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If Not Now, When?

First and foremost, I’d like to thank each of you who attended our annual Florida Turfgrass Association Conference & Show in St. Augustine. It was a great success, and we look forward to seeing everyone again at the 2019 Conference & Show to be held at Omni ChampionsGate in the Orlando area August 12–14.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors and exhibitors and to extend a special thank-you to Dr. Laurie Trenholm for her tireless work to bring the latest and greatest information to the C&S. Thank you to Heather and the staff for running the show with Swiss-clock precision.

Now that another growing season has come to an end, we have an opportunity to take a collective exhale and reflect on the summer that has passed. Let us continue to pray for our friends, families and neighbors in the panhandle as they recover from the devastation left behind from Hurricane Michael.

Unfortunately, this summer was a busy one with many water concerns. Most of us watched and heard the inaccuracies from local and national media as well as the social-media activists in an attempt to connect the dots to the green industry. Some have called to extend local summer blackouts and even a complete fertilizer ban. If you’re ever given an opportunity to meet with your local leaders, please do so. Industry representation is extremely important when these issues come before a city council or county commission.

On behalf of the FTGA membership and board of directors, I’d like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to Mac Carraway and the Environmental Research & Education Foundation (EREF) for their continued efforts to allow our industry’s voice to be heard. Many thanks to the members who take time from their busy schedules to attend meetings and otherwise spread the scientific gospel of the industry. Please feel free to visit the EREF website at www.ereflorida.com to learn more and to see how you can help.

The opportunity to “get our learn on” is fast approaching as we kick off our 2019 FTGA Turf Seminars in January. All the dates and locations have been confirmed, and registration is in full swing. At the same time, we’re gearing up for our 2019 membership and renewal drive. Information about membership renewals and Turf Seminar registration can be found at www.ftga.org.

Finally, on behalf of the entire FTGA board of directors, past presidents and staff, we would like to wish everyone a very joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year. 😊
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Executive Director’s Note: Emily and MJ feel strongly about the FTGA Benevolence Fund, and they are uniquely qualified to write on this subject. They have agreed to share their stories with you in place of my column.

By the time you read this, the holidays will be growing near. We will turn our attention to gift-giving—for our loved ones and for strangers who need a helping hand. We, Emily and MJ, have been on the receiving end of gifts from strangers, and we’d like to share our stories. We share them so you will understand how deeply the kindness of strangers has affected us and what a profound effect the experiences have had on us.

After our experiences, we vowed to never again give to faceless organizations. Now, we donate generously only where we know with all certainty that our hard-earned contributions will go to help someone—one of us—instead of ending up in some “general fund,” whatever that is. We know that our donations are in good hands with the FTGA/FTRF and will be used judiciously.

Emily’s Story
When I found myself in an unexpected medical crisis with my newborn son, all I had to depend on was faith and the kindness of strangers. In the fall of 2004, Florida experienced one of the worst hurricane seasons, with four major storms coming through Central Florida. My son was born two weeks after Hurricane Charley, two days after Frances and just before two other hurricanes hit.

As if coming home as a new parent wasn’t challenging enough, we came home to a house with a tree on the roof, no power and with two other major hurricanes quickly approaching. After the fourth hurricane hit, and again, without power in the heat of September, we packed up and headed to an out-of-town, family condo with our three-week-old.

The first night in our home away from home, my son spiked a 103-degree fever, which is alarming in a newborn. We called the pediatrician back home, who instructed us to go to the nearest emergency room STAT! We were in a small town and, once we arrived, we learned this emergency room was not equipped for pediatrics, so after some initial testing of vitals and stabilization efforts, they transported us via ambulance to All Children’s Hospital in St. Petersburg.

After waiting hours for transportation, my son and I were taken by ambulance to another city in the middle of the night. I arrived at the hospital with only the clothing I had on that day and a diaper bag, and the emergency room crew met us. They could see how frazzled I was from the last 24 hours. They instantly did and said whatever they could to calm my nerves as I watched them take my newborn away.

As the minutes turned into hours and the hours into days, the tests kept coming back with no answers, and I was not about to leave my newborn’s side.

“I've always depended on the kindness of strangers.”
~ Tennessee Williams, A Streetcar Named Desire

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The staff at All Children’s immediately sensed this and directed me to the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) right across the street.

I had heard about the RMHC but never thought I would find myself there. This organization is nothing short of amazing. I walked in with literally nothing but hope—hope that my son would be OK—that when I walked back to his room, the test results would give me answers, and I would find him recovering from whatever. Hope that maybe I could sleep for an hour or two, as exhaustion from being a new, nursing mother had enveloped me and taken over. Hope that we could soon go back to our home and begin recovering from the damage of the hurricane.

RMHC gave us a place to stay. They opened their doors to my extended family members who had driven to visit us, they provided meals, and they did not ask for any money, nor did they put a time restriction on the stay. We were living day to day, test result by test result, and I had no idea how long the RMHC would be my home. Thankfully, it was only a week, but some others I met had been there much longer, and their length of stay was undetermined.

Since this experience, thanks to the kindness the RMHC staff extended, this will always be one of my charities of choice to give back a little something for all they did for me—to give back to our green-industry professionals, should they find themselves in an unexpected and helpless situation. During this season of giving, I hope that you will help support this fund.

**MJ’s Story**

In August 1993, I viewed the flood devastation in St. Louis from the top of the Arch, and I remember thinking, “What on earth do you do when you’ve lost everything?” Seventeen years later, I learned the answer to that question when my condo and most of my belongings drowned in six feet of water. Once you come to your senses, you jump into action, and you do whatever it takes to survive.

My first task after I was rescued by a Facebook canoe club was to find accommodations for myself and my two surviving cats—Miss Fluff drowned during the rescue. Some of you may remember Lily Arnold, who once sold ads for the Florida Turf Digest. Lily and her family took me and my cats into her home for much of the five months I was out of my condo.

With that detail under control, I turned my attention to rehabilitating what was once my home. I qualified for a FEMA grant because we were not allowed to purchase flood insurance. They said we weren't in a flood plain. Imagine that! FEMA paid us around $30,000. But it didn't stop there.

My contractor adored my parents, who had both died within the past year-and-a-half. He wanted to do something for me, so we struck a deal that I would drum up business in exchange for a hefty discount. I got to work, and before the week had passed, he had 10 customers in my development. My condo was not only rebuilt to current codes, but it was built to an updated, open floorplan, something I had planned to do later—for cost.

One day, when I was in bed grappling with sun sickness, my phone rang, and caller ID displayed my priest’s phone number. Oh great, just what I needed—a lecture about coming to church. No, the church wanted to give me to a substantial grant.

Meanwhile, Garth Brooks was headlining nine benefit concerts for flood victims, and again, I was the recipient
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of a tidy sum of money. Then, the gift cards for several hundred dollars apiece began flooding in as well as unexpected help to put the final touches on my home.

When you sustain over $200,000 in losses, every little bit helps, and if not for the kindness of friends and strangers, I could not have recovered as swiftly and painlessly as I did. The average time to recover from a flood is five years. Let that sink in. I can attest to it. All in all, I was blessed—blessed to have friends who had my back and blessed to receive from the kindness of many strangers. I was also blessed that the FTGA was understanding when the Directory was late that summer as I bounced from office to office and Starbucks to Starbucks to get it done.

Those near and dear to us and those who have shown us acts of kindness are always at the top of our list for gift-giving. I have been affiliated with the FTGA for so long, it is a part of me. I know it’s a part of you, too. Many members and industry professionals will need help during the coming hurricane seasons. Each year, I pledge to contribute to the FTGA Benevolence Fund, and I encourage you to make the same pledge. Contributions are tax deductible, so please show your support to your fellow members and give generously during this season of giving.

Heather, Emily, Marcia and MJ wish you all the joys of the holiday season and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Happy ending: Fifi, one of MJ’s surviving cats.

To contribute to the FTGA Benevolence Fund online, go to www.ftga.org, select About FTRF from the top menu and then Donations. To contribute by check, make the check out to FTRF, and write Benevolence Fund in the memo area.

Mail checks to: FTGA, 3500 South Florida Avenue, Suite 7, Lakeland, FL 33803

IN MEMORIAM

Steven Mark Wright, CGCS, passed away Monday, November 5, 2018. He resided in Delray Beach, Florida. He was the golf course superintendent at Pine Tree Golf Club in Boynton Beach and enjoyed a 30-year career in the golf industry. In addition to membership in the Florida Turfgrass Association, Steve was a member of the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America and the United States Golf Association. He has served as president of the Lowcountry GCSA President 1996–1999, Carolinas GCSA President 2001–2002, Palm Beach GCSA President 2013–2014 and was currently serving as vice-president of the Florida GCSA. He was also actively involved in the New Smyrna surfing community as an avid surfer and surf photographer.

Steve is survived by three siblings; his wife of 40 years, Sheree; and three children, daughter Casey, son Pierce and daughter Bayley.

Memorial services were held on November 11 at Advent Lutheran Church in Boca Raton, Florida. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations in memory of Steve Wright to First Tee of the Palm Beaches at www.thefirstteepalmbeaches.org/ways-to-give or the National Center for Missing or Exploited Children NCMEC Benefit Tournament at www.floridagolf.missingkids.com.
The 66th Florida Turfgrass Association moved north to the beautiful World Golf Village Renaissance St. Augustine Resort, overlooking the World Golf Hall of Fame. I know what you’re thinking, “Here they go again, ‘Best Conference & Show ever.’” Well, you would be right, and it really was. Conference Chairman Brad Holler, the board and Conference Committee, and the staff put on a real show—an affair to remember. We dodged any hint of a hurricane, and it was great to see people who missed last year’s C&S due to Hurricane Irma.

This year’s event held a few surprises and changes of pace. A picture is worth a thousand words, and the addition of a professional photography crew allows the photos to tell most of the story.

Monday began with a day of CEU education, sports turf and landscape tour and the annual FTGA golf tournament. It ended on a high note.
note with the Opening Reception at the Slammer & Squire Clubhouse with special guest speakers, Pat Jones, editor-in-chief of *Golf Course Industry Magazine*, and Matt Ginella from the Golf Channel. During the course of the evening, the golf tournament winners were honored.

Tuesday was a jam-packed day from just past dawn to well past dusk. The day began with a private breakfast for the past presidents and “business and breakfast” for attendees and exhibitors at the Industry Networking Event, aka the Trade Show. They say business gets done on the golf course, but you couldn't prove it by walking through the exhibition hall.
At the Awards Lunch, we honored this year’s Wreath of Grass recipient (see page 14) and Florida Turfgrass Research Foundation Scholarship winners (see page 16). On behalf of Sod Solutions, Erin Wilder presented the company’s Golf Course of the Year award to Billy Davidson, Country Club of Naples. Keynote speaker Stephen “Steve” F. Mona, CEO of We Are Golf shared the extensive reach of the non-profit’s philanthropic activities with attendees.

Education took up the afternoon as attendees compressed a year’s worth of learning into a few hours. This year’s education introduced business sessions by popular demand.

The day ended with the annual Corn Boil and FTRF fundraisers—the 50/50 Raffle and Hall of Fame Challenge Hole. The food was endless (think cruise liner),
and this year, attendees were treated to musical entertainment. The raffle and challenge raised more than $2,500 for the FTRF.

On Wednesday, the C&S concluded, but not before the Annual Meeting Breakfast. It included a discussion of the association’s business and the induction the new officers and directors, followed by two speakers: Florida State Representative Matt Caldwell and guest speaker, Dr. Gerald Henry from the University of Georgia.

The day ended with more hours of cutting-edge, science-based education.

Now that the 66th FTGA Conference & Show is in the books, we look forward to next year’s C&S in Orlando.

Don’t forget to SAVE THE DATE for the 67th FTGA Conference & Show August 12–14, 2019!
Meet the 2018 Scholarship Recipients

Pablo Agustin Boeri, University of Florida, Receives the Ralph White Scholarship for $1,000

Pablo Agustin Boeri is working toward his master’s degree at the University of Florida, which he will complete during the summer of 2019. Currently, he is working as a graduate research assistant in Turf Science under the supervision of Dr. J. Bryan Unruh. Pablo excels in meeting his goals while maintaining a perfect GPA.

Pablo says, “My thesis project is focused on the evaluation of bahiagrass, where I am testing new cultivars with superior turf qualities for herbicide tolerance, physiological responses under drought conditions and root characteristics. The objective of this project is to release an improved cultivar that will increase water conservation and reduce maintenance in the urban landscape and on golf course roughs and similar areas.

“I recently submitted a request to present my research at the Crop Science Society of America’s international annual meeting being held Nov. 4–7, 2018, in Baltimore, Maryland. This was an invaluable opportunity
to keep increasing the level of my communications skills. The financial support from FTGA was crucial for my participation in this event.

“Meeting new people at the conference who are working in the same area and making connections with them enriches my vision of my current research, the turfgrass industry in the United States and turfgrass science.”

After earning his master’s degree, Pablo is planning to pursue a Ph.D.

**Jamie Buhlman, University of Florida, Receives Bill Entwistle Sr. Scholarship for $1,000**

Jamie Buhlman is currently enrolled in the University of Florida, where she earned her undergraduate degree and is now working on her master’s degree.

While studying for her bachelor’s degree, Jamie worked in several labs and departments within the University of Florida, including Plant Pathology, Microbiology, Entomology and Agronomy. She says, “The time I spent working in Dr. Kevin Kenworthy’s lab made one of the biggest impacts on me. I was especially impressed by the way my co-workers embraced UF’s position as a land-grant university and its purpose to contribute to the industries and communities throughout Florida. The spirit of collaboration and team effort to make significant and positive impacts on the turfgrass industry inspired me to make my own contribution.

“My position in the turf breeding program has provided amazing opportunities to begin to connect with people involved in all stages of turfgrass production, from researchers and extension agents to sod producers, golf course superintendents and homeowners. For my master’s project, I am working directly with sod producers to collect samples of ‘Floratam’ and ‘Bitterblue’ St. Augustinegrass, analyze them using molecular markers and test them for the presence of sugarcane mosaic virus,” says Jamie.

**Katherine Cox, University of Florida, Receives the Ralph White Scholarship for $1,000**

Katherine Cox is currently enrolled in the University of Florida and working toward her master’s degree. She says, “This scholarship will help me in achieving my career goals in the turfgrass industry by first helping me to finish my education.

“By not having to worry about finances, I will be able to focus more thoroughly on my studies and my research so that I can gain as many skills as possible before graduation. In turn, this will prepare me to enter the turfgrass industry and begin to make substantial contributions upon the completion of my degree.

“Being awarded a scholarship from this organization will also give me another important award to add to my resume, which will make me more desirable to my future employers. Receiving this award will also help me make more important connections across the turfgrass industry by giving me an opportunity to attend the conference not only as a presenter, but as a scholarship award winner.

“Through this, I will be able to connect with many people at the conference and have my name heard and read by conference attendees, some of whom could be my future employers. This scholarship will provide me with financial relief, help me to add a well-known award to my resume, and give me the opportunity to make important connections in the industry by networking with those in attendance.”

**Mark Kann, University of Florida, Receives Col. Frank Ward Memorial Scholarship for $1,500**

For the second year in a row, Mark Kann was awarded the Col. Frank Ward Memorial Scholarship for $1,500. He is currently enrolled in the University of Florida working toward his master’s degree.

Mark is currently conducting research vital to the golf and turfgrass industries under the supervision of Dr. J. Bryan Unruh. He says, “I am working to bring the aspect of social science into the turfgrass industry—to understand the attitudes and behaviors of turfgrass managers regarding best management practices, their implementation and educational programs that support them. The outcomes from my research will help faculty and extension personnel from the University of Florida continue to develop educational programs to further improve BMP implementation and lessen the negative environmental impacts of turfgrass management.

Mark says, “Receiving FTGA Scholarships helps me to complete one of my long-term goals. Obtaining my master’s degree has been a difficult journey but one that is well worth the time and effort.

“I plan to teach golf and sports turf management in the spring semester, but those credit hours are not covered by the Employee Education Program. I really enjoy teaching, and I feel that I am able to connect with the students due to the experience I have in the turfgrass industry. I can bring real-world experience that helps them to understand the concepts of turfgrass management in a more comprehensive manner,” says Mark.

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Cory Ketchum, University of Florida, Receives Ralph White Scholarship for $1,000

Cory decided on a career in turfgrass research while attending Santa Fe College in Gainesville, Florida, and will use the money from the scholarship to continue his studies. He is interested in teaching new generations of turfgrass students at a university while conducting research. Eventually, he looks forward to the possibility of managing his own research facility.

Cory’s strong work ethic and sense of adventure allow him to take chances. He says, “I’m willing to jump into difficult situations, such as the time I went to work as a summer turfgrass breeder intern for Barenberg USA, in Albany, Oregon, 3,000 miles away from home. I didn’t know a soul in Oregon, but my family had taught me to live beyond my comfort zone.”

Because of the knowledge I gained there, I have been working with breeding cool-season grasses such as rye grasses used to overseed southern golf courses.

“With the scholarships awarded by the Florida Turfgrass Association, the success that I strive for in my career is attainable, and it will help me to make a difference by making life better for everyone who enjoys the many benefits provided by healthy turfgrass,” Cory says.

Chris Brown
Chris Brown is a graduate of Cornell University’s Horticulture program, class of 1994. He moved to Central Florida and began working at Lesco in Kissimmee, Florida, in 1995. Chris has worked at Howard Fertilizer, Helena, Bayer Advanced, and he now works for Nufarm Americas, covering the state of Florida. He is currently enrolled in the University of Florida’s MBA program. Chris is married to Wilna, his wife of 16 years. Wilna and Chris have a German Shepherd named Zeus and a cat named Merlin.

Eric Dixon
Eric Dixon is the Golf Course Superintendent at the Chi Chi Rodriguez Golf Club in Clearwater, Florida. He has been at Chi Chi Rodriguez for five years and recently completed a major renovation of the property. Eric is the President of the Florida West Coast GCSA and is in his second year in the position. Eric is GI-BMP Certified as well as Golf BMP Certified. He recently completed his Arborist Certification and is recognized as a Certified Arborist by the International Society of Agriculture.

He is a Grassroots Ambassador for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and recently was nominated to be on the Golf Course Management Editorial Board Task Group. He is committed to preserving our natural resources for future generations and takes pride in working with Audubon International and local environmental regulators to make sure golf is recognized as a leader in environmental stewardship.

At the Chi Chi Rodriguez Youth Foundation, Eric has an opportunity to share his work with students grades 4–8 and participates in a weekly mentoring program as well as leading a yearly wildlife tour. Eric is a second-generation golf course superintendent and attended Florida Gateway College in Lake City. During that time, he received a scholarship from the FTRF and looks forward to giving back to the association through service on the board.

Chris Hoder
Chris Hoder was born in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and soon after moved to South Florida. He began working on a local golf course after school and on weekends. He enjoyed the business and decided to make it a career. After serving in the U.S. Army, Chris attended Lake City Community College School of Golf Course Operations. After graduation, he was involved in all aspects of golf management including maintenance, construction, grassing and fumigation. In 2018, Chris began working for Southern Soils Turf Solutions as business development manager for control of nematodes and mole crickets in golf and sports turf throughout the Southeast.

Addison King
Addison King is a native of Charleston, South Carolina. After graduating from Clemson University, he began his career with Sod Solutions as a field representative in Florida. Sod Solutions is a turfgrass research, development and marketing company with more than 250 licensed producers worldwide. He currently serves as the director of Retail and Producer Relations in Florida. Addison resides with his wife Rebecca in Jupiter, Florida. He enjoys golf and fishing in his free time.

Kevin Wasilewski
Kevin Wasilewski has been a supplier to the turfgrass, ornamental and aquatic industry in the Southeastern United States since 1987. He began his career in distribution with V-J Growers Supply in 1987 as a sales representative. He then worked for Terra Industries from 1996–1998 as a sales manager. Kevin made a move to the manufacturing side of the business in 1999, when he took a sales manager position with The Scotts Company. He currently is a territory manager for Syngenta and has been for the past seventeen years.

Kevin has served on the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association Action Chapter board, the FTGA board, Stetson University Alumni board, and the Allied board of directors for The Scotts Company. He is currently serving on the Central Florida GCSA board and is on the Executive Commission at his church.

Kevin has been married to his wife Page since 1986 and has two daughters, Shannon and Lauren. He and his wife have resided in Lakeland since 1998. They are both graduates of Stetson University.
Thank you to Dr. Laurie Trenholm, Environmental Horticulture Department, University of Florida and chair of the FTGA Conference & Show Education Committee.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We extend a hearty welcome to our new members, and we look forward to seeing you at one of the FTGA events. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the Florida Turf Digest and other member benefits.

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Upcoming Events

2019 FTGA Regional Turf Seminars

The Florida Turfgrass Association works as an umbrella association for the green industry. One of the primary ways the FTGA works to further the interests of its membership and industry professionals is through continuing education. A well-educated group of turfgrass professionals is better equipped to keep pace with the changing landscape, take advantage of new opportunities and provide leadership in battles that attempt to dismantle the industry.

Immediately after the holidays, the FTGA turns its attention to the season of learning. Each winter, it offers a series of one-day, intensive Turf Seminars. Members and industry representatives who attend learn about the latest research and practical applications from University of Florida faculty, extension agents and industry experts. Attendees can earn CEUs for their participation. The Turf Seminars also provide an opportunity to network with colleagues and vendors.

Seminar Presentations and Speakers
As soon as speaker and presentation information is complete, it will be posted at www.ftga.org under “Events.” Complete information will also appear in the January/February issue of Florida Turf Digest.

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- $65 on-site registration

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Lake Worth—Wednesday, January 16
Polish American Club | 4725 Lake Worth Rd. | Lake Worth, FL 33463

Port St. Lucie—Thursday, January 17
Port St. Lucie Community Center | 2195 SE Airoso Blvd. | Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

Ocala—Tuesday, January 29
Marion County Extension Office | 2232 NE Jacksonville Rd. | Ocala, FL 34470

Orlando—Wednesday, January 30
Orange County Extension Office | 6021 South Conway Rd. | Orlando, FL 32812

Cocoa—Thursday, January 31
Brevard County Extension Office | 3695 Lake Dr. | Cocoa, FL 32926

FEBRUARY
Plant City—Tuesday, February 12
Hillsborough County College, Trinkle Center | 1206 N. Park Rd. | Plant City, FL 33563

Manatee—Wednesday, February 13
Manatee County Extension Office | 1303 17th St. West | Palmetto, FL 34221

Ft. Myers—Thursday, February 14
Florida Gulf Coast University, Cohen Bldg. | 10501 FGCU Blvd. S. | Fort Myers, FL 33965

Milton—Tuesday, February 26
Santa Rosa County Extension Office | Cohen Bldg. | 6263 Dogwood Dr. | Milton, FL 32570

Tallahassee—Wednesday, February 27
Florida State Conference Center | 555 W. Pensacola St. | Tallahassee, FL 32306

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Cuban Brown Anole on Craig Weyandt’s Arm

During the morning set up, while moving tee markers, this Cuban brown Anole was sunning himself on a tee marker and then jumped on Craig Weyandt’s arm when he went to pick it up. Craig is the golf course superintendent of The Moorings at Hawks Nest, FTGA member and also a Florida Master Naturalist.

“Even though the brown Anole is an exotic invasive to the state of Florida, eradication at this point is impossible because they are too widely distributed. But, don’t let that stop you from providing a habitat for the Florida native green anole, which lives more in the trees and shrubs while the brown anole is terrestrial and lives primarily on the ground. When species divide a niche to avoid competition for resources, it is called resource partitioning,” says Craig.
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