

## **Update #32**

March 31, 2004

Adult, Career and Technical Education (ACT)

Manatee County School District

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### **No Teacher Left Behind III**

We are pleased to announce our third annual No Teacher Left Behind summer workshop is scheduled again for the first week of summer break (June 1, 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup>). The technology topics for the workshops will be as follows: Robotics, Palms, IPAQs, Wireless Inputs, and Advance Technologies (Vox Proxy, Voice Recognition, and Thumb Drives). The first two days will focus on technical core with the last day group session on Creating Independence through Student Owned Strategies (CRISS). Your vocational department head again this year will have the sign-up sheet for the workshop. Space is limited to 24 teachers per topic and we again will be allowing the career and technical education teachers and staff from Sarasota County to participate in this year's offerings. We hope that many of you will kick off the summer by attending the workshop while earning some extra money, equipment for your program and a great way to update your skills and knowledge.

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### **Camp Tech Prep - Sign Up Early**

It's time to think about your plans for the summer. Have you included career development in your summer plans? Camp Tech Prep and Camp High Tech are great ways to have fun, earn some extra money, and learn. Camp Tech Prep will be held at MTI again this year, June 7-10. This camp is a great way to get to know the programs at MTI and meet with people in the business community. New this year is Camp High Tech. This camp is June 8-9. A partnership with the Florida High Tech Corridor, MCC, and Tech Prep; Camp High Tech will deal specifically with Simulation Technology. If you teach technology, math, science, or any class related to computers this would be a great camp for you. Simulation Technology is the career area that is responsible for designing video games, flight simulators, human patient simulators, virtual reality, and much more. It is an emerging field that will have tremendous demand in the future. Regardless of which camp you might choose you must fill out an application (they will be available on April 2nd on the ACT folder on first class).

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### **Academy's On Track**

Over the last three years our current academies have worked hard to rise up to the challenge of meeting the county level criteria used to ensure that all academies are implementing the necessary components that would qualify them to use the Academy terminology. In January an evaluation team from the National Career Academy Coalition (NCAC) flew down from Washington D.C. to meet with and evaluate each academy. Last month at the School Board meeting the BHS Business Academy, PHS Early Education Academy and Agriscience Academy, and MHS Medical Arts and Science Academy all were available to be recognized for their hard work and efforts to be certified as an Academy. Congratulations to all who worked hard to get our academies on-track.

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### **Welcome Laura Roberts**

Laura Roberts has recently joined the ACT Department as a part-time employee. She will be assisting Diane Lehman in coordinating the Career & Technical Advisory Councils. Laura is a native of Bradenton and a graduate of Manatee High School. She completed her BS degree in Education at the University of South Florida. Laura taught in Manatee and Hillsborough County school districts for six years. For the last 12 years, she has devoted herself to raising three daughters with her husband, Roger, and

volunteering in both community and school. Welcome to Career and Technical Education, Laura we are glad you are part of our team.

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### **Earn While You Learn**

A new class is being offered at Southeast High. Mr. Weiland, our Technology Education teacher has teamed up with CTC (Construction Technology Careers) to offer a class this spring which allows students to begin a two year construction apprenticeship program. This unique partnership offers career exploration and pre-apprentice construction technology training to high school students. Construction Technology Careers (CTC) is a pre-apprenticeship program that allows high school juniors and seniors the chance to get a jump-start on a construction technology trades apprenticeship program incorporating classroom and lab instruction at MTI (Manatee Technical Institute), as well as on-the-job-training (OJT) experiences for students who qualify. Students sign up for this program while they are enrolled in Mr. Weiland's Construction Technology class. Even if a student does not qualify for the CTC program, he or she will still gain valuable insights and one credit hour, while learning construction technology trades, occupational safety practices (OSHA), first aid and CPR, and employability training. For more information about CTC, visit their website at <<http://www.ConstructionTechnologyCareers.org>>.

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### **Congratulations To Manatee County FBLA**

Last month at the FBLA District Conference our Business Technology Education teachers from, PHS Gayle Twitty and Sally Rikard, JMS Elaine Waldron, MHS Wilda Svoboda and Dennis Stallard, SEHS Cindy Rees and Bette Brown, BHS Jan Dominis, and MaryAnn Kauffman, Haile MS Vicki Cunningham, and LRHS Lori Kish and Judy Bodmer along with over 100 students boarded the bus and headed down to Sebring High School to compete against all of the BTE students from around the area. Our students took home a boat load of trophies and ribbons, with many earning the right to attend the state conference in April in Orlando. Good luck for a successful leadership conference next month.

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### **Smaller Learning Communities Planning Grant Update**

Teams of teachers, counselors, administrators, and business partners began the huge task of planning for implementing smaller learning communities at each of their schools. These smaller learning communities will be in the form of 9<sup>th</sup> grade centers and/or academies. The planning started in January as teams from each high school and MTI attended the Small Schools Workshop in Sarasota. The teams were then given the opportunity to participate in staff development sessions in February and March. Additional sessions are also planned for each month through July. These sessions are facilitated by experts in the areas of 9<sup>th</sup> grade centers and academies from D.C., California, and Missouri. This staff development is being provided by the ACT department with funds from the grant. Several members of each team are also taking the opportunity to visit other schools around the state and across the country where exemplary programs of the type we wish to implement have been identified and are in place. As they gather all the information from the school site visits and staff development, the school teams will be working back at their respective schools to be ready for implementation in August. This is a tremendous task and the teams need to be congratulated for their effort and willingness to help make our schools the best they can be for our students.

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### **Curriculum Development Mini Grant Opportunity Update**

We are pleased to announce that 100% of the teachers who applied to receive the curriculum development mini grant were approved! The submission deadlines were November 3 and February 2, 2004. Congratulations to Mr. Greg McGrew, Mr. Steve Harvey, Lakewood Ranch High School; Dr. Mary Thompson, Southeast High School, Colleen Keip, Harllee Middle, Marcia Maier, Anna Golub, Linda Francis, Brenda Ayers, Judy Millard, Manatee Technical Institute (MTI), and MaryAnn Kauffman, Bayshore High School. Each teacher has accepted the challenge to write curriculum in their field to enhance their subject area. The ACT department has awarded a total of \$30,000.00 this year for this initiative. We plan to continue this means of compensating teachers for completing this kind of work to enhance Career & Technical education next year with the same opportunity.

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### **SkillsUSA Students Expect To Win**

Having qualified at SkillsUSA regional competition last month, about 150 MTI students will be in Miami April 26-28, 2004 for the State SkillsUSA Competition. According to advisor Michelle Meluch, "MTI will have one of the strongest teams at state; our students expect to win." Good luck to the MTI SkillsUSA teams. Bring home the GOLD!

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### **Perkins Update**

Many of you have been helping us send letters to Congress on the Perkins issues; your efforts have been noted and much appreciated. Congress is currently debating the FY 2005 Budget Resolution, which provides a framework for overall spending in broad function areas and is the first step in the appropriations process. The budget resolution does not set specific program funding levels, but instead sets caps on areas such as education and training that appropriators must work within. The budget process continues to be contentious due to deficit pressures, tax cuts, and competing spending priorities within both parties. Both the House and Senate versions of the budget provide less than the President's request for domestic spending, making it increasingly difficult for large increases in education and training to be realized. The Senate passed its budget resolution on March 12, on a party line 51-45 vote, following an onslaught of amendments – the majority of which were offered by Democrats and were defeated. It is looking increasingly likely that the House of Representatives will begin to act on the reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act sometime this spring, and all signals continue to point to a rejection of some of the more significant and harmful changes to the program proposed by the Bush Administration last year. Senate action is likely to come much later in the year, and could be pushed into 2005. Department of Education officials and Congressional staff addressed reauthorization issues at ACTE's National Policy Seminar earlier this month. For more information, please read the National Policy Seminar story at [http://www.acteonline.org/members/news/headline\\_stories/Headline32304.cfm](http://www.acteonline.org/members/news/headline_stories/Headline32304.cfm).

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### **DCT Does It Again**

Congratulations go out to CECF Advisors Bob Spahr (PHS) and Barb Kitzman (LRHS) whose students did a great job at the recent CECF District contest. We are pleased to announce the following winners from Palmetto High School - 6 first places wins, 3 second place wins, 3 third place wins and 8 honorable mention. With Lakewood Ranch High School bringing in a Club win with a District 1st Place in Career Skills in addition to 7—1st place honors, 7—2nd place honors, 6—3rd place honors, 2—4th place honors, and 3—6th place honors. Just last week the advisors and students went to the State Leadership Conference in Orlando and placed 1st place in Parliamentary Procedure – LWRH, 1st place in Automotive Technician - PHS., 2nd place in Hospitality – LWRH and a \$750 scholarship. H.M. Occupational Manual – LWRH, H.M. Entrepreneurship – PHS, and H.M. Hospitality – PHS. We have permission from the State to organize our own District with just Manatee County clubs. This will eliminate the long bus rides and enable us to provide more and hopefully better leadership activities and District contests.

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### **Teachers Gear Up For TIES**

It's time again this year for ACT teachers to submit paperwork to take part in the Teachers in Industry for Educational Support (TIES) program. Teachers received the TIES Information Sheet, TIES Application for Participation and TIES Training Agreement in their notebooks at our Back to School Kick Off on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Teachers are to select, contact, and make application to a business directly related to their teaching assignment. All documents are to be completed and returned to the ACT office by April 15, 2004 in order to be considered as a participant for this year's program. Don't be left out in the cold. Get started today with this exciting School-to-Work initiative. Learn first hand what business is really looking for in an employee in the year 2004!

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### **New Career & Technical Education Masters**

The University of South Florida (USF) is accepting applications for the fall 2004 cohort for the MA Degree program in Career and Technical Education, which is delivered via the Internet. No GRE score is required for admission. Questions about USF's MA program in CTE can be directed to Dr. Bill Blank, Professor & MA Program Advisor Department of Adult, Career and Higher Education, USF 813-974-0314 e-mail:<[blank@coedu.usf.edu](mailto:blank@coedu.usf.edu)>.

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### **Manatee County Comes Out In Full Force**

After a record number of qualifying events last month Manatee County Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) are getting ready to show the State of Florida what they are made of with two full charter buses heading from Bradenton to Orlando for the HOSA State Competitions. We will have almost 100 people traveling to the event. 33 from MHS, lead advisor Laura Sollenberger, 20 From Lincoln Middle, lead advisor Marie Chirico, and 29 from MTI, lead advisor Kimberly Bland (which has been the nation's largest HOSA chapter for the past two years, and has won four national medals each year for the past three years). Good luck to all for making these extra efforts for our students.

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### **Manatee County FCCLA Chapters Win Big At Districts!**

District FCCLA Proficiency Events were held last month at the Trinity Methodist Church. Manatee County chapters had the biggest showing! Congratulations to the following schools, advisors, and students who won medals: Braden River Middle, Jill Bergeron Advisor had four students win silver and one gold; Harlee Middle, Colleen Keip Advisor had two win silver; King Middle, Millie Torres Advisor had two students win silver; Manatee High, Nancy Acton Advisor had two students win silver; Manatee High, Joan Stencik Advisor had four students win silver and one gold; Lakewood Ranch, Elaine Bowling Advisor had two students win silver; Palmetto High, Lynda Elkin Advisor had two students win silver, and Sugg Middle, Susan Lestock Advisor had three students win gold and 1 silver. All of these Advisors and students have earned the right to attend the State Conference and show the State of Florida how great Family and Consumer Science is in Manatee County.

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### **Supplemental Funding Opportunity Update**

All secondary ACT teachers have a voluntary opportunity to receive additional funding for consumable supplies. A total of \$23,700 was awarded on the January 20, 2004 deadline, which was based on submitting appropriate documentation within the supplemental funding notebooks. The following areas cover the possibility of points: Rigorous and Relevant Curriculum, Tools, Equipment & Safety, Recruitment and Articulation of Students, Legislative Content Area Support, Professional Development-Content Area, Professional Participation-Content Area, Community/Guidance/Principal/Support Center Visits, Positive Public Relations, and Awards Teacher/Student/Program. If you missed the first deadline you still can submit for additional funding June 20, 2004. Keep in mind this is a voluntary opportunity and could be used by career and technical education programs that are in need of additional funds for consumable supplies. Contact Trish by May 20<sup>th</sup> if you would like to set up a meeting to ensure an outstanding submission.

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### **Consumable Supplies Notebooks Prove Profitable**

Over two dozen secondary ACT teachers were successful in meeting the January 20<sup>th</sup> deadline submitting their documentation within the 10 designated categories to receive additional consumable supply monies for their discipline. The ACT department has worked with the county finance department to have some \$23,700.00 dollars transferred to county career and technical education teachers for the sole purpose of enhancing student hands-on activities within ACT classrooms. The second submission date of June 20, 2004 is fast approaching. If you need additional assistance with putting together notebooks the ACT department is here to help and show you examples of what is being requested in each area. Please do not wait until the end to seek assistance. Congratulations to all that reaped the benefits this first go-around!

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### **MTI New Facility Update**

As everyone is aware, we are moving forward with a 30+ million dollar facility that will not only be the newest technical institute in the state but designed to be a world class trend-setting facility utilizing the most updated engineering principals and construction materials available. We have partnered with internationally recognized HOK Advance Strategies to ensure that the vision of the facility meets the needs of today and the vision for the future. We have now completed our visionary meetings with local businesses, civic leaders and teachers, department heads and administrators and are on track for the preliminary design of the spaces. Stay tuned for more information as we forge forward to build a world class facility for a world class faculty.

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### **Shining Stars - Way To Go!**

Vickie Miller (MTI) inducted 120 MTI students into the National Technical Honor Society on March 2. Largest number of inductees ever. Way To Go!

Colleen Keip and Linda Chambers in conjunction with the FCCLA and TSA students hosted a Valentine's Dance last month that was a sensational hit with the students. Way To Go!

Bud Elkin and Jim Kapper (PHS) were recognized in the Herald Tribune last month for the new construction program that centers on student run enterprises. Way To Go!

Joan Stencik (MHS) was recognized with the Gold Star Award for outstanding educational leadership in the school and community at the Keiser College 25th Anniversary Awards Banquet last month. Way To Go!

Brian Stephens (HMS) had his students enter events at the Florida State Fair and received blue ribbons for the safety posters. Way To Go!

Kim Bland (MTI) hosted a very successful regional competition for Health Occupations Students of America. Way To Go!

Adam Baggett (HMS) the FFA Middle School livestock team placed in the recent Livestock Event. Way To Go!

Marie Chirico (LMS) has been recognized as the 2003-04 Palmetto Elks Lodge Teacher of the Year. Way To Go!

Marilyn Ingold (MTI) presented an American Heart Association CPR Achievement Award to the nursing staff at Bradenton Artificial Kidney & Dialysis for their use of an AED to save a life. Way To Go!

Mike Buckley (SEHS) Land Judging Team won second place in the State. Way To Go!

Kim Lough (LMS) has implemented a monthly agriscience newsletter, which is fantastic. Way To Go!

Chuck Griggy (PHS) had a business student (Ashley Nader) pass the Microsoft Office Specialist exam in Excel Core. She not only passed the exam, she got a PERFECT score. Way to Go!

Deb Alwin (PHS) competed in Floriculture and placed in the top 20 in the entire State. Way To Go!

Sally Rikard (PHS) spearheaded Palmetto High School as they hosted the 4th Annual Career Fair on March 19. Way To Go!

Jill Bergeron (BRMS) and Joan Stencik (MHS) just received word that the intern they shared this year (Tara Jones) is being honored as the FSU (go 'noles) Student Teacher of the Year! Way To Go!

Suzanne Paul (MTI) honored adult ed volunteers on 3/19 in a special presentation attended by Frank Brunner. Way To Go!

DeWayne Fintel (MHS) had his students enter the TSA event at the Florida State Fair and received many Blue Ribbons for the students work. Way To Go!

John Ferraro (MTI) has a HS AC student (Angela McKay), who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> last year in VICA that has been hired by Southern Comfort Air; and is out there doing it. Way To Go!

Dave Jackson and Daniel Bryan-Beachler, (LRHS) FFA students won the "Harvest of Change" \$500.00 scholarship to attend the Washington Leadership Conference. Way To Go!

Michelle Meluch (MTI) took 150 students to the SkillsUSA Regional Competition; 71 brought home medals--the most in the region. Way To Go!

Bob Jenkins (LRHS) took his students to the DECA Career Development State Conference and had two students place in the top 10. 7<sup>th</sup> in Vehicles and Petroleum Marketing and 8<sup>th</sup> in Apparel and Accessories Marketing. Great for first time competition. Way to Go!

Sheryl Griggy (MTI) has a business technology student (Maria Carranza) pass her Microsoft Office Specialist Word Expert certification. We are so happy and proud of her, congratulations, Maria. Way To Go!

Colleen Keip (HMS) FCCLA students from her program submitted an article about the club's service project and made it into the National FCCLA Magazine (for the second year in a row). Way to Go!

Kathy Matthews (MTI) took her dental assisting students to the West Coast Dental Association meeting; two won first place in the table clinic competition. Way To Go!

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### **Advisory Councils Speeding Forward**

Career and Technology Advisory Councils are busy preparing for their last meetings of the school year. We are currently in phase three of implementation. Southeast High School Business department and Manatee, Palmetto and Southeast Technology will be starting their advisory councils in May. We will continue with new advisory councils in the fall. Please call or email Diane Lehman or Laura Roberts if you are interested in any information about the advisory councils. We can be reached at 748-4842 ext 137 or on First Class. The upcoming meetings are as follows: April 5, 2004, 3:45 p.m. Lakewood Ranch Business Technology. April 6, 2004, 3:45 p.m. Palmetto High Agriscience Academy. April 8, 2004, 3:45 p.m. Lakewood Ranch Agriscience. April 19, 2004, 4:00 p.m. Manatee High Medical. April 22, 2004, 3:45p.m Palmetto High Business Technology. May 6, 2004, 2:30 p.m. Southeast High Agriscience. May 12, 2004, 3:45 p.m. Manatee High Business Technology. May 19, 2004, 3:45 p.m. Joint Technology Advisory (Manatee, Palmetto and Southeast). Southeast High School Business – TBA.

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### **Florida Legislative Update Week #4 of Session March 22-26**

The 2004 House and Senate appropriations proposed committee bills are now out. The full budgets were heard this week in the full appropriations committees. The House budget is \$1.1 billion more than the Senate budget. The \$18.5 million in grants for the Adults with Disabilities has been moved from the Workforce Education portion of the Department of Education budget to the Vocational Rehabilitation portion of the Department of Education budget. The proviso language makes it clear that the intent is for the program to remain the same. The Governor's recommended budget can be accessed by visiting his e-budget at [www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com) <<http://www.myflorida.com/>>. Bills can be accessed on the online Sunshine website at <<http://www.leg.state.fl.us/>>. Links to the Senate and House 2004 budgets are located on the home page. Remember if you have not sent in your letters to support our Manatee County legislative issues, please do so ASAP. These letters are worth points with our ACT funding notebooks and it will also help push the issues to the forefront with our elected officials.

#### Senate Appropriations - March 25

- \* The Proposed Committee Bill was approved unanimously.
- \* An amendment to restore weighted funding to middle school career and technical education was withdrawn.
- \* School district workforce education funding was approved at only \$1.8 million over last year.
- \* This includes a 5% increase in postsecondary career and technical student tuition.

#### House Appropriations - March 26

- \* The Proposed Committee Bill (PCB AP 04-01) was approved.
- \* Workforce education funding was approved at \$10 million over last year.
- \* This includes a 7.5% increase in postsecondary career and technical student tuition.

The House and Senate are both scheduled to read the budget a second time on April 1, 2004.

#### Action on Bills:

- \* HB 769 - (Jennings) - Career & Technical Education - "Millennium High Schools" language. The Bill was approved by the House Commerce Committee on 3-22-04. This will now go to the General Education Subcommittee where some changes will be made. We understand that another pilot program may be funded this year.
- \* SB 1258 (Appropriations Subcommittee on Education) – Workforce Development Education Programs - Deletes the Workforce Development Education Fund and tries to implement some of the changes recommended by CEPRI. Passed unanimously by the Senate Appropriation Committee 3-25-04.
- \* The Senate Physical Education Bills (SB 308, SB 1780, & SB 2534) will be combined in a Proposed Committee Substitute at the Senate Education Committee on 3-31-04 at 1:30 P.M. in 412 Knott. Among other things, this requires an increase in PE credit for high school graduation (2 credits) and a reduction in electives (1 credit). It also requires 1 credit of PE in the accelerated high school graduation options.

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#### Up Coming CTSO Events:

CECF/BPA - <<http://www.cecf.org>> <<http://www.bpa.org>>, B.P.A. Nationals, April 30 - May 4, Dallas Texas.

DECA - <<http://www.fideca.org>>, May 1-4, International Career Development Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.

FBLA - <<http://fblla-pbl.org>>, April 4-7, FBLA State Leadership Conference, Peabody Hotel, Orlando.

FCCLA - <<http://www.fcclainc.org>> <<http://www.flfccla.org>>, State Leadership Conference, March 31-April 3, Orlando Airport Marriott.

FFA - <<http://flaffa.org>>, April, 3, 2004. State Livestock and Poultry CDEs Gainesville.

HOSA - <<http://www.flhosa.org>>, April 22-25, HOSA State Leadership Conference, Radisson Hotel Orlando.

PBL - <<http://floridafbla-pbl.com>> April 1-4, State Leadership Conference, Sheraton World Resort in Orlando.

SkillsUSA-VICA - <<http://www.FloridaVICA.org>>, April 26-28, State Skills/Leadership Championships, Miami.

TSA - <<http://www.Florida-TSA.net>>, April 21-24, 2004, Florida TSA State Leadership Conference, Orlando Airport Marriott.

The ACT Department is here to support you in any way we can to help you achieve a successful Chapter. Attending conferences with students is one of the most exciting and most demanding aspects of being a CTSO advisor while providing student centered educational opportunities that last a lifetime.

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**Last Thought:**

Think you can, think you can't; either way, you'll be right.  
Henry Ford (1863-1947)

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**Important ACT Dates to Remember:**

5/6/2004 - ACT End-Of-Year Update Dinner (ES, MS, HS and MTI) - 4:30-6:30, Twin Dolphin.  
8/2/2004 - ACT Back-To-School Kick-Off Update Meeting, 8:00-3:00, Day Spring.

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