

# Chamber CHATTER



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## Chamber News

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**2022 Shelby County  
SMALL  
BUSINESS  
AWARDS**



**MAY 18, 2022**

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1st Sunday

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3rd Tuesday

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5th Thursday

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6th Friday

**CLASS OF '22 MOVIE IN THE PARK**

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7th Saturday

**UM COMMENCEMENT**

9am Class of 2022 / Flowerhill  
[montevallo.edu/about-um/traditions/commencement/](http://montevallo.edu/about-um/traditions/commencement/)

8th Sunday

**MOTHER'S DAY**

14th Saturday

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18th Wednesday

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21st Saturday

**ALABAMA PET PANTRY**

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23rd Monday

**MONTEVALLO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION**

7pm / UM Student Activity Center  
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24th Tuesday

**2022 ALABAMA PRIMARY ELECTION**

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27th Friday

**FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE COVE**

Owl's Cove Park / 6:30pm

30th Monday

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## SPRING CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

by Marshel Roy Cunningham ( [GoneToAlabama@aol.com](mailto:GoneToAlabama@aol.com) )



One hundred years ago, schools and churches around Montevallo formed youth league basketball teams for both boys and girls. Here is a team from Spring Creek Presbyterian Church. It appears from the young man at the base of the steps that the team has won a trophy. If you can identify any of the team members, please let us know by mail at the address below, or email us at [GoneToAlabama@aol.com](mailto:GoneToAlabama@aol.com)



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There is a new P.E.O. chapter forming in Shelby County!  
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Thursday, May 19 -- 1:00 PM  
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For more information contact Sylvia Sheffield  
[ssheffield108@gmail.com](mailto:ssheffield108@gmail.com)

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*Happy Mother's Day!*

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## UNTOLD STORIES OF BLACK MONTEVALLO

*presented by the Montevallo Historic Preservation Commission  
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### THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF SHOAL CREEK BAPTIST

A neglected graveyard in a little-visited corner of Shoal Creek Park on Highway 119 may turn out to be the first stop on Montevallo's African American Heritage Trail. The rough-hewn stones, some barely visible in the underbrush, mark burial sites of members of the oldest Baptist church in Shelby County. The church was established in 1817. A log cabin meeting house stood on the site from 1820. It may surprise some to learn that the Baptist Church of Shoal Creek welcomed people of color into its fellowship from the start.

The Church minutes, covering the years 1820 to 1857, have been transcribed in full by local historian Marty Everse. They provide names and, in some cases, glimpses of the lives of early African American members of the church. By convention enslaved persons were identified by first name followed by their owner's full name. Thus we find Hannah, a slave of William Moore; Polly, a black woman belonging to David Meredith; Fill, a servant of Joseph D. Lee. The word servant is often used in place of slave. Several "servants" belonged to the church clerk, Edmund King, the wealthy planter and financier whose slave-built house, King House, dating from 1823, still stands on the UM campus. It was added to the National Historic Register in 1972 with no mention of its historic significance as a site of slave labor.

The minutes hint at untold stories of two men owned by King. Brothers Nelson and Jacob were probably among the fifteen enslaved persons inherited as property when King's father died in 1817. They seemed to have had unusual speaking powers and both sought an active role in the Sunday worship. In 1822 they gained authorization to "exercise their gift" -- that is, to preach -- the second Sunday of each month. Remarkably, white members of the church were instructed "to attend and hear" so as "to approve or disapprove of their gifts."

Away from the church, probably in the slave quarters at King House, Nelson and Jacob had a falling out serious enough to get themselves excommunicated. They managed, doubtless with assistance from their influential owner, to get restored to fellowship. Brother Jacob subsequently had his preaching role reaffirmed: he was approved as a public speaker "so far as heard by the Church." Brother Nelson, on the other hand, seemed destined for perpetual difficulties. In 1827, he was charged with "disorderly conduct" and subjected to a "trial" by the white leadership. They found him guilty of improper relations ("incontinency and licentious conduct") with "King's Suckey." He was again excommunicated and, despite later efforts to be reinstated, continued to be excluded. Suckey was owned by King for decades to come. As property she could and was deeded from one owner to another. A surviving quitclaim deed tells

us that "King's Suckey" was about eighteen at the time of the troubles. Hannah, Polly, Fill, Jacob, Nelson, Suckey: these enslaved persons had passions, conflicts, regrets, ambitions, desires -- complex emotional lives. Their very existence was nearly lost to history.

Scholars of the early Baptist Church in Alabama would not be surprised by these findings. Historians have long known that, especially in the 1820s, white Baptists took seriously the immortality of the souls of people of color and some even questioned the morality of slavery. Blacks and whites often worshiped together. But ambivalence regarding slave ownership (think about the oft-used substitution of servant for slave in the Church minutes) soon hardened into pro-slavery positions. Why? Cotton production became increasingly profitable and profits depended on slave labor. Historian Wilson Fallin writes: "As Alabama Baptists became prosperous cotton farmers and increased their slaves, they began to defend slavery and project it as a positive good" (Uplifting the People, 10).



*The first meeting house of Shoal Creek Baptist Church would have resembled the Claybank Church near Ozark in Dale County, Alabama.*

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Records of the Shoal Creek Baptist Church make visible African American presence during our town's pioneer era. They cannot restore lost voices -- for that we must look to novelists and poets -- but they do invite contemplation of the individuality of persons once lumped together as nameless "slaves." Some are likely buried somewhere in the Shoal Creek graveyard. It is a site that demands recognition for what it is: sacred ground in the African American Heritage Trail.

We are grateful to Marty Everse for sharing his transcription of the Church minutes and for supplying us with the photograph of the Claybank log cabin church.

Submitted by Kathy King & Anitka Stewart Sims. Contact us at [Movaltrail@gmail.com](mailto:Movaltrail@gmail.com). We want to hear your stories and welcome correction of fact or interpretation.

**JOB OPENINGS AT UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH AND PRE-K CENTER**

University Baptist Church is looking for a Church Nursery Worker Sunday mornings from 9:00 am-12:30 pm.

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# CITY OF MONTEVALLO NEWS

## Mayor's Message...

### May 2022



Hello, Citizens of Montevallo, I hope all of you are doing well. If the old saying is true that "April showers bring May flowers", we are going to have more flowers than we know what to do with after all of the rain that we had in April. We dodged another bullet with **RUSTY NIX, MAYOR** the tornado that passed through town a few weeks ago and had no damage to municipal buildings. Unfortunately, the University of Montevallo had three buildings that were in the path of the storm. The Traffic Safety Center, 3D art building, and Brooke Hall were damaged during the storm. Thankfully, there were no injuries as UM students were off campus for spring break. Our storm shelter at Stephens Park was utilized and 96+ people used the facility. Last month, James Spann was in town for the ribbon cutting of the shelter, and since that time, we have had to open it three times. The shelter is opened when a tornado watch is posted and is closed after the threat of severe weather is over. As a note of good news, preparations for pouring the slab for the second storm shelter behind Fire Station 1 are in progress and we hope to have it ready in a couple of months. I would like to remind everyone that the city has a text alert system that will keep citizens aware of news/events that are important to the community. This is a free service and it is so easy to sign up! To receive alerts from the city, text MONTEVALLO to 91896 and type Yes to Opt-in. You may opt-out at any time by texting STOP to 91896.

Spring is a busy time of year in Montevallo with baseball/softball tournaments commencing at our ball parks. These tournaments attract many visitors to our city which grows revenue for the city. In addition, we also have high school baseball/softball games going on as well as University of Montevallo baseball/softball. Please plan to come out and support the Bulldogs and the Falcons.

The City just completed refurbishing the wood and reinforcing the main bridge at Orr Park. We are also investigating the process of restoring the creek bank at the park. Damage from recent flooding that we have experienced has taken a toll on the creek bank. I like to think that Orr Park is one of the nicest parks in the State of Alabama, so we need to take steps to keep the park safe as well as beautifully maintained.

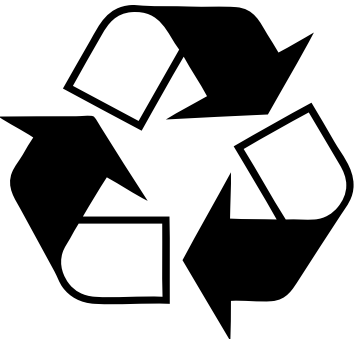
Music at Owls Cove Park will start up the last weekend in April and will run throughout the summer. The first event at the park will be on Friday, April 29th at 6:30 p.m. Plan to bring your lawn chair or a blanket and come out for some great family friendly entertainment. Bring your dinner with you or purchase your meal from the food truck that will be on site. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 30th. Please plan to visit the National Cemetery on that day to honor the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice so we may enjoy the privilege of the freedoms that come

with living in the United States of America. Also, in observance of the upcoming holiday, 116 banners of local veterans will fly in and around town. Please take notice of the banners and thank a veteran for their service.

As most of you know, The Montevallo Arts Fest that was scheduled for Saturday, April 16th has been postponed. The Montevallo Arts Collaborative Board had to make the difficult decision to postpone the art festival due to the high probability of rain and thunderstorms on that day. The event has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 18th. Please mark your calendar so you don't miss this event and the chance to support local artists!

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor.



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The Montevallo Farmers' Market is a community project of the Montevallo Chamber of Commerce, Montevallo First Baptist Church, and the City of Montevallo. The Market is located on the grassy lot behind Montevallo First Baptist Church at 660 Main Street. Parking is available in the lot behind the church.

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- **Sweets & Eats Take Home Baking Kits** for Kids, available the week of May 16-20. While supplies last.
- Celebrate **National Kids Fitness Day** with a FREE jump rope on Wednesday, May 4. Available while supplies last.
- **Tech Help Hour**, Tuesday May 10 and Thursday May 19 at 1:00 pm.
- **Community Sewing Session** for The March Quilts 8: A(MEND), hosted by Bib & Tucker Sew-Op on Friday, May 20 from 10-12. Join us for sewing and a community conversation with Birmingham-based organization Bib & Tucker. All ages and skill levels welcome.
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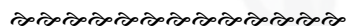
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**EVERY 2ND MONDAY**  
 MDCD Montevallo Development Cooperative District  
 1 p.m., Meets at City Hall

**EVERY 1ST TUESDAY**  
 Historical Commission, 6:30 p.m., Conference Room at Parnell Library.

**EVERY TUESDAY**  
 Ladies Bible Study - Community Wide  
 10:00-11:00 am, Montevallo First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

**EVERY TUESDAY -**  
 7-8:30 pm, Montevallo Community Chorale meets at Choir Room of Davis Hall on UM Campus.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY**  
 Aldrich Coal Mine Museum and Farrington Hall is OPEN from 10 a.m. until 4 pm

**EVERY THURSDAY**  
 Rotary Meeting, noon, City Hall

**EVERY 3RD THURSDAY**  
 Planning & Zoning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall

**EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY**  
 Montevallo Water & Sewer Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

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**Understanding Mortgage Rates**

For the first time in several years, we are seeing mortgage rates rise. To better predict what could happen next, Somer Barchini from Guild Mortgage shared with Team Lehman the following information:

**What drives mortgage rates?**

Here are the 6 main factors that affect home loan rates.

	Rates go up	Rates go down
<b>Economic data</b>	Non-farm payrolls higher than expected Unemployment rate goes down Better than expected economic data	Jobs data stagnant or in decline Manufacturing stagnant or slowing Housing weaker than expected
<b>Geopolitics</b>	China's GDP improves Middle East tensions ease	European economy ails Conflicts or acts of terror
<b>Inflationary pressure</b>	Higher consumer price index Higher wholesale prices Hourly earnings higher	Lower consumer prices Lower wholesale prices Hourly earnings lower
<b>The Federal Reserve</b>	Mortgage rates fluctuate when the market reacts to economic announcements and stocks and bonds move, but it's impossible to accurately predict short-term interest rate changes	Adding cash into the monetary system creates a looser credit environment in an attempt to stimulate the economy through borrowing and expansion
<b>Stock market</b>	Stock market on the rise	Stocks in decline
<b>Global events</b>	A severe landscape around the globe with little catastrophic weather or events	Hurricanes, typhoons, tsunamis and earthquakes

Despite the rising rates, real estate remains a great investment and the is best way for families to build wealth. If you are thinking of buying or selling, don't wait. Now is the time.

*Submitted by Susan Lehman, Team Lehman*

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SUBMITTED BY ARTHUR HERBERT

## COMMON BICYCLE ROADBLOCKS

May is National Bicycle Month, as sponsored by The League of American Bicyclists. Many of us are interested in riding bicycles, but we perceive “roadblocks” that prevent us from riding. Overcome these roadblocks to ride your way back into the saddle.

**Bike Shops Seem Intimidating** – Take a bit of time to prepare for your shopping trip. What are your goals? Where will you ride? How far? How often? What types of terrain? How much do you want to spend? You may also consider online reviews to find a shop with the best customer experience and service – it may not be the closest shop to your house.

**Riding Is Uncomfortable** – It shouldn't be! Bicycles come in different sizes and discomfort is often directly related to a poor fit. To avoid dooming your bike to the dust pile, find the frame style and size that work for your body. Good bike shops encourage customers to take a multiple test-rides; are the brakes easy to reach? Can you put your foot down flat? Can you pedal smoothly without overextending your knees or rocking your hips? Your sales associate can adjust fit. Your bike will get more use if it is 100% comfortable.

**Lycra: are you serious?** – Spandex is NOT essential equipment for riding. You can ride to work, run errands,

or enjoy casual rides in clothing you already own. Choose fabrics that will move with you on the bike. Protect your pants with a chain-band (tucking your pant leg into your socks also works). For longer rides, consider padded shorts and/or padded gloves.

**Traffic is Scary** – You don't have to ride on the road to be a cyclist. Begin on paths or in parks that are car-free. Grow your confidence by moving to quiet neighborhoods. Maintain at least 3-feet between your bike and parked cars (to avoid opening doors). Signal as needed. Your skills will increase with practice – so ride often!

If you would like to practice your riding skills while having fun, join us for our next group ride! ValloCycle is Alabama's oldest citywide bike share. For more information visit [vallocycle.com](http://vallocycle.com), contact [vallocycle@gmail.com](mailto:vallocycle@gmail.com), or find us on Facebook.

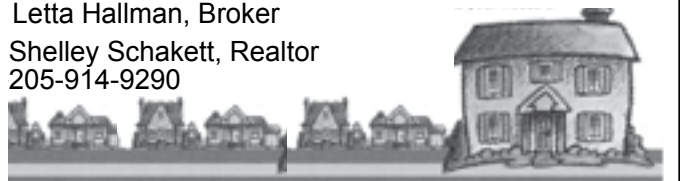
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# MILITARY MOMENT

Submitted by Traci Crenshaw, Director,  
UM Office of Veteran & Military Affairs



YAY, it's May! It sure doesn't look anything like how May 2021 looked. May is Military Appreciation month and we also honor Memorial Day this month.

## MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

Military.com says "May, marked officially as Military Appreciation Month, is a special month for both those in and out of the military. Not only do we pause on Memorial Day to remember the sacrifice and service of those who gave all, but the month also holds several other military anniversaries and events, including Military Spouse Appreciation Day and Armed Forces day."

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the chance to publicly show their appreciation for troops past and present. Each year the president makes a proclamation, reminding Americans of the important role the U.S. Armed Forces have played in the history and development of our country. In 1940, Winston Churchill said "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

## MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Former President Barack Obama said "Our nation owes a debt to its fallen heroes that we can never fully repay, but we can honor their sacrifice." Memorial Day 2022 will occur on Monday, May 30.

At first, Memorial Day was known as Decoration Day. According to history.com "It originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season." It is always a great day to remember the many who sacrificed for our freedoms.





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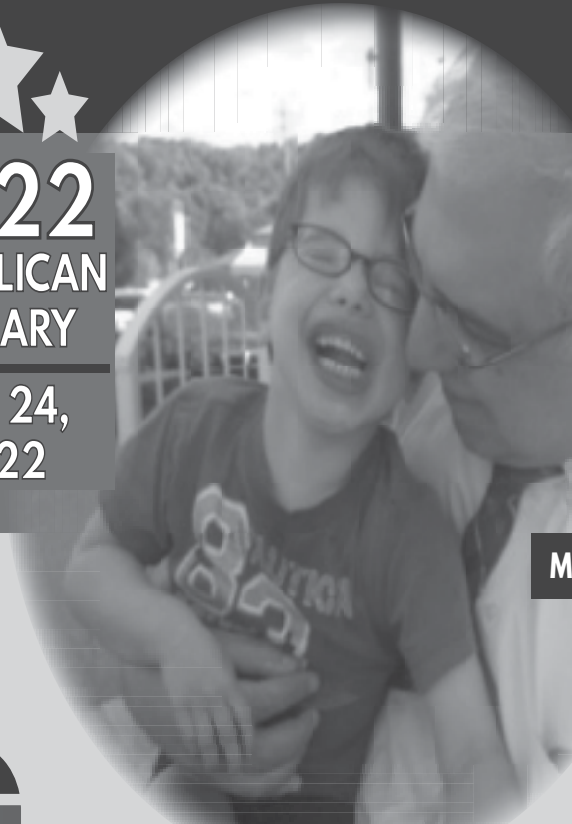


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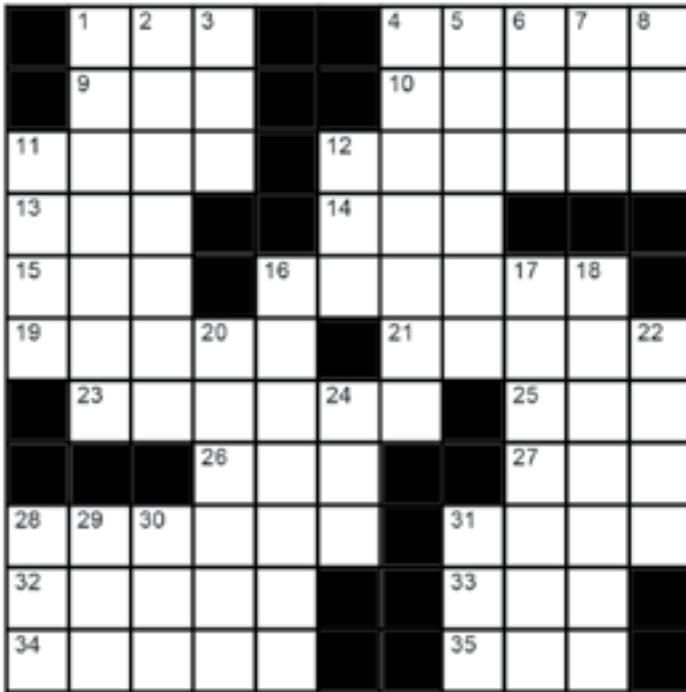


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by Steve Forrester



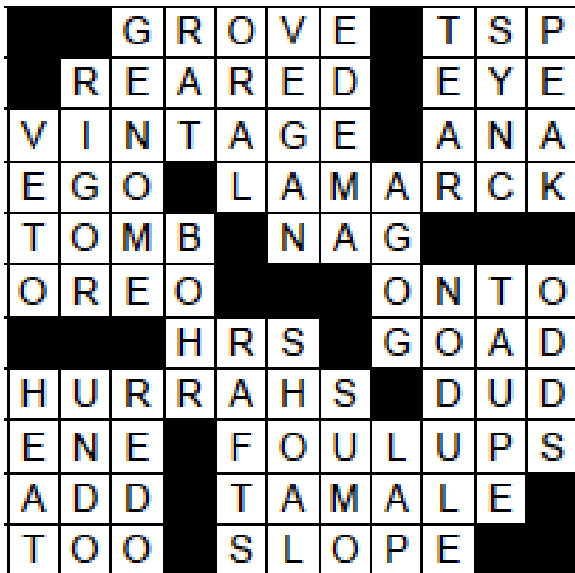
## Across

1. School org.
4. Bunny is one kind, so is Double Black Diamond
9. To do this is human
10. Australia's bear
11. Like some champagne
12. A symbol of sacrifice
13. Part of T.G.I.F.
14. Airport information: Abbr.
15. Groove
16. Political dissidents, often
19. Gloom
21. An 18-Down, usually associated with water
23. "You \_\_\_\_ at Montevallo" - UM slogan
25. Poet's 'before'
26. Purpose
27. Margaritas often have a salted one
28. Type of crab
31. Body art, informally
32. Type of acid
33. Pub order
34. Entrenched
35. Passports, e.g.

## Down

1. Annoy
2. A member of UM's Board
3. "Our Father who \_\_ in Heaven..."
4. Follows figure or speed, at the Olympics
5. With a royal bearing
6. Horse morsel
7. Layer
8. Must for a musician
11. This is "the word" from a 1963 hit song
12. Tex-\_\_
16. Shoreline problem
17. \_\_ City, from *The Wizard of Oz*
18. Fairy tale figures
20. What the recent UM graduates just became
22. Lines on skirts
24. Opposite of gross
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