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HERALD-LEADER REFUSES TO PRINT UNION ANNOUNCEMENT

The May 27 Union Ceremony of Tammy Strong and Elizabeth Gilliam was announced to the public, but only through invitations and word-of-mouth. When they requested that the Lexington Herald-Leader print their announcement, they were called by the editor himself, Tim Kelly, who detailed the shaky grounds on which he chooses to deny a public service to homosexuals.

Printed here (on p. 5) is the letter written by Mary Crone, and signed by many of the ceremony's witnesses. It was printed in the *Letters to the Editor* column of the H-L on June 28, but only after Mary called and demanded to know why they had waited four weeks already.

One of the reasons cited by Mr. Kelly as justification for discrimination is that, "Well, frankly, this is the first request I've ever had; I don't think there's much call for it." The GLSO encourages you to write or call the Herald (231-3100) to let them know that yes, there are people in Lexington and its surrounding areas who do want to read about it. And if you're having a ceremony soon, call and ask to place an announcement.

See page 5 for the reprinted letter.

FACTUAL ERRORS IN JUNE ARTICLE

Contributed by Mary Crone

Last month, GLSO published an article, *The Cost of the Closet*, with Jeff Jones' name on it. Jeff did not write this article; it was taken off the Internet.

The article listed examples of "society's assault on lesbigay people" including violent attacks, loss of jobs, and other forms of homophobia and discrimination.

It was disturbing to find the names of men arrested for sexual assaults against children included in this list. Those who have a sexual interest in children are pedophiles, not homosexuals. The lesbigay community needs to be clear about this. The Right Wing uses the mistaken idea that gay people - particularly men - *do* abuse children, to discredit and malign our community. It is a major contributor to the anger and hate that cripples us.

Some of the "Religious Right" claim that molesting children is part of being gay, others suggest that this is a recruiting method, and others believe none of us would "choose" this lifestyle if we were not survivors of child abuse.

Variations on these beliefs are

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A CRY FOR HELP!!

It's not 100% certain *yet*, but our layout editors may be moving at the end of August, and we need your help!

A job offer to Elizabeth may take them both to Boston, so the GLSO will need a typesetter - and SOON!

The GLSO is currently typeset on a Mac, in Quark, but the new typesetter will receive not only Quark and Illustrator, but a full compliment of fonts - for either the Mac *or* the PC environment, in addition to pre-scanned ads and logos.

Please call Mary at 266-5904 or Peter at 273-5845 if you are interested or have a lead on someone who might be. ▼

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NGLTF STATEMENT ON SUPREME COURT RULING: ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

June 19, 1995 - The following statement is attributable to Kerry Lobel, deputy director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). It is made in response to today's U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the case of gay, lesbian and bisexual marchers in Boston's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

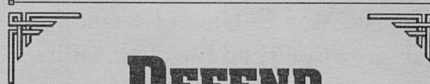
It's certainly disappointing that gay men, lesbians and bisexuals can be banned from marching in this annual event due to the bigotry of the group sponsoring the parade. The parade sponsor's anti-gay policy is a clear attempt to send us all back into the closet.

It's time for the city of Boston to hold a publicly-sponsored parade so that all Bostonians, including those who are gay, can participate openly in this annual festival. A celebration such as St. Patrick's Day in Boston should not be held hostage to the bigotry of its sponsors — it should be open to all.

Today's ruling discusses the rights of private parade organizers, and their ability to limit the messages delivered during the parade. The ruling does not make sweeping statements about gay, lesbian and bisexual civil rights issues. Therefore, it is not an indication of how the court will rule in the case of Colorado's Amendment 2. The Court ruled today about the rights of private parade sponsors, while Amendment 2 is about the fundamental right of gay men, lesbians and bisexuals to participate in the democratic process.

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LOCAL PASTOR WINS NATIONAL APPROVAL

The Pastor of Lexington's M.C.C., the Reverend Rex Van Alstine has received final approval from the Great Lakes District Board of Ministries to be licensed as a minister in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Until now he has only been authorized to serve the mission he founded here in the spring of 1993. Reverend Van Alstine was formerly a priest of the Antiochian Orthodox Church, ordained in 1976, he was laicized in 1994 when his activities with the M.C.C. were discovered.

The two year licensing process involves the completion of additional study courses to better equip a pastor to the Lesbian/Transexual community. Over ten separate papers had to be submitted to various authorities as part of the approval process.

Pastor Van Alstine is glad that he will now be free to invest all of his energies serving the spiritual needs of the local community. "Our growth has been slow as we learned a new way of thinking about Christianity and the church. The

M.C.C. believes that the primary ministers of the church are it's members. Most of us did not come out of churches with such a philosophy. My job is to equip and empower the members to carry out their ministry. The foundation has been laid, now we must build on it."

Since its beginning, the congregation has been meeting at the Greenleaf Inn every Sunday at 6:00 pm. Socials and study groups have been held in members homes and backyards. Courses under consideration for the 1995-96 season include: Relationship Strategies and Spirituality & Sexuality: Is There a Relationship? M.C.C. is of the opinion that finding a permanent seven-day-a-week home is a priority right now. Although the congregation has committed itself to participation in the Pride Center whenever it is realized, our continuing growth requires the development of more community services now. Anyone having or knowing of economical rental space available should contact the Pastor at 272-1407.▼

TSGRA GIVES MONEY TO AIDS FUND

On June 9th, the Tri-State Gay Rodeo Association turned over \$825.00 to the Fayette County Health Department AIDS Medication Fund. Fayette County Health Department AIDS case workers, Amanda Woods and Patty Martin expressed their gratitude because according to them, "the fund

was broke... [they] had been scrambling for the past week, calling friends and everyone they knew trying to get money." Rodeo is very happy to help out with this worthy cause. Unfortunately, this donation will only keep them going for a couple of months at the most.

The AIDS Medication Fund is NOT funded by any government agency, even though it is part of the Health Department's service to PWA's. The TSGRA urges all concerned lesbian citizens to add the Medication Fund to their list of worthy causes, it could make a big difference to someone in need!▼

NEW MEN ON THE BLOCK

Ebony Male or E-Mail is the newest member of the lesbian family of organizations in the Bluegrass area. The is composed of gay men of African descent; our mission is to promote awareness of issues pertinent to the gay African-American community including the spread of HIV, substance abuse and the under-utilization of community services by persons of color. Additionally, our purpose is to support and affirm one another through rap sessions and other social events.

Currently E-Male is headed by an eight-member board of directors. We are based in Lexington. Our membership continues to grow rapidly with a current membership of about fifteen men. We hope to attract new members from across the

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state. Since the group's beginning in early May, we have actively participated in the long-term planning of our future role in the lesbian community. It is our hope that we can network with other organizations to promote better communication.

Although our primary focus is on issues concerning the African-American community, members from the larger lesbian community are more than welcomed at E-Male functions. Persons interested in being added to our mailing list may call 252-2353.▼

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widespread, and are even believed by lesbian people. We also have a variety of opinions on allowing such groups as NAMBLA (National Man-Boy Love Association) to march in gay rights parades.

I cannot adequately cover this issue in one article; I would like to publish an ongoing discussion of these issues - readers are encouraged to participate by writing, or by calling with comments. (Mary 266-5904)▼

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CANADIAN GAYS LOSE BUT WIN BIG

Canadian gays lost an judicial ruling on May 25, but it is hoped that the legal precedent will lay the foundations for less discrimination anyway. The Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that the lifelong partner of a British Columbia man was not entitled to the pension paid to spouses of retired government employees.

However, in issuing its ruling, the court declared that in general Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation — even though gay protections are not specifically written into the document.

Elated gay activists quickly announced plans to use the landmark ruling to challenge dozens of discriminatory laws nationwide.

"The general principle that it is discriminatory to refuse to recognize homosexual relationships has been established," said John Fisher, head of the gay-lobbying group Egale. "The Supreme Court has opened the doors on an era of litigation, and we will rise to that challenge and challenge every single statute, one by one by one if we have to."

On the main issue of the case, the court said Plaintiffs Jim Egan, 73, and Jack Nesbit, 67, did not meet "the fundamental social objectives" of the Old Age Security Act because it was designed to aid poor elderly women who chose to raise children

rather than work outside the home.

Spouses of retired heterosexuals get up to \$504 monthly if the couple has an income below about \$15,170.

Egan and Nesbit have been together since 1948.▼

NY MAYOR SAYS TO GIVE COUPLE UNION LICENSE

ITHACA, N.Y. - Toshav Greene and Phillip Storrs are getting married June 22 no matter what, they say. The gay couple, who recently moved to Ithaca from Elmira, N.Y., would like to have a marriage license to assure them of the rights and privileges of married people. And Ithaca Mayor Benjamin Nichols would like to issue them one. "It is my belief that it is appropriate for same-sex marriages to take place," Nichols told Common Council on Wednesday night.

Greene and Storrs asked the city clerk for a marriage license on May 18. When they got a routine turndown "because it isn't legal," Greene asked for proof. As a result, he found himself meeting with the mayor, City Attorney Charles Guttman, and eventually, legal experts from the American Civil Liberties Union and national gay activist groups.

Guttman and Nichols favor issuing the license, which would make Ithaca the first municipality in New York state to OK a same-sex marriage. Because the decision would likely create a test case for the courts, it is not being taken lightly.

A similar case is before
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REPRINT OF UNION CEREMONY LETTER TO THE EDITOR

See Page 1 for details

"Dear Editor,

On Saturday, May 27th, Tammy Strong and Elizabeth Gilliam were joined in Holy Union by the Reverend Kelly Flood at the Unitarian Universalist Church. We, their friends and family, were delighted to be there to witness and celebrate their vows.

A request was made to the Herald-Leader (in the weeks before the ceremony) to print an announcement of their Union Service. The request was rejected on the grounds that it was not a legal event, nor a common request. Yes, it is not an event with legal recognition, but neither is it illegal. You print

extensive lists of legal actions in the Wednesday "For The Record" section of your paper, including lawsuits, marriages ended, arrests, court activities, and marriage licenses.

You print announcements of marriages with details of the celebrations in the social section. This seems to be because marriages are not just legal activities, but are also spiritual, joyful, and significant life events for the people making the commitment to each other as well as for the community that is supporting them.

You also publish announcements of anniversary celebrations, and of couples who choose to reaffirm their vows. Neither of these are legal events, and likewise not illegal. They are events of commitment and celebration and it is

right that they should be noted.

Elizabeth and Tammy's Holy Union Ceremony was similarly a celebration of commitment, not made less so by the fact that you receive few requests to publish such events. So, congratulations to Tammy and Elizabeth. The service was lovely, the day was glorious, and the brides were effervescent."

Mary Sojourner Crone

The letter was signed by 45 people

Note: The Herald-Leader printed a small response immediately following this letter:

The Herald-Leader carries only announcements of legal unions recognized under state law. Therefore, we do not publish announcements of same-sex marriages, common-law marriages, or commitment ceremonies.▼



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Hawaii's Supreme Court. If the court can't find grounds to deny same-sex marriages, gay and lesbian marriages performed there will carry the same rights as opposite-sex unions. And because states must recognize one another's laws, a couple married in Hawaii would retain their rights if they moved to any other state.▼

JUSTICE DEPT. RETIRES LESBIAN AT RIGHTFUL RANK

Under a settlement proposed by the US Department of Justice, a woman discharged by the Army because she is a lesbian will be retired instead of discharged retaining her rank as major.

The settlement also calls for Dusty Pruitt, 48, to qualify for full retirement pay and medical benefits when she reaches 60.

"I'm obviously overjoyed. It's an excellent end to a long process," said Pruitt, who lives in Long Beach and is now a minister at Metropolitan Community Church in adjacent Lakewood. "I'm hoping to see the day when gay men and women are able to serve openly and proudly in the armed services," Pruitt said. Pruitt joined the Army in 1971 and gained the rank of captain before going into the reserves in 1973. Her promotion to major was approved in 1982, but was blocked a week before it was to take effect in 1983.▼

BRITISH HIGH COURT UPHOLDS MILITARY BAN

Britain's ban on gays in the military was upheld by a two-judge panel of the nation's High

Court June 7.

Lord Justice Simon Brown and Justice Richard Curtis said the ban does not violate British or European law and, furthermore, should be re-examined by Parliament, not the courts.

Beyond that, the two judges disagreed.

"Lawrence of Arabia would not be welcome in today's armed forces," Brown said. "The tide of history is against the Ministry (of Defense). Prejudices are breaking down — old barriers are being removed. It seems to me improbable, whatever this court may say, that the existing policy can survive much longer."

Curtis countered: "I do not hold the opinion that the balance of the argument lies with the applicants or that the decision of the armed forces is doomed to die an early death or is necessarily wrong."

Lawyers for the plaintiffs, three gay men and a lesbian who were kicked out of the military because of their sexuality, said they will appeal to European courts. The case is the first legal challenge to the ban under which 250 people have been sacked since 1990.

Defense officials claim gays undermine morale and efficiency, cause security problems, complicate communal living, and make it difficult to "protect" recruits who are under age 18. (Sound familiar?)▼

GAY CHOIR SINGS FOR PRIME MINISTER AND BOUTROS-GHALI

contributed by Rex Wockner

The Sydney Gay and Lesbian Choir sang for Australian Prime

Minister Paul Keating, United Nations Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali and other heads of state April 26 at the opening of the International Conference on Global Diversity, reported Capital Q.

Choir Musical Director Stephen Schafer commented, "It is a great honor to be selected, of all choirs in Australia, to participate in this event of international significance."▼

BRITISH POLICE ADVERTISE IN GAY PRESS

contributed by Rex Wockner

British police forces will advertise in the national gay newspaper The Pink Paper to recruit officers and refute allegations of homophobia, according to Reuter.

"We want to dispel the myth that we are anti-gay, and advertising in this way is a step in that direction," said police spokesman Mark Lamb.

"Society at all levels is increasingly coming round to the view that an individual's sexuality is no big deal and that's our view too," Lamb said.▼

A FIRST FOR GM: CAR ADS FOR LESBIGAYS

General Motors Corp. has made a marketing move never before taken by a U.S. carmaker: It is targeting gays and lesbians in a national gay publication. An ad for GM's Saturn division appears in the May issue of Out magazine. The ad, which also has appeared in general market publications, has no gay or lesbian references. It features a female engineer who designs air bags.

"For a U.S. carmaker to do something like this is a huge deal," said Daniel Baker, editor of Quotient, a newsletter about the gay and lesbian market. Quotient

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estimates gays and lesbians account for 6 percent to 10 percent of the U.S. population and have annual incomes of \$200 billion.

Officials at Ford and Chrysler would not disclose whether they plan to target the gay market. Many consumer product companies have done so, including Procter & Gamble and Philip Morris (hold onto your lungs kids!).▼

A PLACE OF THEIR OWN IN ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires. La Casa de las Lunas, "House of the Moons," has opened its doors. It is the first space created in Argentina for and by lesbians. Nevertheless, it welcomes all women.

Women from diverse sectors of the lesbian and feminist communities are converging at House of the Moons, where they can count on finding an atmosphere that encourages their coming together in solidarity, where differences are respected and visibility is possible. House of the Moons has spawned many projects and activities, among them these: attention to the psychological needs of lesbians (lesbian feminist therapy), groups for reflection and study, workshops in artistic expression (plastic arts, music, writing, theater, mime, etc.), a library, foreign language classes, a movie discussion circle, and live performances.▼

ONTARIO GIVES OK TO LESBIAN ADOPTION

by Rex Wockner

The Ontario Court's Provincial

Division May 9 overturned a provincial law banning adoption by homosexual couples and allowed four lesbians to adopt their partners' children, reported Toronto's The Globe and Mail.

Judge David Nevins said the restriction in the Child and Family Services Act violated the federal Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Single homosexuals had not been prevented from adopting by the law.▼

RHODE ISLAND PASSES GAY CIVIL RIGHTS BILL

The Senate Sends the Measure to the Governor for his promised signature.

On May 19, the Rhode Island Senate passed a House-approved bill prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations, and credit. The crowd of supporters who packed the Senate gallery watched the 2 1/2 hours of heated debate erupted with cheers as the final vote tally lit up the board, 26 to 21. The Senate approval sends the bill to Governor Lincoln Almond's desk for his promised signature which is expected early next week. With the Governor's signature, Rhode Island will be the ninth state to pass civil rights legislation for gay men and lesbians.

Opponents of the bill furiously offered five amendments, including a Boy Scout Amendment which would have exempted the Boy Scouts of America from the bill's employment provisions. The Boy Scout Amendment failed 25 to 19. Opponents also attempted through amendments to put the issue to a referendum, to extend the exemption for religious organizations to

individuals, and to raise the threshold number of employees for coverage under the act to 25 from the present level of 4. In a last ditch effort to amend the bill, opponents attempted to remove the religious organization exemption which had been included to win votes for passage. If any amendment had been successful, the bill would have been returned the House for approval and many expressed the belief that such action would have resulted in the bill's demise.▼

HELMS HOLDS UP RENEWAL OF RYAN WHITE ACT

contributed by John Monk

WASHINGTON — Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., is holding up billions of dollars for a popular AIDS-prevention and treatment program. Helms and his staff aren't speaking publicly about his stand on the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Emergency Resources (CARE) Act, named after an Indiana youth who was barred from attending public school after contracting AIDS from a blood transfusion.

But critics are speaking out against Helms, who was only one of four senators to vote against the AIDS bill in 1990 when it first passed. The bill is now up for a five-year reauthorization.

"It's mean-spirited, and Helms is using his seat in the Senate to gay-bash once again," said David Smith, spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest gay-rights lobbying group. A source familiar with Helms's stand said the senator has three objections to the bill, which would authorize

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funding over the next five years:

The bill doesn't say exactly how much money will be spent. "It's just like writing a blank check," the source said. The bill estimates that \$3.6 billion could be spent on AIDS programs from 1996 to 2000.

The bill makes far more money available to AIDS victims than to victims of cancer or heart disease, although far fewer people die from AIDS.

The majority of people who are afflicted with AIDS could have avoided it through abstinence.

In 1990, Helms said he was against the bill because "taxpayers' money is being proposed to be used to proselytize a dangerous lifestyle..." He was referring to homosexuals and people who use dirty needles to inject themselves with illegal drugs.

Homosexual sex accounts for 54 percent of AIDS cases, and drug abuse accounts for another 25 percent, according to federal statistics.

One of the 1990 AIDS bill's primary purposes _ continued in this

year's bill _ is to increase the availability of out-of-hospital care for people with AIDS and HIV infection. Before the bill, AIDS sufferers were going to hospitals for emergency treatment that could have been given in less-expensive settings. The bill funded programs under which AIDS sufferers could be treated less expensively.

Helms' stand is decidedly unpopular. The bill already has broad bipartisan support and 58 publicly declared supporters in the Senate, including Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan. It is sponsored by Kansas Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, a moderate Republican.

However, Dole, a presidential candidate who is seeking the backing of Helms' conservative supporters, probably would rather not confront Helms directly on this issue. As majority leader, Dole plays a key role in deciding whether to bring a bill to a vote.

Helms' opposition is in the form of a behind-the-scenes "hold," sources said. A "hold" is a notification to Senate leaders that a senator will make lengthy speeches (a filibuster) against a bill if it's brought to the floor. Senate leaders

can overcome a "hold" by working behind the scenes to modify a bill to meet a senator's objections. Or they can gather 60 votes to overcome the threatened filibuster.

Patricia Fleming of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy predicted the AIDS bill will eventually pass, despite Helms' objections. A companion bill has not been introduced in the House.

Although Fleming wouldn't directly attack any of Helms' three reasons for opposing the bill, Fleming said there are other diseases - such as lung cancer - that could be avoided through abstinence from things like tobacco.

"There are many diseases caused by past behavior," she said.

Helms' office provided The Observer with congressional figures showing that AIDS programs are estimated to get \$2.9 billion in 1996, compared with \$2.4 billion for cancer research and \$834 million for heart disease programs.

In 1994, heart disease was the nation's leading cause of death, with 739,860 deaths, followed by cancer with 530,870 deaths. AIDS was the eighth-leading-cause of death, with 38,500 deaths.▼

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THOUSANDS BLOCKED FROM AIDS DRUG ACCESS

The Glaxo pharmaceutical company has stopped offering the most-promising anti-HIV drug ever to tens of thousands of seriously ill persons with AIDS, saying it just can't make enough to meet demand.

The drug 3TC, which likely is only months away from approval by the Food and Drug Administration, has been shown in trial studies to substantially increase CD4 immune-system cells, to reduce HIV levels in blood cells by 99 percent, and to reduce levels of HIV in the bloodstream by 91 percent.

These results, which have been shown to persist for at least one year (there have been no longer studies), occur only when 3TC is used in combination with AZT. It is theorized that when HIV mutates around AZT in an individual, it is then susceptible to 3TC, and that when it then mutates around 3TC, it mutates in a specific direction that once again makes it susceptible to AZT.

The respected Bulletin of Experimental Treatments for AIDS (BETA) says of the 3TC/AZT combination: "[It] produces the most pronounced and prolonged effect of

any anti-HIV regimen yet studied in suppressing HIV replication and increasing CD4 counts. [It is] a remarkable combination."

While awaiting completion of trial studies, Glaxo had been providing 3TC free to most PWAs who wanted to try it. But that stopped this spring, when the company announced that demand had begun to exceed supply.

Now, PWAs who want the drug have to prove their CD4 cells have averaged less than 100 (approximately 1,000 is normal) on two separate tests, they have to be unresponsive to or unable to tolerate the four approved anti-HIV drugs (AZT, DDI, DDC, D4T), and then they go on a waiting list which is presently about 35 days long and which allows no more than 350 new patients per week to join the 24,000 already taking 3TC.▼

CLINTON AIDES BRIEF GAY ELECTED OFFICIALS

After angering gay-rights advocates by refusing to take a side in a key Supreme Court case, the Clinton administration met with 45 homosexual elected officials Tuesday and prepared to announce a new presidential AIDS panel. Clinton is the

first President to meet officially with the lesbigay community.

The elected officials were given an afternoon of briefings on gay and lesbian issues by several senior administration officials, including Donna Shalala, the secretary of health and human services; presidential aide George Stephanopoulos and White House Counsel Abner Mikva. The meetings were private, but an administration official said the audience grilled the speakers about the decision last week to keep out of a legal attack on a Colorado anti-gay measure. Several of the guests expressed anger, said an unnamed attendee. But he said the audience was generally receptive and supportive of the administration's overall effort to improve gay rights and combat AIDS.

The positive tone of the meetings was marred by the conduct of White House security staff which greeted the attendees wearing rubber gloves to purportedly to protect against AIDS infection. The resulting furor provoked a letter of apology from the President who reported he had reprimanded the security staff their insensitive behavior.▼

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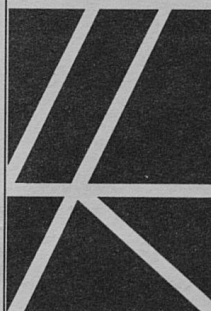


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