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A Familiar Face in Tulsa

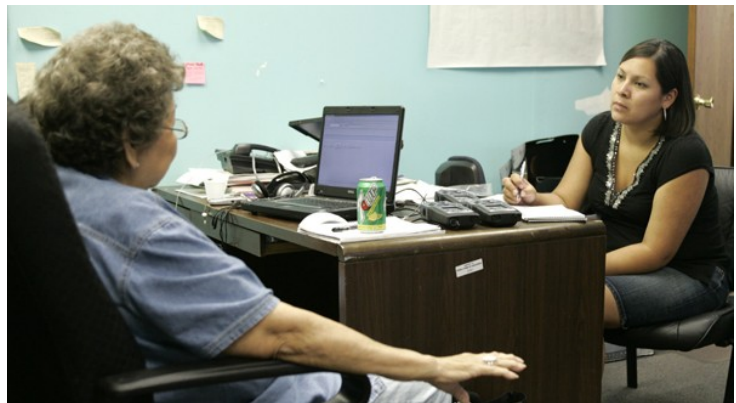


Justin Juozapavicius, a former Associated Press staffer in Oklahoma City, has been named the AP correspondent in Tulsa. Juozapavicius, a native of Chicago who graduated from Glenpool High School near Tulsa and Oklahoma State University, replaces Kelly Kurt, who has left the company. The announcement was made by Lindel Hutson, the AP's bureau chief for Oklahoma. Juozapavicius worked for AP in Oklahoma City in 2002 and then

worked for the Tulsa World before going to the Arizona Republic where he has been a reporter and correspondent. "Justin is an outstanding reporter and writer who is very familiar with Tulsa and northeast Oklahoma," said Hutson. "We welcome him home." During his time in Oklahoma City, Juozapavicius was part of the team that put together a project looking at problems in Oklahoma's county jails.

Language Translation

AP's Christina Good Voice (right) interviews Suzanne White Eagle, 71, for a story about a hand-held device called a Phraselator P2, which allows the translation of American Indian languages into English.



White Eagles' Ponca language is spoken fluently by only about a dozen of the 3,000 Ponca tribal members in north-central Oklahoma.

AP/ONE Board

The annual mid-year meeting of the AP/ONE board will be Oct. 5 at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art. This year's AP/ONE officers: president, Matt Lane, McAlester News-Capital; president-elect, Kevin Hassler, Enid News & Eagle; 1st vice president, Brenda Tollett, Ada Evening News; 2nd vice president, Mike McCormick, The Shawnee News-Star, immediate past president, Susan Ellerbach, Tulsa World. Board members are: John Bridwell, The Daily Ardmoreite; Kent Bush, Chickasha Express-Star; David Hale, The Lawton Constitution; Foster Johnson, The Ponca City News; Rick Hoover, Stillwater NewsPress; David Page, The Journal Record; Andy Rieger, The Norman Transcript and Robby Trammell, The Oklahoman.

**Sept 21
OAPB**



THURSDAY, September 21 was the first of five contest days for the 2006 Oklahoma AP Broadcasters contest. Best Newscast and Best Sportscast entries must be taped on one of the five surprise days. Contest rules and forms will be available in December.

OAPB Board Officers

Bill Perry of OETA in Oklahoma City has been elected president of the reorganized Oklahoma Associated Press Broadcasters.

President-elect is Rachel Hubbard of KOSU in Stillwater. Other officers are Radio-East, John Yates of KNED-McAlester, Radio-West, Melissa Gandall of KTOK-Oklahoma City; TV-East, Russ McCaskey of KJRH-Tulsa, and TV-West, Jonathan Shelley of KOCO-Oklahoma City.

President and president-elect will alternate between TV and radio in successive years.

A meeting will be held on Oct 17 at the AP bureau in Oklahoma City to discuss the AP broadcast contest. Comments should be submitted to board members or to Ken Miller or Cara Robertson at the AP.



AP Broadcast Editor Ken Miller (left) discusses the AP contest with Bill Perry and Billie Rodely of OETA in Oklahoma City. Perry was elected president of the Oklahoma AP Broadcasters at a recent organizational meeting of the Oklahoma AP broadcasters.



AP's Oklahoma bureau chief, Lindel Hutson (standing), talks to broadcasters at the meeting.



Attending the broadcast board meeting were Oklahoma City television broadcasters (from left) Jonathan Shelley of KOCO, Paula Morrison of KWTv and Marc Dillard of KFOR.

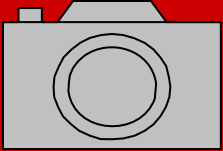
New Muskogee Editor

Muskogee Phoenix

Vicky Holland has been named executive editor of the Muskogee Phoenix. A veteran Phoenix staffer, she replaces the late Kristi Fry as editor of the newspaper which was sold by the Gannett group to Community Newspaper Holdings Inc. earlier this year.



Photo of the Month...



August

Lorraine Graves, 9, reacts to having her hair pressed and curled by hair stylist Bernadette Butler during the Barber Cut-off event in Tulsa, Okla., Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006. Barbers and stylists from across Tulsa gave free haircuts and stylings to hundreds of children, kindergarten through eighth grade. (AP Photo/Tulsa World, Stephen Holman)



From the Staff:



Judi Boland traveled to Lake Texoma during the Labor Day weekend for stories that were used across the state and nation about the boating crash that claimed the lives of five people from Texas.

Boland also had the story that an Egyptian art exhibit is making its first U.S. stop in Oklahoma City.



Newsman Sean Murphy had a national story explaining how Devon Energy's strategy in targeting the Gulf of Mexico for growth had paid off in one of the biggest domestic oil discoveries ever.

Murphy also had a story about how news coverage of Hurricane Katrina had reunited a mother and son years after they had become separated.

He also had first word that revenue from the Oklahoma Lottery is lagging behind projections for the current fiscal year.

Close contacts Murphy has developed with "video vigilante" Brian Bates paid off when Bates notified the AP that District Attorney Wes Lane had sent an entire jury Pool home because he feared the pool was tainted by Bates' anti-Lane protest at the courthouse.



Newsman Tim Talley went to the small western Oklahoma community of Snyder and had early word that the police chief and mayor had resigned amid an uproar over nude Internet photos of the chief's wife.

Talley also had first word that a federal judge had awarded \$10.3 million in damages and attorneys fees to a cardiologist who alleged that patents for an angioplasty catheter he invented were infringed upon.

From the Capitol, **Ron Jenkins** broke ground with a story about the executive director of the Oklahoma Chiefs of Police Association calling for increased training for law enforcement professionals. This followed a series of embarrassing episodes involving police officials.

Jenkins also had a Sunday piece about some of the perennial candidates who surface this time of year.

He did a Sunday analysis story on the governor's race, examining how Rep. Ernest Istook does not have the campaign funds or the television advertising presence of incumbent Democrat Brad Henry.

Newsman Murray Evans had an amusing story about a University of Oklahoma study showing co-workers develop closer ties to one another by sharing negative gossip.



Newsman Christina Good Voice had early word that a federal court had decided the Osage Nation was owed millions of dollars in oil royalties that were never sent to the tribe.



Member Contributions

The Enid News & Eagle provided a story on Great Lakes Airlines' decision to discontinue commercial air service to Enid.

Steve Johnson of Oklahoma City's KFOR-TV helped AP with the story that an airliner was diverted to Oklahoma City after passengers scuffled with a flight attendant.

The Oklahoman provided stories about imposition of a curfew requiring teenagers to leave the popular Bricktown entertainment district by 11 p.m. The newspaper also provided a story about how a methadone treatment clinic had run afoul of state narcotics officials.

From Mike Smith at KWEY in Weatherford came word that a 20-month-old had been accidentally shot and killed by his 9-year-old brother.

The McAlester News-Capital provided a story about an inmate art show at Oklahoma State Penitentiary featuring works composed of items people normally discard.

Ken Henson of KWTW in Oklahoma City provided early word as grass fires threatened homes and golf courses in parts of Oklahoma City.

The Tulsa World provided a story about a foundation grant that would boost salaries for faculty members at the University of Oklahoma. The newspaper also provided a story about how Oklahoma's American Indian tribes dramatically increased spending on federal lobbying efforts over the last five years.

The Lawton Constitution provided a story about the establishment of an enhanced 911 dispatch system.

KRMG's Debra Woodall in Tulsa had information on the fire that damaged Commerce Middle School.

The Muskogee Phoenix had the story that a former superintendent of Muskogee public schools agreed to take the same job at the Boynton-Moton school district.

From Tulsa's Chris Russell at KOTV came stories about the Tulsa police officer who was killed serving with the Marines in Iraq and a story that the Coast Guard recommended fines against the owner and pilot of the barge that caused the I-40 bridge collapse in Muskogee County.

Kevin King at Tulsa's KTUL provided AP details of a man who was arrested for stealing a child from his ex-girlfriend. King also had the story when a Broken Arrow man was arrested while working naked on his car.

Melissa Gandall of KTOK radio in Oklahoma City had the details when a man was found shot and later died outside a VFW hall in Del City.

The Oklahoma City Journal-Record provided a story about the start of construction on a \$20 million project at Will Rogers World Airport to consolidate the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency's local offices.

The Norman Transcript provided a story about a judge sentencing a woman to two consecutive life sentences for killing a pregnant woman and cutting the fetus from her womb.

The Shawnee News-Star provided a story about nine incidents in which rocks have been dropped onto cars along Interstate 40.

The Chickasha Express-Star provided a story about how the mother of James Patrick Malicoat would not be

THE LIFE OF LANG

The following story is about Dennis Lang, former managing editor at The Lawton Constitution and a long-time member and former president of AP/ONE. The story is used with permission of the Cameron Magazine of Cameron University.

By J. Adam Calaway, Managing Editor, Fall 2006 Cameron Magazine

Dennis Lang never attended Cameron University, but he was a great friend to the university. And to me.

Dennis was the longtime Managing Editor of *The Lawton Constitution* and championed Cameron in print and in life. He opened up his newsroom to countless interns so they could take their first dip in the journalist pool, and he hired Cameron graduates with a great fervor, not just because they were qualified and capable, but because he cared. Dennis never forgot what it was like to start out.

I was one of those know-it-all kiddos he hired. In fact, he hired me four times. Dennis initially brought me to work at the *Constitution* during my second year of college to fulfill the most glorious of all newspaper jobs – the night switchboard operator job.

It was the almost-graveyard shift – 5 p.m. to midnight, Thursday through Sunday. I answered phones, watched over the elevator and filled the hours by either studying or observing the daily dealings of a newsroom.

A comatose monkey could have done the job, but as a fledgling journalist it was nirvana. I was paid to do homework and I knew my foot was sliding through the door.

When Dennis discovered I was a journalism student at Cameron University, he gave me the opportunity to move up (in a manner of speaking) to obituary reporter. Then after I wrote an obituary for twin babies I left, and he understood.

But as soon as possible, Dennis brought me back to man the switchboard. Then he (and Joey Goodman) hired me to write sports part time during my senior year of college, and when my world was crushed by the death of my grandmother, he understood when I left yet again. Graduation came and what was a hometown boy to do?

Job offers came in from Kansas and Tulsa, from Texas and all places unfamiliar. Dennis had a better offer: come back and work for him. And I did. Four months later, I met the woman who would be my wife.

People call the first years of marriage the lean years; I call them the salad years because all Elizabeth and I could afford was a few weeds to chew on. But there was Dennis, who gave me a raise, patted me on the back and reassured me.

For more than three years, I was a reporter. I wrote. I snapped pictures. And I experienced Southwest Oklahoma for all its majesty and all its kookiness. Dennis was right there every step of the way.



Dennis Lang

He was one of those bosses, who listened to any complaint with a father's patience, then did what was right for everyone even when it wasn't what I wanted. His patience and penchant for perfection preceded everything and his kindness was his life's trademark.

Dennis graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. A year before graduation, Lang married Gloria his college sweetheart.

"I had a close group of friends that I hung out with and he was the quietest one. When I told my mom that I was marrying Dennis, she said 'Which one is he?' and I said, 'The quiet one.'" Gloria said during a recent conversation. "We had a double wedding with my sister. My dad said, 'It's a double wedding or nothing.' My sister picked out dresses. My dad picked the flowers. All I did was pick him out. I didn't care about anything except him."

The pair moved to Lawton in January 1974 when Dennis began work at *The Lawton Constitution* as a cub reporter (that's newspeak for low man on the totem pole). Through the next three decades, Dennis and Gloria raised their children (the couple now has three grown sons: Alan, Scott,

and Ryan) and Dennis advanced through each position in the newsroom before finally landing in the Managing Editor's chair.

"He's always been wonderful to me. The titles were just icing," Gloria said.

Then came the blurred vision.

In spring of 2003, Dennis began experiencing blurred vision, which then worsened to double vision. I remember him mentioning it to me one day and I reassuringly dismissed it as a passing ailment. However, an MRI revealed what doctors deemed as "a worrisome mass." Further tests revealed the tumor was located in the worst possible place - near the brainstem.

"I just kept thinking, 'This really can't be happening,'" Gloria said.

Dennis underwent surgery that fall. His office light was dark for almost two months. He returned to work but less than 10 months after brain surgery, Dennis and Gloria were told that the tumor had grown back. There was another surgery in August 2004, followed by radiation, chemotherapy and difficult a Gamma knife procedure.

That fall, I left *The Lawton Constitution* for the fourth and final time to come to Cameron. A few months later, Dennis Lang left as well, this time for good. After three decades in the newspaper business, Dennis was forced into medical retirement by something the size of a dime. But his legacy lives on in the *The Lawton Constitution* newsroom, in newsrooms across the country, in the numerous Cameron graduates who he helped along the way and in me. I know that his kindness has forever altered my life. I know that I'm not the only Cameron graduate that feels that way, so it's only fitting that CU's first-ever journalism scholarship has been established in the name of the quiet boy from Sand Springs.

These days Dennis still has vision problems, trouble with balance and walking, tremors in his right hand and he's developed Bell's Palsy, among the various side effects caused by his medications and treatments. Still Gloria, his full-time caretaker, says she wouldn't be anywhere else in the world.

"He's the love of my life," she said. "He's my best friend. I can't imagine anything without him."

And as selfish as it sounds, I can't imagine where I'd be without Dennis Lang's generosity.

This will most likely be the last words I write for Cameron as my road through life has taken another turn, and I find myself preparing to leave my hometown of 28 years. Times of change often bring about great reflection and this time has been no exception.

I know the opportunities that lay before me would not be possible without the kindness of so many people, including Dennis Lang, who ushered me along the path of life for a time.

Yes, Dennis Lang hired me four times and I'm thankful for each one. So are all the other kids just like me.

NNA Convention in OKC



The convention and trade show of the National Newspaper Association will be in Oklahoma City from Oct. 11-14. The NNA represents 300 owners, publishers and senior management of community newspapers across the county.

Convention attendees will have the opportunity to attend educational sessions, participate in roundtable discussions with experts in the field, hear keynote presentations and interact with their peers at offsite events scheduled for the Oklahoma Museum of Art and the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum.

For more information on the convention, go to: www.nna.org

APME National Meeting



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"Rejuvenate, Reinvent and Rejoice" in one of America's great cities as it returns to its old glory after Hurricane Katrina.

An updated conference schedule for this year's Associated Press Managing Editors conference is available at <http://www.apme.com/conferences/2006/2006schedule.shtml>.

The conference will be held Oct 25–28 at the Astor Crowne Plaza, gateway to the city's famed French Quarter, at the corner of Canal and Bourbon Streets.

For more information on the conference and the hotel: <http://www.apme.com>

N2 NEWSPAPER NEXT: THE TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

Wanted: Transformation The old, monolithic newspaper business model is in disruption. To survive and thrive, newspaper companies need to build a growing portfolio of business models, products and services that win throngs of new consumers and advertisers.

But how? Newspaper Next – the just-completed, one-year project of the American Press Institute – provides the practical, step-by-step approach you need. Built on the groundbreaking concepts of renowned Harvard innovation expert Dr. Clayton Christensen, Newspaper Next is tailor-made for newspaper people and the unique needs and circumstances of newspaper organizations.

Workshop Details

Oct. 20, 2006, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, www.americanpressinstitute.org/06/N2USC/

Nov. 3, 2006, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York, www.americanpressinstitute.org/06/N2Columbia/

Nov. 10, 2006, Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., www.americanpressinstitute.org/06/N2Northwestern/

Tuition: \$195. Questions? Contact Carol Ann Riordan at criordan@americanpressinstitute.org or 703-715-3315.

AP Product News

AP Elections offers turnkey, customizable services for fall election season

Primary season is upon us, and the general election is just weeks away (Nov. 7).

AP Elections Hosted and AP Elections Online (APEO) FTP offer a turnkey service and a customizable solution. The hosted product allows members to post results without load issues on their web sites and in-house development staff, while the FTP product supplies election materials for members to build their own presentation of results.

Elections Hosted is a custom news service offering elections results. Customers receive AP hosted URLs that provide full ticket state primary and general election results. The results are then inserted within the customer's web frame.

AP Elections Online FTP service provides database and web-ready election data in several formats – delimited, XML and HTML. Elections data is made available on an FTP server from which customers can pull, parse and publish the results to their web sites. Detailed programming specifications are provided to customers.

Examples of online election results using AP services

The image displays two examples of online election results using AP services. The left screenshot shows the Herald-Dispatch.com website with an "Election Races" section. The right screenshot shows a dedicated page for the Colorado U.S. House District 7 primary results, featuring a bar chart and candidate information.

Example 1: Herald-Dispatch.com Election Races

West Virginia - 2006-09-12 19:04:03 GMT

U.S. Senate - Dem Primary
191 of 191 Precincts Reporting - 100.00%

Name	Party	Votes	(%)
Byrd, Robert (I)	Dem	155,794	95.42
Hendricks, Billy	Dem	26,101	14.58

U.S. Senate - GOP Primary
191 of 191 Precincts Reporting - 100.00%

Name	Party	Votes	(%)
Kaine, John	GOP	46,259	58.29
Lewis, Hiram	GOP	18,096	22.80
Snuffer, Rick	GOP	4,758	6.00
Ralley, Bud	GOP	4,222	5.32
Brown, Paul	GOP	3,369	4.25
Lanham, Zane	GOP	2,659	3.35

U.S. House - District 2 - Dem Primary
629 of 629 Precincts Reporting - 100.00%

Name	Party	Votes	(%)
Callaghan, Mike	Dem	18,846	37.03
Hunt, Mark	Dem	16,689	32.79
Robby, Richie	Dem	15,364	30.19

U.S. House - District 3 - GOP Primary
638 of 638 Precincts Reporting - 100.00%

Name	Party	Votes	(%)
Waffly, Jim	GOP	8,838	58.37
Greathart, Marty	GOP	6,203	41.63

State Senate - District 3 - GOP Primary
116 of 116 Precincts Reporting - 100.00%

Example 2: Colorado U.S. House District 7 Primary Results

CANDIDATES RACE INFORMATION PRIMARY RESULTS

Candidate	Party	Profile	Percentage
Ed Perlmutter	Democrat	No profile available	53.8%
Peggy Lamm	Democrat	No profile available	37.7%
Herb Rubenstein	Democrat	Full profile	8.8%

Bar Chart Data:

Candidate	Percentage
Ed Perlmutter	53.8%
Peggy Lamm	37.7%
Herb Rubenstein	8.8%

Precincts: 0 of 324 reporting
Total: 17,886

New prices and improved technology for asap in 2007

Asap is AP's unique news service for the 18- to 34-year-old demographic. For 2007, the rate members pay for asap will drop, making the full service easy to afford. Annual rates for asap begin at \$400, or \$7 per week.

With 40 breaking news stories per day, more video, audio and other multimedia, a daily blog and rights to use asap in print, online and in related sites or publications, asap is great value.

Many members are using asap spot news in print, and online use of asap flash, podcast and feeds is growing.

A major improvement to the service is the ability for members to automate the publication of individual elements of asap online. Many member online operations are maxed. The addition of these tools will make it easier for members to automatically publish asap stories and features. This new feature is available today, as is full and easy-to-follow documentation for your online team.

Page Ready Football kicks off service

Football season is under way and so is AP Page Ready Football.

This service offers you valuable time savings in production, terrific agate results and useful fantasy league data throughout the week for football fans.

AP Page Ready Football covers the NFL through the week with results, standings, schedules and leader tables readers will scour.

The service offers page-ready Quark and InDesign files that your production teams simply grab online and move to layout. Fonts can be customized and support is available nightly. As well, the service offers valuable placeholders allowing layout to know early in the day how much space will be available. Modules for download are updated throughout the afternoon/evening as games end.

Learn more about some of AP's new member services

AP Money & Markets is a new service designed to offer print and online content that reflects the changing world of financial data – essential information for readers and investors. To learn more about Money & Markets and see examples or prototypes, visit <http://www.ap.org/markets/>

AP offers several dynamically updating promotional tools that you can use to promote the Online Video Network from your web site. Please view promotional tools for AP's Online Video Network on the following link: <http://www.ap.org/ovn/promotoolssupport.html>

If you would like to learn more about the Online Video Network, visit <http://www.ap.org/ovn/>

For information about all of AP's online newspaper services: <http://www.ap.org/newspapers>. From there, you'll see links to pages with descriptions of our online services, information about our online operation and the U.S. Online Newspapers team, as well as information about and links to Member Support resources. We'll be adding a Member Forum section for feedback and ways to share best practices.

Members invited to participate in monthly calls about AP online services

We are offering monthly calls for subscribers to our online newspaper services. The calls are a way to hear the latest updates on our online services, share best practices and ideas with other members, suggest ideas or ask questions.

If you'd like to join the call, let your chief of bureau know. He or she can forward you information about upcoming calls.

9-11 Five Years Later available online

Few stories in AP's 160-year history have more severely tested the skill, courage and ingenuity of our staff than the attacks of September 11. AP asked several journalists who captured images of the attacks to record the same sites five years later, and to talk about their memories of that day, for an exhibit that will be traveling around the United States. The exhibit "9-11 Five Years Later" is available at <http://www.ap.org/911/>

Rosenthal, photographer who shot Iwo Jima flag-raising, dies at 94

Joe Rosenthal, The Associated Press photographer who won a Pulitzer Prize for his immortal image of World War II servicemen raising an American flag over battle-scarred Iwo Jima, died August 21, 2006. He was 94.

Rosenthal's iconic photo, shot on Feb. 23, 1945, became the model for the Iwo Jima Memorial near Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. The memorial, dedicated in 1954 and known officially as the Marine Corps War Memorial, commemorates the Marines who died taking the Pacific island in World War II.

1999 New York University survey listed the photo at No. 68 of 100 examples of the best journalism of the century.

September Special Editions focuses on cars

The September package of Special Editions is on cars. A flavor of the stories planned:

The shaky future of SUVs - It's great for family trips and comfortable around town, but Scott Hall feels a little guilty going from point A to point B in his 2000 Ford Expedition. So even though there are only 62,000 miles on the 4.6-liter V-8, Hall put an ad in the paper to sell the red truck that gets 16 miles per gallon. Judging by sales figures this year, Hall is not alone. Gas prices around \$3 a gallon have pushed people away from the truck-based sport utility vehicle category in droves.

Teen Drivers - It's a ritual that takes place in every state across the nation. Some stranger hands your child a driver's license – and you're left facing the consequences. In truth, most parents are torn between wanting their children to drive at age 14 (to ease the endless schlepping to activities) and the realization that some should not get their licenses until 25, when those testosterone-induced storm surges have subsided. No matter where you fit on that spectrum, there is one certainty: Parents can't even imagine the variety of car issues that await them.

Veggie Cars - Joe and Barbara Floeser were cruising for free fuel behind a strip mall when they spotted the Chinese takeout place and stopped. "Do you have any oil you're throwing out?" Joe asked through the back door. "I'd like your oil ... Our car runs on it." The couple's 2001 Jetta diesel has been retro-fitted to run on vegetable oil. As gas prices climb and the global warming debate heats up, more people are bypassing the corner gas pump to run their cars on vegetable power.

AP Special Editions Calendar for the remainder of 2006

September 12

Cars



October 3

Philanthropy/Volunteering



November 7

Holidays



December 5

Weddings



Members with questions about Special Editions stories should contact Julia Rubin at jrubin@ap.org or (212) 621-7199.

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