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Ocala Palms Crafts Fair and Bake Sale



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Marcy Chrisner stopping by the booth of vendor Debi Herrera.

On Nov. 5, Ocala Palms held its annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale at which many crafts were on display by many talented people.



Jay Pilot and Judy Anderson sell raffle tickets for a quilt made by the Sunbonnet Quilters of Ocala Palms.



At left,
Carol
Brandes
displays
her lovely
decorative
and
colorful
plates. At
right,
Judy
Duby
displays
her
water
color art.



Holiday travel to climb

Thanksgiving travel in the U.S. is projected to increase 4 percent this year from 2010, with more than 42.5 million Americans taking a trip of 50 miles or more away from home between Wednesday, Nov. 23 and Sunday, Nov. 27. Auto travel remains the preferred method of travel this Thanksgiving with 38.2 million Americans traveling via automobile, also up 4 percent from last year. Auto travelers make up 90 percent of all holiday travelers.

"This is definitely a positive sign for the travel industry," said Brent Hubelle, vice president, AAA Travel, The Auto Club Group. "Despite sluggish economic news, more people plan to travel this year than last, showing a slow, but steady recovery. Pent-up demand is likely the dominate factor contributing to the increase in the number of holiday travelers."

Almost 3.4 million leisure travelers (8 percent of holiday travelers) will fly during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, a 1.8 percent increase from 2010. Fuel costs, combined with steady air travel demand and capacity cuts have resulted in rising air-

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PHOTO BY PRISCILLA GEISSAL

Saying farewell

Barbara Graciano smiles beautifully as she prepares to cut and serve the special cake offered by her friends at Fairfield Village. They held a surprise luncheon for her as she prepares to move out of the area. Column, more photos on Page 2.

Please fill your shoe boxes with toys for Christmas

In Ocala homes, businesses, schools, and churches, people are piling up shoe boxes...filled not with shoes, but toys, school supplies and necessity items, lovingly selected for a child in need. Thousands of Ocala kids are participating in Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, to make a statement to needy children worldwide: "You are not forgotten!"

Operation Christmas Child uses simple gift-filled shoe boxes to let hurting children know that they are loved. Kids, families, groups, businesses and schools pack and wrap empty shoe box gifts with items most people take for granted, including toothpaste, toys and pencils, and drop them off at one of the seven collection sites in the Marion & Citrus areas. The shoe boxes are then processed and prepared to be hand-delivered to children worldwide using whatever means necessary—sea containers, trucks, trains, airplanes, helicopters, boats, elephants and dog sleds.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected 86 million shoe box gifts and hand-delivered them to impoverished children in more than 130 countries. This year, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect another 8.5 million gift-filled shoe boxes.

"In Ocala, we're aiming to contribute 15,000 shoe box gifts," said Marlene Reuscher, volunteer area coordinator for Ocala. "It's a big goal, but I believe we can reach it. Ocala kids realize that as tough as things are here in the United States, there are children around the world who have so much less. This small sacrifice can have lifelong impact on a needy child."

Anyone can participate in Operation Christmas Child right now. National Collection Week is now until Monday. For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, or to find the nearest drop-off site, call 352-629-6079 or visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Operation Christmas Child uses tracking technology that allows donors to "follow" their shoe box to find out the destination country where it will be hand-delivered to a child in need.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of international Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse, headed by Franklin Graham. While Samaritan's Purse works to meet critical physical needs, such as clean water, health care and food, Operation Christmas Child addresses a need for which children are just as desperate—the need to have hope and feel loved.



Fairfield Village



The look on Barbara Graciano's face obviously shows that she was completely surprised by her friends.



Helping Barbara to overcome her "tearful" moment from left are Charlene Jarvis, Roz Martin, Barbara, Judy Rich and Lil Oliver.



This was Barbara in her Halloween costume in 2010.



Priscilla Geissal

The look on Barbara Graciano's face as she entered the Oasis Restaurant to be greeted by some 40 of her friends and neighbors from Fairfield Village said it all. She was overwhelmed and surprised beyond anyone's expectations.

For some 10 years, Barbara Graciano has been one of Fairfield Village's most recognizable and loved neighbors. On Friday, Nov. 18, Barbara will be re-

turning to the West Palm Beach area to live. Needless to say, she will be greatly missed.

Because so many of her friends wanted to wish her "Farewell," a group of special friends including Lil Oliver and Judy Rich arranged a surprise gathering to have a "fun and fond farewell" time for this lovely lady.

Spirited to the surprise by neighbor and good friend, Charlene Jarvis, Barbara thought she was attending a "Red Hat Gathering"... well she was — partially. Many of those attending did wear "Red Hat" fashions, but many of the others were in their ordinary casual attire. Whatever the clothing choices, all those present showed off beautiful smiles as did Barbara once the onslaught of tears of joy and surprise subsided.

After a lovely lunch was enjoyed, a beautiful cake was cut and served to mark the special occasion. Barbara was asked to comment while the cake was cut and served. She said:

"Thank you for such a wonderful surprise. I still can't fathom this! I have loved living in Fairfield Village for these 10 years and I love you all so much. I will be visiting back here. I will be in the West Palm Beach area — so you all come to visit me too. Thank you again for this wonderful time together."

Several of us sitting together mentioned Barbara's great sense of humor and her gift for costuming. Accompanying this article are a couple of photos of several times when she won prizes in Halloween or other costume contests. These photos are a testament to Barbara's love of life and her ability to make others laugh and enjoy themselves. Needless to say, Fairfield Village will miss one of the people who helped to maintain the reputation of "...a lively place filled with lovely people."

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Pat De Jesus and Shireen Callahan.



Verna Newman and Myrna Underwood.



Todd Neisen and golf pro Barry Fies.

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THE MAIN EVENT A Hearty Helping of Holiday Flavor

FAMILY FEATURES

Whether you're a first time host or seasoned pro, there are certain secrets to help ensure a holiday meal that is both elegant and effortless. Keeping a few key ingredients on-hand, like Swanson chicken stock and broth, helps make preparing for the main meal a little less stressful and also allows for more options when it comes to dressing up leftovers. Here are some recipes that are sure to please. For more holiday tips and recipes, visit www.CampbellsKitchen.com.



Green Bean Casserole

Green Bean CasserolePrep: 10 minutes
Bake: 30 minutes
Makes: 12 servings

2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular, 98% Fat Free or Healthy Request)
1 cup milk
2 teaspoons soy sauce
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
8 cups cooked cut green beans
2 2/3 cups French's French Fried Onions

1. Stir soup, milk, soy sauce, black pepper, beans and 1 1/3 cups onions in 3-quart casserole.
 2. Bake at 350°F for 25 minutes or until bean mixture is hot and bubbling. Stir bean mixture. Sprinkle with remaining onions.
 3. Bake for 5 minutes or until onions are golden brown.
1. Heat broth and potatoes in a 3-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil.
2. Reduce heat to medium. Cover and cook for 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Drain potatoes well in colander, reserving broth.
3. Mash potatoes with 1/4 cup reserved broth, cream, butter and black pepper. Add additional reserved broth, if needed, until desired consistency. Serve with gravy.

Ultra Creamy Mashed PotatoesPrep: 15 minutes
Cook: 20 minutes
Makes: 6 servings

3 1/2 cups Swanson Chicken Broth (Regular, Natural Goodness or Certified Organic)
5 large potatoes (about 2 1/2 pounds), peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces (about 7 1/2 cups)
1/2 cup light cream
2 tablespoons butter
Generous dash ground black pepper
1 can (14.5 ounces) Campbell's Turkey Gravy, heated according to package directions

1. Heat broth and potatoes in a 3-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil.
2. Reduce heat to medium. Cover and cook for 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Drain potatoes well in colander, reserving broth.
3. Mash potatoes with 1/4 cup reserved broth, cream, butter and black pepper. Add additional reserved broth, if needed, until desired consistency. Serve with gravy.



Moist and Savory Stuffing

Herb Roasted Turkey with Pan Gravy**Herb Roasted Turkey with Pan Gravy**Prep: 15 minutes
Roast: 3 hours
Cook: 10 minutes
Makes: 12 servings

1 turkey (12 to 14 pounds)
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 carton (26 ounces) Swanson Chicken Stock (Regular or Unsalted) (about 3 1/4 cups)
3 tablespoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon dried basil leaves, crushed
1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/4 cup all-purpose flour

1. Remove giblets and neck from turkey cavity. Rinse turkey with cold water and pat dry with paper towel. Tie ends of drumsticks together.
2. Place turkey, breast-side up, on rack in roasting pan. Brush turkey with oil. Insert meat thermometer into thickest part of meat, not touching bone.
3. Stir stock, lemon juice, basil, thyme and black pepper in large bowl. Reserve 1 3/4 cups stock mixture for the gravy. Pour remaining stock mixture over turkey.
4. Roast at 325°F for 3 hours, or until thermometer reads 165°F, basting occasionally with pan drippings. Begin checking for doneness after 2 1/2 hours roasting time.
5. Remove turkey from pan, cover and keep warm. Spoon off any fat and pour off all but 1 1/2 cups pan drippings.
6. Stir reserved stock mixture and flour in medium bowl until the mixture is smooth. Add flour mixture to the pan. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture boils and thickens, scraping up browned bits from bottom of pan. Serve gravy with turkey.

Don't fret about what's left!

Want to make leftovers seem a little less left over? Plan ahead by stocking your kitchen with the basics — eggs, milk, cheese, bread, canned soup and broth. This French Onion Turkey Casserole, made with Campbell's Condensed French Onion Soup, is a welcome departure from the standard hot turkey sandwich, and uses ingredients many people already have on-hand.

French Onion Turkey CasserolePrep: 20 minutes
Bake: 45 minutes
Makes: 8 servings

Vegetable cooking spray
6 eggs
1 can (10 1/2 ounces) Campbell's Condensed French Onion Soup
2 cups milk
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese (about 4 ounces)
2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme leaves or 2 teaspoons dried thyme leaves, crushed
9 slices Pepperidge Farm Farmhouse Hearty White Bread, cut into cubes
2 cups shredded or cubed cooked turkey

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Spray 2-quart shallow baking dish with cooking spray.
2. Beat eggs, soup, milk, 1/2 cup cheese and 1 tablespoon thyme in large bowl with fork or whisk. Add bread cubes and turkey. Stir and press bread cubes into milk mixture to coat.
3. Pour bread mixture into baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining cheese and thyme. Let stand for 15 minutes.
4. Bake for 45 minutes or until a knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Moist and Savory StuffingPrep: 10 minutes
Cook: 10 minutes
Bake: 30 minutes
Makes: 10 servings

2 1/2 cups Swanson Chicken Broth (Regular, Natural Goodness or Certified Organic)
Generous dash ground black pepper
2 stalks celery, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)
1 large onion, coarsely chopped (about 1 cup)
1 package (14 ounces) Pepperidge Farm Herb Seasoned Stuffing

1. Heat broth, black pepper, celery and onion in 3-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring often. Remove saucepan from heat. Add stuffing and mix lightly.
2. Spoon stuffing mixture into a greased 3-quart shallow baking dish. Cover baking dish.
3. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes or until stuffing mixture is hot. For crunchier stuffing, bake uncovered.



Mary Beth with the house in Waterloo.

PIONEER

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the Smithsonian. Probably the main authors of it were Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Elizabeth M'Clintock. Elizabeth M'Clintock was one of the daughters of Mary Ann. Many of the reformers of that period were invited to the Seneca Falls Convention. Among these was Frederick Douglass. Elizabeth M'Clintock invited him. His reply to her was another one of the letters that Mary Beth donated.

The M'Clintock House in Waterloo was made a national monument and is open for visitors to tour. It is important, not only because of the connection to the Women's Rights Convention, but also because the M'Clintocks hid slaves — it was part of the Underground Railroad. The displays in the home are

Quaker beliefs led them to devote their lives to justice in the country and the world. They had connections with reformers all over the world

Mary Beth said, "I became interested in my connection to Mary Ann M'Clintock when I was in college. My grandmother — Mary Truman Welsh — was interested in family history and had done a great deal of work on our family. She had inherited a number of historic letters. Because I was the grandchild who had displayed the most interest in all of this, I inherited the letters when she died. It was not until the 1990's that I decided that they should be donated to the Women's Museum."

I know Mary Beth was a history teacher before

if her family history had an impact on her decision to become a history teacher. She said, "I did not become a history teacher because of this connection. I mostly taught non-western and European history — because I had grown up in Africa. But I did teach government and for many years I had the pictures of the five women displayed in my classroom. I was always passionate about how people in our country had sacrificed so that we can vote. Of course, I discussed Mary Ann and the Women of Seneca Falls, in addition to other women who spent time in jail, etc. In 1848, when the women wrote that women should have the right to vote into the Declaration of Sentiments, even they thought it was a radical suggestion." Speaking to Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott exclaimed, "Lizzie, Thee will make us ridiculous!"

Mary Beth goes on to say, "It makes me crazy that so many people do not take the time to vote. OK, politicians are not perfect, but our system is better than the alternative and we do have ways to make changes, if we pay attention and take the time. The M'Clintocks stood strong for what they believed. By so doing, they put themselves and their business in jeopardy sometimes. But the result of their courage and that of many others in our history, is that we have a better life. Why are we so afraid to sacrifice today?"

Mary Beth's question, "Why are we so afraid to sacrifice today?" is a good one to ask ourselves. Remember voting is your civic responsibility. The next time you vote, remember the sacrifices that were made by many so that we can vote. Women, remember the women and men who suffered great hardship so that women had the right to vote.

Mary Beth recommended a book, The Road to Seneca Falls which details the long journey and many hardships that many endured so that women in the United States could vote. Don't take that privilege for granted. I would like to extend my thanks to Mary Beth for allowing me to write this very interesting story and the connection of Stone Creek to women's right to vote.

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Watch your expenses through the end of the month. Later, you'll be glad to have extra money to pay for something that will make an acquisitive Bovine's heart beat faster.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're now ready to make that oft-deferred commitment, if you still believe it's what you want. Don't be afraid to change your mind if you feel you should go in another direction.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Now that you are moving on with your life after that recent disappointment, how about reactivating your travel plans and taking someone special along with you.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Many new friends come into your personal life, which suits all of you social Lions just fine. However, one new friend might make demands that you could find difficult to deal with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Communication doesn't exist unless it's two-way. So if you're getting no replies to the signals you're sending, it could be time to look for someone more receptive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A workplace complication that you thought was ironed out develops new wrinkles that need attention. Meanwhile, expect continuing improvement in your home life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 22) A tense personal problem needs to be talked out before someone decides to walk out. Resist making decisions until full explanations are offered from both sides.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A technological glitch that caused problems recently will soon be repaired, and life can return to normal. A colleague has a surprising message to deliver.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Your partner might feel that you haven't been as open with him or her as you should be. Deal with this now, before it turns into something more difficult to handle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Good news: Many of the stumbling blocks that affected the progress of some of your career projects are fading away. Things also start to look up on the home front.

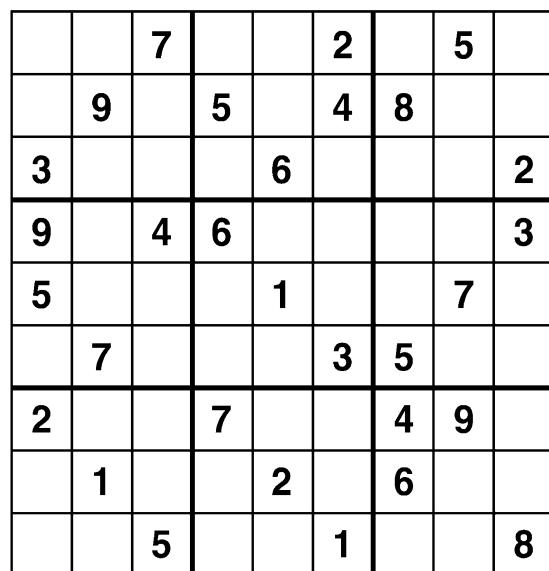
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You'll need that strong Piscean pluck to get through waters that will be turbulent for a while. A more positive aspect soon emerges, along with some welcome news.

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by Linda Thistle



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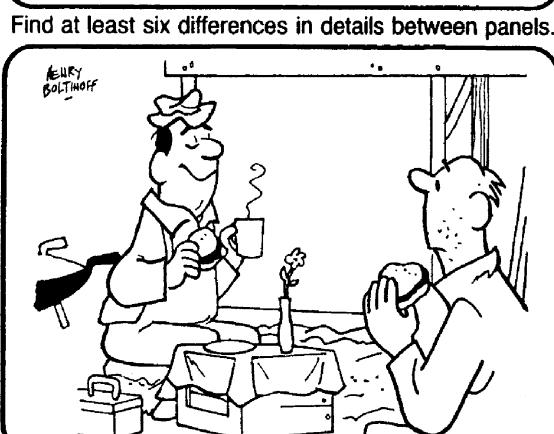
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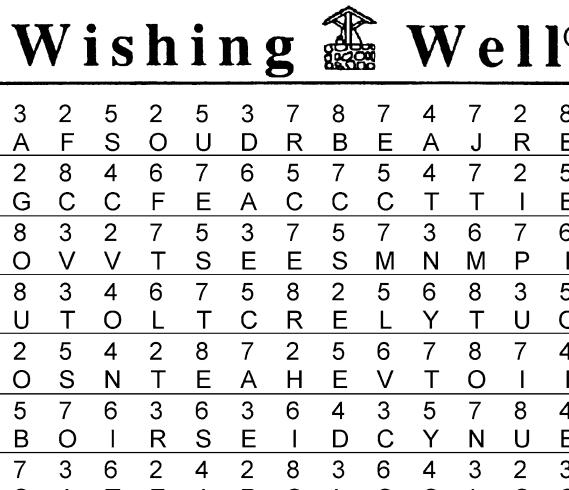
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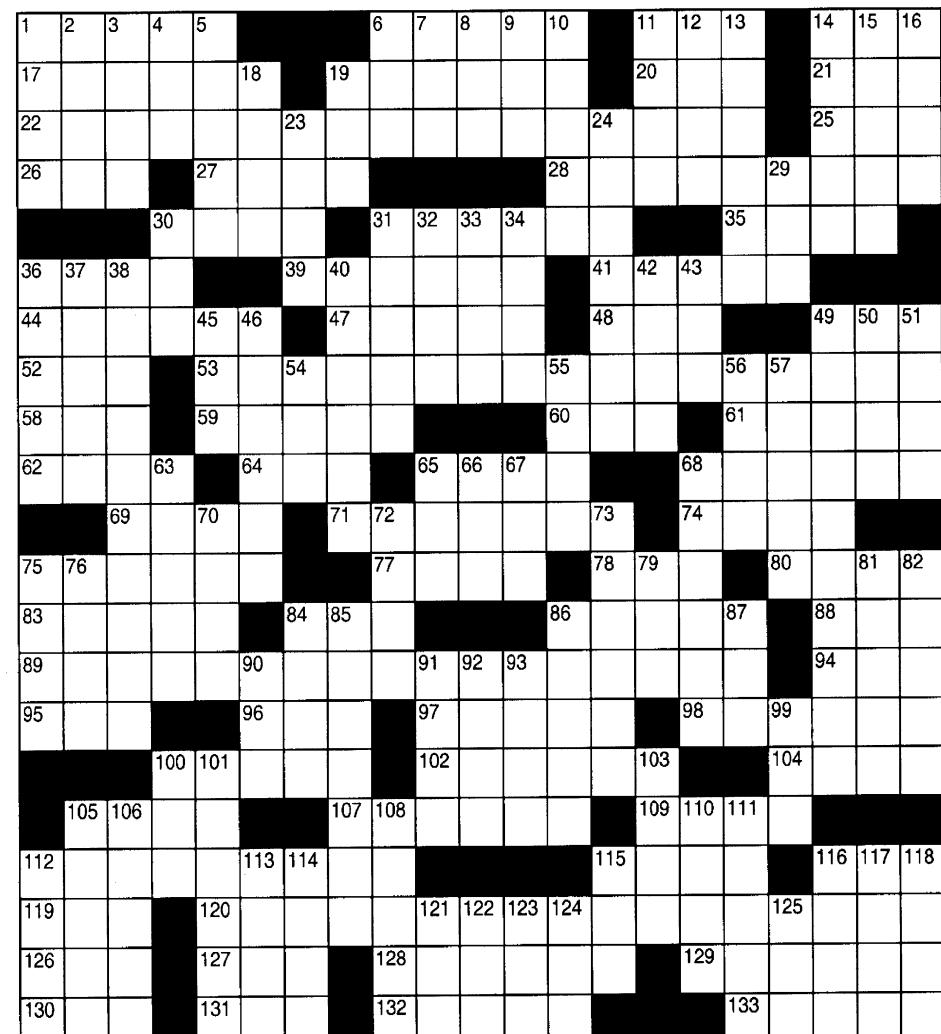


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by Linda Thistle

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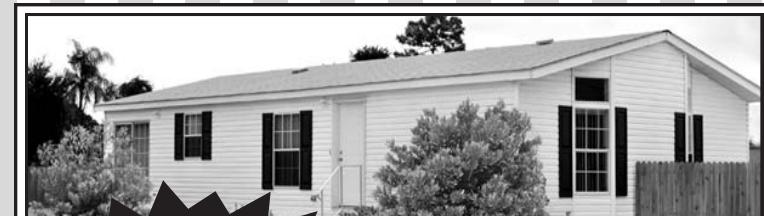
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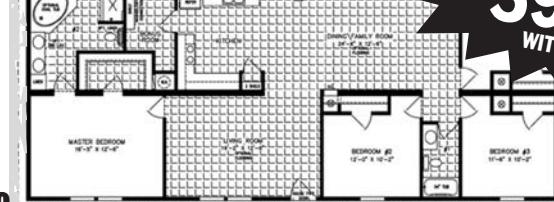


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