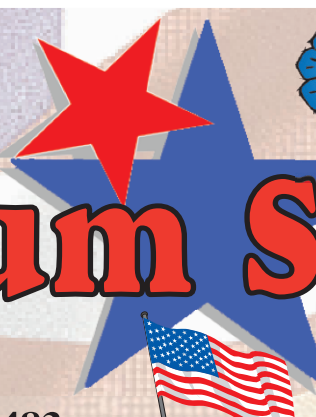


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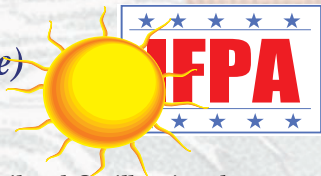
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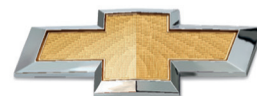
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Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

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Like hunters pursuing anything that will run from 'em and fishermen contending that good days for fishing are any when they've got lines in the water, visitors are attracted

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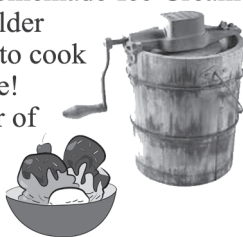
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The Hopkins County Dairy Festival stepped off smartly on Saturday June 11 with hot air ballooning, Jr. Dairy Show, a huge Parade through downtown, a Milking Contest and the Texas State Championship Homemade Ice Cream Freeze-off. Henry Penson is the new Texas State titleholder with his Pecan Pie Ice Cream entry. He and Carlie love to cook indoors and outdoors, at home and on location anywhere! Also Meredith Cadell, still acting leader of the Chamber of Commerce, carried out the final Contest of her Chamber career, but she did it with ease and grace, typical of her style!



Youth who entered cattle in the Jr. Dairy Show also had the opportunity to sell those cattle at a sale, with proceeds to benefit youth activities in the coming year. The top 15 animals are eligible for the sale on Thursday June 16 at Sulphur Springs Livestock Auction, sponsored by NE Texas Farmer's Co-op. Congratulations to these young agriculturists on raising top animals! From Hopkins County 4H, Braden Lennon (Grand Champion), Elida Miller (Top Jersey) Mabelle Allen, Tripp Smith, Mattie Smith, Pilar Ortiz, Zia Miller...Como-Pickton FFA, Baylee Bowen (Reserve Grand Champion), Breanna Bowen (Showmanship), Hannah Pegues, Evan Pegues and Cameron Mathews...Sulphur Springs FFA, Jake Couch, Bayler Boatman and Spencer Brewer.



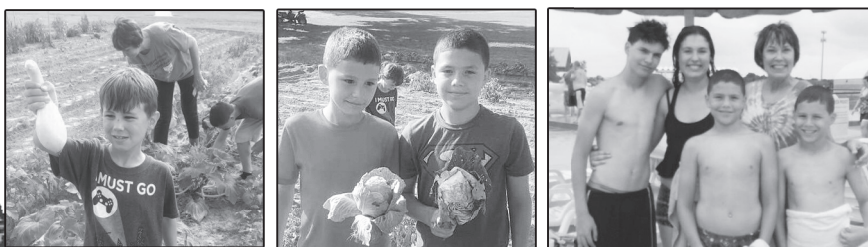
Back in 1954 on a springtime day, a young lady was called out of class at Sulphur Springs High School by Mr. Sterling Beckham, and informed that she had been chosen as the "Dairy Princess" for Hopkins County. Standing there in the hall, she was told she would be representing the local dairy industry at a special event and that she was selected by a committee of working farmers. Dairying was just 15 years old in Hopkins County at that time, and lots of families were still getting started in it! The young lady was Lynda Mosely, a dairyman's daughter. Lynda went back into class that day, and in fact finished out her week. Soon though, she was watching over the cattle exhibitions in the show barn where crowds were gathered, wearing a "milk maid" outfit made by her aunt. The event was held in May 1954 in the Show Barn, then located in City Park (Buford Park) near where the new Pavilion has now been built. (in your youth, the swimming pool was there) Lynda had graduated and married Bill Hager before the new Hopkins County Dairy Festival was officially organized in 1959. She was a member of Mother's Club then, became a volunteer and has kept her finger on the pulse of the festival all these years. This is her 51st Dairy Festival to take part in. As a member of the board of directors, she is currently Treasurer but over the years has held most every position and gladly volunteered for every job, big or small, that it took to build the Queen's pageant to what it is today. For Lynda, presiding over a cattle show in an un-air-conditioned barn was a far cry from the prestige of the title that today's Dairy Festival Queen and contestants are welcomed to. But I'm sure she smiled all the way, just like today!

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Thanks Lynda Hager for 51 years continuing service in the Hopkins County Dairy Festival!



Here's some photos of my own summer fun so far! Hope you have a wonderful COOL summer! I'll watch for you at the corral gate!

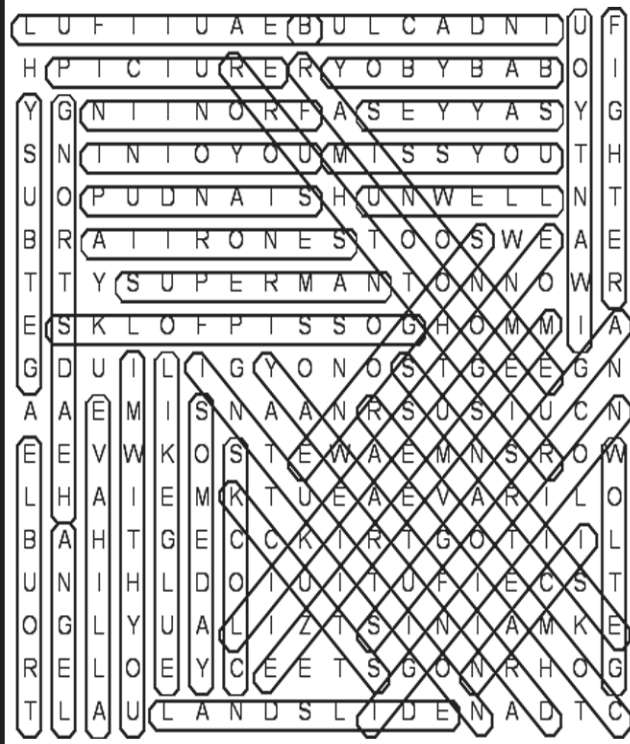


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Rick Vanderpool of Lubbock doesn't hesitate to follow up on his brainstorm, no matter how bizarre they might seem or how far he will have to travel to make them happen. He is a photographer and finds fascinating ways to make a living with his camera. During the 500th anniversary of Columbus discovering America, he went to every city in the country with the name Columbus and did a photographic display.

You've probably seen some of his posters. They're 18 by 24 inches and cover all kinds of topics: wildflowers, hamburger and barbecue joints, the word Texas, stars, birds, windmills and so forth. He has done 34 of them. Numbers 33 and 34 of his photographic montages are pictures of crosses.

In May of last year, Rick set out to photograph crosses in America. "I think I was only traveling 8 weeks over a 4-month period," he says. "By the first of September last year I had logged right at 27,000 miles, had taken 8,000 plus photographs and had visited all 48 contiguous states. I made arrangements with two friends to photograph for me in Alaska and I came up with 2 shots in public domain records that I needed for the two earliest churches in Hawaii. Of course I did the research and wanted a cross to represent each Christian denomination. I was looking for the original site of Christian activity state by state. With Christianity originating in this county on the east coast in San Augustine, Florida and up in New England where the first Christian pilgrims settled, those states have quite a few more than one example."

He framed 20 of his photos and exhibited them at the Legacy Event Center in Lubbock. "The facility was once a Presbyterian church. How appropriate is that? It's the first exhibition of the project. It wasn't easy to edit 8,000 photographs down to 20. I gritted my teeth and wanted the collection to be as dramatic as it could be. I'm honored to be in this venue. It's stellar. Everybody in Lubbock knows it well. There are lots of weddings here."

The two posters he created sell for \$24.95 each. "There are about 135 photos on each one," says Rick. "There are just a shade under 300 of the crosses that I photographed selected for the posters. I actually visited 165 different sites. There are at least two images from each state."

Rick gives programs on the crosses. "I put together a slide show and have a rambling narrative about the project. I can tailor it to any age group, any Christian activity, any travel group, any photography group, or any writing group. Churches and schools have shown interest in having me do a program. Usually when I do those, I give a slight discount on the price of the posters."

He calls his project CROSSIN AMERICA. "I was crossing America but I dropped the 'g' because I was also looking for the cross in America. It was a different type of project for me. I hope I have been as reverent as necessary considering the subject."

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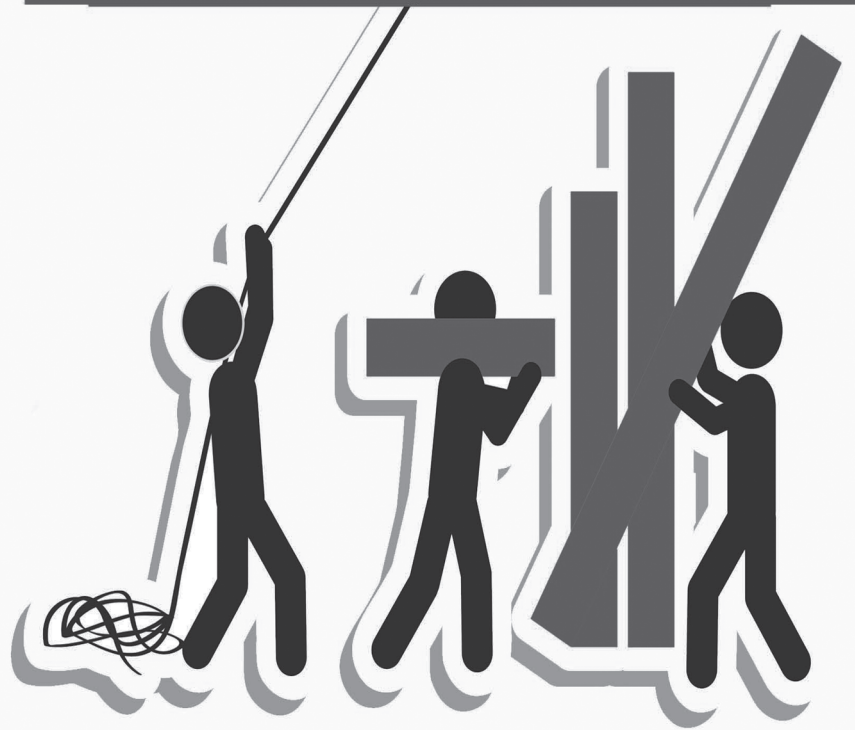
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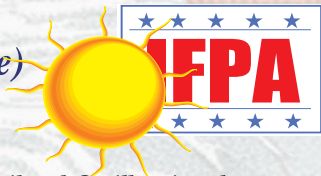
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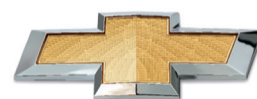
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Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

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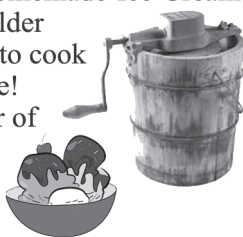
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The Hopkins County Dairy Festival stepped off smartly on Saturday June 11 with hot air ballooning, Jr. Dairy Show, a huge Parade through downtown, a Milking Contest and the Texas State Championship Homemade Ice Cream Freeze-off. Henry Penson is the new Texas State titleholder with his Pecan Pie Ice Cream entry. He and Carlie love to cook indoors and outdoors, at home and on location anywhere! Also Meredith Cadell, still acting leader of the Chamber of Commerce, carried out the final Contest of her Chamber career, but she did it with ease and grace, typical of her style!



Youth who entered cattle in the Jr. Dairy Show also had the opportunity to sell those cattle at a sale, with proceeds to benefit youth activities in the coming year. The top 15 animals are eligible for the sale on Thursday June 16 at Sulphur Springs Livestock Auction, sponsored by NE Texas Farmer's Co-op. Congratulations to these young agriculturists on raising top animals! From Hopkins County 4H, Braden Lennon (Grand Champion), Elida Miller (Top Jersey) Mabelle Allen, Tripp Smith, Mattie Smith, Pilar Ortiz, Zia Miller...Como-Pickton FFA, Baylee Bowen (Reserve Grand Champion), Breanna Bowen (Showmanship), Hannah Pegues, Evan Pegues and Cameron Mathews...Sulphur Springs FFA, Jake Couch, Bayler Boatman and Spencer Brewer.



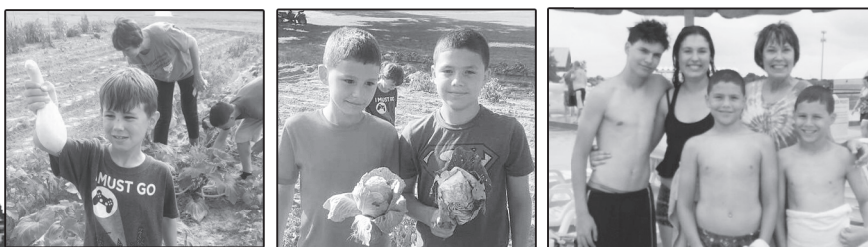
Back in 1954 on a springtime day, a young lady was called out of class at Sulphur Springs High School by Mr. Sterling Beckham, and informed that she had been chosen as the "Dairy Princess" for Hopkins County. Standing there in the hall, she was told she would be representing the local dairy industry at a special event and that she was selected by a committee of working farmers. Dairying was just 15 years old in Hopkins County at that time, and lots of families were still getting started in it! The young lady was Lynda Mosely, a dairyman's daughter. Lynda went back into class that day, and in fact finished out her week. Soon though, she was watching over the cattle exhibitions in the show barn where crowds were gathered, wearing a "milk maid" outfit made by her aunt. The event was held in May 1954 in the Show Barn, then located in City Park (Buford Park) near where the new Pavilion has now been built. (in your youth, the swimming pool was there) Lynda had graduated and married Bill Hager before the new Hopkins County Dairy Festival was officially organized in 1959. She was a member of Mother's Club then, became a volunteer and has kept her finger on the pulse of the festival all these years. This is her 51st Dairy Festival to take part in. As a member of the board of directors, she is currently Treasurer but over the years has held most every position and gladly volunteered for every job, big or small, that it took to build the Queen's pageant to what it is today. For Lynda, presiding over a cattle show in an un-air-conditioned barn was a far cry from the prestige of the title that today's Dairy Festival Queen and contestants are welcomed to. But I'm sure she smiled all the way, just like today!

Be there on Saturday June 18 as Miss Sydney Deitze crowns a new Queen out of the 8 contestants in the 2016 pageant. You'll see talent and beauty galore, so don't miss the 8pm show. It will be the FIRST on-stage event in the newly-renovated Hopkins County Civic Center Auditorium.

Thanks Lynda Hager for 51 years continuing service in the Hopkins County Dairy Festival!



Here's some photos of my own summer fun so far! Hope you have a wonderful COOL summer! I'll watch for you at the corral gate!

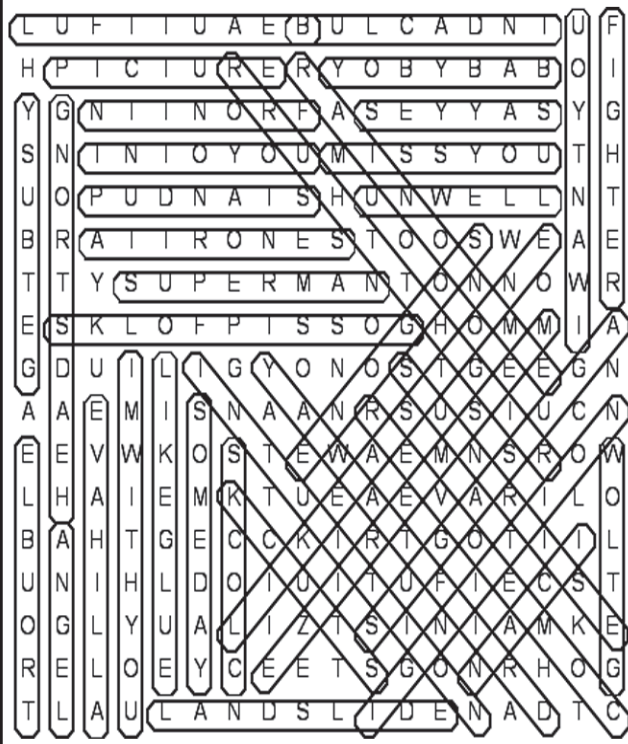


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Rick Vanderpool of Lubbock doesn't hesitate to follow up on his brainstorms, no matter how bizarre they might seem or how far he will have to travel to make them happen. He is a photographer and finds fascinating ways to make a living with his camera. During the 500th anniversary of Columbus discovering America, he went to every city in the country with the name Columbus and did a photographic display.

You've probably seen some of his posters. They're 18 by 24 inches and cover all kinds of topics: wildflowers, hamburger and barbecue joints, the word Texas, stars, birds, windmills and so forth. He has done 34 of them. Numbers 33 and 34 of his photographic montages are pictures of crosses.

In May of last year, Rick set out to photograph crosses in America. "I think I was only traveling 8 weeks over a 4-month period," he says. "By the first of September last year I had logged right at 27,000 miles, had taken 8,000 plus photographs and had visited all 48 contiguous states. I made arrangements with two friends to photograph for me in Alaska and I came up with 2 shots in public domain records that I needed for the two earliest churches in Hawaii. Of course I did the research and wanted a cross to represent each Christian denomination. I was looking for the original site of Christian activity state by state. With Christianity originating in this county on the east coast in San Augustine, Florida and up in New England where the first Christian pilgrims settled, those states have quite a few more than one example."

He framed 20 of his photos and exhibited them at the Legacy Event Center in Lubbock. "The facility was once a Presbyterian church. How appropriate is that? It's the first exhibition of the project. It wasn't easy to edit 8,000 photographs down to 20. I gritted my teeth and wanted the collection to be as dramatic as it could be. I'm honored to be in this venue. It's stellar. Everybody in Lubbock knows it well. There are lots of weddings here."

The two posters he created sell for \$24.95 each. "There are about 135 photos on each one," says Rick. "There are just a shade under 300 of the crosses that I photographed selected for the posters. I actually visited 165 different sites. There are at least two images from each state."

Rick gives programs on the crosses. "I put together a slide show and have a rambling narrative about the project. I can tailor it to any age group, any Christian activity, any travel group, any photography group, or any writing group. Churches and schools have shown interest in having me do a program. Usually when I do those, I give a slight discount on the price of the posters."

He calls his project CROSSIN AMERICA. "I was crossing America but I dropped the 'g' because I was also looking for the cross in America. It was a different type of project for me. I hope I have been as reverent as necessary considering the subject."

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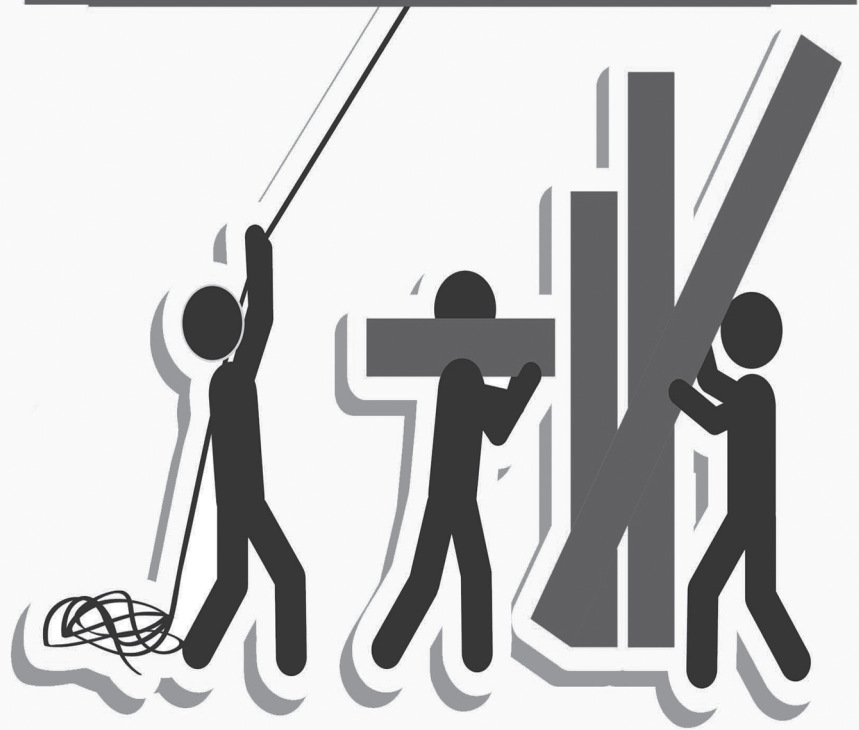
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Obits

Tommy Eugene Walker

Funeral arrangements for Tommy Eugene Walker, age 65 of Sulphur Springs, are pending with Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Tommy passed away Monday, June 13, 2016, at Sunny Springs Nursing Home.

Norman Reed

Born: February 21, 1964
Died: June 11, 2016

Graveside services for Norman Reed, age 52, of Pittsburg were held Tuesday, June 14, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at Sulphur Bluff Cemetery with Bro. Rick Richardson officiating. Visitation was held 1 hour prior to service at the Murray Orwosky Funeral Home. Norman passed away Saturday, June 11, 2016, at his residence in Pittsburg. He was born on February 21, 1964, in Dallas, the son of Olin Diar and Mary Edith (Perkins) Reed. He was owner of East Texas Equipment repair service in Longview and was of the Apostolic faith. Norman is survived by his mother, Mary Reed of Corinth; son, Reys Allen Reed and wife Wendy of Longview; daughter, Caitlin Shae Reed of Diana; two Grandsons, Trinton and Trey; sister, Sherry Mullen and husband, Larry of Corinth; brothers, Olin Reed, Jr. and wife Sherry, and Ronnie Reed and wife Judy, both of Sulphur Bluff; and faithful friend Renea Jones.

Jean White

Born: June 09, 1938
Died: June 12, 2016

Funeral Services for Jean White, age 78, of Sulphur Springs, will be held Thursday, June 16, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home with Pastor Jason Connor officiating. Interment will follow at Old Saltillo Cemetery. Visitation was held Wednesday, June 15, 2016, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Kathy Joyce Carnes

Born: June 19, 1957
Died: June 13, 2016

Kathy was born in Greenville, Texas, on June 19, 1957, to Sandalua Joyce Watson and William C. Middleton. Kathy was a true animal lover. She was an exotic animal enthusiast and a registered service animal trainer. Survivors include her companion - whom she considered her husband - Timothy Joe Osmer; her two sons: Stephen Carnes of Sulphur Springs and James Carnes of Waco; Timothy's three children: Antigianie McKeivitt, Jarrett Osmer and T.J. Osmer; her brother, David Middleton; and, her sister, Sandra Tucker. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Billy Clyde Middleton. A private family memorial service will be held at Cooper Lake.

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