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Jr. Raffle Mar 28 Bring "stuff"

Commentary: *Jim Link*

C'mon Spring! People across America are looking for some of that "Climate Change" to happen. They can't wait for some of that "global warming" to come to their neighborhoods.

And there are always some who don't have the patience to wait for decent weather to show up at home, so they go chasing after it. I called Phyl to check on plans for a Jr. Benefit raffle at Winetrot VI. She said "we're enjoying the sunshine". "In Bellingham?" I said. "No we're in Hawaii." She replied." She did take enough time between sips on that Mai Tai to say that Jon Turnbull is going to be the auctioneer once again. He will sell the items that all of us bring to Winetrot VI to benefit the Junior Fund.

And since we're talking about winter...how about all that snow up there in Snoqualmie pass. In the fifteen or so years that I've been going to the Winetrotouts, never has there been more than one out of the six weekends that I couldn't make it because of the weather. This year the pass has been closed twice. I'll have to admit, that gas prices have gotten me spooked as well. When I couldn't scare up a carpool, for Winetrot IV I stayed home and threw another log on the fire.

So fuel prices are already a factor in tournament numbers this year. Last year there was talk about holding tournaments on both sides of the hill on the same weekends so as to accommodate those who want to pitch but don't want to drive 200 miles to do it. Pursuing that there are open dates this year when a tournament could be squeezed in on both sides of the mountains. The schedule is on the internet, look it over and try something different at your tournament site. We need innovation to bump up our numbers. Maybe you can figure out a new venue to attract those pitchers who like to pitch but don't like organization.

The WSHPA Schedule has been revised. You can view the new schedule at WSHPA.com. If you wish a copy in the mail call 509 250 1035.



Hollis Morris Kara Morris Don Meyer "Old" Russ
Russ Phillips celebrates 70 years at community Center in Grandview

I'm Back and I'm going to be watching you. Don, get those articles to the editor earlier OK?



2007 WSHPA State Champions

Men Russ Phillips	Women Bonnie Lewis
Elder Mel Benham	Jr Boy Matt Fuller
Jr. Girl Deanna Boyle	
Doubles Champions 2007	
Russ Phillips	Harold Boyer

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Hello to all Northwest horseshoe pitchers,
It has been a great start to our season !
It is nice to have the early start to the pitching season here in Washington with the annual Winetrout. Congrats to all of the class winners.

I would also like to thank all of the Oregon pitchers that drive up to be a part of the Washington family.

Winetrout #4 for 2008 was a lot of fun. My thanks go out to all of the people who stayed after the pitching was done to enjoy lunch and each other's company. The swapping of stories and tips are hard to beat.

Thank you to all. See you at Winetrout # 5.
See you on the courts.
Don

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Shoes News needs one new editor to write articles and submit information on our Juniors. Don will continue to interview pitchers and write articles about them for the newsletter. Call or email Jim @ 509 773 4111 or jmlink@gorge.net

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Bellingham	Jan 26
Olympia	Feb 9
Tacoma	Feb 23
Kitsap	March 8
Skagit	March 22

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News From around the Region

Shoes News thanks those who contribute articles, pictures, emails, and other items. Your comments, criticism, and input is always welcome. This page is for you to share your thoughts, and concerns, of our "horseshoe family". Lets hear from you..

New & Returning Members

Sara Holden	Mike Watcher	Earl Hertlein
John McCarthyIII	John McCarthy IV	Don Knowles

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Irene Hoerner	Clydene Tutewiler	Beth McKay
Amy Kitchen	Carol Magnus	Sharon Alexander
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Katy Brownlee	Gail Fuller	Katy Brownlee
Jamie Herridge	Buck Buckman	

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Aryne Bache	Buck Buckman	Ted Bostwick

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Thoughts and Prayers

Gerry Staley of Vancouver Passes away on January 2, 2008

Gerry had been inactive the past several years but had pitched in many tournaments in the 70's, 80's and 90's. He was a consistent Class A and B pitcher, a great competitor and a fun guy to know. He was a key person in the Vancouver Club, along with the Fergusons, for many years and did a lot of work on the courts.

Gerry had a very successful career (15 years) as a major league baseball pitcher. He made the National League All-Star team as a reliever. He pitched in four games in the 1959 World Series with the Chicago White Sox. His career record was 134-111 with a 3.84 era. It was fun to hear him talk about his baseball days. Getty lived all his life in Clark County, WA and died of natural causes at his home.

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Bob West A Legendary Figure

The OHPa lost one of its two all time greatest pitchers (Ben Weidrich being the other) with the death of Bob West on December 23, 2007. Bob was 85. He had been in poor health and was on oxygen the last several years. He is survived by his wife of 57 years (Elinor), a son, daughter and brother and several grand and great grandchildren. Bob and Elinor had retired to Woodburn in the 1980's and still lived there.

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Paid Ads in Shoes News

Olympia Horseshoe Club	Russ Phillips
Bellingham Horseshoe Club	Skagit Valley Club

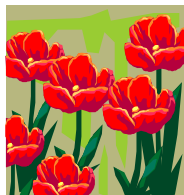
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 Starting Time: **9:30AM**
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 Entry Fees: **\$15.00**
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You can see and download the WSHPA schedule, rules and bylaws, a WSHPA entry form, read Shoes News and see lots of other information on the website. The website is growing. Check it out

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The two obituaries were sent to Shoes News by Ken. He writes: "Dale was a brother to John & Lloyd. He was a pitcher for years and secretary to the Yakima club for many years."

"Ray was with horseshoes for many years. He got the electricity to the Shelter, and helped with the 30' pads. He was a great asset to the club".

IDIOT SIGHTING:

I work with an individual who plugged her power strip back into itself and for the sake of her life, couldn't understand why her system would not turn on.

A deputy with the Dallas County Sheriffs office, no less.

They walk among us and they reproduce!

Dale Willard Monasmith

Dale Willard Monasmith, 98, of Yakima died Thursday at Willow Springs.

Mr. Monasmith was born in Jewell County, Kan. He came to Washington in 1941 and worked for Bell Wyman Co. He served in the Army during World War II. He also worked for Yakima Dodge and Hahn Motor Co. before retiring in 1975.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine Monasmith of Yakima; three daughters, Mary Anne Daughs and Joan Triplett of Yakima, and Dolores Swalwell of Bellevue, Wash.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday at Shaw and Sons Funeral Directors. Funeral mass will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at St. Paul Cathedral's chapel.

Shaw and Sons Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Raymond 'Ray' L. Black

Raymond "Ray" L. Black, 79, of Yakima died Sunday.

Mr. Black was born in Edmond, Okla., and moved to the Yakima area in 1954. He worked as an electrician until his retirement in 1989.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Black of Yakima; two sons, Daniel Black of West Richland and David Black of Selah; two daughters, Bonnie Long of The Dalles, Ore., and Diana Black of Federal Way, Wash.; a sister, Frances Hedlund of Waterloo, Iowa; a brother, George Black of Miami; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at Langevin-Mussetter Funeral Home. The funeral will be at noon Tuesday, also at Langevin-Mussetter. Burial will follow in West Hills Memorial Park.

Question: Do you know what happened this week back in 1850, in California ?

Answer: California became a state. The state had no electricity. The state had no money. Almost everyone spoke Spanish. There were gunfights in the streets. Basically, it was just like California today, except the women had real boobs and the men didn't hold hands.

Ed: Amazing how things disappear in Shoes News. I had a lot of fun with this little guy and then he got lost. I found him again. Look for his pithy comments in future issues of Shoes News

I'm Back!



WSHPA Hall of Fame

- 1974 Francis Winetrout
- 1974 Art Lienes
- 1974 Lloyd Sayre
- 1974 John Monasmith
- 1974 Rudy Allones
- 1975 Phil Luoto
- 1975 Lewis Getchell
- 1975 Ed Fishel
- 1976 Henry Knauff
- 1977 Wally Rehard
- 1978 Kelly Laraway
- 1979 Henry Gilbo
- 1979 Ralph Taylor
- 1979 Herb Okeson
- 1980 Gene Patrick
- 1980 Mildred Kuhne
- 1982 Ellis Wes

- 1982 Alice Rehard
- 1983 Bill Owens
- 1985 Ray Brumfield
- 1986 Herb Criss
- 1987 Earl Kuhne
- 1987 Herb Piddie
- 1989 Cy Kitchen
- 1989 Sig Pederson
- 1990 Bill Van Egdome
- 1992 Ken Carvo
- 1992 Beth Carvo
- 1993 Margaret Byfield
- 1994 Alice Van Egdome
- 1994 Ruth Welch
- 1994 Ed Welch
- 1995 Mel Page
- 1995 Verl Webb

- 1997 Phyllis Quist
- 1997 Jim Quist
- 1998 Art Sperber
- 1998 Carol Sperber
- 1999 Carolyn Ferguson
- 1999 Ken Elvig *
- 1999 Prescott Kauffman
- 2000 Ted Bostwick
- 2001 Don Tysver
- 2001 Gerry Staley
- 2001 Les Spilseth
- 2002 Peter Clark
- 2003 John Alexander
- 2003 Elmer Schilperoort
- 2004 Vey Allen
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- 2007 Jim Link

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WHPA Executive Board Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2008

WinetrouT Tournament #3

The meeting was called to order by President Don Davis. The minutes of the previous Executive Board meeting were read and approved. **Treasurer's Report:** Given by Margaret Byfield, and approved. August 2007 – January 2008

Starting Balance:	\$5,197.12
Received	\$12,124.16
	\$17,321.28
Expenses	\$12,158.13
Current Balance	\$5,163.15

Committee Reports

Promotions: Chairman Jon Turnbull reported that he's been in contact with Evening Magazine and feels that a film/interview will happen sometime soon. Regarding advertising banners, he says that the Burlington Park people say they can be there only during tournaments, which Jon feels is a lot to ask of the advertisers. He is still brain-storming the idea. Jon has a parade float trailer available if any club wants to use it for their local parade. Jeff Saunders, of Spokane, is working with the Special Olympics people to try to get horseshoe pitching as one of their events.

Junior Promotions: Chairman Phyl Quist announced her committee members: Art Sperber, Dennis Tutewiler, and Jeff Saunders. The aim this year is to raise World Tournament funds for Juniors.

Hall of Fame: Chairman Archie Silcox reported that last year there were three nominations and one inducted. The committee is short one member, so one more will be appointed. May 1 is the deadline for nominations.

Old Business

Calendars: They will be out soon. The delay is due to tournament schedule changes.

State Tournament 40-Point Rule motion that had been tabled: Since the motion was found to be in agreement with the NHPA rules, Phyl Quist moved to pass the motion. It was seconded and approved. Motion: Change the By-Law to allow the director of the state tournament the discretion to establish criteria to limit shoes or points for all classes except Championship Classes.

Smaller Classes for less able pitchers: A reminder was given regarding a previous suggestion that a smaller class for pitchers who can't play a full class be considered by tournament directors.

New Business

Storage space problem: Phyl Quist reported that it has become a problem to store the many boxes of old tournament records. Securing rental storage space was discussed, but first members will be notified of the problem to see if a member has the space available.

Horseshoe scales: Phyl and Jim have purchased a scale that will weigh horseshoes to check on their compliance with NHPA rules. It was moved, seconded and approved that the WSHPA buy the scales. The club also has a measuring device for horseshoes. President Don will have these items available for use at tournaments.

Revising By-Laws: Phyl Quist announced that a committee is needed for this. Archie Silcox moved to set up the committee. It was seconded and approved. Phyl Quist was appointed chairman. The revision will be done prior to the State Tournament.

Printer Memory Chip: Editor Jim Link could save much time and effort with the installation of a memory chip in the printer that would allow him to print the *Shoes News* all at one time, rather than the 3 times it now requires. Phyl Quist moved to allow up to \$250 for the chip. The motion was seconded and approved.

Tacoma Club: Charlie Tapper thanked the Kitsap and Olympia clubs who will host the Tacoma tournaments for "keeping us alive, even though we're orphans."

Yakima Courts: It was pointed out that Yakima's 30-foot platforms are not all completed. The Regional Director will see to this problem as he oversees the sanctioning of the courts.

Goldendale Courts
The Homepage Picture on the Website
needs updating. Send Larry a
picture of your courts.



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Golden Gate to the Evergreen State

4 lady gamblers

. No names, no places, all anonymous, even the author.

As they had a very early morning flight to a Hi-Roller Casino, the ladies opted to stay overnight in a cheap run down hotel near the airport – only because they could leave their vehicle there while gone.

The two that snored decided to share a bed so they wouldn't disturb the two quiet ones, who shared the other bed. However, as both beds were in one big room, this act of 'kindness' fell a bit short of intent! And a squeaky 'Inner Sanctum' bathroom door made everyone a light sleeper.

Next morning all went well until Airport Security decided to detain one lady. Seems her magnetic personality set off the bells and whistles. After being thoroughly wanded and searched, she was released to the waiting arms of her partners.

The days flew by and when the machines would go cold and the bodies got tired of the slots – picture this scene in your minds – 4 ladies setting in a gaming casino – embroidering!! This is called creative design!

One lady got a migraine and was forced to get an hour massage. Two faithfully exercised every day – such health conscious individuals. And one was prone to lose all sense of direction. So at 12:30 one night, two get out of bed and get dressed and proceed to look for the one who is lost. They searched and searched until the lost was found. That's what sisterhood is all about – right?

Soon it was time to return home. However, there was one more Airport Security checkpoint to clear before the flight home. And again the one with the magnetic personality caused the red lights and sirens to go off. Only this time the carry-on baggage checker says – "That one has a bigger problem!" as she holds up a large oversized bottle containing brownish liquid (a gift for the husband, of course). It was way beyond the limit for a carry on. Playing dumb doesn't work, begging & pleading doesn't work, so two head back to check-in to see if it was possible to stow it in the belly of the plane. The other two head for the plane hoping they won't be flying home without the partners. One half hour later, the detained two show up for the flight – very giggly, very giddy. No one is quite sure as to the dispensation of the problem!

Did you know – large apple fritters can last for days?

Did you know – pounding on slot machines can cause them to malfunction and reboot?

Did you know – one can never really just get away as hometown folks can walk by & say hi at anytime?

Did you know – 'sisterhood' is a very special gift?

Five great days ended – did they win or did they lose? – how many things in this article are a bit embellished? – will this trip be repeated in the future? – only the 4 lady gamblers know for sure!

KUPER DOUBLES

Date: March 29, 2008
 Place: South Kitsap Park, Port Orchard
 Entry Deadline: Thursday March 27, 9:00pm
 Check In Time: 8:30am
 Starting Time: 9:00am
 Entry Fee: \$15.00 juniors free but must register
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Jim Peterson	6/0	60.83	67.50
Mr. Tricky	5/1	63.75	80.00
Art Sperber	4/2	51.67	65.00
Oral Elhard	3/3	49.17	67.50
Bonnie Lewis	2/5	44.58	57.50
Paul Tutewiler	1/5	47.08	57.50
Don Davis	1/5	53.75	57.50

Mixed Class B	W/L	T %	H/G%
Ron Smith *	6/1	45.42	50.00
Archie Silcox *	5/2	48.09	65.00
Dale Perry	3/3	45.00	52.50
Bruce Tongue	3/3	41.67	52.50
Bob Brown	3/3	38.33	60.00
Dick Lee	1/5	33.75	40.00
Jon Turnbull	1/5	32.08	52.50

Mixed Class C	W/L	T %	HG%
Jean Covington	5/1	42.08	47.50
Marv Herridge	4/2	40.83	47.50
Ray DeBoer	4/2	38.75	50.00
Larry Tunison	4/2	36.67	47.50
Charlie Tapper	2/5	27.50	35.00
Orlean Clinton	2/5	19.58	27.50
Cy Kitchen	1/5	22.08	30.00

Class A 30'	W/L	T%	HG%
George McKay	7/0	35.71	45.00
Mike Rupprecht	5/2	28.21	37.50
Bernie Brooks	5/2	25.00	40.00
Jim Quist	4/3	18.75	27.50
Dennis Tutewiler	3/4	20.42	25.00
Wes Chase	3/4	15.83	25.00
Don Knowles	0/7	13.33	20.00

Juniors A	W/L	T %	HG%
Kevin Turnbull	1/6	11.25	15.00

Juniors B	W/L	T %	HG%
Sara Holden	4/2	3.75	7.50
Missi Holden	3/3	4.17	10.00
Thadeous Tapper	3/3	2.92	5.00
Chris Tapper	2/4	4.17	10.00

Dale Strickland Pitches Horseshoes for his heart



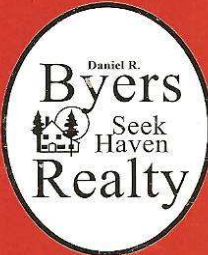
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MODERN TECHNOLOGY

After having dug to a depth of 10 meters last year, New York scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

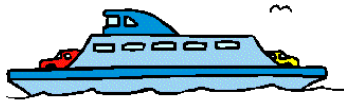
Not to be outdone by the New Yorkers, in the weeks that followed, California scientists dug to a depth of 20 meters, and shortly after, headlines in the LA Times newspaper read: 'California archaeologists have found traces of 200 year old copper wire and have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the New Yorkers.'

One week later, 'Moose Jaw Times Herald', a local newspaper in Saskatchewan reported the following: 'After digging as deep as 30 meters in sagebrush fields near Moose Jaw, Ole Johnson, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Ole has therefore concluded that 300 years ago, Saskatchewan had already gone wireless.'




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Dale Perry	1/5	28.33	37.50

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Len Huson	4.5/1.5	32.08	40.00
Cy Kitchen	4.5/1.5	30.42	40.00
Bernie Brooks	3/3	21.67	27.50
George McKay	3/3	21.25	27.50
Mike Rupprecht	.5/5.5	20.00	32.50
Orlean Clinton	.5/5.5	15.83	22.50

Class D 30'	W/L	T%	HG%
Dennis Tutewiler	4.5/1.5	22.00	37.50
Wes Chase	4/1	21.00	35.00
Don Knowles	2.5/2.5	19.00	25.00
Shannon Redfern	2/3	12.50	17.50

Juniors A	W/L	T %	HG%
David Selmyhr	1/4	6.50	15.00
Missi Holden	1/4	3.00	5.00


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Bob was born in South Dakota and reared in North Dakota. He was a three-time North Dakota state champ and is in the North Dakota Horseshoe and Bowling Halls of Fame. He and Elinor moved to McMinnville in the 1950s.

Bob immediately left his imprint on Oregon horseshoes. He played in 22 Oregon State tournaments from 1958 to 1986 and won 15 of them, averaging 70% plus in all but one. He averaged over 75% in 14 of them and over 80% four times, including an all-time high of 84.66%, and had a composite record of 169 wins and 18 losses. He was elected to the OHPA Hall of Fame in the original group of five in 1973.

West played in the Championship Class in 9 World Tournaments and finished third twice and fourth twice. His composite average for those nine tournaments was over 79%. He was elected into the NHPA Hall of Fame, for his pitching excellence, in 1977.

Hi Jim, Don Davis asked me to have you put an item in the Shoes News regarding the storage space problem mentioned in the minutes, hoping there might be a WSHPA member who has the space needed to store the boxes of tournament records that have accumulated through the years.

Art and I just spent five days in Palm Springs - not too nice down there either. One nice day, and then cold wind, dust, and even snow on the foothills around the valley!

Carol Sperber

Bob had a unique career. When he first came to Oregon, he was pitching a high soft 1 1/4 shoe. Then, after having a poor tournament because of heavy winds, he worked over the winter and developed a very low hard 1 3/4 shoe, which he started using the next season. He was better than before and stayed with that shoe for the rest of his career. His career was interrupted a couple of times by employment problems and injuries, so he didn't play in all the State Tournaments and missed most of some years. He retired from the game after the 1979 season for a few years, but played spasmodically from 1983 through 1990, when he retired for good.

West was a truly fantastic pitcher and also one of the best sportsmen we have ever had in our organization - a real gentleman both on and off the courts. He was your toughest opponent, but also your biggest fan, and he always offered encouragement and helpful hints. After his retirement, Bob knew he had a lot to offer and he got together with Lee Wallace and donated a myriad of memorabilia to the OHPA Hall of Fame.

One other feature of Bob's career that is notable was that he pitched a perfect game (32 shoes in Vernonia in 1969) and also had a perfect game pitched against him (Walter Ray Williams all-time high of 56 shoes).

It is unfortunate that so many of today's membership did not get to know Bob and see him pitch. He was the best.

Barry Chapelle

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NHPA Dues and Insurance	\$12.00	\$12.00	-0-		\$5.00	\$12.00
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Total	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$3.00	\$13.00	\$6.00	\$27.00

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Entry Deadline Thursday at 9pm prior to the tournament unless otherwise noted.

Mar. 08	Winetrout V/ Everett	Margaret Byfield	360-424-3642
Mar. 22	Winetrout VI/ Everett	Margaret Byfield	360-424-3642
Mar. 29	Kuper Doubles / Pt. Orchard Unsanctd	Milt Johnson	253-838-9269
Apr. 12	Tulip Open /Skagit Riverside Pk./Burlington	Margaret Byfield	360-424-3642
Apr. 19	Col. Basin Open / Eastgate Park / Kennewick	Monty McLaughlin	509-627-5019
Apr. 20	Sagebrush Open / Weber Field / Hermiston.OR	Rick Rebman	541-567-8560
Apr. 26	Odessa Spring Fling / Finney Field / Odessa	Dave Goodwin	509- 639-2547
May 03	Schooner Open / Pt. Orchard	Milt Johnson	253-838-9269
May 10	Snipes Mountain / South Hill Park / Sunnyside	Russ Phillips	509-882-2471
May 11	Monasmith Open / Elks Park /Yakima	Ray Powell	509-469-3079
May 17	Seattle Memorial / Woodland Park / Seattle	Norm Hansen	206-365-6521

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