



Charter Schools



By Dr. R. Pletsch

The anti-charter movement held a rally at Kelly High School on July 23rd. At least 900 people came to listen and learn. While most of the info was about the Noble Charter Company's effort to start two new high schools, one at 47th and California, the other at 57th and Kostner, data was presented that illustrated that there is no overcrowding in the ten area high schools represented at the meeting. This despite the Noble Charter Company in a published article claiming that the schools were overcrowded by 1500 students. The other major issue is that Board funding follows the student and in these economic times loss to other schools can be catastrophic to some neighborhood schools.

Even without new charters, several schools are being cut drastically. Gage Park will lose \$1.35 million; Kelly High school is budgeted to lose \$833,000; and neighborhood grade schools have been cut because of declining enrollment. Evergreen Academy is scheduled to lose \$357,000; Brighton Park will lose \$420,000; and Burroughs \$237,000 down. You can find your schools on the internet.

When introduced, charters were sold to the public because A) they were to save money by getting less per student; and B) were to offer something not available in the community. These are no longer in effect, as they now receive the exact same amount of money per student as the CPS schools and the charter schools can be just a regular grade school like all the others. All they have different is

the ability to choose their students without the limitations of boundaries and to drop students for almost any reason. They also are not bound by Union agreements, like teacher seniority and salary. Being for-profit institutions, it is common for the schools not to offer contracts to experienced teachers. I know several charter schools that have no teachers with more than five years experience because they cost too much. But when the Board looks at possible new charters and sees no reason to allow them permission to start, the charter petitions the Illinois State Charter School Commission, which has the power to overrule the CPS Board. The State Senators and Representatives are aware of this.

Needless to say many at the meeting had vested interest. We, as a community, must help our neighborhood grow stronger. If we lived in an area with very poor schools, maybe a charter would be a good thing. But this is not true in our area. If you, as a parent, want to choose a charter, so be it, go there, but new seats are not needed in our community. Those of us that do not have children in school should seek out facts because as kids leave because of "bad schools" it becomes self-prophesizing. In that as kids leave so goes their money. Ten go, then maybe you have to let go a teacher, be it art or music or bilingual ed. Then that school is poorer than it was before. I have contact with several charter schools and they agree it's "location, location, location". These schools that I am aware of agree that the parents send the students because of where the school is, not what they are. So any new charter would probably hurt whatever community it goes into because it appears most students go there because of where it's at, not because it's better. But it hurts the school they left. If you want more data, the internet has far more than most can digest. If the only reason Noble has for wanting those two new schools is to relieve overcrowding, then there is no doubt with most that had attended the meeting they are not needed.

Archer Road Kiwanis Academic Excellence Award Banquet



For the past 25 years, the Kiwanis Club of Archer Road has been honoring outstanding 8th grade students from selected elementary schools. The honorees were presented their awards by an ARK member at their respective graduation and at an Academic Excellence Awards Ceremony held at Mayfield Banquets on June 23rd. \$500 scholarships were provided to two outstanding graduates from Kelly and Curie High Schools. 22 high achievers from parochial and public elementary schools as well as three high school students were honored. Archer Road Kiwanis is proud to recognize these academically talented young people as part of its ongoing mission to serve the community, stimulate achievement and build character in youth. Honorees and their respective schools in front row are: Ivette Camacho, Pasteur; Daniela Pardo, Seward; Nadia Pinto, Evergreen; Jasmin Chavolla, Kinzie; Jacqueline Escutia, Christopher; Amanda Garcia, Brighton Park and Alejandro Reyes, St. Bruno. 2nd row: Monzerrath Espitia, Burroughs; Natalia Marusarz, Twain; Cesar Galan, Cisneros Uno; Xitlali Sandoval, Columbia Explorers; Sarah Merda, St. Jane de Chantal; Brisa Rivera, St. Richard; Justin Davis, St. Joseph in Summit and Yohanna Medina, Calmecca. 3rd row: Alejandro Vega, Pope John Paul II; Alexander Ruano, Pope John Paul II; Selena Noriega, Edwards; Angela Zedak, St. Daniel the Prophet; Emily Starcevic, Byrne; Christian Delgado, Davis and Jonathan Flores, Shields. Not pictured are: Nelly Liang, Alex Chin and Cinny Chui of Kelly High School.

Bubbly Creek Project On Hold



REP. D. LIPINSKI
Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3) is urging the United States Army Corps of Engineers not to cancel the Bubbly Creek restoration project at the South Fork of the Chicago River because it is an important community and environmental project.

The creek received its name from the gases bubbling out of the riverbed from the decomposition of animals and other materials dumped into the river in the early 20th century by the meatpacking businesses surrounding the Union Stock Yards directly south of the creek's endpoint.

Lipinski worked with colleagues from both sides of the aisle to secure over \$900,000 in

the Fiscal Year 2008 and 2009 Energy & Water Appropriations bills to move this effort forward. The USACE decided to halt this project after the discovery of contaminated sediment from the adjacent former manufactured gas facilities.

"There are numerous legal avenues that could be used to mitigate liability and there is the possibility of working in tandem with the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that the adjacent sites are cleaned-up while continuing work on the Bubbly Creek restoration," said Rep. Lipinski.

Art Installation At Chgo. Arts

The Chicago Arts District will feature an installation by Emi Stearn at 1825 S. Halsted.

Stearn has been taking classes at Marwen Lab ever since her sister recommended it to her in seventh grade. She just completed her junior year at Walter Payton College Prep and at Marwen has enjoyed taking fashion, drawing, painting and photography classes.

She expects to be exploring the art of mixing mediums (specifically fashion and painting) in the rear future. Currently, Emi is enrolled in Marwen's Art at Work program in which juniors and seniors are hired and paid as professional young artists and placed in an internship at an arts related organization or business. She will be working with fashion designer Maria Pinto.

For more information, call (312) 738-8000.

B of A Honors Student Leader

Leslie Reyes Carrillo, a senior at Thomas Kelly High School, is among five Chicago teens selected for the 2015 Bank of America Student Leaders program this summer. Students receive a paid, eight-week summer internship at a local non-profit and a trip to Washington, D.C. Leslie is currently interning at Working in the Schools.

Throughout her high school career, Reyes has been a volunteer for "Teen Reach" in which she is able to help keep children off the street by teaching them how to be a leader in the community. She hopes to become a lawyer and involved with politics so she can work toward being an advocate for the people in her community.

T-Shirt Makeover At B-P Library

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer, invites teens ages 12 to 17 to bring old t-shirts to repurpose into a new top, scarf or headband on Friday, Aug. 7th at 2 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 22nd at 3 p.m. Cutting, sewing, and beading materials will be provided. Participants may bring 2 shirts. Ages 7 to 11 are welcome; a separate t-shirt craft will be available. No registration is required.

For more information, call (312) 747-4252.

Matyskela Honored

Sarah Matyskela of 60638 was named to the dean's list at Olivet Nazarene University at Bourbonnais, Illinois during the spring 2015 semester. Honorees must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

Oak Street Health In Brighton Park



Oak Street Health celebrated the opening of its newly built Medicare health center with a ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening celebration at 4327 S. Archer on July 22nd. The 10,000 square ft. medical center includes 12 exam rooms, a lab, three consulting rooms and will serve up to 3,000 patients. Members have access to a community room with educational sessions, activities and events designed for their unique needs at no additional cost. Daily open houses will be held at 1:30pm until Aug. 7th and then every Thursday at noon. For more information, call 773-242-2370. Officiating at the ribbon cutting are: Geoff Price, Chief Operating Officer, Oak Street Health; 15th Ward Alderman Raymond Lopez; 14th Ward Alderman Ed Burke; Kristen Kerns, Regional Vice President, Oak Street Health; State Representative Daniel Burke and Dr. Barbara Bellar.

50th Anniversary For Medicare

In commemoration of Medicare's 50th anniversary (July 30th), the Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) would like to encourage Illinois seniors and people with disabilities to learn about services provided by the Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP). This year, marks the 50th anniversary of the enactment of Amendments to the Social Security Act that established the Medicare program.

Counselors educate and answer questions about Medicare, Medicare Supplement, and long term care insurance. Beneficiaries are also assisted with their Part D choices during Medicare's annual open enrollment from Oct. 15th through December 7th.

For more information, call (800) 252-8966.

De La Salle Honors Faculty Members



T. WHITE

De La Salle Institute announces that the following faculty and staff members were recently

Dean's List At Univ. of Iowa

The University of Iowa has named Crystal Gurrola (60638), Cristina Lopez (60632), Yolanda Sanchez (60632) and Katarina Vinyard-Perez (60638) to the Dean's List for the 2015 spring semester.

Undergraduate students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, College of Engineering, and the Tippie College of Business who achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or higher on 12 semester hours or more of graded course work during a given semester or summer session and who have no semester hours of incomplete or no grade reported, during the same semester are recognized by inclusion on the Dean's List for that semester.

Centenary of Eastland Disaster



ALD. BURKE

14th Ward Alderman Edward M. Burke, the City Council's unofficial historian, participated in a series of ceremonies on July 24, marking the 100th Anniversary of the Eastland Disaster.

Dave Nelson, helped to organize an event sponsored by the Eastland Memorial Society at the site of the disaster which



D. NELSON

occurred along the south bank of the Chicago River, between LaSalle and Clark Streets.

The passenger excursion boat overturned while about to embark on a day-long outing to Michigan City, Indiana, carrying employees and their families of the Western Electric Hawthorne Works. The ceremonies paid homage to the memory of the more than 840 victims killed in the tragedy and the heroes who tried to save them.

Nelson, the grandson of an Eastland rescue worker, has devoted 42 years of his life to educating the public and generations of students about the tragedy which remains the largest loss of life on the Great Lakes from a single maritime incident.

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MWRD Awards Rain Barrel



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District President Mariyana Spyropoulos and 15th Ward Alderman Raymond Lopez (right) are working to provide free rain barrels to residents, courtesy of the MWRD. Joseph Massie (center) won a rain barrel which was raffled off at the meeting-which are held the last Monday of every month at the Gage Park Field House.

Arbor Foundation Invites Members

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation with a \$10 donation will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees through the Foundation's Trees for American campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid between Oct. 15th and Dec. 10th, depending on the right time for planting in each member's area. The 6" to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or will be replaced free of charge.

They can be used as an energy-saving windbreak, for privacy, as ornamental trees, and even as living Christmas trees out in the yard.

New members will also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care, and a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bi-monthly publication.

Send a \$10 membership contribution to: Ten Tree Blue Spruces, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Aug. 31st.

Latin Band At McKinley Park

Contrabanda Latin Band will appear at McKinley Park Fieldhouse, 2210 W. Pershing road on Thursday, Aug. 6th from 6 to 8 p.m.

Danny Howard will lead a free interactive percussion workshop in Afro-Cuban Folkloric Percussion followed by two 30-minute sets of Latin music in Spanish and English.

For more information, call (312) 747-6527.

Computer Help At A-H Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer will provide personalized computer training on Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

Participants will learn how to sign up for email, browse internet, view their library record online, download E-books, music and movies on their mobile device.

For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

Linda's Dance Studio At Disney World



Students from Lindas Dance Studio, 2600 W. 35th st., participated in the Performing Arts Program at Disney World on June 30th. Pictured in front row are: Anna Barajar, Romy Guzman, Emilio Pena, Olivia Lopez and Janina Herrejon. Middle row: instructor Monica Sanchez, Oriella Ortiz, Cassie Roman, Angie Banuelos, Elizabeth Herrarte and Jaidyn Sanchez. Back row: Angie Schrode, Katherine Chavez, Quetzalli Lopez, Alyssa Barajar and Noel Gaytan. Fall classes begin August 31st. For more information, call (773) 847-8320.

Naming Contest For Gray Wolf Pups



The Mexican gray wolf puppies born at Brookfield Zoo at the end of May recently had their first wellness exams, and received healthy reports from veterinarians. The 8-week-old puppies—three males and a female—are now in need of names.

The Chicago Zoological Society, has named one of the males Nestor, in memory of Ernesta, a female wolf who lived at Brookfield Zoo from 2010 to 2012 and was then released to the wild in New Mexico as part of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's recovery program.

Sadly, she was found deceased in the Gila Wilderness recovery area. Although this was devastating news, Ernesta contributed greatly to the program, and her legacy

lives on through the litter of pups she delivered in the wild in 2014.

Three of the puppies are still in need of names, and the Society is asking the public to vote for their favorites. Staff have chosen potential names that have some connection with the Spanish language, the region that encompasses the species' natural habitat of Mexico and the southwestern United States, and a conservationist. Those wishing to help in the final selections can cast votes for their favorites at www.CZS.org/WolfNames, through Aug. 5th.

Fair & Forum For Opportunity Youth

More than a dozen leading, U.S.-based companies announced the formation of the 100,000 Opportunities Initiative, which has the goal of being the nation's largest employer-led coalition committed to creating pathways to meaningful employment for young people. The coalition has the collective goal of engaging 16-24 year olds who face systemic barriers to joins and education - by 2018 through apprenticeships, internships, training programs, part-time and full-time jobs.

The initiative will accelerate the hiring commitment with an employer initiated Opportunity Fair & Forum for Opportunity Youth in Chicago on Aug. 13th., where the participating companies expect to train more than 2,000 youth and make at least 200 job offers.

For more information, visit www.100kOpportunities.org.

Adult Night Out At Lincoln Park

Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark will conduct Adults Night Out on Fridays, Aug. 21st from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Attendees age 18 & older will enjoy specialty animal enrichment and feedings and talk with zoo experts. Free rides on the AT&T Endangered Species Carousel will be available.

Tickets are \$15 online or \$18 at the gate.

Lunch Bus At M-P Library

The Greater Chicago Food Depository's Summer Lunch Bus will bring healthy meals to children ages 18 and under at the McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., Monday thru Friday, 1:30 to 2 p.m. through Sept. 4th.

All meals must be eaten on-site. For more information, call (773) 247-3663, ext. 4080.

Movie Showing At Kelly Park

Kelly Park, 2725 W. 41st st., will present an outdoor screening of "Despicable Me 2" on Thursday, Aug. 6th at dusk.

The story concerns Gau, the world's most super dad turned super dad who has been recruited to stop lethal muscle with new gadgetry, cars and minion madness.

For more information, call (312) 747-6197.

Governor Signs Vets Preference

Governor Bruce Rauner signed House Bill 3122 on July 28th creating the Veterans Preference in Private Employment Act, allowing private employers to voluntarily establish preference in employment for certain veterans.

The law, sponsored by Rep. Robert W. Pritchard (R-Hinckley), aims to reduce the unemployment rate for the more than 800,000 veterans in Illinois. By amending the Illinois Human Rights Act, it allows an employer to voluntarily establish a preference for hiring veterans as long as there is a publicly posted policy that

is applied uniformly for all employment decisions regarding the hiring, promotion or retention of employees.

The act applies to veterans of the five service branches, their reserve components, and the Illinois National Guard. Illinois law currently includes a veterans' preference policy for public sector employment and protections against discrimination based on military status.

For more information on anti-discrimination laws and the Illinois Department of Human Rights, visit www.2.illinois.gov/dhr.

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On TV Show



Ed McElroy (center) host of "The Ed McElroy Show", recently interviewed Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White (right), and newspaper columnist Ray Hanania (left). That show will air on Comcast Channel 19 on Tuesday, Aug. 4th at 8 p.m. McElroy is Past National Commander of Catholic War Veterans, U.S.A.

Steel Orchestra Invites Members

The Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra is excited about its newest endeavor, a youth steel orchestra program.

This is a full year program where students will be introduced to music through the steel pan (or steel drum), a unique percussion instrument which has its roots in the Caribbean Islands and culture of Trinidad and Tobago.

Rehearsals will focus on basic music theory, technique, musicianship, building a diverse repertoire and learning about calypso - the traditional music of Trinidad and Tobago - as well as other styles from classical to jazz.

The Fall semester includes rehearsals from September through December that culminate in a performance in December. The Spring semester includes rehearsals from January through May that culminate in a year-end performance in May.

Students will be required to participate in a placement/seating audition. No experience is needed for enrollment in the program.

For more information, contact Malika Green at mcoletta@cyso.org. or (312) 939-2207, ext. 290.

CAPS Schedules Beat Meeting

The Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) has scheduled Beat Meetings for August.

8th District Beats 815 and 821 will meet at St. Bruno School, 4839 S. Harding on Wednesday, Aug. 5th at 7 p.m.

9th District Beats 911 and 921 will meet at the Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer on Wednesday, Aug. 5th at 5 p.m.; Beat 912 will meet at St. Maurice Church Hall, 3625 S. Hoyne on Wednesday, Aug. 12th at 7 p.m.

St. Jane Scouts At Patriot Day Parade



Members of St. Jane de Chantel Cub Scout Pack 4466 and Boy Scout Troop 671 participated in Congressman's Dan Lipinski's and Alderman Mike Zalewski's annual Patriot Day Parade on Archer Ave. on July 2nd. Members helped distribute candy and recruitment flyers, Scouts and their families were treated to food, drinks and a movie in the park provided by our parade sponsors. Any boys ages 7 to 17 interested in Scouting, can contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825. Pictured in front row are Mateo Mosqueda, Nicholas Diaz, Frank Bahena, George Mc Elroy, Robert Mc Elroy, Manny Flores, Caden Motill, Sam Froelich and Sam Mc Elroy. Top row: Sean Murphy, Lauren Murphy, Natalie Motill, Miguel Mosqueda, Jim Motill, Bob Flores, Janessa Mosqueda and Ed Melkonian.

Lith. Museum Names Woman of Year



The Balzekas Museum of Lithuania Culture, 6500 S. Pulaski, will present its Woman of the Year 2015 Excellence Award to Irena Brokas Chambers for her accomplishments as a museum professional, curator, and artist and work in collecting the personal histories and artifacts of Baltic displaced persons on Saturday, Oct. 17th at 6 p.m.

Born in Alvitais, Lithuania, she has directed museum programs and curated exhibitions for over three decades. Most recently Irena developed a new visitor experience, using emerging technologies at the Library of Congress.

During the Award Gala, the newly installed "No Home To Go To: The Story of Baltic Displaced Persons, 1944-1952" exhibition will be opened. The exhibition explores the experiences of the hundreds of thousands who fled their homes to avoid oppression and war. For more information, call (773) 582-6500.

Nominations For Sr. Hall of Fame

The Illinois Department on Aging is seeking nominations for the 2015 Illinois Senior Hall of Fame awards. The annual award, established in 1994 by the General Assembly, recognizes residents of the state, ages 65 and older who excel in the categories of Community Service, Education, Performance and/or Graphic Arts, and Labor Force.

Nomination forms are available at local Area Agencies on Aging or by calling (800) 252-8966.

Nominations must be postmarked or faxed by Tuesday, Aug. 25th.

IDOa will compile a list of nominees then consult with members of the Illinois Council on Aging to determine the award winner from each category.

Nominations For Nursing Award

The Leukemia Research Foundation is seeking nominations of nurses who treat adult or pediatric leukemia, lymphoma, multiple myeloma or myelodysplastic syndromes patients for its annual Nurse of the Year Award.

Nominations are open until Tuesday, Aug. 18th

and forms are available by e-mail at Linda@LRF-mail.org or by calling (847) 424-0600.

Candidates must work in Illinois or within 100 miles of Chicago and must hold an RN or an LPN certification and care for or serve blood cancer patients.

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Obituaries

MARY ELLEN FELDMAN (nee Robin) passed away on July 22nd at the age of 74. She was the wife of 51 years to Joseph S. Feldman, publisher of the Bridgeport News; mother of Joseph (Debbie) Feldman, Mary Carole (Mike) Prasse, Margaret Ann (Bruce) Moore, Colleen (Scott) Ernsting, Michaeline (Lee) Barnes and Timothy Feldman; grandmother of 33; sister of Denise (Bernie) Nelligan, Jack (Carol) Robin, Rich (Diane) Robin, Ray (Sue) Robin, Tere (Jim) Fields and late Sally (late Brad) Johnson. Mary Ellen grew up in the Canaryville neighborhood, attended elementary school at St. Gabriel Parish and was a 1958 graduate of Mercy High School. Funeral services were held July 28th at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, Aurora. Interment was at SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Naperville.

ANTHONY M. SABICK, World War II Coast Guard Veteran, formerly of Garfield Ridge passed away on July 23rd at the age of 87. He was the husband of late Lorraine (nee Garrity); father of July (Stephen) Hennenfent; grandfather of Eric & Maureen; son of late Frances (nee Duchon) & late Michael Sabick; brother of late Milan (Luella) & late Robert (Frances) Sabick; uncle of Rodney, Cindy & Gary. Funeral services were held July 27th from Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd., Willow Springs to the Church of St. James at Sag Bridge. Interment was at Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park Cemetery.

ANDRZEJ RZADKOSZ, formerly of Garfield Ridge passed away on July 23rd at the age of 65. He was the husband of Maria (nee Suchecka); father of Eva (Robert) Diaz and Mieczyslaw Rzadkosz; grandfather of Adrian & Amelia Diaz and Mary Rzadkosz; brother of Maria (Antoni) Jagiela. Funeral services were held July 28th from Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd., Willow Springs to Our Lady Mother of the Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

Applications For Benefit Program

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, 4477 S. Archer, is offering appointments to apply for All Kids, Medicaid and SNAP benefits. Contact Laura or Lupe at (773) 523-7110 for required documents and income levels.

3.2 Mile Walk For Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place on Sunday, Sept. 27th at Montrose Harbor & Simonds Drive.

Participants will complete a 3.2-mile walk and will learn about Alzheimer's disease, advocacy opportunities, clinical studies enrollment and support programs and services from the Alzheimer's Association. Start or join a team today at alz.org/walk or call (847) 933-2413.

Community Walk To Avoid Suicide

The Illinois Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will sponsor its Out of the Darkness Chicago and Community Walk at Grant Park on Saturday, Sept. 26th at 10 a.m.

For more information, visit www.ChicagoWalk.org. Persons who are in crisis may call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at (800) 273-8255.

Flight Festival At Brookfield Zoo

Brookfield Zoo will feature an interactive experience to watch birds demonstrate their natural flight abilities during the Festival of Flight show, which is free with general zoo admission through Sept. 7th.

Nearly 20 species of birds, including the hooded vulture, black-crowned crane, red-tailed hawk, harpy eagle and umbrella cockatoo are trained by animal behaviorist, Steve Martin and senior trainer, Jose Bello. The 30-minute presentation, which will be held west of the Tropic World habitat, will take place at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily.

Through Aug. 8th, shows on Fridays will be at 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. and on Saturdays at 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. The schedule is subject to change and is weather permitting.

General zoo admission is \$16.95 for adults, \$11.95 for children ages 3-11 and seniors 65 and over. Children 2 and under are free. Parking is \$10. For further information, call (708) 688-8000.

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