over many years. As you make your way slowly around the monument, you'll find that there are more familiar names than you likely expected. The truth is that, no matter what local you belong to, we all stand on the shoulders of strong unionists who came before us... men and women who fought battles that contributed greatly to the compensation and benefits we all enjoy today as union members and in the future as retirees.

On April 19th members and retirees of over two dozen local labor unions gathered at the Labor Monument in Iliion, NY to remember and honor those who have died, got hurt or sick because of unsafe workplaces. the ceremony at the Labor Monument consisted of a candle lighting ceremony led by Dietra Harvey, minister and good friend of organized labor. Every year in spring Workers' Memorial Day gives us all a chance to stop, remember, and reflect. This year the cold wind shortened the ceremony at the memorial and the more than 60 par-



ticipants quickly retired to Francesca's Banquet Hall for a dinner and presentation by Brian Wiggins (left). Brian is the OSHA Safety and Law Instructor for the United Auto Workers. In his comments Brian reminded us of recent workplace tragedies around the world as well as in our country. He asked us to never stop working for safer workplaces.

Thomas "Matt" Ganci Sailed Trades UAW Local 2367	Kalman Sosolof HCCGPA Loyal Unionist	In Honour of Shells Sears OSEA / Local 334
Vincent Lapaglia 2006	In Honour of Emery B. Miller Local 259M	In Memory of Art Harrington UAW Local 2243
GSM BOCES Local 2674 Honors Past & Present Members	Richard E. Roy IAMAW Business Representative	Anna Thomas With Love Kearns Family
In Memory of James Terrell UAW Local 2243	"Sully" Bill Sullivan CWA Local 1126	A Lifetime of Labor Support Paul R. Baker
National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 358 Northeastern New York	In Memory of Dick Belvick UAW Local 2243	Robert Besty 2009
	Tracy Allen HCPC RSFA	In Memory of Leonard Kelly UAW Local 2243

More than four decades ago, Congress passed the Occupational Safety and Health Act, promising every worker the right to a safe job. Unions and our allies have fought hard to make that promise a reality – winning protections that have made jobs safer and saved lives. But our work is not done. Each year, thousands of workers are killed and millions more suffer injury or illness because of their jobs. Workplace fatalities are on the rise again and the Republican administration is removing many of these protections under the guise of removing “burdensome regulations.” Sadly, things are likely to get worse before they get better. Workers Memorial Day is observed every year in April to remember those who were hurt or killed at their workplace while trying to provide for their families.

In closing the event, Samantha DeRiso, President of the CNY Labor Council said “I am making it my mission to protect our members and all workers. We have come a long way since OSHA laws have been passed but that doesn’t mean that our fight is over”. Pictured below from 9 o’clock to 3 o’clock is President Samantha ReRiso with CSEA, John Furman and NYSUT members, with Dietra Harvey and Sonia Martinez, with Billy Ganey and fellow letter carriers, and with members of PEF.



The Supreme Court has ruled against us on *Janus*. So what's the deal?

Just as we all feared, the Supreme has ruled 5-4 against AFSCME in the *Janus* case with the conservative Republican majority carrying the day. Wealthy CEOs, corporations and right-wing funders like the Koch Brothers spent millions backing the lawsuit against AFSCME. Powerful wealthy rightwing groups always saw *Janus v. AFSCME* as their opportunity for a power grab, their chance to make corporate special interests more powerful while leaving unions and working people weaker. They were successful in opening the door for union members who want to be freeloaders. It's our job to keep the union movement strong despite any desertions that result.

Now that the Supreme Court has ruled in favor of *Janus* against his union, the expectation is that some members of public sector unions in the 20 states affected will now opt out of paying their dues

Essentially, all workers, regardless of whether they're union members, will feel the impact. See, this isn't just an attack on unions themselves, it's an attack on our ability to join together to push for change at work and level the playing field for the CEOs and the people who put in the work every day like us.

The case has massive implications for working people across the country. Regardless of the Supreme Court's decision, this fight is far from over. We're counting on you to join with us in coming days to make sure all our elected leaders hear from us and understand that we value our freedom to join together with our co-workers for a better life.

Here's a video explaining the case. Check it out, and share it with friends so they know about this right-wing attack on working people. https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=M5JMGx9FXxA

It's important to remember how we got here...

- The Republicans in the Senate under Mitch McConnell refused to even consider President Obama's choice (Merrick Garland) to replace Antonin Scalia on the Supreme Court even though there was still nearly a year remaining on his second term. Garland is an eminently qualified, left-leaning, centrist judge who would surely have been sympathetic to the needs of working people.
- They successfully blocked Garland's nomination for nearly a year, depriving the elected president his constitutional right to fill a Supreme Court vacancy. An unprecedented move.
- That allowed President Trump to appoint Neil Gorsuch to fill the Scalia vacancy. Gorsuch is a conservative, pro-business justice who is politically to the right of Scalia... that is, more extreme than Scalia.

So what does this mean?

- If Republicans had allowed President Obama his full four-year term and acted like statesmen, Merrick Garland would be on the Supreme Court instead of Gorsuch AND the court's majority would have thrown out Ohio's voter suppression law that enables the deletion of registered voters from the rolls in *Hustad v. A. Philip Randolph Institute*. Instead the court ruled to uphold the law and allow the purging of voter rolls, a move that primarily impacts the poor and working men and women who typically have more difficulty getting to the polls.
- If Republicans had allowed President Obama his full four-year term and acted like statesmen, Merrick Garland would be on the Supreme Court instead of Gorsuch AND , the majority would have ruled in favor of workers, allowing them to band together and enter class action lawsuits when they feel they are being shorted on their pay by their employers. Instead the court ruled that they must sue their employer individually to get justice. Not likely many would have the resources to do so but those Republican justices didn't care.
- If Republicans had allowed President Obama his full four-year term and acted like statesmen, Merrick Garland would be on the Supreme Court instead of Gorsuch AND the chances are very good that the *Janus* case would have been settled in favor of labor, ruling that bargaining unit members could not be "freeloaders." Rather they would have to pay for the representation the union is legally obligated to provide. Instead this radical right court ruled in favor of *Janus* and against AFSCME. Another example of the Republican agenda caring little for the "little guy" (aka working people) in our society nor for basic civil rights.

Sadly, as of June 30th, all three cases have been decided in a way that hurts working men and women and those in our society most in need of protection.

So don't forget... That's all Trump and the Republicans.

What the Janus Decision Does (from *Labor Notes*, 2July2018)

Here's a quick refresher on what the ruling means:

Till now, while public sector union contracts couldn't legally require employees to belong to the union that represents them, they could require them to pay a fee, somewhat less than full dues, instead of joining.

These "fee-payer" non-members saved a bit of money and lost the chance to have anything to say about the union. The union was still bound by law to represent them in bargaining, or if they got into trouble.

After *Janus*, non-members will no longer have to pay these "agency fees." That ups the incentive to quit the union. It's predicted to decimate union treasuries, not to mention solidarity.

Solidarity

Our Prescription

- 1. Be Democratic.** We need to exponentially expand the number of us who have the skills, confidence, and authority to be the union. Leaders should welcome, not begrudge, rank-and-file initiative, and do everything they can to help it happen.
- 2. Fight the Boss.** People will join a union that they see winning fights that matter. Getting into the right fights, and winning some of them, is just as important to your union's post-*Janus* survival as asking people to sign a membership card.
- 3. Turn Up the Heat.** To win big fights takes more than action and passion—it takes a plan, and it takes time. A series of gradually increasing actions, such as a contract campaign, aims maximum pressure at your target... and builds members' confidence and unity along the way.
- 4. Ask People to Join.** They won't join if you don't ask. Asking them to become members should become a natural step in your everyday organizing—not a separate project that sucks energy from other campaigns.
- 5. Count Noses.** Create maps and charts to track participation—and know how to recognize a natural leader.
- 6. Don't Go It Alone.** Shrinking unions can't afford to isolate ourselves. But why would we want to? Our interests are the public interests.

One last word from the folks at Labor Notes... What's at Stake

There's one more reason not to give up hope in open-shop America: **we can't afford to.**

Think about the people in your union who have stuck with it. It's usually because the union means something deeper to them than a single issue or a cold cost-benefit analysis. **They feel other workers' fights as their own. They feel the struggle in their bones, connected to their deepest-held values.** Isn't that true for you?

The world needs legions more people like that. Struggle in the workplace transforms each of us in a way the bosses can never undo. It teaches us that we have power—and how to use it.

Look at the mess we're in—most jobs suck, the government's being unraveled, part-time is the new normal, bad guys are laughing their way to the bank, and our planet is on the verge of eco-catastrophe. Turning it all around will require millions of righteous people to put their shoulders to the wheel.

Your workplace, and every workplace, is the training ground to build a better world.

**What organized
labor does...
one worker
at a time.**



Rising health insurance premiums will come to light as midterm elections approach (from the *Alliance for Retired Americans*)

Efforts to destabilize and sabotage the Affordable Care Act (ACA) are making affordable insurance options harder to find. Premiums across the nation are projected to hike by double digits over their existing costs for 2019. Many insurance providers are citing the *tax scam* passed late last year for the rise in prices. The tax bill included a repeal of the individual mandate that all adults must have health insurance, which allows younger healthier adults to drop out of plans. This raises the premiums significantly for older and sicker Americans.

The administration also eliminated cost sharing reduction policies, aimed at keeping premiums lower for those more likely to need the insurance coverage. Reduction policies helped to protect patients with pre-existing conditions, as they incentivized the insurance industry to cover more patients without a large financial burden. “Congress and the administration are sabotaging all efforts aimed at protecting patients,” said Joseph Peters Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance. “The GOP is going to have to answer for that in November, because the midterm elections will come just as premiums for 2019 skyrocket.”

Additionally, the administration has permitted the creation of more association health plans. These plans typically do not meet the coverage requirements laid out by the ACA, and attract healthier adults who can skimp on coverage. That in turn further drives up premiums for older and sicker adults.

The President has decided not to defend major provisions of the ACA in court, also eliminating important protections for patients with pre-existing conditions.

So make no mistake about it, the Trump/Republican agenda regarding health insurance and health care does nothing to help regular working folks. Rather it undermines their ability to afford or qualify for health insurance. The beauty of the Affordable Care Act is that it required everyone to participate. The result was that premiums were lower for those most in need or with limited resources to pay and preexisting conditions were NOT a disqualifier. Despite rhetoric to the contrary, Trump and the Republicans are changing that. It's important that working men and women remember that in November and allow their votes to do the talking.

CNY Labor Council hosts the first labor messaging focus group with the NYS AFL-CIO

Earlier this month on Tuesday, June 5th, the Central NY Labor Council hosted the first Labor Messaging Focus Group with local union labor leaders in partnership with the NYS AFL-CIO. Our focus group was one of a series of meetings held across the state and facilitated by the NYS AFL-CIO. Their purpose is to have open conversations with groups of members from a cross section of the labor movement.

I want to personally thank the locals that were able to participate; NYSNA, MVCCPA, CESA, UFCW Local 1, CWA 1126, IAFF Local 32, Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 112, IBEW Local 34, and LIUNA Local 190.

We need to hold more roundtable discussions like the discussion on June 5th. Standing together in solidarity and growing the labor movement is what we are all trying to accomplish. More education and many more conversations on the issues impacting each local affiliate on a day to day basis will help be more united. We need to stand together in solidarity when we are called upon to protect our collective bargaining agreements that have been negotiated on behalf of our locals and are the backbone of our movement.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Samantha DeRiso, President, CNY Labor Council

Labor reaches out to the local minority community

In the last issue, we reported on Pat Costello and Bill Perrotti discussing the labor movement and what it means to be in a union at a meeting of Indivisible Mohawk Valley (IMV). IMV is a grassroots organization of individuals who support progressive issues and who are working to replace our current representative Claudia Tenney with Anthony Brindisi in the fall. Note: Anthony of course has the enthusiastic endorsement of the CNY Labor Council and the NYS AFL-CIO.

Since that meeting there has been two other meetings of note. The first occurred immediately following the IMV meeting. Pat Costello talked to a group of young men and women from Cornhill about entering the construction trades. Patrick Johnson



organized the meeting with an assist from Freddie Hamilton.

It's Patrick's hope and vision

that a more proactive approach to leaders in the construction industry could lead to members of the Utica minority community finding careers in construction. Pat pointed out that each of the trades is committed to increasing its contingent of racial and ethnic minorities but efforts toward that end to date have borne little fruit. He then addressed what a typical apprenticeship involves using IBEW as an example while admitting that each trade's apprenticeship program is unique. All those present for this conversation seemed very interested in following up with an opportunity to meet reps of the trades

at a later date. When all was said and done, it felt like a good beginning.

A couple of weeks later Patrick came to a regular meeting of the Construction Trades Council that's held monthly at the Labor Council office. It was an opportunity to pitch his idea about getting more minorities into the trades to leaders of the many different trade locals. All were interested but it quickly became clear that the requirements for each trade were vastly different, making some more likely recipients of the initial crop of applicants than others. Since that meeting, Patrick Johnson and Freddie Hamilton has proposed the idea of some sort of basic life skills training to better prepare anyone interested in a trade career for the apprenticeship and construction work experience. That's where things now stand. Moving slowly but still moving... forward.

New delegates... Welcome to our labor family.

We would like to welcome these new delegates to the CNY Labor Council.

Joseph Perrotta, Camden Teachers Association, NYSUT

Michelle Ward, UFCW Local One

If your local doesn't yet have a delegate to the Labor Council, now's the time!

COPE candidate screenings have begun... Is your local participating?

The Central New York Labor Council AFL-CIO is conducting screenings of candidates in upcoming local elections on following dates;

June 27 th from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. (completed)

July 12 th from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

July 18 th from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Local presidents... Make sure your local is represented. Any candidate that wishes to be screened in front of our committee please contact Enesa Sabanagic at 315-735-6101 or by email at cnylaboragency@gmail.com.

Access to the ballot box is essential to a vibrant democracy

In the past decade there has been a steady erosion of voting rights especially in states with legislatures and state-houses controlled by Republicans. Here in New York where we've been under a Democratic governor for three terms some of the most restrictive voting laws exist. Nothing changed over this legislative session. Not friendlier deadlines for registering or changing party affiliation. Not weekend voting. Not voting by mail. Not extended voting hours. Not streamlined absentee voting. And not same day registration and voting. Not a legislative record to be proud of.

So who is most impacted when voting hours are restricted to a few hours on a single weekday? That would be working people, especially those at the lower end of the economic ladder. The ones doing a job with few or no benefits..., no sick time, personal time or vacation. Restrictive voting regs also impact in a negative way people with disabilities, the elderly, students and immigrants.

Voting should be easy... never like what's shown on the left.



There should be in every precinct sufficient voting booths and machines so that there is never a wait longer than 30 minutes. And there should never, never, never be a difference in wait times between polling places in poor neighborhoods and affluent ones; between white ones and brown, black or ethnic ones.

Democracy is constructed on a foundation of access to the ballot box. That democracy, when it works for all, is also the foundation of workers' rights. It's the only guarantee that we, the workers of America, have a voice. The New York State legislature and the governor truly let us all down. We can't let that happen again.

Workshop On Battling Suicide And Depression July 9

The Utica Municipal Housing Authority will sponsor a free workshop on Battling Suicide and Depression on MONDAY, JULY 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 pm at the Utica Public Library, 303 Genesee Street, Utica, Second Floor. Parking is in the rear of the building off of Park Street. The workshop is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The speakers will be Kathy J Peters of the Oneida County Suicide Coalition, John Enders of the Utica Municipal Housing Authority, and Willijah Dawson of the Bee Rose Foundation. Information will be presented on signs and symptoms, risk factors, and community resources for helping people in emotional pain.

Major depression affects more than 16 million of American adults each year. Depression causes people to lose pleasure from daily life, can complicate other medical conditions, and can even be serious enough to lead to suicide. Depression can occur to anyone, at any age, and to people of any race or ethnic group. Depression is never a "normal" part of life, no matter what your age, gender or health situation.

Suicide is the 12th leading cause of death overall in New York. On average, one person dies by suicide every five hours in the state.

For more information, call (315) 735-5246, ext. 25 or 34, or email cnyhirc@gmail.com. The event can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/UticaMHA. The event page is: <https://www.facebook.com/events/800926956779464/>

Admittedly this is late notice, but if you know someone who might need help, please share asap.

For more information on the Bee Rose Foundation, check the following links: <https://www.gofundme.com/bee-rose-foundation> or <https://youtu.be/ZhK54Kg1X6s>.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Utica Municipal Housing Authority Presents:

AmeriCorps Outreach Center at the Utica Public Library

Battling Suicide & Depression

**Monday, July 9
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Utica Public Library
303 Genesee Street, Utica
Second Floor, Gallery**

Speakers:

Kathy Peters, Oneida County Suicide Coalition
Willijah Dawson, Bee Rose Foundation
John Enders, Utica Municipal Housing Authority

This event is free and open to the public. Parking is in the lot at the Park Street entrance of the Library. For more information, call (315) 735-3363, ext. 25, email cnyhirc@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/UticaMHA.



The Newsletter is taking the summer off...

See you all in the Fall

For the first time in its history the United Way of the Valley and Greater Utica has a president of their Board of Directors who is a member of organized labor. At its annual meeting, the Board of Directors elected Bill Perrotti its new head.

Perrotti has been a labor representative on the UWVGU Board for about four years, serving on a number of different committees and participating in many UW events during that time. He is a retired MVCC professor and back in the early 2000s served as the president of the MVCC Professional Association, the union that represents faculty and professional staff . He has been a member of New York State United Teachers for over 40 years and has been a delegate to the Central New York Labor Council since the early 90s.

According to Perrotti, *“When I joined the UW Board, I thought I had a good sense of the needs of Oneida and Herkimer counties. How wrong I was. Looking back, I didn’t have a clue. So many people need help and their needs seem only to increase every year. The work of United Way in supporting local agencies is inspiring and truly life saving.”*



“I’m already enjoying working closely with the UW’s new Executive Director Erin Matt and look forward where her leadership takes the organization. In my new role I hope I can add to the energy that the UW’s great staff model every day. One thing definitely on my radar is to do whatever I can to increase union support for the wonderful work of the UW and its staff. It may be a pipedream but I would love to see every union member in our service area step up and donate just \$1 per paycheck. If that happened, we could move mountains.”

Perrotti indicated that the response of his labor colleagues to his “promotion” has been really humbling. An example of how this is being viewed by union members is demonstrated by the words of former Labor Council President and current UW board member Pat Costello who posted this on his FaceBook page. *“Our Brother Bill Perrotti takes over today as President of the United Way. Bill is the first Labor representative to hold this position. Congratulations Brother! This was a great day for our movement.”* Perrotti indicated that he would be very pleased if his new role helped to make a difference in workplace giving. He certainly plans to try to make that happen.

To be a union member is to Live United.



Labor leaders weigh in on the Janus ruling

Brian Aldes, secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 320 in Minnesota: *“The Teamsters union has faced stiff adversity from anti-union forces since its inception over 100 years ago and we have always persevered. We have seen the war on workers intensify in the last several years, but working people will not be deterred, will not be intimidated and will not be silenced. We will move forward and unite because workers, students, and communities need us to be strong.”*

Communications Workers President Chris Shelton agrees that *“there’s something happening in America... Our public worker membership is growing, even in states like Texas that prohibit collective bargaining for public employees. We’ve stood in solidarity with teachers and other public employees in many different states walking out and standing up to special interests – and winning.”*

Richard Trumpka, President of the AFL-CIO, wrote *“The Supreme Court’s 5-4 decision in Janus v. AFSCME, Council 31, abandons decades of commonsense precedent. In this case, a bare majority of the court, over the vigorous dissent of four justices, has conceded to the dark web of corporations and wealthy donors who wish to take away the freedoms of working people. Until it is overturned, this decision will be a political stain on what is intended to be the most honorable, independent body in the world. But more importantly, it will further empower the corporate elites in their efforts to thwart the aspirations of millions of working people standing together for a better life.*

But here’s the thing: America is heading in a different direction. All over the country, workers are organizing and taking collective action as we haven’t seen in years. More than 14,000 workers recently formed or joined unions in just a single week. This followed a year where 262,000 workers organized and the approval rating of unions reached a nearly 14-year high. Working families know the best way to get a raise, better benefits and a voice on the job is through a union contract. The corporate narrative of the labor movement’s downfall is being dismantled by working people every single day.

*We have never depended on any politician or judge to decide our fate and **we aren’t about to start now.***

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ORGANIZE



Lee Saunders, president of AFSCME convened a conference call that included, among others, Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers, Holly Kimpon, a high school teacher in Genoa, Ohio, Lily Eskelsen García, president of the National Education Association, Dan Greenberg, high school teacher in Sylvania, Ohio, Mary Kay Henry, president of Service Employees International Union, and Sara Campos, public health specialist in Salem, Oregon. Here’s what they had to say:

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/working/labor-leaders-reaction-janus-will-not-stop-us-afscme-nea-aft-seiu/?-jwsourc=cl>

**We're now gonna take a little break.
The next issue of the newsletter will be in the fall.
Until then, we wish our readers
an enjoyable summer.**

*Need to contact your elected representatives in Washington?
Here are some useful numbers.*

Rep Elise Stefanik (21st district) - (202) 225-4611
Rep Claudia Tenney (22nd district) - 202-225-3665 or 315-732-0713
Rep John Katko (24th district) - (202) 225-3701 or (315) 423-5657

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand - 202-224-4451 or 315-448-0470
Senator Chuck Schumer - 202-224-6542 or 315-423-5471

*Need to contact your elected representatives in Albany?
Here is some useful info.*

Assemblyman Brian Miller (101st District)
315-736-3879 (New Hartford) & 518-455-5334 (Albany)
millerb@nyassembly.gov

Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush (117th District)
315-493-3909 (Carthage) and 518-455-5797 (Albany)
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Assemblyman Marc Butler (118th District)
315-866-1632 (Herkimer) and 518-455-5393 (Albany)
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Save these dates

Dates for COPE screening of candidates for office:
July 12 and July 18, both starting at 5 pm

Council meeting when endorsement decisions will be finalized.
July 19 - 6pm - 287 Genesee Street, Utica

2018 Workplace Charitable Giving
Campaign Kick-off for United Way
August 23rd

2018 Gompers Award Dinner, October 26th

2018 Holiday Party, December 13th

Start thinking now about a Gompers recipient from your local

This applies to all local president and Executive Board members but is most important for leaders of NYSUT locals because most NYSUT leaders are out of the workplace during the summer. Keep in mind that there is little time left in the fall when you return to complete your selection process and the associated paperwork to get your member recognized.

The **Gompers Distinguished Service Award** is a very prestigious award within our labor community. Surely every one of our affiliate locals has no shortage of heroes who deserve to be recognized. It could be anyone from your local and once you choose, that person receives the award. Period. The Council does not screen the nominees beyond what you provide because you all know your local the best and who makes (or has made) a difference for your members. That's good enough for us.

So consider a current leader or rank-and-file member, one of your local's founding members, a past member or leader. It's completely up to you... but please choose one. And the award has been given posthumously.

Check out the Labor Council web page...

<http://cnylc.nysaflcio.org/>

***Next Labor Council meeting -
Thursday, July 19th at 6PM
at 287 Genesee Street, Utica.***

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**Any help is appreciated...
Please consider contributing to the
newsletter with an article or news item
relating to your local or any labor issue.**

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