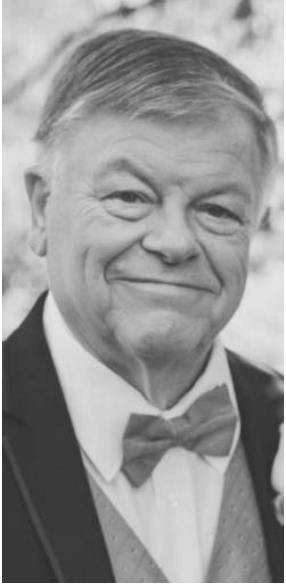


## 75th Anniversary of D-Day



By Dr. R. Pletsch

On June 6, 1944 when it hit the radio that the invasion of Europe had begun, it is hard to imagine the worry that must have swept through the world. What if it failed? Where are their loved ones? Will they survive to come home? About 4400 allies died on this one day.

The term we hear "Greatest Generation" is true. About 16 million men and women served in the military services during WWII. But it is even more than that is the percentage. The 1940 census says there were only 132 million Americans. The 2010 census was at about 329 million, which would be equal to about 40 million in the military using the same percentages. You can see everyone knew someone probably many in "harm's way".

Here in our area many worked making ammunition, tanks, jeeps, planes and so

forth. Many others were worried about their relatives still in places like China, Poland, France, Russia and the Philippines, and, of course, word started coming out about the death camps. We were lucky these people answered the bell. If they were not a praying person, it must have been hard to live their daily lives.

It is amazing to think my generation fought in Viet Nam. The war lasted about eight years and we lost about 58,000 individuals. Most of us knew some of those named on The Wall. In WWII it lasted about four years and over 291,000 Americans died. It would be hard to find a family that was not affected.

We have very few WWII Vets remaining to talk about their experiences. I was privileged to attend several reunions of the 508th Parachute Regiment that jumped into the dark on June 5, 1944. These men still cried at their memories of that time. They never talked to their wives or families about it, but when they got together, it was cathartic as they remembered those left behind, many in the American Cemetery that overlooks Omaha Beach. This is the one made famous in the movie "Saving Private Ryan" where about 9300 Americans are buried.

Let your children know that as much as we complain, it is our people, brave enough to serve, that liberated much of the world. Many gave "the last full measure of devotion".

## Advisory Council At McKinley Park



Matthew Duvall - Drumming Group

The McKinley Park Advisory Council opened its Farmers Market series on Sundays, June 2nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with ideal weather, yoga, music, face painting and lawn games.

The monthly meeting will be held at the fieldhouse, 2210 W. Pershing rd. on Monday, June 10th at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

The swimming pool will open for the season on Friday, June 14th.

Volunteer Stewardship Days are scheduled for Saturdays, June 22nd, July 27th, Aug. 24th, Sept. 28th and Oct. 26th from 9 a.m. to noon.

Volunteer projects might include trail maintenance, planting, pruning, weeding, controlling invasive plants, native seed collection, or trash pick-up. Tools and work gloves will be provided.

Meet at the stump circle between the lagoon and Damen ave. Parking is available at 2210 W. Pershing rd. For more

information, contact katie.e.flores@gmail.com

Grammy-winning percussionist Matthew Duvall will present an eclectic program featuring Steve Reich's "Drumming," a work inspired by the master drummers of Ghana on Friday, June 21st from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, visit chicagompac@gmail.com.

### Kick-Off Party At Ridge Library

The Chicago Public Library is conducting the Summer Learning Challenge, "Explorers at Play" for ages 0-13 and their families June 24th to Aug. 17th.

Garfield Ridge Branch Library, 6348 S. Archer, will host a kick-off party on Saturday, June 22nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be SLC pre-registration, games and crafts and prize drawings every 30 minutes. The first 100 children to sign up will get a White Sox sticker or pencil. At 11 a.m. hot dogs and face painting will be available. Children may participate all summer by reading, creating, and discovering. Come every week to report and get a chance to win prizes.

For more information, call (312) 747-6094.

### GED Classes At City Colleges

Richard J. Daley College, 7500 S. Pulaski, provides educational programs that help adults obtain a high school equivalency credential and gain the knowledge, skills, and guidance necessary for transition to college and career pathways.

In the Career Bridge program students prepare to earn their high school equivalency degree (GED/HISET) while learning about one of the following careers: Healthcare, Transportation, Distribution & Logistics, Information Technology, Early Childhood Education, or Culinary & Hospitality. Eligible students take a free credit class in the second semester.

In the Gateway to City Colleges of Chicago Program, Career Bridge completers and other eligible Adult Education students receive reduced tuition and supportive services for four semesters as they transition into credit certificate and degree programs.

In general, students must be at least 18 years old in order to enroll in GED classes. However, 16 and 17-year-olds may register with an official release letter certifying that they are no longer attending high school. Students who have F1, F2, H1, J1, or J2 visas are not eligible to enroll in GED classes, nor are students who are short-term visitors to the U.S.

For more information, visit www.ccc.edu or call (773) COLLEGE.

### Opening Program For Lit Fest

The Chicago Public Library will conduct an opening program for the Printers Row Lit Fest at the Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State st. on Saturday, June 8th from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

This program features a welcome by Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Alderman Sophia King, sponsors Bonnie Sanchez Carlson and David Hiller of Robert R. McCormick Foundation. The program with the 2019 Harold Washington Library Award winner Alex Kotlowitz, author of An American Summer, will follow the welcoming remarks.

Seating in the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium is available first come, first served (385 capacity). Participants must check in at the table in the ground floor lobby to receive a free ticket for the event beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The Near South Planning Board will sponsor the Printers Row Lit Fest along South Dearborn Street from Polk Street to the newly named Ida B. Wells Drive (Congress Parkway) on Saturday and Sunday, June 8th & 9th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There will be over 100 booksellers, author readings, cooking demonstrations and workshops. Children may wear their favorite costume for the storybook parade. Admission is free. For more information, visit printersrowlitfest.org.

### SIU Announces 2019 Graduates

Southern Illinois University Carbondale held Commencement ceremonies on May 11th.

60608: Lisseth Grageda, BA Psychology; Ashley M. Lyons, BS Industrial Management and Applied Engineering; Joseline J. Marquez, BS Behavior Analysis and Therapy and Olivia F. Tamayo, MSW Social Work.

60609: Samuel Puckett, BS Social Work. 60638: Johanna Y. Alvear Acosta, BS Hospitality and Tourism Administration; Kevin A. Arauz, BS Information Systems Technologies; and Ryan Cichowicz, BS Public Safety Management.

## Smart Pathways Prototype Winners

The inaugural year of the ComEd HFS Scholars STEM Program and Energy Academy concluded this weekend with student presentations and an awards ceremony recognizing the top three teams. Students from across a variety of high performing schools around the city were awarded the top prize of \$2,000 for their innovative technology concept, Smart Pathways, which was designed to light pathways in a more energy efficient way through motion sensors and light dimming capabilities. The prototype also included safety features such as movement tracking through its light sensors.

Winning criteria for the competition included the potential to deliver community benefits related to health, safety, sustainability, connectedness, mobility, efficiency and education.



Winning students, Austin Ayite, Kamron Brown, Bryce Choice and Chris Iwuoha were among the 50 freshman that participated in ComEd's HFS Scholars STEM Program and Energy Academy, a four-year educational program connecting socioeconomically-disadvantaged high school students to STEM subjects, specifically related to the energy industry. Since its kickoff in December, students have been taking part in an immersive experience, learning the fundamentals of energy, smart city technologies and sustainability, in addition to developing smart grid prototypes with professional engineer mentors.



Mia Cadichon, Dulce Chavez, Ashley Farinango, Dayanara Orellana, Luz Perez and Amanda Zavala won second place and were awarded \$1,250. The team developed a Smart Charger designed to charge phones in a more energy efficient way, as well as reduce overheating and/or exploding phone batteries, by turning off the charger once the phone reaches 100% power.



Saul Garcia, Edgar Mijarez, Leslie Ortega, Israel Ramos and Edgar Valadez placed in third, receiving a prize of \$750 for developing a Smart Carbon Dioxide Detector that was designed to improve air quality and emergency response times in regard to carbon dioxide emissions. The prototype included integrating sensors into existing technology to sense the amount of carbon dioxide in the air as well as assist in emergency response by rerouting GPS systems and working with traffic signals to route traffic away from dangerous areas.

Other student prototypes ranged from smart outlets helping reduce excess energy usage to smart canes helping the sight impaired to technology that would use precipitation as an energy source to generate electricity and a water source by filtering the water for home appliance usage.

### Dean's List At Bradley Univ.

More than 1,700 students were named to the Spring 2019 Dean's List at Bradley University of Peoria, Illinois.

Local scholars are Justice Chow (60632), majoring in Mechanical Engineering; Nicole Frontczak (60638), majoring in Elementary Education; Sarah Harmon (60638), majoring in Philosophy; Demina Maldonado

### Dean's List At Saint Mary's

Maria Escobedo (60608) and Basia Pawlica (60638) have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2019 semester at Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame, Indiana.

To earn this academic honor, a student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.6 on a 4.0 scale, have a minimum of 12 graded credit hours, no incompletes, and no grades lower than a C.

### SIU Announces Dean's List

Southern Illinois University Carbondale announces its 2019 dean's list.

60608: senior Alexander Rodriguez-Gabino (4.0 gpa). 60609: juniors Tra Deidra D. Davis and Jalisa R. Dixon.

60632: sophomore Alexis R. Ambuludi, senior Moises Casa (4.0 gpa), junior Lupita L. Lopez-Cervantes and junior Alejandra Zavala. 60638: junior Veronica I. Cahill (4.0 gpa), junior Krystal Rodriguez and senior Melanie Vera.

### 9th Dist. Police Plan Night Out

The 9th District Chicago Police Department will participate in National Night Out 2019 at Sherman Park, 1301 W. 52nd st. on Tuesday, Aug. 6th from 5 to 8 p.m. Commander Don Jerome stated that the annual community-building campaign promotes police-community partnerships and camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

Attendees will enjoy food, refreshments, music, games, face-painting, dancing, and community resource information tables.

## Northern IL. Univ. Names Graduates

Northern Illinois University celebrated commencement weekend on May 11th and 12th.

Chicago graduates are: Kathleen Anderson, Bachelor of Arts, Communication - Organizational - Corporate; Cornelius Bellamy, Bachelor of Arts, English; Justin Cahill, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Theatre Arts - Acting; Daisy Campuzano, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology and Bachelor of Arts, Spanish Language & Literature; Muhammed Diallo, Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering; Karol Dominguez, Bachelor of Science, Finance; Bernadette Heitschmidt, Master of Science in Education, Adult & Higher Education; Specialization in Higher Education; Jordan Henderson, Bachelor of Science, Psychology; Denisse Huerta, Bachelor of Science, Marketing; Kathy Lei, Bachelor of Science, Operations & Information Management; Alejandra Macias,

Bachelor of Science, Chemistry - Chemistry for Preprofessional; Thomas Morales, Bachelor of Science, Finance; Lesly Munoz, Bachelor of Arts, Communication - Organizational - Corporate; Yunyin Ngai, Bachelor of Science, Health Sciences - Pre-Physical Therapy; Sandra Puebla, Bachelor of Arts, History and Bachelor of Arts, Political Science - Public Law; Hilda Rodriguez, Master of Arts, Communication Studies; Emily Romero, Bachelor of Science, Human Development & Family Sciences; Family & Individual Development; Melissa Torres, Bachelor of Arts, Spanish Language & Literature; Justin Tyler, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology; Yeranira Venegas, Bachelor of Science, Rehabilitation and Disability Services; Curtis Wogan, Bachelor of Arts, Nonprofit and NGO Studies; and Bachelor of Arts, Rhetoric and Public Communication.

## Jazz Concerts At Shedd Aquarium



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"Jazzin'" season at Shedd Aquarium kicks off with Illinois Resident Free Night on Wednesday, June 12th.

The adult-oriented event series happens every Wednesday throughout the summer from 5-10 p.m., with opportunities for guests to unwind mid-week while enjoying local jazz talent in a relaxed aquarium setting, with food and drink to purchase and a front row seat to Chicago's dynamic skyline and Navy Pier's weekly fireworks display.

The new ticket price for Chicago residents is \$19.95. Passes to Jazzin' for Chicago residents and non-Chicago residents (\$24.95) both include full

access to the aquarium which includes the Stingray Touch habitat and new exhibit, Underwater Beauty.

Attendees can also chat with researchers and scientists in an informal setting at Science Pubs. Chats will happen at two Jazzin's each month.

For an upgraded experience, guests can pay just \$20 more (\$44.95 total) to end their night with a Shoreline cruise on the lake.

### Fraud Seminar For Sr. Citizens

The Circuit Court of Cook County Elder Justice Center will conduct a Free Senior Enrichment Seminar on Elderly Frauds and Scams: Stopping Adult Financial Exploitation at the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington st., Courtroom 2005 on Thursday, June 20th from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Topics will include: Understanding the techniques criminals use to deceive seniors. Discover what you can do to protect yourself; where to report abuse. What is adult financial exploitation; what are some signs that someone may be experiencing this type of abuse.

### Applications For Gads Hill Ctr.

The new Gads Hill Center will be opening at Archer and Whipple in July. Center-based Early Childhood programs are offered for 6 weeks to 6 years, Early Head Start and Head Start, qualified bilingual teaching staff, parent education and engagement, mental health support for children and parents.

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## Music Festival In Grant Park

The Grant Park Music Festival June 12th to Aug. 17th, continues its commitment to Festival Connect, its comprehensive initiative aimed to increase music education and engagement opportunities for audiences of all ages. Working with the Chicago Park District's Night Out in the Parks program, Festival Connect will continue to focus on the neighborhoods with performances by the Grant Park Orchestra, the Grant Park Chorus, and Project Inclusion Vocal and String Fellows.

In Millennium Park, the Festival Connect suite of programs includes Classical Campers, a half-day music immersion program for children, along with its Young Artists Showcase series, an opportunity for students from music schools and summer music programs to perform in front of the Great Lawn at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, prior to select concerts. Patrons can learn more about the Festival's performances and guest artists through pre-concert lectures and open lunchtime rehearsals.

Festival concertmaster Jeremy Black will lead members of the Grant Park Orchestra in Copland's Appalachian Spring on Monday, July 8th at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. South Shore Drive. The concert will be repeated on Thursday, July 11th at 7 p.m. at the Columbus Park Refectory, 5701 W. Jackson Boulevard.

Christopher Bell and the Grant Park Chorus return to the Columbus Park Refectory, 5701 W. Jackson Boulevard on Thursday, July 18th at 7 p.m. and the South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. South Shore Drive, on Monday, July 22nd at 7 p.m. for an a cappella concert celebrating the legacy of music written by women.

The Festival hosts Classical Campers, its half-day music immersion program for children ages 6-12, in collaboration with the Chicago Park District. Over 1,800 students will learn about the instruments and sections of the orchestra with educators and fellows, take part in hands-on musical activities, and conclude their day with a visit to a Festival rehearsal and talk-back with orchestra members.

On Fridays at 5:30 p.m. before the Grant Park orchestra takes the stage, audiences are treated to concerts by students from music schools and summer music programs at the front of the Great Lawn at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion. The Festival's Young Artists Showcase program will include per-

formances by Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras' Steel Orchestra (June 14th), a Chicago Suzuki Violin Playdown as part of Make Music Chicago (June 21st) and After School Matters (June 28th).

The free Pre-Concert Lecture series returns with conversations between guest artists and expert music commentators including WFMT's Relevant Tones host Seth Boustead, CSO's Sounds and Stories contributor Laura Sauer and Conductor and Organist Stephen Alltop. Lectures take place in Millennium Park's Chase Promenade North tent, on the walkway to the west of the Pavilion, one hour before each concert. On June 29th, the pre-concert lecture will take place in the Harris Theater 2nd floor Donor Lounge.

Guests for the pre-concert lectures include: Chicago native violinist Benjamin Beilman (June 12th); composer Kareem Roustom (June 14th and 15th); pianist Inon Barnatan (June 19th); vocalists Maeva Höglund and Michael Sumuel (June 28th) and vocalists Siena Licht Miller and John Matthew Myers (June 29th). On Wednesday, June 26, instead of a traditional lecture, dance instructors from Arthur Murray Dance Studio will lead waltz and polka lessons, preceding the concert "A Night in Vienna."

Open lunchtime rehearsals of the Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus return June 11th and Aug. 16th and typically take place Tuesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Audiences are welcome to sit in the Pavilion Seating Bowl during rehearsals, and docents will talk about the week's concerts during rehearsal breaks.

For more information, visit [gpmf.org](http://gpmf.org) or call (312) 742-7647.

## Crash Support For Walking-Biking

The Active Transportation Alliance, a regional advocacy organization that works to improve walking, biking and transit, offers resources and free conversations with trained crash support volunteers. The service, which was recently retooled to make it easier for people using smartphones, allows crash victims to connect with the Helpline through email or a phone call at the website, [pedbikecrashsupport.org](http://pedbikecrashsupport.org).

Helpline volunteers offer guidance through the process of filing a police report, making an insurance claim and finding legal assistance.

## Weekend At Camp Owasippe



The Takhone Lodge of the Order of the Arrow Pathway to Adventure Council B.S.A. hosted the annual work weekend at Camp Owasippe Twin Lakes, Michigan over the weekend of May 24th. Scouts, Scouters, families and friends volunteered for service projects such as clearing brush from miles of trails, cleaning cabins and rest rooms, digging trenches for new pipe lines, installing new fire extinguishers, replacing windows, screening and painting picnic tables and benches. Ceremonies were held for new members of the Order of the Arrow who completed their Ordeal requirements and were inducted as were new Brotherhood and Vigil candidates. Everyone enjoyed an evening of fun at Saturday's Hodag, with inflatable games, food, snacks and kegs of root beer. Any boys ages 6 to 17 who are interested in Scouting can have a parent contact Ed Melkonian at (312) 316-5825 for more information. Pictured is: Ed Melkonian (Scout Master) of Boy Scout Troop 671 congratulating fellow members Nick Diaz, Julian Zubrycki and Greg Diaz (Asst. Scout Master) on achieving Ordeal rank at their induction into the Order of the Arrow at Camp Owasippe.

## Park District Opens Registration

Chicago Park District's online and in-person registration for its summer day camp and park programs is now open. Regular programs run the week of June 17th through the week of Aug. 19th while standard day camps run for six weeks from June 24th through August 2nd.

This year, the summer day camp curriculum will celebrate the District's 85th and engage campers in activities and education programs as well as weekly physical fitness routines.

Day camp will provide the opportunity to participate in energetic team building and cooperative games, visual arts and writing activities, outdoor and environmental education, performing arts and imaginative play, and active games and fitness activities.

Standard day camps, for ages 6 to 12 years old, run six weeks, from June 24th to Aug. 2nd, typically from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Play Camp offers options for children ages 3 to 5 years old, and Teen Camp for participants ages 13 to 15 year olds.

Numerous specialty camps are also available, including Sports Camps. Late Summer Camps offer extended opportunities to engage in park activities from Aug. 5th to 9th or 16th; date varies by park. Early bird and extended options offer convenient hours to cover

the full day.

Online registration for gymnastics centers is now open. Summer program registration for McPetridge Sports Center and Morgan Park Sports Center is open.

Fees vary depending on location, offerings and hours. No child will be turned away for inability to pay.

For more information, contact your local park, visit [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com) or call (312) 742-PLAY.

## McCarthy Honored

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point honored more than 1,975 undergraduate students for attaining high grade point averages during the spring semester of the 2018-19 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate student Taylor McCarthy earned Honors for grade point average from 3.5 to 3.74.

## On Dean's List

Ryan Kupiec and Megha Pappachen were named to the Spring 2019 Dean's List at DePauw University of Greencastle, Indiana.

Honorees must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

## Awareness Month For Alzheimer's

June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month, and the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter is encouraging families to talk about memory concerns.

New findings found a majority of Americans would be concerned about offending a family member (76 percent), or ruining their relationship (69 percent) if they were to approach that person about observed signs of Alzheimer's.

38 percent said they would wait until a family member's symptoms worsened before approaching them with concerns. Nearly 1 in 3 Americans (29 percent) would not say anything to a family member despite their concerns.

To help people understand early symptoms or behaviors that merit discussion, the Alzheimer's Association offers the *10 Early Signs and Symptoms of Alzheimer's* and a list of best practices for talking about the disease.

For more information visit [www.alz.org/illinois](http://www.alz.org/illinois) or call the free 24/7 Helpline at (800) 272-3900.

## Free Concert At McKinley Park



The Chicago Park District will present Music Night Out at McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing road on Sunday, June 9th from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. The Allison Wonder Band will perform. Families should bring lawn chairs or blankets.

## Arbor Foundation Offers Tree ID Guide

The Arbor Day Foundation has a book, "What Tree Is That?" that helps people identify trees available for a \$5 donation.

The guide features hand-drawn botanical illustrations highlighting the distinctive characteristics of many tree species.

It is also available as an online interactive version at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

To obtain a tree identification guide in full color, visit [arborday.org](http://arborday.org) or send your name, address, and \$5 to: Arbor Day Foundation, What Tree Is That? 100 Arbor Ave. Nebraska City, NE 68410.

## Seek Move-In Kits For Homeless Vets

The City of Chicago is working to create a system where any episode of homelessness is brief through the End Veterans Homelessness Initiative. The transition from shelter or transitional housing to permanent housing means many veterans do not have basic items to set up a home. Donations of new household items for move-in kits are requested.

Personal hygiene items needed are: bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, razor, shaving cream, deodorant, combs, hair brush, nail clippers, toothpaste, and toothbrushes.

Kitchen and cleaning items are: kitchen trash can, Windex, Pine Sol, dishwashing liquid, dishcloth, sponge, mop, bucket, broom, dustpan and paper towels,

Bathroom and miscellaneous items are: shower curtain toilet paper, plunger, toilet brush, bowl cleaner, bath towel, wash cloth, smoke detector, battery, flashlight with batteries, garbage bags, laundry baskets, hamper, and laundry detergent.

Drop off new household items at your Alderman's Office, Jewel-Osco or Chicago Park District locations by June 30th. Locations and times include: 12th Ward: Alderman George Cardenas Office, 3476 S. Archer, Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Jewel-Osco Store, 3644 S. Archer, 14th Ward: Alderman Edward M. Burke Office, 2650 W. 51st st., Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 15th Ward: Alderman Raymond A. Lopez Office, 6412 S. Ashland, Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 23rd Ward: Alderman Silvana Tabare Office, 6247 S. Archer, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Jewel-Osco Store, 5324 S. Pulaski, and 6107 S. Archer.

Park District drop-off points include Gage Park, 2411 W. 55th st., Monday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday to Friday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Marquette Park, 6743 S. Kedzie, Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.;

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