

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

OCTOBER 6, 2017

YOUTH FEATURE – JOHNNY SHAVER!



COLLEGE DEMOCRATS FALL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT!

These happy young leaders were part of the crowd that attended the Fall Leadership Summit of the College Democrats of North Carolina at High Point University on September 30th. Under the excellent leadership of President John Easterling these college students learned a lot and built up each others enthusiasm.



**State Representative Duane Hall (center) was the event's Keynote Speaker
From the left the College Democrats with him in this picture are:
Tia Canada, Andrew Morrison, Anna Louise Flanagan, and Blaike Bibbs**



**Zachary Daniels, President John Easterling
and Ren Stogner**



**NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt
Hughes speaking to the College Dems**

In this one week, Matt represented NCDP in High Point, Lincolnton, and Chapel Hill.



**Davonte Wilson, Minority Affairs Director of the Young Democrats of North Carolina
shared his wisdom and advice.**



**Four outstanding ECU College Dems with Rep. Duane Hall. From the left they are:
CDNC Membership Director Caleb Burroughs, CDNC Press Secretary Jon Cockerham,
CDNC Deputy Political Director Kristoffer Rixon, & ECU CD President Davieon Taylor.**

YOUTH FEATURE – “MR. ENTHUSIASM”

JOHNNY SHAVER

DUPLIN COUNTY & UNC-WILMINGTON!



Johnny Shaver is a 19 year old Duplin County Democrat who is a student at UNC-Wilmington. Johnny is excited about greatly increasing Democratic participation by Hispanic youth as well as youth of all nationalities.

His goal in Duplin County is to see at least one Hispanic person serving on a Town Board. He went to the Board of Elections office to file for a seat on the Board of the town of Magnolia. However, he learned that he was two years too young to file because a candidate must be at least 21.

Johnny said he wants to serve in public office because of “the change you can make in your community, the good you can do.”

At James Kenan High School he was President of his freshman class, President of his sophomore class, and Secretary of his junior class.

In the picture on the right, Johnny is with his mother, Maria Shaver, and Regional 9 Democratic Women Director Marcella Morrissey at a Duplin County Democratic meeting.

Maria says Johnny has had his mind set on political activities since he was five. “When we picked someone for President, he would be so interested,” she says. “I don’t know where he gets it from but I’m so proud of him and support him.”

“He doesn’t have limits,” Maria says. “He can keep going and help so many people. He is always trying to help people get their rights.”



He Is SENATOR SHAVER now!

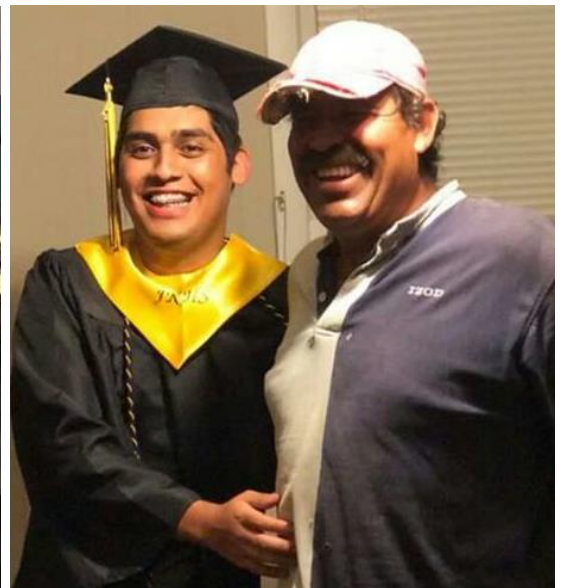
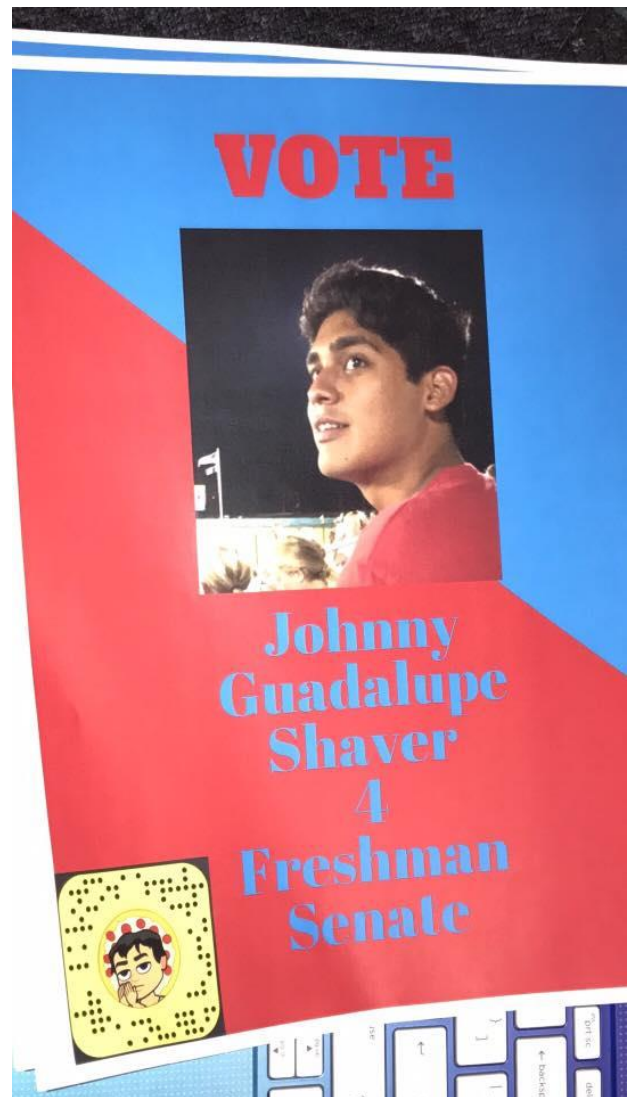
This Fall Johnny entered UNC-Wilmington on a Grow Your Own Scholarship. He is going to major in History Education.

He ran in a field of six candidates for one Senate seat in the UNC-Wilmington Student Government. His classmates recognized his leadership abilities and they elected him over the other five candidates!

After graduating he plans to return to Duplin County and teach in Duplin schools – and run for public office. The 2010 US Census found that Duplin County has a higher percentage of Hispanic residents than any other county in North Carolina – 22%.

His goal is to see at least one Hispanic person serving as a Town Board Member. “It’s important to see someone who looks like you up there,” he said, “and to have someone who can translate what is going on.”

Johnny’s hero is Cesar Chavez who championed farm workers’ rights in the 1960s and 1970s. Johnny is already working with the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) to help promote the rights of immigrants and migrant farm workers.



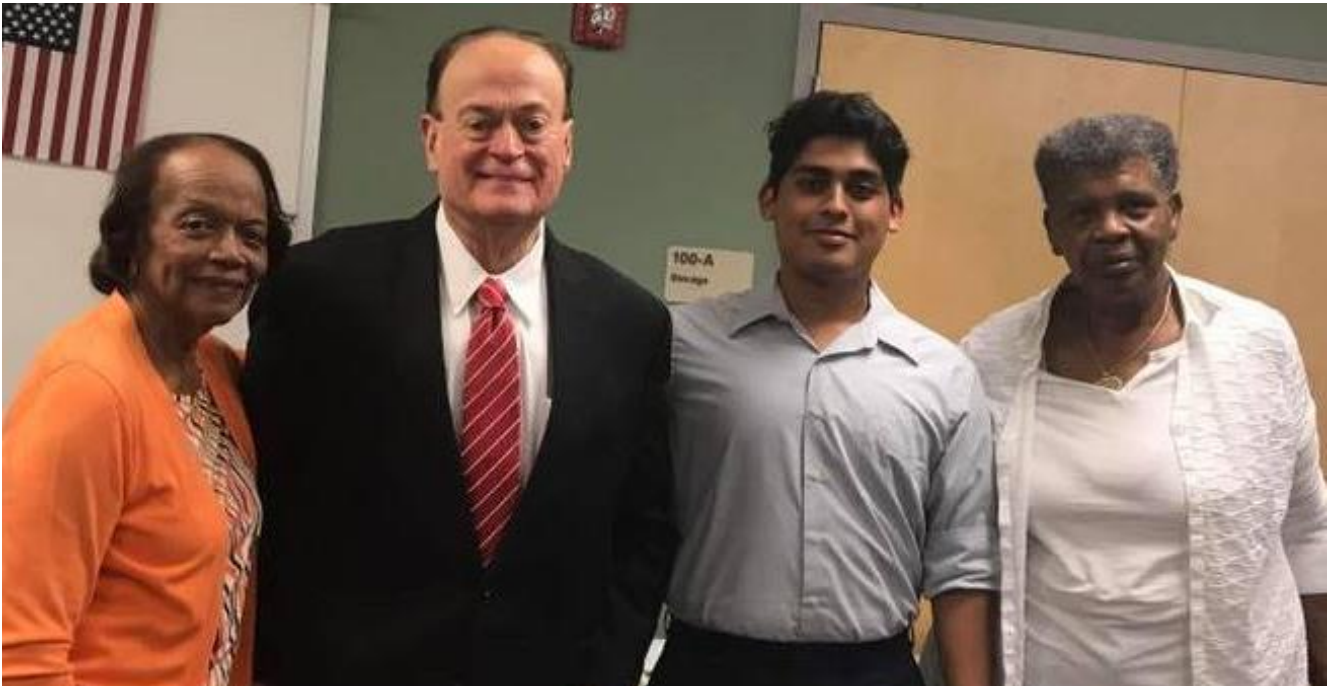
These pictures were made when Johnny graduated from James Kenan High School in May. In the picture on the right he is with his father, Gregorio Torrez-Mendez.



Maria and Johnny joined Seventh Congressional District Democratic Party Chair Francisco Rivas-Diaz and Brenda Rivas-Diaz who is Recording Secretary of the Democratic Women of North Carolina for this picture.

Johnny and Francisco are working to start a Hispanic Democrats Caucus in Duplin County. Johnny says: "We want to start with Duplin County, and maybe someday branch out to having a Hispanic senator or representative."

Francisco says: "It is inspiring to see a young gentleman like Johnny who is so mature, eager, passionate, and full of energy when it comes to social issues. I see a future leader in Johnny and a bright career as well."



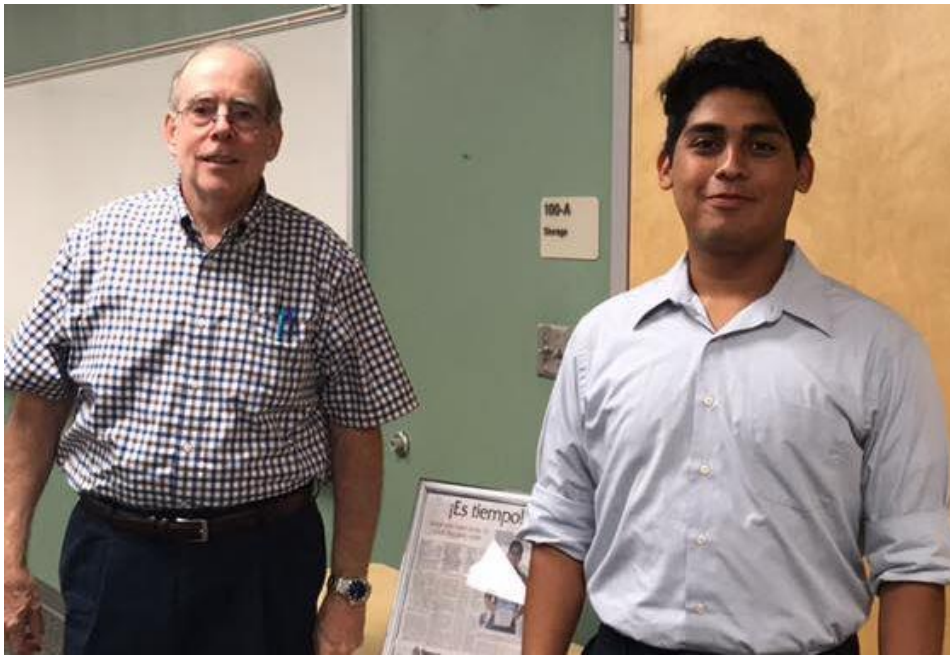
Johnny brings enthusiasm to Duplin County Democratic meetings. In this picture he is with Delilah Gomes, NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams, and Duplin County Commissioner Jessie Ladson. Johnny generates excitement at every meeting he attends.



As soon as he arrived at UNCW, Johnny eagerly jumped into Democratic activities in Wilmington. He attended New Hanover County's Unity Dinner where he posed with Congressional Candidate Dr. Kyle Horton. After the Dinner ended, Johnny stood behind the speaker's lectern and "practiced" for future speeches he might deliver. Young Democrats in Wilmington recommended Johnny's appointment to be the representative of Young Democrats on the 7th Congressional District Board.



John LaTorre and Nicole Stokes welcomed Johnny to the New Hanover Democratic Unity Dinner. Johnny enjoys meeting Democrats of all ages.



Duplin County Democratic Party Chair George Francis enjoys the excitement that Johnny has brought to Duplin Democratic meetings.

COUNTYWIDE RECOGNITION!

The August 24, 2017 edition of *The Duplin Times*, Duplin County's only local newspaper, published a full page article about Johnny and the article was carried over to be finished on page three. The headline says "Es tiempo!" which means "It's time!" Some of the information in this newspaper article has been quoted in this "GOOD NEWS" article.

Democrats may write to Johnny Shaver at: JShaversd@gmail.com.



Johnny Shaver, 19, proudly displays one of his flyers encouraging Hispanic Duplin County residents to form their own caucus.



Johnny Shaver, 19, with his mother Maria, second from left, and ...



ELECTION RALLY

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Dr. Everett Ward



County Democratic
Party Chair
Rebecca Llewellyn

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**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE
7TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL NIGHT!
6:00PM, Saturday, October 14, 2017
Location: The Fountain of Raleigh Fellowship
9621 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, NC 27615**

UNITY IN DIVERSITY AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO:

- FIRST LADY KRISTIN COOPER**
- STEPHANIE WHITLEY RN**
- SECRETARY LARRY HALL**
- DR. GRACE GALLOWAY**
- DR. JENNIFER GARST**
- PILAR ROCHA-GOLDBERT**
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- DR. G. D. SHARMA**

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The Following Will Be Provided:

International Cuisine, Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Desserts & Entertainment

Feel Free To Dress In Your Ethnic Attire



NCDP AFRICAN AMERICAN CAUCUS GALA!

NCDP's African American Caucus held its First Annual Gala at the Sheraton Hotel in Chapel Hill on September 30th. Their theme was Knowledge and Power: Fostering Politics of Empowerment.

From the left in the picture above are Natalie Murdock, Dr. Wendy May, Ronald Newton, AAC President Linda Wilkins-Daniels, Nardine Guirgus, Dr. Kyle Horton, AAC Vice President Jay Powell and Adrienne Townsend-Greene



Both of these pictures are of the same person: Playwright Adrienne Townsend-Greene.

In the picture on the left she is dressed for the Gala.

The picture on the right shows her when she enacted a dramatic presentation about the life and work of Mississippi voting rights heroine Fannie Lou Hamer!



Seventh Congressional District Candidate Dr. Kyle Horton was the Keynote Speaker at the AAC Gala. AAC Communication Director Ronald Newton joined her for this picture.



Linda Wilkins-Daniels of Goldsboro did an outstanding job of organizing the AAC's First Gala and making it a highly meaningful event for everyone who attended.



Fun: NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes, Senator Floyd McKissick, AAC Vice President Natalie Murdock, Durham City Council Candidate Shelia Huggins, and NCDP Third Vice Chair Nida Allam were making the "Durham Bull" sign when this playful picture was taken.



**WAYNE GOODWIN KEYNOTES
WATAUGA FALL RALLY!**

State Party Chair Wayne Goodwin gave an electrifying Keynote Speech at the October 1st Fall Rally of the Watauga County Democrats at Appalachian State University in Boone. A packed house interrupted his talk with applause and cheers.

The picture above shows the Sisters of Perpetual Sarcasm as they performed hilariously.



Stella Anderson, Pam Williamson, and Juanita Hay happily joined Wayne for this picture.



Democrats feasted on a delicious buffet which was prepared by Fifth Congressional District Chair Charlie Wallin!



One writer said “Wayne knocked it out of the park!”



Watauga Democratic leader Jerry Wayne was instrumental in the success of the event.

A special ceremony was held to induct five outstanding Democrats into the Watauga County Democratic Hall of Fame!

The five inductees were:

James Patrick Morgan

Percilla Counts

Grace McEntee

Christine Agnes Behrend

Lonnie Webster

Would you like some inspiration?

Read this newspaper article about these five remarkable inductees!

<http://wataugadems.com/2769>



MATT ALEXANDER ADDRESSES THE NORTHERN ORANGE DEMOCRATIC BRUNCH GROUP!

Now that Matt Alexander, Executive Vice President of the Teen Democrats of North Carolina, has enrolled at UNC-CH he has quickly made friends with Orange County Democrats.

On September 23rd Matt spoke to the North Orange Democratic Brunch Group in Hillsborough.

This North Orange Group was founded by County Commissioner Renee Price (above) several years ago. She invites everyone to attend. This inviting spirit of Renee's is one of the main reasons she was overwhelmingly re-elected in 2016.

The theme of Matt's presentation was that Democrats must show the transparency and openness of the Party to young people. Democrats must build relationships between the youth and the more experienced members of the Party – whether they be members of the Democratic Women, Seniors Dems, or any other seasoned Party members.

His final major point was ensuring that youth know that they can express themselves and be heard and heeded when talking to members of the NC Democratic Party. He concluded by saying: "If we get this right, we will be able to capture the hearts and minds of a generation."



John Ferguson, Second Vice Chair of the Orange County Democratic Party, happily welcomed Matt to the Northern Orange Brunch Group.



8TH DISTRICT LISTENING TOUR – IN CARTHAGE!

State Representative Billy Richardson and Humanitarian Activist Beth Troutman staged the second stop of their Listening Tour at the Filly & Colts Restaurant in Carthage on September 16th. This Listening Tour was conceived and promoted by Eighth Congressional District Democratic Party Chair Dylan Frick.

Joining in the picture above (from the left) are Hoke County Party Secretary Peggy Davis, 8th Congressional District Second Vice Chair Christina Davis-McCoy, Hoke County Party Chair Jim Davis, and Hoke County Party First Vice Chair Charlotte Kelly.



Representative Richardson happily conversed with Kent McGill from Lakeview in Moore County and Davonte Wilson who is Vice Chair of the Eighth Congressional District Party.



PATSY KEEVER HONORED! MATT HUGHES SPEAKS TO 10TH DISTRICT DEMS!

At their October 2nd meeting the Democrats of the 10th Congressional District saluted former NCDP State Chair Patsy Kever for her outstanding service to the Democratic Party. Tenth District Democrats have a special place in their hearts for Patsy because she was their Congressional Candidate in the 2012 election.

Tenth District Chair Betsy Wells made the presentation and NCDP Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes joined in saluting Patsy.



Matt Hughes was the featured speaker at the Tenth District meeting which was held at the Lincoln County Democratic Headquarters in Lincolnton.

Matt talked about the opportunity Democrats have to break the GOP's supermajority in the legislature and about the importance of getting every Democrat to the polls.

Matt has already spoken in about 50 of our state's 100 counties since being elected NCDP Second Vice Chair in February!



WANDA DAVIS HONORED!

Wanda Davis (left) of Wilson was saluted as a “STAR” at the Stars Banquet at the Democratic Women’s Convention in Winston-Salem. Wanda served as an outstanding President of the Democratic Women of Wilson County for several years.

Current Wilson County Democratic Women President Mary Williams is with Wanda in the picture above.



CIERRA IS FLOURISHING IN COLLEGE!

Cierra Williams of Halifax County starred in this publication several months ago.

Since then she has entered Queens University in Charlotte where she is majoring in Nursing.

From the smile on her face in this picture, it looks like she is doing well in college.

Her biggest booster is her grandmother, former Halifax County Democratic Party Chair Crescenti Williams.



**FLEMING EL-AMIN SPEAKS TO
FORSYTH**

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING!

County Commissioner Fleming El-Amin was the featured speaker at the October 4th meeting of the strong Senior Democrats of Forsyth County. Fleming is knowledgeable in many areas of public service. Before becoming a County Commissioner he had served as Chair of the Forsyth County Democratic Party and as the Democratic Member of the Forsyth County Board of Elections.

Remarkable: After serving in all these stressful positions, he is still smiling!



At the Forsyth Senior Democrats meeting: County Commissioner Fleming El-Amin, School Board Candidate Eunice Campbell, Senior Democrats Secretary Mary Perry, and Senior Democrats President Fred Terry.

This publication sends a special salute to Charlie Wilson who is one of our state's most consistent suppliers of "GOOD NEWS." Charlie is dedicated!



PENDER GARDEN GALA!

Congratulations to County Chair Debbi Fintak and the Pender County Democrats for their happy September 23rd Garden Gala at Bannerman Vineyards in Burgaw. Former County Chairs Jimmy Basden and Jimbo Robbins are clearly visible in this picture.



State Party Chair Wayne Goodwin enlivened the Garden Gala with his witty and accurate speech about the difference between Democrats and Republicans. Wayne had spoken at the State Democratic Women Convention in Winston-Salem earlier that day.



7th Congressional District Candidate Dr. Kyle Horton gave a well-received speech about why we need to change members of Congress.



Special Announcement!
Pender Democrats cheered and applauded when John Johnson (right)
announced that he is going to run for State Representative
in House District 16 in 2018.



Mike Taylor (right) joined Dan and Debbie Kinney
in this happy Pender Democratic picture.



CABARRUS DEMOCRATS!

That wonderful Democrat, Ingrid Nurse, sent these pictures of the Cabarrus Democrats at the Third Annual Little Texas Community Reunion. These Democrats shared voter information, Party information, and registered new voters.



**These Democrats provided free food and led voters in dancing. A happy time!
Dawn Larma is Chair of the Cabarrus County Democratic Party.
Ingrid Nurse is the lady wearing the orange dress in both pictures.**

The Wake Democratic
Men's Club
Presents its First
Democratic
Trailblazer
Award



To The Honorable Elaine Marshall
Our Treasured Secretary of State



Two of our featured speakers:

Honorable Betty Ray McCain

Honorable June Atkinson

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Monday, October 16, 2017



Registration begins at 5:30; Meal served at 6:30 p.m.

Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown

3415 Wake Forest Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609

Tickets from \$60, Sponsorships \$100 thru \$1,000
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or to print a form that you may mail to us.
Or call Trailblazer Chair Willie Rowe at 919-291-2077.



DEMOCRATS HOST CHAPEL HILL CANDIDATES!

The Orange County Democratic Party and the Democratic Women of Orange County hosted a "Meet The Candidates Forum" on September 25th. This event gave candidates a chance to give in-depth answers to questions about which citizens are concerned.



Thanks to Orange Democratic Women President Jamezetta Bedford for providing this information.



LOU MITCHELL INDUCTED INTO RALEIGH HALL OF FAME!

Last week the Raleigh Hall of Fame inducted Lou Mitchell, wife of former Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court Burley Mitchell. With Lou in the picture above are Larry and Brenda Pollard of Durham and Bill Phillips of High Point.



At the Raleigh Hall of Fame celebration: Brenda Pollard, Ambassador Jeanette Hyde, and Raleigh attorney Jane Finch



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It is suggested that gentlemen wear coats and ties.

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Please RSVP To:

melvin535@gmail.com

For Questions or Suggestions,

Please Call Stephanie Whitley

At 919-915-2018

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