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CHAMPION GAME WINNER HEADS 362 EARLY TRIPLE CROWN NOMINEES

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019) – Led by unbeaten 2-year-old champion and Breeders' Cup Juvenile (Grade I) hero **Game Winner**, a total of 362 3-year-old Thoroughbreds were made eligible to compete in this year's Triple Crown during the early nomination phase, which closed Jan. 26.

Each of the 362 horses from the 2016 foal crop was made eligible through a \$600 payment to compete in any of the Triple Crown contests: the 145th running of the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) on May 4 at Churchill Downs (1 ½ miles); the 144th running of the \$1.5 million Preakness Stakes (GI) on May 18 at Pimlico Race Course (1 3/16 miles); and the 151st running of the \$1.5 million Belmont Stakes (GI) on June 8 at Belmont Park (1 ½ miles).

The total was similar to last year when 360 were nominated at the early stage.

Gary and Mary West's Game Winner, who boasts a record of 4-4-0-0—\$1,496,000, was one of 17 horses nominated by Hall of Fame and five-time Kentucky Derby-winning trainer **Bob Baffert**. The record-equaling 14-time Classic-winner also trains Los Alamitos Futurity (GI) victor **Improbable**, who is campaigned by three-fourths of the same team that swept last year's Triple Crown with **Justify**: **WinStar Farm LLC**, **China Horse Club International Ltd.** and **Starlight Racing**.

Other prominent nominees include stakes winners: Gray Attempt (Smarty Jones), Gunmetal Gray (Sham), Harvey Wallbanger (Holy Bull), Instagrand (Best Pal), Knicks Go (Breeders' Futurity), Long Range Toddy (Springboard Mile), Maximus Mischief (Remsen), Mind Control (Jerome), Mucho Gusto (Robert B. Lewis), Signalman (Kentucky Jockey Club), Tax (Withers), Vekoma (Nashua), War of Will (Lecomte) and Win Win (Pasco).

Bourbon War, Code of Honor, Coliseum, Country House, Extra Hope, Frank'sgunisloaded, Global Campaign, Hidden Scroll, Jersey Agenda, Kentucky Wildcat, Limonite, Mucho, Network Effect, Nolo Contesto, Omaha Beach, Owendale, Plus Que Parfait, Roadster, Soldado, Tacitus and Walking Thunder are just some of the numerous well-meant prospects that were made eligible for the series.

Hall of Famer **Steve Asmussen** led all trainers with 27 nominations. In addition to Baffert, **Chad Brown** and **Todd Pletcher** also had 17 nominees.

Brad Kelley's **Calumet Farm** led all owners with 13 nominations and tied with **Charles Fipke** and **Godolphin** for the most nominees among breeders with six apiece.

For the third straight year, **Tapit** was the leading sire with 19 offspring nominated. **Into Mischief** was next with 15 and was followed by **Curlin** (13), **Cairo Prince** (13) and **Uncle Mo** (11).

Four fillies were nominated, including champion 2-year-old filly and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (GI) winner **Jaywalk** and multiple Grade I-winner **Bellafina**.

The nominees also include 20 horses based outside North America, including 11 from Europe, five from Dubai and four from Japan. Irish-based trainer **Aidan O'Brien** and the **Coolmore** group nominated seven, including graded stakes-winning sons of Scat Daddy, **Sergei Prokofiev** and **Van Beethoven**.

Notable horses not nominated to this year's Triple Crown include Champagne (GI) winner **Complexity** and Saratoga Special (GII) and Swale (GIII) winner **Call Paul**.

Horses not nominated to the Triple Crown during the early phase can be made eligible at www.thetriplecrown.com for \$6,000 during the late nomination period which continues through April 1. If not nominated by that date, horses can become eligible through payment of a supplemental nomination fee due at the time of entry for either the Kentucky Derby (\$200,000), Preakness (\$150,000) or Belmont (\$50,000).

Thirteen horses have swept the Triple Crown series: Sir Barton (1919), Gallant Fox (1930), Omaha (1935), War Admiral (1937), Whirlaway (1941), Count Fleet (1943), Assault (1946), Citation (1948), Secretariat (1973), Seattle Slew (1977), Affirmed (1978), American Pharoah (2015) and Justify (2018).

TRIPLE CROWN NOMINATION HISTORY

	Early	Late	Total	NA Foal	% of	
Year	Noms	Noms	Noms	Crop	Foal Crop	
2019	362	-	362	22,500*	1.6%	
2018	360	10	370	22,936	1.6%	
2017	419	6	425	22,968	1.9%	
2016	368	9	377	23,242	1.6%	
2015	429	9	438	23,538	1.9%	
2014	414	10	424	24,939	1.7%	
2013	369	13	382	28,419	1.4%	
2012	398	20	418	32,364	1.3%	
2011	364	13	377	35,274	1.1%	
2010	366	6	372	37,499	1.0%	
2009	401	11	412	38,104	1.1%	
2008	449	11	460	38,365	1.2%	
2007	450	10	460	37,949	1.2%	
2006	426	14	440	37,067	1.2%	
2005	358	14	372	35,978	1.0%	
2004	434	14	448	37,901	1.2%	
2003	446	8	454	37,755	1.2%	
2002	405	12	417	36,929	1.1%	
2001	440	7	447	36,021	1.2%	
2000	387	13	400	35,143	1.1%	
1999	396	11	407	35,366	1.2%	
1998	384	6	390	34,983	1.1%	
1997	375	13	388	35,341	1.1%	
1996	354	7	361	37,140	1.0%	
1995	317	7	324	38,438	0.8%	
1994	354	9	363	41,804	0.9%	
1993	342	25	367	44,143	0.8%	
1992	389	18	407	48,235	0.8%	
1991	369	8	377	49,221	0.8%	
1990	315	33	348	50,917	0.7%	
1989	381	13	394	51,296	0.8%	
1988	381	20	401	50,430	0.8%	
1987	398	24	422	49,241	0.9%	
1986	422	30	452	47,236	1.0%	
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CENTER

GENDER	2019	
Colts	319	88.1%
Geldings	30	8.3%
Ridglings	9	2.5%
Fillies	4	1.1%
TOTAL	362	
COLOR	2019	
Bay	160	44.2%
Dark Bay/Brown	87	24.0%
Chestnut	73	20.2%
Gray/Roan	41	11.3%
Black	1	0.3%
TOTAL	362	
BIRTHPLACE	2019	
(United States)		
Kentucky	271	74.9%
Florida	17	4.7%
New York	14	3.9%
California	9	2.5%
Maryland	6	1.7%
Virginia	6	1.7%
Pennsylvania	4	1.1%
Illinois	2	0.6%
Louisiana	2	0.6%
Texas	2	0.6%
Indiana	1	0.3%
Missouri	1	0.3%
New Mexico	1	0.3%
Oregon	1	0.3%
Washington	1	0.3%
West Virginia	1	0.3%
TOTAL	339	93.6%
BIRTHPLACE	2019	
(International)		
Ontario, Canada	11	3.0%
Ireland	7	1.9%
Japan	3	0.8%
Great Britain	2	0.6%
TOTAL	23	6.4%
CAREER EARNING	S LEADE	RS
Game Winner	\$1.40	6.000

CHIEF CHICAGO ELIBERO			
\$1,496,000			
\$1,384,200			
\$708,000			
\$672,515			
\$448,990			
\$447,672			
\$372,160			
\$351,125			
\$330,625			
\$323,400			

GRADE/GROUP I WINNERS (8)

Bellafina (f) (Del Mar Debutante/Chandelier)

Game Winner (Del Mar Futurity/American Pharoah/Breeders' Cup Juvenile)

Improbable (Los Alamitos Futurity)

Jaywalk (f) (Frizette/Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies)

Knicks Go (Breeders' Futurity)

Mind Control (Hopeful)

Royal Marine (IRE) (Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere)

Royal Meeting (IRE) (Criterium International)

GRADE/GROUP II WINNERS (5)

Harvey Wallbanger (Holy Bull)

Instagrand (Best Pal)

Maximus Mischief (Remsen)

Signalman (Kentucky Jockey Club)

Van Beethoven (Railway)

GRADE/GROUP III WINNERS (9)

Cairo Cat (Iroquois)

Current (Bourbon)

Forty Under (Pilgrim)

Gunmetal Gray (Sham)

Mucho Gusto (Bob Hope/Robert B. Lewis)

Sergei Prokofiev (Cornwallis)

Tax (Withers)

Vekoma (Nashua)

War of Will (Lecomte)

GRADE/GROUP I PLACED (15)

Code of Honor (Champagne)

Extra Hope (Los Alamitos Futurity)

Gunmetal Gray (American Pharoah)

Mucho (Hopeful)

Mucho Gusto (Los Alamitos Futurity)

Nitrous (Hopeful)

Roadster (Del Mar Futurity)

Rowayton (Del Mar Futurity/American Pharoah)

Signalman (Breeders' Futurity/Breeders' Cup Juvenile)

Somelikeithotbrown (Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf)

Standard Deviation (Breeders' Futurity)

Sydney Opera House (GB) (Criterium de Saint Cloud)

The Irish Rover (IRE) (Phoenix)

War of Will (Summer)

Western Australia (IRE) (Futurity Trophy)

GRADE/GROUP II PLACED (7)

Everfast (Holy Bull)

Limonite (Kentucky Jockey Club)

Masaff (IRE) (KPMG Champions Juvenile)

Network Effect (Remsen)

Plus Que Parfait (Kentucky Jockey Club)

Spinoff (Saratoga Special)

Synthesis (Best Pal)

GRADE/GROUP III PLACED (12)

Easy Shot (Robert B. Lewis)
Henley's Joy (Bourbon)
Hog Creek Hustle (Lecomte)
Manny Wah (Lecomte)
Much Better (Sham)
Not That Brady (Withers)
Our Braintrust (Withers)
Sir Winston (Grey)
Strike Silver (Sanford)
Sueno (Sham)
Tripwire (Grey)
Zenden (Swale)

FILLIES (4)

Bellafina (f) Highheelmomma (f) Cairo Cutie (f) Jaywalk (f)

WINTER BASE

Florida	109	30.1%
California	64	17.7%
Louisiana	55	15.2%
Arkansas	30	8.3%
(no recent races/workouts)	26	7.2%
New York	18	5.0%
Central Florida	16	4.4%
Ireland	8	2.2%
Maryland	7	1.9%
Dubai	5	1.4%
Japan	4	1.1%
Northern California	4	1.1%
Texas	4	1.1%
Kentucky	3	0.8%
Pennsylvania	3	0.8%
England	2	0.6%
New Mexico	2	0.6%
France	1	0.3%
Illinois	1	0.3%

BASED OUTSIDE NORTH AMERICA (20)

DROLD OUTSIDE NORT	11 /11/1L/1C/1 (20)
Admiral Rous (IRE)	Eoghan O'Neill (France)
Blenheim Palace (IRE)	Aidan O'Brien (Ireland)
Derma Louvre (JPN)	Hirofumi Toda (Japan)
Masaff (IRE)	Dermot Weld (Ireland)
Master Fencer (JPN)	Koichi Tsunoda (Japan)
Romantico (JPN)	Kazuo Fujisawa (Japan)
Royal Marine (IRE)	Saeed bin Suroor (Dubai)
Royal Meeting (IRE)	Saeed bin Suroor (Dubai)
Sergei Prokofiev	Aidan O'Brien (Ireland)
Shir Khan (GB)	Paul Cole (England)
Spanish Mission	David Simcock (England)
Superior	Ahmad bin Harmash (Dubai)
Sydney Opera House (GB)	Aidan O'Brien (Ireland)
The Irish Rover (IRE)	Aidan O'Brien (Ireland)
Town Bee	Doug Watson (Dubai)
U S S Michigan	Aidan O'Brien (Ireland)
Van Beethoven	Aidan O'Brien (Ireland)
Walking Thunder	Ahmad bin Harmash (Dubai)
Western Australia (IRE)	Aidan O'Brien (Ireland)
Zeruch	Mikio Matsunaga (Japan)

AUCTION PURCHASE PRICE

MOCITON I ONCIMBE I	KICL	
Gun It	\$2,600,000	KEESEP17
Instagrand	\$1,200,000	FTFMAR18
Sergei Prokofiev	\$1,100,000	KEESEP17
Seclusive	\$1,050,000	KEENOV16
Litany	\$1,000,000	FTSAUG17
Rubin Hurricane	\$1,000,000	KEESEP17
All About Will	\$975,000	KEESEP17
Moretti	\$900,000	FTSAUG17
Oxburger	\$900,000	KEESEP17
Liberty's Pursuit	\$850,000	KEESEP17
Scalper	\$850,000	FTFMAR18
Bellafina (f)	\$800,000	FTFMAR18
Seismic Jolt	\$800,000	OBSAPR18
Dessman	\$750,000	FTFMAR18
Intrepid Heart	\$750,000	OBSAPR18
Oggonis	\$750,000	FTSAUG17
Current	\$725,000	KEESEP17
Koa	\$725,000	OBSMAR18
Martial Eagle	\$725,000	KEESEP17
Samaronti	\$725,000	KEESEP17
Bandon Woods	\$700,000	FTSAUG17
Boldor	\$700,000	OBSAPR18
Tapit Wise	\$700,000	KEESEP17
Awesome Wok N Roll	\$650,000	OBSMAR18
Federal Case	\$650,000	KEENOV18
Motagally	\$650,000	KEESEP17
New Mexico	\$650,000	FTSAUG17
Strong Union	\$650,000	FTSAUG17
Copper King	\$625,000	KEESEP17
Magnificent McCool	\$625,000	OBSAPR18
Mucho Gusto	\$625,000	EASMAY18
Outshine	\$625,000	KEESEP17
Galilean	\$600,000	BARAPR18
Much Better	\$600,000	KEENOV16
Fort Worth	\$550,000	OBSMAR18
Market King	\$550,000	KEESEP17
U S Navy Cross	\$550,000	KEESEP17
Roadster	\$525,000	KEESEP17
Thomas Shelby	\$525,000	FTFMAR18
Harmon	\$500,000	OBSMAR18
Hitch	\$500,000	OBSAPR18

MISCELLANEOUS (2019)

Winners	199	55.0%
Maidens	163	45.0%
Unraced Horses	72	19.9%
Did Not Races at age 2	108	29.8%

TRAINERS		BREEDERS (includes par	tnerships)
Steve Asmussen	27	Calumet Farm	6
Bob Baffert	17	Charles Fipke	6
Chad Brown	17	Godolphin	6
Todd Pletcher	17	Stonestreet Thoroughbred	v
Mark Casse	11	Holdings	5
Jerry Hollendorfer	11	Winchell Thoroughbreds	5
Dallas Stewart	10	WinStar Farm	5
Dale Romans	9	Fred W. Hertrich III	4
Keith Desormeaux	7	Juddmonte Farms	4
Jeremiah Englehart	7	Martha Jane Mulholland	4
Jimmy Jerkens	7	iviarura jane iviumonarid	т
Graham Motion	7	LEADING SIRES	
Bill Mott	7	Tapit	19
Aidan O'Brien	7	Into Mischief	15
Richard Mandella	6	Curlin	13
Kenny McPeek	6	Cairo Prince	11
Mark Hennig	5	Uncle Mo	11
D. Wayne Lukas	5	Candy Ride (ARG)	8
Tom Amoss	4	` ,	8
		Union Rags Flatter	o 7
Bret Calhoun	4		
Mike Maker	4	Violence	7
Will VanMeter	4	Malibu Moon	6
		Scat Daddy	6
HALL OF FAME TRAIN		Street Sense	6
Steve Asmussen	27	Will Take Charge	6
Bob Baffert	17	Bodemeister	5
Todd Pletcher	17	Distorted Humor	5
Jerry Hollendorfer	11	Exchange Rate	5
Bill Mott	7	Ghostzapper	5
Richard Mandella	6	Pioneerof the Nile	5
D. Wayne Lukas	5	Quality Road	5
Shug McGaughey III	1	Afleet Alex	4
		Midnight Lute	4
OWNERS (includes partn	erships)	Orb	4
Calumet Farm	13	Sky Mesa	4
Gary Barber	7	Stay Thirsty	4
Coolmore	7	Super Saver	4
West Point Thoroughbreds	7	Take Charge Indy	4
Centennial Farms	6		
Charles Fipke	6	STALLIONS WHO SIRE	D KENTUCKY DERBY
Godolphin	6	WINNERS	
Klaravich Stables	6	Uncle Mo	11
Winchell Thoroughbreds	6	Malibu Moon	6
Eclipse Thoroughbred		Scat Daddy	6
Partners	5	Bodemeister	5
Juddmonte Farms	5	Distorted Humor	5
Andrew Farm	4	Pioneerof the Nile	5
Bloom Racing Stable	4	Elusive Quality	1
John Oxley	4	Leroidesanimaux (BRZ)	1
OXO Equine	4		
Spendthrift Farm LLC	4	KENTUCKY DERBY-WI	NNING SIRES
-		Street Sense	6
		Orb	4
		Super Saver	4
		Animal Kingdom	2
		Big Brown	2
		Fusaichi Pegasus	1
		-	
		Statistics updated through Fe	eb. 3, 2019

2019 TRIPLE CROWN NOMINEES

(g) = gelding(r) = ridgling(f) = filly

Unnamed

(16) Carolina Sunrise (16) Ford Gallop (16) Morningbird

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Achilles Warrior Admiral Rous (IRE) Admire All About Will Alwaysmining (g) American Camp Americandy

Amino And Seek Andor

Angelo's Corner (g) Angelo's Pride (g) Annualized Anothertwistafate

Aquadini Avie's Flatter Award Winner

Awesome Wok N Roll

В

B P Rocket Bandit Swanson Bandon Woods

Bankit Bellafina (f)

Bernin' Thru Gold (r) Betterment

Big Scott Daddy Blenheim Palace (IRE)

Blue Steel Bodexpress Boldor Bourbon War Brian's Spirit (g) Brother Aaron Brush Country (g) By My Standards

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Cabot Cairo Cat Cairo Cutie (f) Cambre Camgo Capernaum Casa Creed Castle Casanova Cave Run Chase the Ghost Chess Chief Classy John Code of Honor

Coliseum Colliery Come On Gerry Comedian Comical Ghost Copper King Corruze Counter Offer Country House

Cowboy Diplomacy

Curlaway Current **Cutting Humor**

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D

Dabo (g) Danfusi Daring Disguise Derby Date Derma Louvre (JPN)

Dessman Diamond Blitz Dominant Force Don Vito Corleone

Dorrance Doups Point Dream Maker Dull Knife Dunph (g) Dyn

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Easy Shot Echo Alpha Six (g) Ekati's Verve Epic Dreamer Escaped Everfast Exchequer Extra Hope

F

Family Biz (r) Fast Master Favette Warrior Federal Case Fifty Over (g) Final Jeopardy Final Sav

Eye Cloud

Five Star General Flawless Bourbon Follow the Lute Forloveofcountry Fort Worth Forty Under

Frank'sgunisloaded (g)

Frolic More Frosted Grace Frosted Ice Fullness of Time

G

Galilean Game Winner Garter and Tie Gates of Dawn General Mo Get the Prize Global Campaign

Go Away Going for Gold (g) Good as Money Gray Attempt Gray Magician Great Sense Green Fleet Growth Engine (g)

Gum Tree Lane (r)

Gun It

Gunmetal Gray

H Hackberry Haikal Harmon Harvey Wallbanger Henley's Joy He's Smokin Hot Hidden Scroll Higgins High Amplitude

High Amplitude High Crime Highest Honors Highheelmomma (f) Hitch

Hog Creek Hustle Hold Your Tickets Honest Mischief Honoring Major Honos Man

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Icemeister
Identifier
Improbable
Incidentally
Inclusive (g)
Incorrigible
Instagrand
Into Morocco
Intrepid Heart
Inventing Blame
Inyan Najin
Irish Heatwave
Iwillpersevere

Jaywalk (f)
Jaywalker
Jeans n' Boots
Jerome Avenue
Jersey Agenda
Joeys Ace (g)
Jump for Alex
Just a Chance
Justinian

K

Kaziranga Kentucky Wildcat Kid Cantina (g) King for a Day King Ford King of Speed Kingly Knicks Go Knight's Cross Koa

L

Lambeau

Last Judgment
Laughing Fox
Lea Ridge
Lemniscate
Liberty's Pursuit
Limonite
Litany
Long Range Toddy
Lord Dragon
Lucky Lee
Lunar Illusion
Lutsky

Machine Learning

M

Magnificent McCool
Malibu in Motion
Manny Wah
Mantra
Market King
Martial Eagle
Masaff (IRE)
Master Fencer (JPN)
Maximum Security
Maximus Mischief
Mayor Cobb (g)
Mercy Rule (g)
Metropol
Midnight Curfew
Mihos

Mihos
Millwall
Miltontown
Mind Control
Mo Mississippi
Mo Reserve
Moonster
More Ice
Moretti
Motagally
Mr Money Bags (g)
Mr. Ankeny
Mr. Mike

Mr. Money Much Better (r) Mucho Mucho Gusto Muralist Music to My Ears Muskoka My Legacy My Super Mario

N

Napoleon's Empire Network Effect New Mexico Next Gen Ninth Street Nitrous No Rules Nolo Contesto (r) Not That Brady (g)

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Oggonis
Olympic Runner (g)
Omaha Beach
Oncewewerebrothers (g)
One Bad Boy (r)
Our Braintrust
Outshine
Over Protective
Overdeliver
Owendale
Ownitifyouwantit
Oxburger

P

Passion Play
Perfect Speighty
Picasso
Pioneer Dancer
Pioneer Man
Play Money
Plug and Play
Plus Que Parfait (r)
Polar
Power End
Proschema
Punchline
Puttheglassdown

Q

Queen's Mason

R Rafal Reelfoot Replete

Replete Rivers Rising Road Home Roadster

Rocktizway (g) Roiland

Romantico (JPN)

Rotation Rowayton

Royal Marine (IRE) Royal Meeting (IRE) Rubin Hurricane Rye Humor Ry's the Guy

S

Samaronti Savagery Sayyaaf Scalper

Sea Note Darby

Sea Note Daiby Seclusive Seismic Jolt Seismic Wave Sergei Prokofiev Shancelot Shared Legacy Shazier

Sheriff Brown (g) Shining Through Shir Khan (GB) Shootin the Breeze

Signalman Sir Winston Six Shooter (g) Skywire Skywriting Sleepy Eyes Todd

Sly So Alive Soldado

Somelikeithotbrown Souper Jackpot Southern King Spanish Mission Spectacular Gem Speed App

Spinoff Standard Deviation Still Dreaming

Stilts Stock Chain Street Class Strike Silver Strong Union

Sueno Super Steed Superior Sweet Giant

Sydney Opera House (GB)

Synthesis (r)

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T Bones Trick Tacitus Tap the Wire Tapit Wise Tax (g)

Tivan (r)

The Irish Rover (IRE)
The Right Path
Thetrashmanscoming
Thirsty Betrayal (g)
Thomas Shelby
Tiberius Mercurius
Tikhvin Flew
Time Is Now

Tizprocess Tone Broke Town Bee Trifor Gold (g) Tripwire Trophy Chaser Twelfth Labour

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U Nomutt (g) U S Navy Cross U S S Michigan Union Charm Union's Destiny

 \mathbf{V}

Van Beethoven Vekoma

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Walker Stalker (g) Walking Thunder War of Will Well Defined (g) Wendell Fong

Western Australia (IRE)

Wicked Indeed Win Win Win World Affairs

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Young Phillip

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