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USABILITY

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Wikia's Usability Improvements

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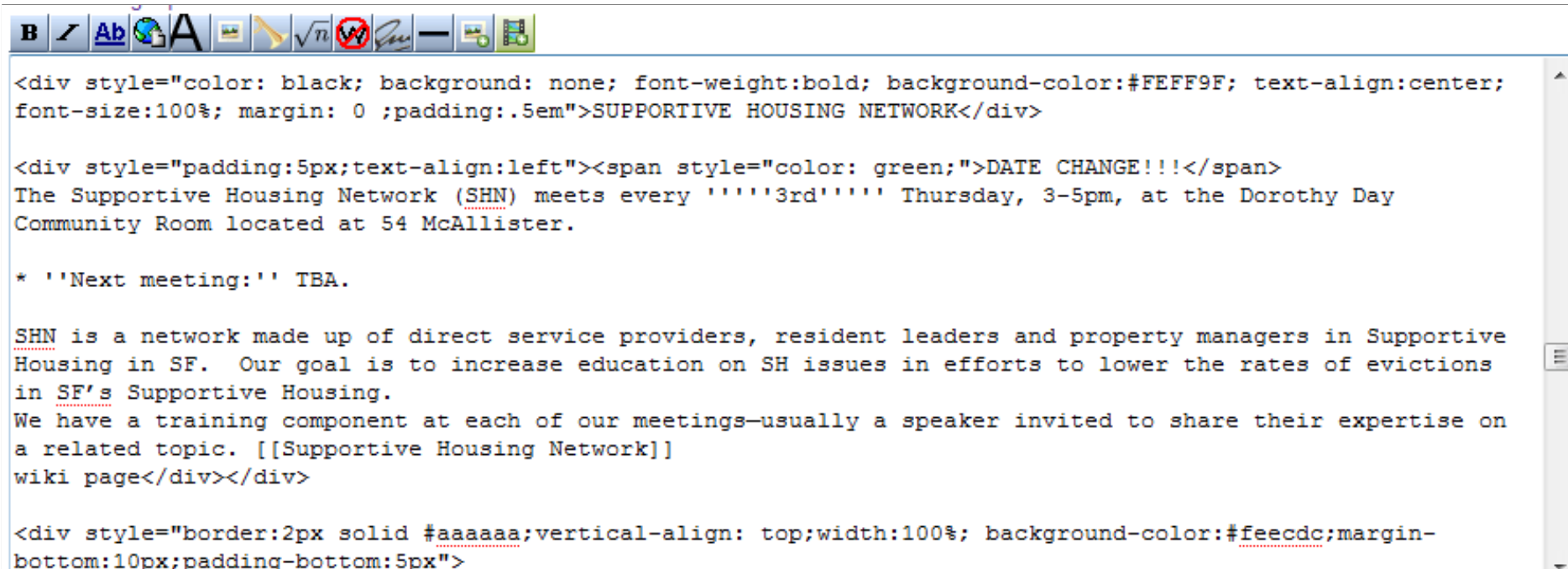
Section edit button

Quick Action Panel

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The problem



The image shows a screenshot of a Wiki markup editor. At the top is a toolbar with various icons for text formatting (bold, italic, underline, strikethrough), alignment, and other functions. Below the toolbar is a text area containing Wiki markup code. The code defines a header for the 'Supportive Housing Network' with a yellow background, followed by a date change announcement in green. The main content describes the network's purpose and meeting schedule. A note indicates the next meeting is TBA. The footer contains a description of the network and a link to the wiki page. The code uses various HTML attributes like color, background-color, padding, and border.

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<div style="color: black; background: none; font-weight:bold; background-color:#FEFF9F; text-align:center; font-size:100%; margin: 0 ;padding:.5em">SUPPORTIVE HOUSING NETWORK</div>

<div style="padding:5px;text-align:left"><span style="color: green;">DATE CHANGE!!!</span>
The Supportive Housing Network (SHN) meets every '''3rd''' Thursday, 3-5pm, at the Dorothy Day
Community Room located at 54 McAllister.

* ''Next meeting:'' TBA.

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in SF's Supportive Housing.
We have a training component at each of our meetings—usually a speaker invited to share their expertise on
a related topic. [[Supportive Housing Network]]
wiki page</div></div>

<div style="border:2px solid #aaaaaa;vertical-align: top;width:100%; background-color:#feedc<u>d</u>;margin-
bottom:10px;padding-bottom:5px">
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Text Appearance



Lists and links



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Category Select

Offers free comprehensive child development services, educational activities for preschool children, free health referrals and social service referrals, parent support available to children with disabilities. Wheelchair

Category: Children & Family Services

 Add category

Category Select

Category: [Housing - General Resources](#)

Housing

[Housing - Shelters / Transitional Housing](#)

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[Housing - General Resources](#)

[Housing - Resource Centers](#)

 [Housing Opportunities](#)

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 [Housing-Agency Administered Resid Hotel](#)


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[Transitional Housing](#)

Visible save bar, even on long pages

Places 

 Add category

[Code view](#)

Summary: **Save page** Minor edit Watch this page

You can still scroll for the details

+ Add category Code view

Edit summary Save page Preview This is a minor edit Watch this page

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Below are some commonly used wiki markup codes. Simply click on what you want to use and it will appear in the edit box above.

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Wiki markup: {{}} | [] [[]] [[Category:]] #REDIRECT [[]] <s></s> <code></code> <blockquote></blockquote> <ref></ref> {{Reflist}} <references/>
<includeonly></includeonly> <noinclude></noinclude> <onlyinclude></onlyinclude> {{DEFAULTSORT:}} <nowiki></nowiki> <!-- -->

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Editing Tips

How to style text

How to make links

How to add headings

Headings use equals signs. The more "=", the smaller the heading.

==Heading 2==

===Heading 3===

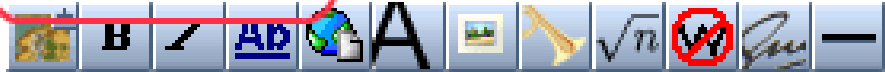
====Heading 4====

How to indent text

How to insert images

More help and video demos

Hide Editing Tips - Enter widescreen



'''Yoda''' was one of the most renowned figures in galactic history|galactic history]], who was [[lightsaber combat]]. Yoda served as the leader of the [[Galactic Republic]] and reigned as the most powerful and devastating [[Clone Wars]]. Following the rise of the [[Sith Order]] in addition to that of Grand Master Yoda had a hand in the fall of the Republic. Yoda's luminaries as [[Obi-Wan Kenobi]], [[Anakin Skywalker]] and on the Jedi Council along with him.

Though Yoda was, arguably, the most responsible for the outbreak of the Clone Wars, the Republic was overthrown and the Sith survived. Yoda went into exile on the swamp planet of Dagobah.

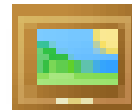
Later, before becoming one with the Force, Yoda gave the instruction of [[Luke Skywalker]] who became the last Jedi Order]]. after defeating the Sith.

Standard summaries: [\(click to browse\)](#)

Important links in sidebar



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Less-used links moved to the footer

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 [Graestan](#) made an edit on 16 May 2009

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Still available for experts,
but not in the way for newbies

Sidebar summary of activity

Latest Activity

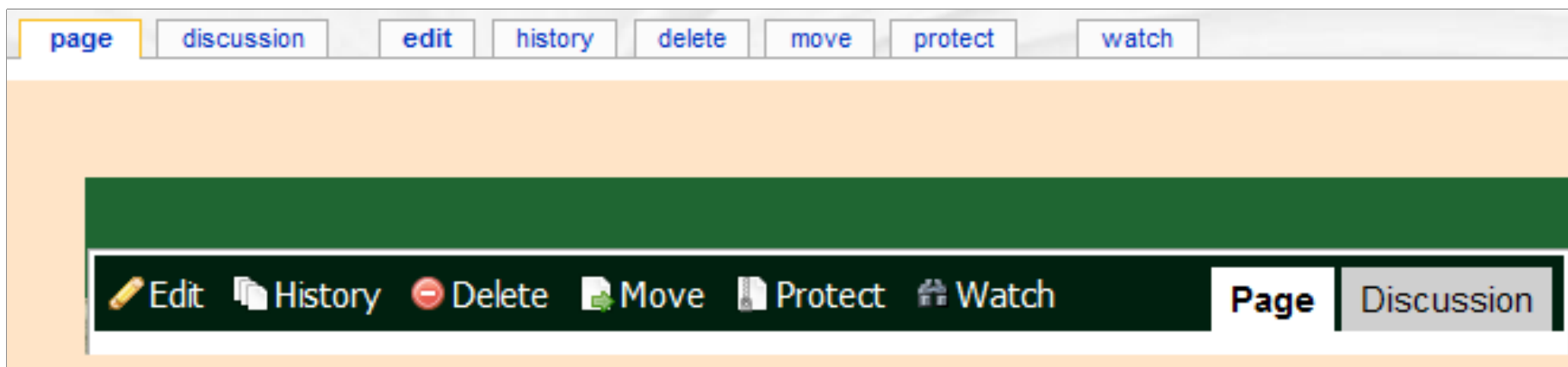


[Talk:Greater Amphiptere](#)
by [Omari](#), 2 minutes ago

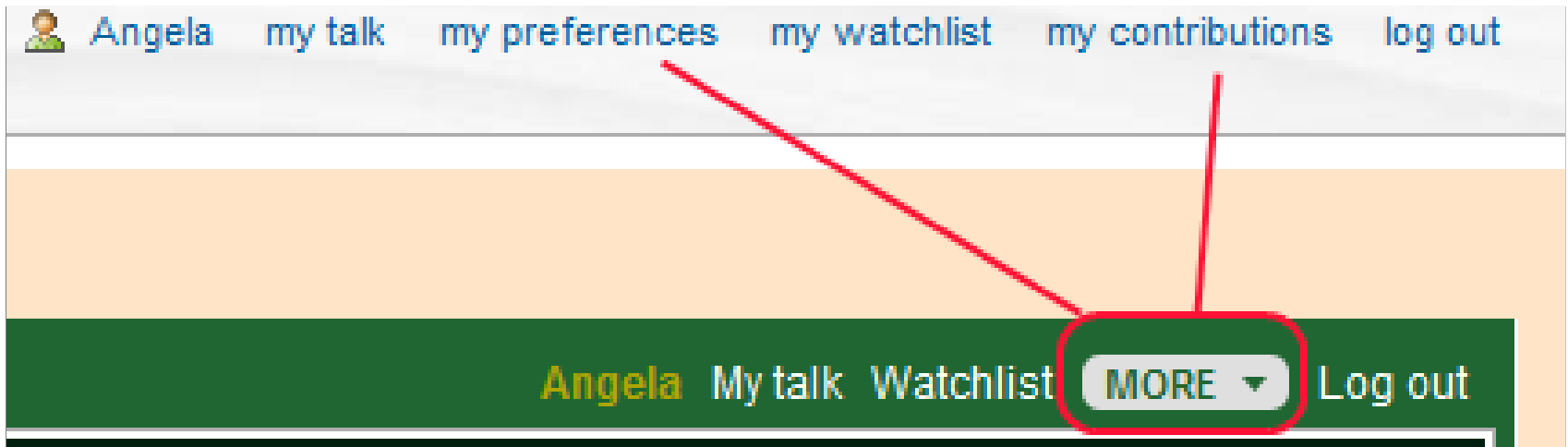
[Stone of Shani](#)
by [Scynscapa](#), 3 minutes ago

[more...](#)

Action icons, separated from page tabs



Link reduction



Search suggest



A screenshot of a search suggestion dropdown menu. The search input field at the top contains the word "Homeless" and has a magnifying glass icon on the right. Below the input field, a list of suggestions is displayed, each with a right-pointing chevron icon. The suggestions are:

- Homelessness Policy Overview
- Homeless Action Center (HAC)
- Homeless Children's Network
- Homeless Church
- Homeless Count
- Homeless Person's Memorial
- Homeless Policy and Legislation
- Homeless Prenatal Program
- Homeless Service Provider Re
- Community

Link suggest

THIS IS SOME TEXT

The [[Car

Career Resources Development Center

Care Not Cash

Caritas Management

Carlin Valencia Apartments

Talk pages

top



Edit this page



Leave message

bottom



Leave a new message



Angela made an edit on 16 Jun

Contents hidden by default

Contents [\[show\]](#)

Feedback

[edit](#)

We plan to roll this out site-wide this Wednesday. After giving it a try, if your community would prefer the old section

More obvious section edit button

Contents [\[show\]](#)

Feedback

edit

We plan to roll this out site-wide this Wednesday. After giving it a try, if your community would prefer the old section

Quick Action Panel

Edit, move, add categories without visiting the page.

Recent Unanswered Questions

Quick Action Panel

How do you cure really bad hiccups

Answer Categorize Delete Rephrase

[[Category:Health]]

How to get waterfall in pokemon gold?

SAVE

▶ N 16:04 In italian what day does jupiter rep

▶ N 16:04 Is Minato alive (2 changes; hist) . . .

Quick Action Panel

When will Bleach end

Answer Categorize Delete **Rephrase**

When will Bleach end

SAVE

15:57 Will mothership zeta the 5th fallout . . .

. Wolf098 (Talk | contribs | block)

Image placeholder

The screenshot shows a Wikia Travel page. At the top left is the Wikia Travel logo, which consists of a stylized 'W' with a globe pattern inside brackets, and the text 'WIKIA TRAVEL' below it. To the right of the logo is a search bar with the text 'Search Wikia Travel' and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar are three menu items: 'Wikia Travel', 'Top Content', and 'Community', each with a right-pointing arrow. At the top right of the page is a blue navigation bar with icons and text for 'Edit this page', 'History', 'Delete', 'Move', 'Protect', and 'Watch'. The main title of the page is 'Argentina/Tips for hitchhikers'. Below the title is a large image placeholder box containing a green button with the text 'Add Image'. To the right of the placeholder is a paragraph of text: 'For hitchhikers **Argentina** can be divided into two parts. The north, which is pretty okay to hitchhike, and the south, which is a complete disaster, especially compared to its neighbour [Chile](#). [map24](#) is in Portuguese but has information about the whole of South America. A normal map is pretty expensive, but there *is* a road map containing many countries of South America for something like 10 pesos. In Argentina it's normal to ask the people filling tanks at gas stations to ask people for you!'. Below the text is a small section titled 'Hitchhiking in Argentina'.


Easy image upload

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Discussion

Hashtags: #wikimania #usability

- Other usability features in MediaWiki?
- **WYSIWYG** - is it needed? is it wanted? will it help?
- **Skins**
- What can the wiki's editors do to help?
- **Internationalisation**, localisation and usability.

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<http://wowwiki.com/> ~ <http://wiki.ffxiclopedia.org/>

<http://de.wikipedia.org/> ~ <http://answers.wikia.com/>