

## **WOMEN IN SCIENCE IS FOCUS OF TWU PROGRAM**

During a year-long celebration by TWU of the women's rights movement, many people are focusing the history of Seneca Falls, where that effort first began. Women today, however, have benefitted from the efforts of their predecessors who opened doors to successful careers in politics, law, mathematics -- and science.

A recipient of one of only 10 individual 1998 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring -- Dr. Nina M. Roscher -- will visit TWU on Thurs., Oct. 29, to talk about "Women in Science: Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going?" Her discussion, which is free and open to the public, will be held at 2:30 p.m., CFO 205. Roscher's presentation is part of TWU's Seneca Falls sesquicentennial observance. She is professor and chair of the department of chemistry at American University in Washington, D.C., and previously served as AU's vice provost for academic affairs, dean for faculty affairs and associate dean for graduate studies. Roscher also has taught at Douglass College of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, the University of Texas at Austin and Purdue University.

Roscher, who holds a doctorate from Purdue and a bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware, received an Intergovernmental Personnel Act assignment by AU to the National Science Foundation, where she served as director of the Faculty Enhancement Program and as a chemist in the Instructional Laboratory Improvement Program. She is actively involved in the American Chemical Society and served on its women chemists committee from 1973 to 1979 and as its chair from 1976 to 1978. She is the author of *Women Chemists 1995* for the ACS and served as president of the Washington Chemical Society in 1995.

Roscher has received three NSF grants totalling \$305,000 for retraining women chemists and developing toxicologists by retraining chemists and biologists. She also has received grants from the Office of Education for Patricia Roberts Fellowships totalling \$1.4 million; James Girard for National Needs Fellowships for \$588,000; and \$346,284 for her students' research from the U.S. Army, Johnson and Johnson Inc., Rhone-Poulenc and Microbiological Associates Inc. In 1998, Roscher also received a

Senior Scholar Special Commendation of Honor from the American Association of University Women and was named a Fellow of the Association for Women in Science, among a list of other distinguished honors. For more information, call Dr. Sarah McIntire (biology) at 8-1-2396.

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## **TELECONFERENCE LOOKS AT LEARNER-CENTERED EDUCATION**

Some people need a crystal ball to look into the future and second-guess what their fate will be. Others take a more active approach and assume a leadership role -- like educators, universities and organizations who believe that starting learner-centered environments is the future of education, especially for adults.

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## **TELECONFERENCE ON EDUCATION, *continued***

TWU will offer a free look into that crystal ball during a teleconference titled "Creating Tomorrow's Learner-Centered Environments -- Today!" on Thurs., Oct. 22, 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Library 101. The program is free and open to the campus community and members of the general public; however, seating is limited and advance reservations are required. The teleconference is presented by TWU and the PBS Adult Learning Service; it was produced by the Society for College and University Planning, in cooperation with the University of Delaware, and is sponsored by PeopleSoft.

Participants may register by telephone and must RSVP no later than noon on Tues., Oct. 20, by calling Johnna Shelton (public information) at 8-1-3456. Refreshments will be provided from 11 to 11:15 a.m. before TWU representatives introduce the topic and local participants; the conference begins at 11:30 a.m. Questions from local sites -- including TWU -- will be faxed during the program, which concludes at 1:30 p.m., followed by a brief follow-up discussion until 1:45 p.m.

"The teleconference provides an opportunity to glimpse what the future of education will be, whether that education occurs in public schools or at the higher-education level in colleges and universities," said Dr. Michael Wiebe (Education and Human Ecology). "We are interested in exploring what the future of education can become, and we invite others to listen and consider what other participants discuss," added Lizabeth Elkins (institutional research and statistics), a SCUP regional representative.

The PBS year-long program titled "Creating a Learning College" focused on what today's colleges and

universities must do to put learning first in every policy, program and practice in higher education -- learning...not teaching, research or academic politics. Now PBS and other participating organizations are seeking additional perspectives, and the Oct. 22 teleconference is one way to "talk" to persons interested in public and higher education. Topics will include: "The Next Generation of Fused Physical and Virtual Spaces"; "How We Developed a Fused Environment"; "Creating Learner-Centered Offerings: ICT Infrastructure, Expeditionary Programs and Learning Agent Relationships"; case studies; panel discussions; and audience questions and answers by fax or telephone.

Panelists will include: Don Norris, moderator and consultant in the areas of strategic guidance; Jacquelyn Belcher, community college educator at Georgia Perimeter College; Freeman A. Hrabowski III, national leader in mathematics and science education; Sally Johnstone, who helped develop the Western Governors University; and Clara Lovett of Northern Arizona University, who directs a statewide "distributed learning network." For details, contact Elkins at 8-1-3021; call Shelton at 8-1-3456 for reservations only.

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## **"BAD GIRLS AND REBELS" ARE PART OF HISTORY**

U.S. citizens in 1848 might have called women like Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott "bad girls and rebels" as they began the women's rights movement in Seneca Falls 150 years ago. Instead, a free lecture at TWU -- part of the university's sesquicentennial celebration of Seneca Falls -- will look at two women authors considered rebels in their own right.

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## **THOMPSON LECTURE, *continued***

"Bad Girls and Rebels: Willa Cather and Katherine Anne Porter" -- the topic for TWU's eighth annual Joyce Thompson Lectureship in American Literature and Culture -- will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Wed., Oct. 28, ACT 301. The program will be presented by Dr. Janis Stout, professor of English, dean of faculties and associate provost at Texas A&M University. The public is invited; a reception is scheduled after the program.

Stout, a prolific author, has written *Through the Window, Out the Door: Women's Narratives of Departure, from Austin and Cather to Tyler, Morrison and Didion*, which was published this year by the University of Alabama Press. Her other book-length works include *Katherine Anne Porter: A Sense of*

*the Times* (which received the 1996 C. Hugh Holman Award from the Society for the Study of Southern Literature) and *Strategies of Reticence: Silence and Meaning in the Works of Jane Austen, Willa Cather, Katherine Anne Porter and Joan Didion*, both published by the University of Virginia Press.

Stout was selected to write the chapter on Porter in a recently published text titled *Texas Women Writers: A Tradition of Their Own*, edited by Sylvia Ann Grider and Lou Halsell Rodenberger, and published by Texas A&M University Press. She also has published a number of journal and magazine articles in *American Literature*, *Southwestern American Literature*, *CEA Critic*, *Legacy*, *Studies in the Novel*, *Southern Quarterly* and *Studies in Short Fiction*. She lectures frequently on both Cather and Porter.

Dr. Joyce Thompson was a professor of English at TWU from 1977 to 1992. She held a bachelor's degree in mathematics and master's and doctoral degrees in English from Texas Tech University. Her areas of academic specialization included American literature and women's studies, and she wrote *Marking A Trail: A History of the Texas Woman's University*, *Ladies' Firsts: A Miscellany* and more than 30 published articles.

The former TWU professor, who delivered many papers during scholarly and professional meetings, was a patient and inspiring teacher who enabled students to gain insights into literature and their own humanity. Thompson suggested the quotation from Edith Hamilton that is inscribed on the bronze dedication plaque for the TWU Blagg-Huey Library, which reads: "To be able to be caught up in the world of thought -- that is to be educated."

Aside from the annual lectureship, Thompson also is honored at TWU by the Endowment for the Joyce Thompson Scholarship in English, which was established under the leadership of Dr. Frank Longoria (retired chair--English, speech and foreign languages). The scholarship is awarded annually to an English major. Call Elizabeth Snapp (library) at 8-1-3748 for details.

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## **OPERA PREMIERES CHILDREN'S WORK**

The TWU Opera Ensemble will premiere *The Bird's Gift*, a one-act children's opera by Lanelle Blanton (performing arts, music), when the group performs a concert of scenes from American operas ("Sentiments and Resolutions: An Evening of American Opera") at 8 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 24, and at 3 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 25, in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Tickets are \$7 for the general public, \$5 for TWU faculty and staff, and \$3 for TWU students.

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**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE SHOWN IN OPERA, *continued***

Based on a Zuni Indian legend, *The Bird's Gift* underscores a fundamental difference between the Judeo-Christian heritage and the Native American view of nature, said Blanton. "In the Judeo-Christian heritage, man is the master and dominion over the earth and the creatures," she explained. "However, in the Native American heritage, mankind and creatures are brothers and sisters with one another. There is an interdependence with each, sharing strengths, talents and needs. In this story, the creature -- a bird -- gives mankind gifts such as beautiful feathers, the ability to fly and glorious singing."

The legend is a good story for both children and adults, Blanton added. "It's a teaching tale for youngsters," she explained, "and it deals with an issue central to a great many Native American tribes."

While the music Blanton composed for *The Bird's Gift* is not Native American, it has a flavor and tonality that is uniquely Native American, she said. In addition to voices, the opera features flute, piccolo, alto flute and piano accompaniment. Stephen Kennedy, musical director for TWU's Opera Ensemble, said that the group will continue to perform *The Bird's Gift* after its premiere. "We will use it in our opera outreach program for elementary school students," he said.

In addition to *The Bird's Gift*, the TWU Opera Ensemble will perform seven scenes from operatic works by American composers and librettists, including: *The Ballad of Baby Doe* by Douglas Moore; *Porgy and Bess* by George Gershwin; and *Susannah* by Carlisle Floyd. *The Mother of Us All*, by Virgil Thompson, will be featured in recognition of the Seneca Falls celebration of the women's rights movement currently taking place at TWU, said Kennedy. For details, call the TWU department of performing arts at 8-1-2500.

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**NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENTS NEEDED**

All administrators, faculty, staff and students are invited to submit nominations for the 1998 Outstanding Graduate Students (master's and doctoral), which will be presented by the TWU National Alumnae Association during Honors Convocation on Fri., April 16, 1999. *The deadline* to nominate a deserving student is 5 p.m. on Dec. 1, 1998. After that date, the awards committee -- chaired by Dr. Betty Adams (Nursing) -- will contact students who are nominated and provide materials that they must complete and return to the committee by Feb. 5, 1999.

"The purpose of the awards is to honor at least one TWU master's student and one doctoral student for excellence in scholarship and service," said Donna Ryan (alumni relations), who will receive the nominations. To be eligible, students must be projected to graduate in December, May or August of the

1998-99 academic year, and they must have an overall minimum grade point average of 3.50. At the master's level, a nominee must document an approved thesis prospectus, a professional paper topic or -- in the performing arts -- a projected required graduate professional presentation. At the doctoral level, a nominee must document an approved dissertation prospectus or -- in the performing arts -- a projected required graduate professional presentation.

Criteria for award selection include: graduate grade point average; three letters of reference that address professional accomplishments/potential; a statement of professional goals; professional presentations, performances or exhibits; publications; scholarships and awards; honor societies; and service to TWU, the profession and the community. Call Ryan at 8-1-2586 for details.

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## **TWU WANTS BLEEDING ARMS (FOR BLOOD DRIVE)!**

TWU faculty, staff and students are invited to participate in a campuswide blood drive with the American Red Cross on Tues. and Wed., Oct. 27 and 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., SC 207-208. Those who donate will receive refreshments afterward (donated by Golden Key National Honor Society), as well as a T-shirt that recognizes their contribution. "First-time donors are treated with extra-special care," said Dr. Don Rosen (Counseling Center), who is organizing the effort. "Walk-ins are welcome." However, individuals who want to make an appointment can call the Counseling Center reception desk at 8-1-3801.

"This is the first of two blood drives that TWU sponsors each year," added Rosen. "Last year, TWU collected 140 pints of blood from the fall drive. This year, our goal is 175 usable pints. Remember... While more than half of us will need a blood product at some time in our lives, only 5 percent of the population donates the blood we need. Each donor and each pint is a precious gift. See you there!"

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## **SECC MARCHES ON...**

At TWU's Institute of Health Sciences Dallas Center, faculty and staff already have exceeded their \$6,000 goal for the State Employee Charitable Campaign, raising more than \$7,800 -- and they're still going! Dr. Michael Laman (associate vice president's office) provided a number of incentives that energized employees to give...and to help others. Laman spent a day washing two cars (following a drawing he held for a free car wash) for Sue Smith (Physical Therapy, Dallas-Presbyterian) and Carissa Enright (Nursing, Dallas-Parkland). Other special drawings and a luncheon for contributors is helping

TWU's Dallas Center surpass its SECC goal for this year.

SECC provides state employees with an opportunity to contribute to a variety of local, state and national charities -- including the United Way -- through payroll deduction, cash or check. TWU's campaign continues through Oct. 31. This year's goals and targeted participation rates are: \$27,000 -- Denton (40 percent); \$6,000 -- Dallas (40 percent); and \$2,800 -- Houston (40 percent). Anyone who has questions or needs assistance with the forms can contact Elizabeth Snapp (library) at 8-1-3748 or Dr. Betty Adams (Nursing) at 8-1-2401. Send in your form today!

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## **BOOOOOO....TO YOU...AT HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL!**

Ghosties and goblins will appear...hauntings and ghoulish tales will be told...at TWU's "Ghouls-N-Gruels" Halloween festival on Thurs., Oct. 29, from 7 to 11 p.m., Student Center. The public and the campus community are invited; admission is \$1 per person (or free with a TWU student ID). Sponsored by the TWU Student Center office, the event will feature food, fun, a costume contest, jack-o-lantern carving contest, dance contest, booths and more! "Ghouls-n-Gruels' is a safe, secure event for people of all ages," said Stephanie Necaie (Student Center). "All activities are sponsored by TWU organizations, and we will have a security officer on site to ensure the safety of all participants."

Free events include a costume contest sponsored by the TWU office of conference services (pictures from 7 to 7:30 p.m.; judging from 7:30 to 8 p.m.; prizes awarded at 8 p.m.); a dance

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## **HAPPY HALLOWEEN, *continued***

contest sponsored by the TWU office of intercultural services, with prizes for each category (pre-kindergarten at 7:15 p.m.; elementary school at 8:15 p.m.; junior high/high school at 9:15 p.m.; and college/adult at 10:15 p.m.); jack-o-lantern carving sponsored by Marriott Food Services (pick up pumpkins in TWU Underground -- first come, first served; return to SC 2nd floor by 7 p.m.; judging from 7 to 9 p.m.; winners announced at 10 p.m. -- must be present to win); face painting; and balloon animals.

Booths sponsored by TWU student organizations will include a balloon pop, duck pond, cake walk, peanut races, bean bag toss, jail-in, coin toss, marriage booth, sponge toss, horror-scope, casket grab, Blow-Pop game, pie eating contest, tic-tac-toe, Halloween party pictures, fortune telling and pie throwing. A "Ghostly Goodies" food court will offer cotton candy, popcorn, beverages, baked goods, hot

dogs, nachos and sodas. Call the Student Center office at 8-1-3641 for more information. Boo!

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## NEWSBRIEFS

**Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to Ann Hatch (public information), editor, either through campus mail or by e-mail to [s\\_hatch@twu.edu](mailto:s_hatch@twu.edu). The weekly deadline to receive information is Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week. Student information for the "People" section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conjunction with a faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.**

*A new exhibit* titled *Thursday Nights* by artist Nancy Rosen will be displayed in the TWU fine arts gallery from Oct. 24 to Nov. 20. Rosen's paintings may be seen from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays; the exhibit is free and open to the public. For details, call 8-1-2530.

**Reminder: A reception honoring Dr. Richard Nicholas** (student life) will be held on Tues., Oct. 20, from 4 to 5 p.m., ACT 2. All faculty, staff and students are invited to attend and congratulate him on his appointment as vice president for student life.

**Student applications** for a Golden Key scholarship -- designated for a junior and a senior initiate on Nov. 10 -- must be submitted by Oct. 25. For details, call May Kwan at 8-1-4787.

**Reminder: A financial aid training session for academic advisors** will be held on Tues., Oct. 20, from 2 to 4 p.m., SC 105, with Raedean Bolton (financial aid). Find out about the importance dropping a class, being a general major, holding non-degree status, carrying too many hours, academic advising -- and how each area affects a student's financial aid. Call 8-1-3056.

**SOTA** (Student Occupational Therapy Association) will present a number of activities during the next several weeks. They include: a faculty forum on geriatric play time on Mon., Oct. 19, noon, MCL 911; a bake sale on Wed., Oct. 21, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., MCL, and a general meeting that day from noon to 1 p.m., MCL 6th floor; power point seminar on Mon., Oct. 26, from noon to 1 p.m., SH; a fundraiser featuring Discovery toys on Nov. 2, MCL; and Camp Summit on Sat., Nov. 7 -- hands-on experience with physically challenged adults through volunteer experience (applications required; available in SOTA office, MCL).

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**Reminder: In October, a Monster Flute Concert** conjures up visions of gigantic instruments with dancing arms and legs, noisily playing some haunting tunes. Fear not! TWU's annual Monster Flute Concert, instead, showcases a 20-member ensemble, directed by Dr. Pamela Youngblood (performing arts, music) and comprising flute students from TWU and Brookhaven College in Dallas. The free concert will be held on Tues., Oct. 27, at 8 p.m., MJPH.

**TWU's telephone system** will be upgraded in October and November, creating some periods on weekends when phones and voice mail will be unavailable. "We will have several hours of down time on those weekends, but ITS will have cellular service on campus to accommodate any emergency calls," said Tom Graf (ITS). Those remaining dates are: Oct. 24 and 25 for Dallas-Parkland; Nov. 7 to 9, Houston; and Nov. 25 to 29, Denton. Call 8-1-3792 for details.

**Reminder: The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation** annually recognizes 10 professors for their dedication to the teaching profession and their outstanding academic, scientific and scholarly achievement. The awards specifically focus on recognition of the teaching profession. Nominees must be full-time faculty. Nominations must be submitted on two-part forms, available from the faculty awards committee, by contacting Dr. Sarah McIntire (biology) at 8-1-2396. Materials may be faxed from Dallas or Houston to 8-1-2392. *The deadline to submit is Mon., Oct. 19, at noon.*

**An open forum for TWU faculty and staff** in Dallas will be held on Mon., Nov. 9, FPH 2nd floor faculty conference room, from 10 to 11 a.m. Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) will convene the forum and also will provide an update on the university's strategic plan, *Pioneering Our Future*. Faculty and staff are invited to enjoy refreshments from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

**Reminder: TWU's 5th annual flu shot clinic** for faculty, staff and students is offered every Wednesday in October from 4 to 6 p.m. at Student Health Services. The cost is \$10 per person, and each client must have a valid TWU ID. Plan to stay 20 minutes after the shot is administered. For more information, call 8-1-3826.

**Reminder: A Saturday visit for prospective students** and their family members will be hosted by the TWU office of undergraduate admissions on Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon in Denton. Interested persons are asked to RSVP two weeks before the program, which includes a welcome and campus overview, financial aid session and campus tour. For details, call 8-1-3047.

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## **UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE**

Dr. **Carol Surles** (president's office) will address the general assembly of the American Association of University Women on April 19, 1999. She will discuss "Higher Education for the 21st Century: An Agenda for Women."

**Judy Elias** (Student Center) presented a workshop in October at the annual meeting of the Texas Association of College and University Personnel Administrators in Austin.

Dr. **Les Thompson** (Graduate School/research) recently published an article titled "Planning and Accrediting in an Information Era" which was published in *Planning for Higher Education*, the journal of the Society for College and University Planning.

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## **THIS WEEK AT TWU: OCT. 19 - 25, 1998**

### **Oct. 19-22**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

### **Oct. 25 - Nov. 20**

- Visual arts: painting exhibit titled *Thursday Nights* by Nancy Rosen, Fine Arts Gallery, free, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

### **Mon., Oct. 19**

- Administrative Council fall meeting, ACT 601, 3 p.m.
- Approve hourly timesheets on RHEA.
- SOTA: faculty forum on geriatric play time, MCL 911, noon.

### **Tues., Oct. 20**

- MAC3 Career Fair, Fort Worth Convention Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Volleyball: TWU vs. Texas A&M-Commerce, PH arena, 7 p.m.
- HR: "Becoming an Intercultural Person," BHL 101, 10 a.m.-noon.
- Reception for Dr. Richard Nicholas (student life), ACT 2, 4-5 p.m.

## **Wed., Oct. 21**

- Annual flu shot clinic for faculty and staff, SHS, 4-6 p.m.
- HR: "Get Acquainted with Services Provided by the Physical Plant Department," ACT 301, 9-10:30 a.m.
- HR: "Maximizing Your Retirement in Higher Education," ACT 501, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Safety training course: "Bloodborne Pathogen/Exposure Control," BHL 101, 10-11:30 a.m. or 2:30-4 p.m.
- SOTA: bake sale, MCL, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; meeting, MCL 6th floor, noon.

## **Thurs., Oct. 22**

- Teleconference: "Creating Tomorrow's Learner-Centered Environments -- Today!" (free; RSVP required by 10/20/98); BHL 101, 11 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

## **Fri., Oct. 23**

- Biology seminar (free): Dr. Sharmin Maswood (TWU), CFO 205, 4 p.m.
- Volleyball: TWU vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville, PH arena, 6 p.m.
- Library open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- HR: "Management Skills for Secretaries, Administrative Assistants and Support Staff," BHL 101, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

## **Sat., Oct. 24**

- Saturday Visit for prospective students, ACT 301, 9 a.m.-noon.
- Rose F. Spicola Forum in Reading, \$41 for non-students and \$15 for students, MCL, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Volleyball: TWU vs. Tarleton State University, Stephenville, 7 p.m.
- TWU Opera Ensemble: "Sentiments and Resolutions: An Evening of American Opera," \$7/\$5/\$3, MJPH, 8 p.m.
- Continuing education: "Conflict Resolution" workshop, "Mediation Advocacy," SH, all day.
- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

## **Sun., Oct. 25**

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.
- TWU Opera Ensemble: "Sentiments and Resolutions: An Evening of American Opera," \$7/\$5/

\$3, MJPH, 3 p.m.

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