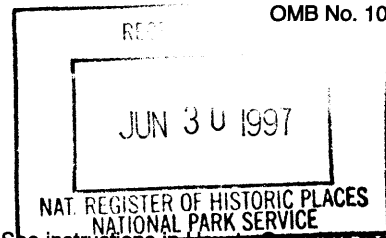


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name ST. ANDREW SCHOOL

other names/site number St. Andrew Grammer School

2. Location

street & number 3001 West 15th Street N/A not for publication

city or town Panama City N/A vicinity

state FLORIDA code FL county Bay code 005 zip code 32401

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally, statewide, locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 6/16/97
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Florida State Historic Preservation Officer, Division of Historical Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register See continuation sheet
- determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

[Signature]

8/14/97

St. Andrew School
Name of Property

Bay Co., FL
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- buildings
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include any previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing

Noncontributing

1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	total

Name of related multiple property listings

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

"N/A"

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION: school

SOCIAL: civic

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION: school

SOCIAL: civic

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Renaissance Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK

walls BRICK

roof CERAMIC TILE

other CAST STONE

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuations sheets.)

8. Statement of significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution road patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction of represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 36) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1926-1947

Significant Dates

1926

Significant Person

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Fitchner, E.D.

Asbell J.R.

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State Agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of Repository

#

St. Andrew School
Name of Property

Bay Co., FL
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 4.3 acres

UTM References

(Place additional references on a continuation sheet.)

1	1	6	6	2	4	9	2	0	3	3	3	8	6	8	0
	Zone		Easting						Northing						
2															

3															
	Zone		Easting						Northing						
4															

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Bay County School Board

street & number 1311 Balboa Avenue telephone 904/872-4100

city or town Panama City state FL zip code 32402

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SUMMARY

St. Andrew School, located at 3001 West 15th Street, Panama City, Bay County, Florida, was built in 1926, in the Renaissance Revival style. The red brick building faces north onto West 15th Street, and its footprint forms a "U." The one-story building has a continuous footer foundation, rows of large arched windows on the main facade, and a complex hip roof. The school is located in the historic St. Andrew Bay neighborhood.

SETTING

The school is a part of the earliest settled area of the city, the St. Andrew community, which is largely residential with two commercial strips. The school is two blocks east of Panama City's West Bay which joins with the Gulf of Mexico. Beck Avenue runs north/south along the eastern side of the school property, and one block north joins with U.S. Highway 98, which is the city's primary east/west thoroughfare. The soil is sandy and flat with many large shade trees. Such trees are found throughout the neighborhood. The brick school is located on the northern third of the property, with a 1950s brick building (Photo #16), six temporary classrooms, and a 1996 recreation pavilion (Photo #17) are located south of the historic school. They are excluded from the boundaries of the nomination.

DESCRIPTION

Exterior

The brick building includes many decorative courses of brick work. A soldier course, capped with a corbled course forms a cornice just below the roof line.

The main, north elevation has seven large arched windows spanning its center (Photos #1&2). These windows have pairs of 3/2, single-hung aluminum sash. The arch is in-filled with painted wood panels (Photo #3). On either side of the windows, toward the east and west corners, are entrances with gable roofed

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porticos with arches (Photo #4). The portico on the west corner has a concrete access ramp which runs due north. Above each entry arch is a cast stone shield with the "1926" date of construction (Photo #5). Brickwork above the arches is laid in blind arches. One of the supporting corners of the eastern portico contains a cast stone plaque with the names of the trustees, architect and builder (Photo #6). The broad side of the barrel tiled hip roof is visible. At the peak of each portico the roof steps down forming hip ends of the two wings.

The western elevation contains fifteen pairs of 3/2, single-hung aluminum sash windows (Photo #7). These windows have rectangular openings, but the upper portion is enclosed with wood panels, matching the arched in-fills on the north. Between each three sets of windows is a drain spout.

The eastern elevation contains six pairs of windows (Photo #8).

The southern elevations of the "U" wings have no windows, but each has an entrance with a glass block transom (Photo #9). From the south, the area between the "U" wings displays windows in all three walls. In the ground space within the "U" are three contemporary concrete block utility buildings (Photo #10).

Interior

The school has 19,357 square feet, divided into twelve classrooms, an auditorium, offices and bathrooms. Built in a "U" shape, the central block is aligned from east to west, and contains the auditorium and offices. The two wings run north to south off either end of the central block with central halls accessing the classrooms (Photo #11). The floors are linoleum, the walls are plaster, and the ceilings are drop acoustical tile with florescent lights. The original doors, window trim, chairrails, and baseboards remain.

The auditorium's original composition panel ceiling remains. The original wooden, folding seats, as well as the original stage curtain and flooring are present (Photo #12). Considered a major technological innovation in 1926, the auditorium contains a movie projection room (Photo #13).

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Multiple-light, wooden transom sashes remain visible within the enclosed tops of the large windows (Photos #14 & 15). These transoms are visible in the auditorium, but are covered by acoustic drop ceilings in the classrooms. The classrooms have enclosed windows within the walls adjacent to the halls.

ALTERATIONS

In the 1980s, a portion of the northwest corner of the auditorium was partitioned into offices that house the principal and secretarial staff. Acoustic ceiling tiles and fluorescent lighting were installed throughout the school except in the auditorium. Metal window sashes replaced most of original wooden ones, but remaining arch top transoms in the auditorium reveal their original character. Original steam radiators were removed, and steel fire-doors were added in cross hallways. The original roof was replaced with asphalt shingles. Concrete block utility units were built within the "U" on the south side.

In 1992, air conditioning units were installed in windows within each of the classrooms and the auditorium. In 1993-1994, a new barrel tile roof replicated the original. In 1994, the fire marshal ordered the classroom windows onto the hall enclosed, and they were covered with plywood, not removed.

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SUMMARY

The St. Andrew School is nominated to the National Register for its significance on the local level under Criteria A and C in the areas of Education and Architecture. From the beginning of the development of the St. Andrew area, the focal point of community as well as educational activities has been the St. Andrew School. The school is the third building constructed by the community, the first two having burned. Built in 1926, it is the oldest school in the city, and the oldest continuously used school in Bay County. St. Andrew's was designed by prominent Tallahassee architect Edwin D. Fitchner.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

Early settlers from the Florida panhandle, Georgia, and Alabama came to the St. Andrew area in the 1840s and 1850s for summer vacations. A post office was opened in 1845. The development of the St. Andrew neighborhood dates to around 1880 when several families, recruited by Ohio developers, began to move to the area. Cincinnati based developers promoted the dream of making St. Andrew, after Pensacola, the next great seaport on the Gulf of Mexico. During the first hundred days, six thousand people purchased land, sight unseen, by mail. This movement was called the "Cincinnati Land Boom". These buyers established a few businesses, and the need for churches and a school was recognized. Many buyers however, were disappointed with the undeveloped area, and the boom went bust in the early 1890s.

Two wooden schools, both destroyed by fire, were built in the neighborhood previous to the current school building. In the small Panama City community that existed into the 20th century, there was only one public school, and it served various social functions. The school is currently being used as a special education center serving Severely Emotionally Disturbed students. After hours the school is used for music and art instruction, and the auditorium is used for community activities and staff functions.

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BAY COUNTY, FLORIDASection number 8 Page 2**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

The original St. Andrew School was built in 1897 at a location approximately one quarter of a mile from the present school. After this building burned in 1906, a second two-story wooden structure was erected at the juncture of 15th Street and Bayview Avenue. This building was destroyed by fire in March of 1926, six weeks before school was out. On July 7, 1926, a freeholders election was held. A bond issue of \$60,000 for a new school was approved by a vote of 73 to 1. The cost of the new school was \$49,827. The present building, which opened on September 5, 1927, is located directly across the street from the site of the second school. The current St. Andrew School is the oldest school building in Bay County which has been in continuous use. Architect Edwin Fitchner was also engaged by Bay County to build Bay County High School, and the Bay Count Jail.

Community interest and support of St. Andrew School in 1926 is evident from the weekly sections in the *Panama City Pilot*, a local newspaper, which informed the public about events at the school. Newspaper articles describe an active P.T.A. which provided financial assistance in purchasing textbooks, playground equipment, and a flagpole. The development of the St. Andrew School Library Association in 1928 helped to establish an accredited library by purchasing needed reference books. Local lore recounts numerous community evenings when films were shown using the new film projector. Among the more comical community events that took place at the St. Andrew School were the Spinster's Convention in 1928, and a woman-less wedding in 1955. The school building was also used throughout the years for various community plays, public service forums, as well as educational films. The integral role the school played in the local community is best summarized by a quote from the July 22, 1926, issue of the *Panama City Pilot* regarding the necessity of completing the new building as soon as possible, "Everything is being pushed as much as possible in the matter, ... when completed, will doubtless bring a thrill of pride to the heart of

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every citizen of St. Andrews."

ARCHITECTURAL CONTEXT

Renaissance Revival architecture was popular from the 1890s into the 1930s. Derived from accurate, academic investigations of Italian and Continental building traditions, the formal style was a reaction to the eclectic design approaches of the 1870s and 1880s. Usually the style was used for architect designed metropolitan landmarks. The style is characterized by symmetrical building arrangements and facades, with a recessed main entry covered by a portico with classical columns. Simple, or cross-hipped roofs with small wings on either end of the facade, typically have tile coverings, and either broad eaves or short parapets. Exterior walls are always masonry, or mimic masonry with scored stucco. Exterior walls below the first story windows are often rusticated. Large first story windows are common, often with arched tops. The buildings often include belt courses and bracket window surrounds.

ARCHITECTUREAL SIGNIFICANCE

The architect of the St. Andrew School was Edwin D. Fitchner, a prominent Tallahassee architect. Fitchner is noted for his high level of productivity, tasteful designs borrowed from various historic traditions, and quality construction. He built the Bay County High School, Bay County Jail, Woman's Club of Tallahassee, (NR 1987), Leon County's Ft. Braden School (NR 1994), Leon County Armory, Sigma Kappa Sorority House-Florida State University, and Ruge Hall Episcopal Student Center-Florida State University.

St. Andrew School is unusual as a Renaissance Revival styled building in that it has a horizontal emphasis. The decorative brick work, rusticated courses at ground level, large ached windows, barrel tile roof, blind arches and cast stone ovals over the entrances are defining characteristics.

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May 9, 1933. "Graduation exercises at St. Andrews School."

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

St. Andrew School owns all of Block #2, parcel #024 of the 1885 George Huntingtons plat, and is recorded in the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Bay County, Official Record Book #14 page 472, and Book J page 332. This nomination boundary is for the northern portion of this property which includes the 1926 school, and excludes from the northern edge of the sidewalk immediately south of the historic school the non-historic buildings. The portion of the property is approximately 275' x 200'.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The portion of the property owned by St. Andrew School that retains its historic integrity and is associated with the historic period lies north of the sidewalk located between the historic school and the 1950 library building. The number of non-historic buildings alters the character of the southern portion of the property.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC LIST

1. St. Andrew School
3001 West 15th Street
Panama City
2. Bay Co., FL
3. Laura Shepherd
4. 1992
5. St. Andrew School
6. Main, north facade of school, camera facing south
7. Photo #1 of 17

1. St. Andrew School
3001 West 15th Street
Panama City
2. Bay Co., FL
3. Wayne Elmore
4. 1996
5. St. Andrew School
6. Northwest corner, camera facing southeast
7. Photo #2 of 17

Items 1-5 are the same for the remaining photographs

6. Detail of windows, wall of north facade, camera facing south
7. Photo #3 of 17

6. Detail of northwest entry portico, camera facing east
7. Photo #4 of 17

6. Detail of portico gable, camera facing south
7. Photo #5 of 17

6. Detail of builder's plaque, northeast entry, camera facing south
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- 6. West elevation at northwest corner, camera facing east
- 7. Photo #7 of 17

- 6. East and south elevation from Beck Avenue, camera facing northwest
- 7. Photo #8 of 17

- 6. South elevation of east wing showing entrance, camera facing north
- 7. Photo #9 of 17

- 6. Between the building wings showing non-historic utility construction, camera facing north
- 7. Photo #10 of 17

- 6. Interior hallway of east wing, camera facing south
- 7. Photo #11 of 17

- 6. Interior of auditorium, camera facing east
- 7. Photo #12 of 17

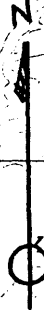
- 6. Film projection room, west wall of auditorium, camera facing west
- 7. Photo #13 of 17

- 6. Auditorium windows, camera facing north
- 7. Photo #14 of 17

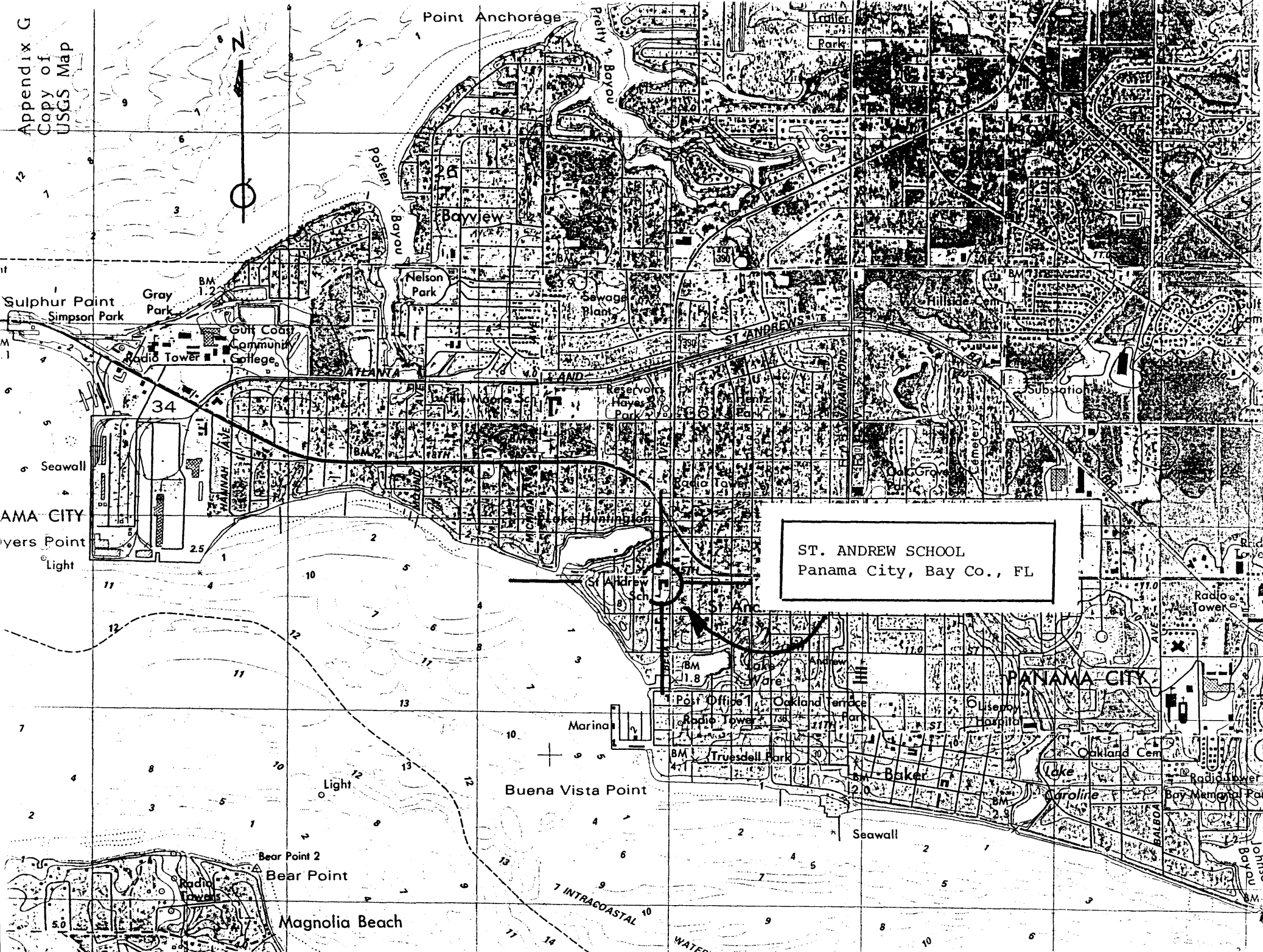
- 6. East wing classroom interior, camera facing east
- 7. Photo #15 of 17

- 6. Northwest corner of 1950 building, camera facing southeast
- 7. Photo #16 of 17

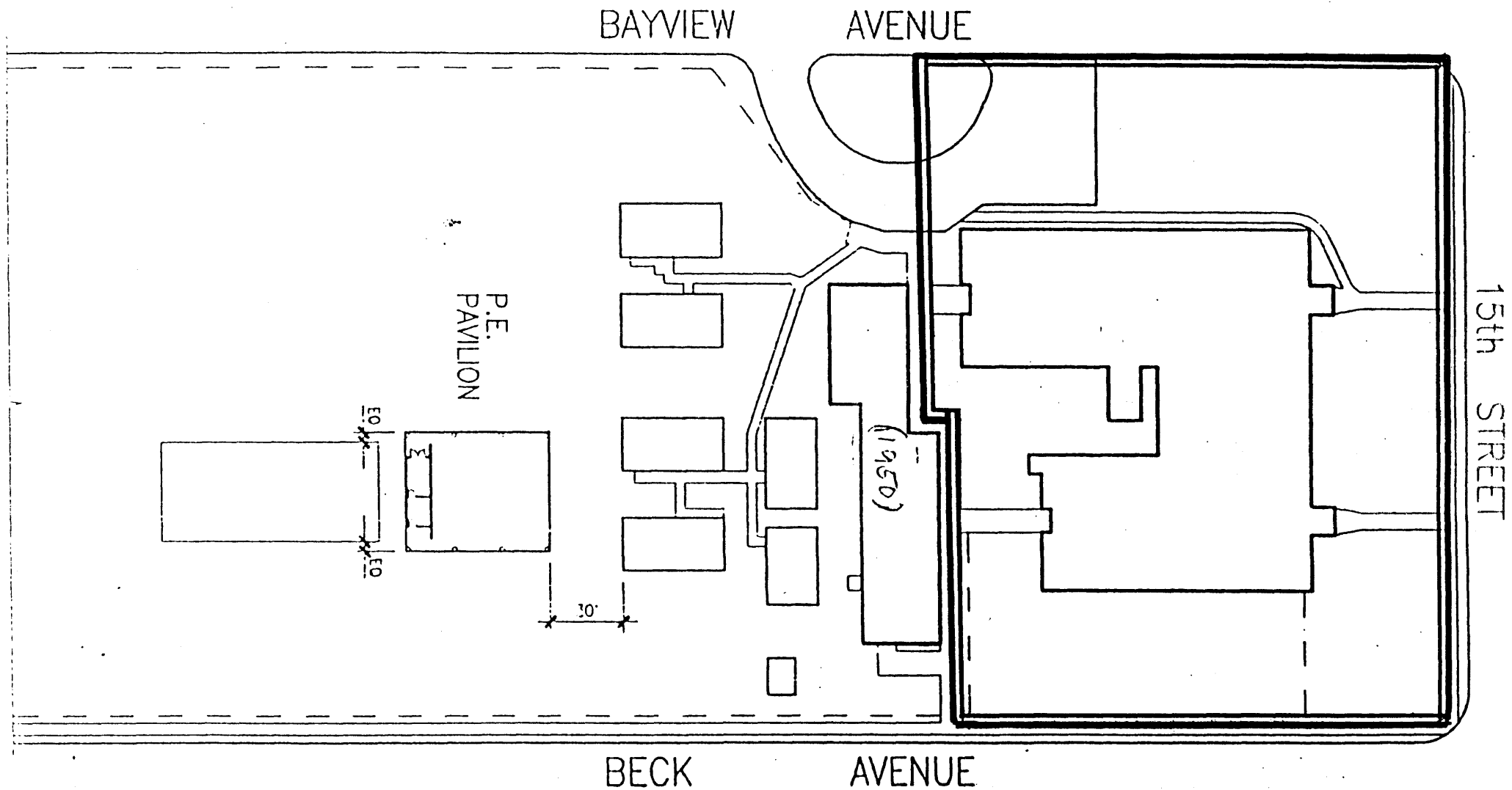
- 6. Temporary classrooms and recreation pavilion, camera facing northeast
- 7. Photo #17 of 17



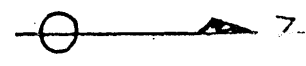
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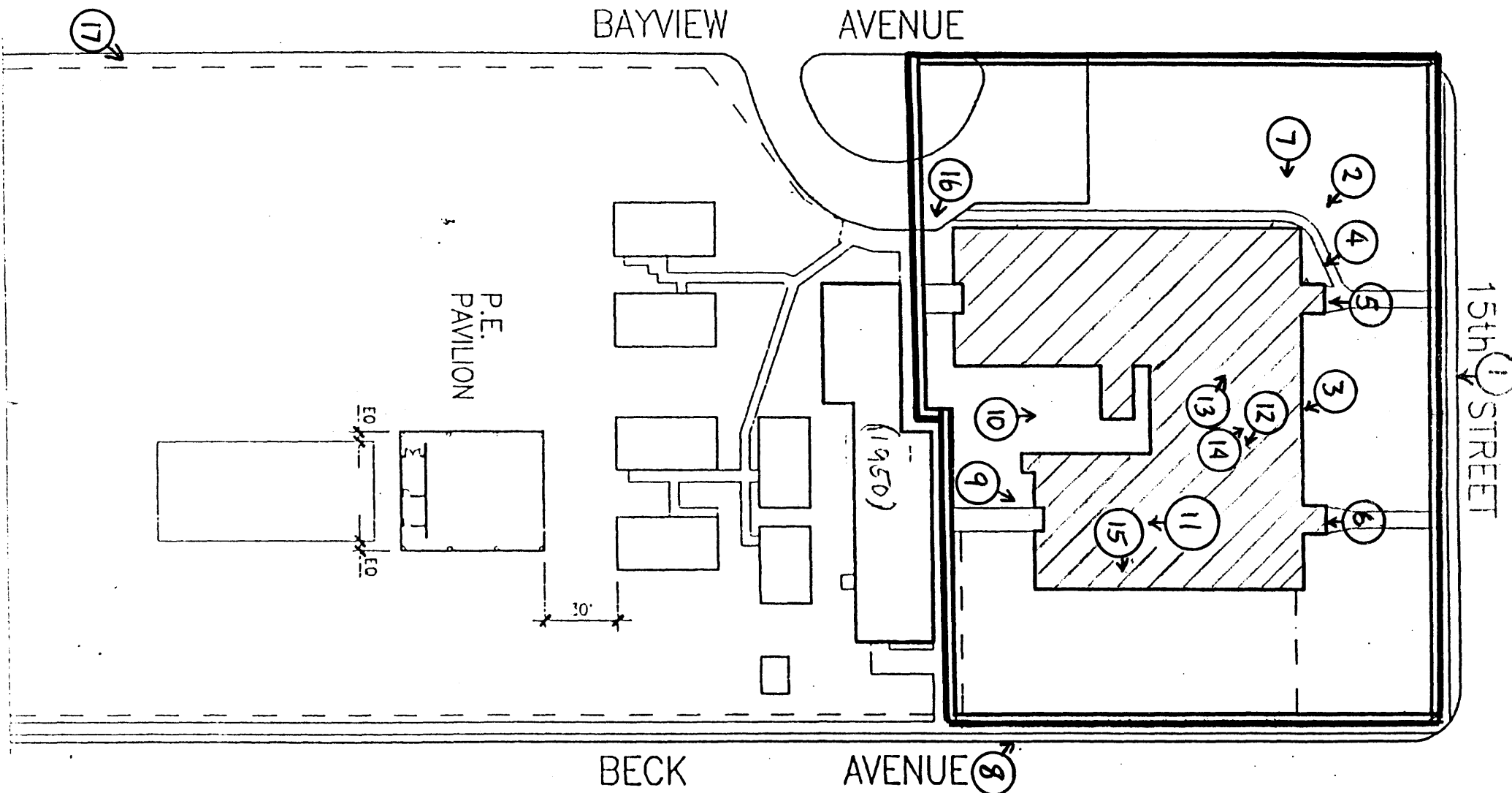


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Panama City, Bay Co., FL
Bountry Map/Site Plan





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