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Former VB teacher's hearing set for March

Prosecutor, police won't release probable cause report

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

MONTICELLO – A preliminary hearing for a former Van Buren teacher who forced a college student to West Point to pick up marijuana, at some point brandishing a gun, has been pushed back until March.

Adam James Hardin, 37, who's address in court documents is still listed in the 200 block of Avenue C in West

Point, is facing charges of possession of a controlled substance, and unlawful use of a weapon, both Missouri felonies.

Hardin was arrested on Oct. 27 according to a Lewis County probable cause report out of Canton, Mo. According to the report, Canton police were called to a fraternity house on Culver-Stockton's campus at 7:35 p.m., where a student informed police that Hardin had made him transport him back to West Point and at one point pulled a gun and set it on the console of the truck telling the students that was for him not to ask any questions. Once in West Point, Hardin retrieved a cooler from his house where a cooler was placed in the toolbox of the

pickup truck the student was driving. The two then returned to the frat house where the student was dropped off and then informed police about the incident.

Upon arrest, police recovered a semi-automatic pistol and 98 grams of marijuana.

Lewis County Judge Fred Westhoff granted a continuance last week to move the preliminary hearing to March 18 at 10:30 a.m. in Lewis County Courthouse.

Hardin is represented by John Jay Benson out of Kirksville, Missouri.

Lewis County Prosecutor Jules DeCoster of Monticel-

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

One fish, two fish...who's biddin' on this dish

The Fort Madison High School's Athletic Boosters held their annual cake auction on Saturday night during the varsity basketball games. The theme of the night was Dr. Seuss and more than \$7,000 was raised for athletic department needs.

EMPTY NEST

By Curt Swarm



MP farm dealer trades tractor for Cessna 172

The flight instructor asked Tom what he would do if he was going in for a landing and there was a horse in the middle of the runway. Tom thought for a moment and replied, "Well, I guess I'd do a go-around. The instructor said, "You'd better do it, because there is a horse on the runway."

At 63, Tom Hassenfritz of Mt. Pleasant traded a tractor for an airplane. That was 40 years ago. Tom Hassenfritz of Mt. Pleasant was taking his in-flight test for a pilot's license at Hannibal, MO. Tom received his pilot's license and bought a Cessna 182. But as his family grew, he became immersed in his farm implement business. When he found out what his life insurance was going to cost with a pilot's license, he decided it might be time to sell the airplane. Which he did.

Fast forward to this year. Tom is a wheeler-dealer in the farm implement business and has been known to trade motorcycles and snowmobiles for tractors. A customer of Tom's owned a 1976 Cessna 172M. Because of health issues, the customer couldn't fly anymore. Tom thought, "Hmm, maybe I could fly again." (Pilot's licenses never expire.) Presto-changeo, Tom traded a tractor for an airplane. It even came with a spare engine.

The airplane was in Burlington and Tom lives in Mt. Pleasant. Tom was under the impression that all he

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WEEKEND SPORTS RECAP

Bloodhounds rebound with win over Central Lee

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON – Losing can be a powerful motivator.

Fort Madison senior Logan Rashid said a loss

against cross-town rival Holy Trinity two weeks ago is still stuck in his craw. And with Friday night's loss to Mt. Pleasant, he said the Hounds had something to prove Saturday doubling up Central Lee 82-41 in

non-conference boys basketball action.

"Just from last night, we played pretty hard and couldn't get



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it done. Obviously, we were pretty mad when we faced HTC and they beat us by one, and when we face another team from our county... we're not letting that happen again,"

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Obituaries/Local News

OBITUARIES

LAURA D. KAUTZKY

Laura D. Kautzky, 28, of Ft. Madison and formerly of Perry, IA passed away at 7:18 PM on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at the Ft. Madison Community Hospital ER.

She was born on May 7, 1990 in Perry, IA to James and Darsi Hicks Kautzky.



KAUTZKY

Laura was currently working at The Madison. She was an avid Iowa Hawkeye and Green Bay Packer fan. Laura enjoyed her family and loved her dog, Rucca.

Survivors include her son, Andrew Kautzky of Ft Madison; her father, Jim (Vickie) Kautzky of Ft. Madison; her mother, Darsi (Michael Boles) Kautzky of Gilmore City, IA; a brother, Nick Kirsch of Carroll, IA ; step siblings, Austin Rose, Emma Rose, Nathan Rose and Marin Rose; paternal grandmother, Doris Kautzky of Perry, IA and Maternal Grandparents, George and Barb Wieland of Carroll, IA. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Andrea Rivera; paternal and maternal grandfather and her great grandparents.

Per her wishes, cremation has been entrusted to King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory and a Celebration of Life will held at a later date. Online condolences may be left at www.kinglynk.com.

Hardin facing two felony charges

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lo, is representing the state in the case. DeCoster, who's a part-time prosecutor and has a private practice in Monticello, declined to comment on the case when contacted at his office on Thursday.

The firearms charge is per Missouri code 571.0300 (10), which accuses Hardin of carrying a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, or any other weapon readily capable of lethal use into any school, onto any school bus, or onto the premises of any function or activity sponsored or sanctioned by school officials or the district school board.

Mindy Smith, Human Resource Manager with Van Buren Community Schools said Thursday Hardin was not using a Van Buren school district vehicle at the time of the incident.

She also said she could neither confirm nor deny that current Van Buren students were inside the vehicle as it went from Missouri to Iowa and back.

She did confirm that Hardin is no longer employed with the district.

Passion for flying comes calling back

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would have to do would be to put some gas in the airplane and fly it to Mt. Pleasant. Wrong. The airplane hadn't been flown in two years and needed to have an annual inspection. It was finally impressed upon Tom that this was an airplane, not a tractor.

The inspections were done and Tom passed his pilot's physical. He looked up his old flight instructor, and brushed up on his flying skills. There was no horse on the runway this time.

On his first solo flight, Tom sat at the end of the runway and asked himself, "Do I really want to do this?" A saying kept going through his head, "Takeoffs are optional, landings are mandatory." He held his breath and went for it. The only problem was there was fresh snow on the ground,



and everything looked different—he lost his perspective. His inclination was to panic, like when you have a scuba mask on and can't breath. But he kept his composure and made it back to the airport safely. "Wing to the wind, rudder to the runway" he told himself. From that point on, his skill set returned. "Heck, flying is like riding a bike," Tom thought. "You never forget."

Tom would like to do one of three things: if the right person comes along, he will sell the airplane. Or, if the right person comes along he will form a club to share expenses. If no one comes along, he will keep the airplane.

It's the exhilaration of flying, up there above everything, looking down, the feeling of freedom, working with that edge, maybe, that he and most pilots love. Tom never rides in a big commercial aircraft without being in awe that it can even fly.

He invested in a GoPro,

installed it on the dash of the Cessna, and studies his takeoffs and landings. According to his logbook, he's been up 20 times.

Tom has plans to visit his brother in Minneapolis, his daughter in Bolingbrook, Illinois, and maybe even his sisters in Florida. Gulp.

During slow times at work, Tom calls the recorded airport message just to hear the voice. "Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport Automated Weather Observation: One-niner-two-two, zulu, weather: wind calm, visibility one, drizzle, ceiling 600, overcast, temperature: one Celsius, dew point zero, altimeter two-niner-niner-two."

"Shoot," Toms says to no one, "It's too crappy to fly."

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Current-Lee/Lottery Numbers

CURRENT-LEE

FORT MADISON – The following is a list of events and happenings going on in Fort Madison as submitted to Pen City Current.

HTC Celebrates Catholic Schools Week

Holy Trinity Catholic Schools is celebrating National Catholic Schools Week January 27 through February 2. During this special week, Holy Trinity Catholic Schools would like to thank their community, their HTC families, alumni, and all who support them throughout the year. We thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.



Nerf Wars at FM YMCA

The Fort Madison YMCA will be the site of another round of Nerf Wars on Sunday, Jan. 27. From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. boys and girls ages 1 through 6 will compete in Nerf Wars in the gymnasium. Children must bring eye protection, their own Nerf guns, darts/bullets/balls. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. For more information contact program director Noah Dean or visit the YMCA's Facebook page for more information.

Local artist on display at SCC


Lori Illner Greene will have her art work on display at the Southeastern Community College Art Gallery, 1500 W. Agency Road in West Burlington from Jan. 28-Feb. 15. The gallery showing will feature her "Raptors and Other Birds of Prey" series.

Evening with Chuck Long

Former Iowa standout and NFL quarterback Chuck Long will be at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course on Tuesday, Feb. 12 for presentation, including a social hour and dinner with doors opening at 4:30. The social hour and dinner will be from 5 to 6 and Long will speak at 6 p.m. with a question and answer to follow. For more information, contact Ryan at 319-528-6214 or by email at mcmillan@sheaffergolf.com.

Ribbon-Cutting

A ribbon cutting for The Kingsley Inn and River Rocks Bar & Grille will be held on Feb. 15 at 10 a.m.




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Pick 3 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm




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1/26 EVENING
4 4 7



1/26 MID-DAY
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Gerdes scores a season-high 12 in Saturday win

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Rashid said. The Bloodhounds dropped a heart-breaking 52-47 loss to Mt. Pleasant in the HoundDome on Friday night. Support local journalism. Make your Pen City Current subscription donation here.

Rashid's 16 paced the Bloodhounds, who from the outset let the Hawks know it would be tough night in Fort Madison on Saturday.

The Hounds, moving around like they were on ice, laced seven 3-balls in the first quarter including three from Brandon Keester. The senior lefty opened the game with a long ball from the right wing and then junior Parker Denning went from the left side to stake a quick 6-0 lead.

Central Lee's TJ Stutes and Dylan Stueker would score in transition on back-to-back possessions to cut the lead to 6-4, but then Keester, Rashid and Denning would combine for 14 points in a 14-2

run putting the Hounds up 22-6. The Hawks' Bronson Sargent would stop the rally with a 9-foot jumper from the left baseline. Rashid then scored the next seven points to end the quarter at 27-8.

Rashid had 10 of his 17 in the opening stanza, and then turned to making sure everyone else had a good night. With the Hounds up 31-11 well into the second quarter, Rashid penetrated from the top of the key and off the dribble, spun, and with his back nearly to the basket found senior Jordyn Gerdes down on the block, and with a flip left-handed pass hit Gerdes for two of his season-high 12 points.

Fort Madison would go a little cold after that, missing five of its next six shots, but the defense clamped down on Central Lee who didn't get a shot off in the stretch other than a three from senior Jordan Nagle.

Gerdes would then

score six straight, a couple off balls screens on the left side of the offense, rolling off the screens for open looks.

In one sequence, freshman Dayton Davis, pulled a crossover in front of the Central Lee bench that buckled the Hawk's defender who went to the ground. Davis cut around the baseline and found Gerdes hangin' around in the lane.

Head Coach Ryan Wilson said Gerdes works off pick-and-rolls and screens very well.

"There's just kids that do things naturally and have a knack for things. Jordyn just seems to have a knack to be open every time off a ball screen," Wilson said.

With the Hounds holding a nice 42-24 lead at halftime, Jayden Fedler, who struggled Friday night against Mt. Pleasant, where he had just two points, started to shake off the ickies in the third quarter.

The 6'6" senior scored



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison senior Brandon Keester slips through the defense of Central Lee on his way to the basket in the second quarter of the Hounds' 82-41 win Saturday night.

nine of the Hounds first 13 points in the third period pushing the Hounds to a comfortable 25-point lead at 55-30. Fedler is one of the top scorers in the Southeast Conference but was held to just two points Friday against the Panthers.

Gerdes would clean up the third period with the Hounds final four points. Rashid would open the fourth with a 3-ball and Fedler would hit a three from just off the top of the key and the game was well in hand.

Fort Madison hit 11 threes on the night, seven in the first period and four in the final period, setting a season-high for the team.

Wilson said the Hounds are more successful when they get those looks out of the offense rather than transition.

"Coach (Tom) Goetz has repeated it over and over that we have to get the ball inside to open the outside. He looked pretty deep in our stats and it shows that we play better

when we get threes in the flow of our offense, rather than just playing chuck it up," Wilson said.

The Bloodhounds had four players in double figures including Rashid and Gerdes, Fedler finished with 15 and Denning had 11. Keester scored nine on the night, all in the first quarter, while Davis had six, Miles Dear and Leighton Rockhold each hit for three. Jace Burgher and Mike Mosena each had two points to round the scoring for Fort Madison.

Wilson said the Hounds played with some emotion after Friday's loss.

"We had confidence and fire from last night," he said. "They were really disappointed after last night's game and came out with some emotion and urgency. We wanted to get to a big lead early and send the message we can be a good team when we move the ball and share the ball and space the floor out."

In the junior varsity contest, Central Lee won

44-35- Philip Goldie led the Hound with 10 points.

The Hounds substate assignments were released this week and Fort Madison is in Substate district 5 with Centerville, Fairfield, Keokuk, Mt. Pleasant, Oskaloosa, South Tama and Washington.

Wilson said the rest of the season will be focused on getting ready for districts which begin on Feb. 18. District seeding meetings take place on Feb. 6 and in most cases the higher seed will host in substate brackets

"We've preached over the last week or so that we've got to start seeing some consistency and take care of the ball. Our district is out and we know who we might have to face. Everything going forward is geared toward playing the best we possibly can headed into districts on Feb. 18.

The Hounds are off until Friday when they travel to Washington in a conference matchup

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Sports/Weather

Bloodhound girls drop back-to-back games

Despite 1-16 record, Hounds mixing things up to try to find success on the court

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
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FORT MADISON – Scoring continues to be a problem for the Fort Madison Lady Hounds as no one scored in double figures in back to back losses this weekend.

On Saturday, senior Josie Pumphrey led Fort Madison with eight points as the Hounds fell in a lopsided affair at the HoundDome to Central Lee 72-20.

Head Coach Todd McGhghy credited Central Lee coach Tony Sargent for not running up the score.

“He did a nice job of calling off the dogs,” McGhghy said. “That could have been a lot worse.”

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Central Lee rolled out to a 13-0 first quarter lead before Fort Madison could find the bottom of the net with Pumphrey hitting one of her two 3-ballson the night in the final minute of the quarter. The Hawks went to 6’1” sophomore Mya Merschman early and often as Central Lee’s leading scorer put up 27 on the night.

Hound senior Jassmine Bass scored to cut the lead 26-7 in the second period, but Fort Madison would miss on its next four shots from the field over three minutes, while Central Lee continued to build on it’s lead.

Merschman would convert a couple free throws at the end of the first half to give the Lady Hawks a sizeable 41-11 lead at the break.

Central Lee would end all doubt in the game in the third period when they went a perfect 10-of -10 from the field, including four three pointers, two from Merschman and two from freshman Malarie Ross. The only two shots the Lady Hawks missed in the period were two of seven free throws.

Pumphrey would hit her second three pointer from the left wing for Fort Madison’s only 3rd quarter points as they trailed 70-14.

Sargent then pulled all his starters with a comfortable 56-point lead, but the Lady Hounds still struggled from the field converting just 4 of 12 in the fourth.

Pumphrey played the most minutes of any varsity



MCGHGHY

game this year and tried to take advantage of the time.

“You know Josie can shoot. We knew they were a zone team and if they press, that causes her some problems because she’s been out of the game for a while,” McGhghy said.

“Eleesha, Maddie and Josie are our best shooters and we put in a nice skip rotation and got some good looks, we just couldn’t convert.”

Other than Pumphrey’s eight, Anna Kester had five, Jassmine Bass scored four, while Maddie Rashid had three and Braxtyn McGhghy added a bucket for Fort Madison.

On Friday, Sadie Carrasco put up 14 as Mt. Pleasant tripped up Fort Madison 52-22 in Mt. Pleasant.

Kester and Brandy Walker led Fort Madison with five points each, Rashid and Bass both had four, while Nadia Boeding and Eleesha Estrada each scored two.

“That was a tough pill to swallow for the girls. They really wanted that one,” McGhghy said.

The Hounds (1-16) finish the year with three games on the road beginning with Washington on Friday. The following week they will travel to Burlington on Monday and Fairfield on Friday.

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MON 28 Jan

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Light Snow
High– 5.7° F | Low – -5.1° F

WED 30 Jan

Clear
High– -11.1° F | Low – -21.6° F

THU 31 Jan

Light Snow
High– -7.3° F | Low – -11.0° F

FRI 01 Feb

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fort Madison
Community School District
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Minutes of the
Regular Meeting
January 21, 2019

I. The meeting was called to order by President Wondra at 6:00 p.m. Directors Steffensmeier, Hope, Ross, DiPrima and Hotop were present. Also present were Superintendent Slater and Director of Curriculum and Student Services Harmon.

II. Recognition of guests. President Wondra welcomed members of the audience in attendance and explained the procedures for the meeting.

III. Reading of Foundation documents. The Board read and reviewed the Foundation documents consisting of the Vision, Mission and Belief statements and the

Goals for the Fort Madison Community School District.

IV. Monthly communications

A. Student Rep report. The Board received an update of ongoing activities at the High School.

B. Curriculum Corner. Director of Curriculum and Student Services, Kim Harmon, gave a presentation to the board regarding the upcoming Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Performance (ISASP) that will be administered to students in grades 3-11. The assessments will take place between March and May.

C. "Did You Know?" The "Did You Know?" document was accepted as presented.

D. Superintendent Goal Report. Superintendent Slater provided an update on the indicators of progress towards the Board's established goals.

E. District Presentations. IASB recognition - Superintendent Slater presented Director Hope and Director DiPrima with Certificates of Recognition from the IASB. United Way - Sue Prochazka of the United Way of the Great River Region gave a presentation on the Literacy Project and the success that the program has had in using volunteers to help schools surpass their goals for student literacy.

V. Approve the agenda. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Hope to approve the agenda as presented.

VI. Consent agenda. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the December 17, 2018 regular meeting; minutes from the January 7, 2019 work session, financial reports including the December Balance Sheet, December Revenue Summary, Expenditure Report and Student Activity Report, accounts payable for the December General Account Board Bills for Approval, January General Account Board Bills for approval, Student Activity Board Bills for approval and Nutrition

Account Board Bills for Approval; resignations from Sharon Harp as Middle School associate, Kayelyn Hendricks as JV Volleyball coach; employment of Jairo Scruggs as Asst. High School Boys Track coach (1/2), Justin Cain as Asst. High School Boys Track coach (1/2), Michelle McKeown as Food Service Delivery Driver, Jeff Gerdes as Automotive Trades instructor at the High School, Christopher Bolander as Welding instructor at the High School; contract modifications for Carol Hotop as Middle School associate transferring to Richardson and Tabatha Helmick as Richardson associate transferring to Food Service. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

VII. Action Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services.

B. Superintendent.

1. Consider personnel matters. There were none.

2. Consider approval of policy changes.

a. 706.2 - Payroll Deductions. It was moved by DiPrima and seconded by Ross to approve policy 706.2 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

b. 707.2 - Treasurer's Annual Report. It was moved

by Ross and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve policy 707.2 as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 voice vote.

3. Consider approval of fundraisers within the athletic department. It was moved by Hotop and seconded by Ross to approve the fundraisers as presented. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

4. Consider approval for the request of travel for the Cyberhounds Robotics team to attend their regional meet in Sedalia, Missouri in April. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Ross. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

C. Board Secretary/Business Manager.

1. Election of Board Vice President. Nomination of Hope by Ross and seconded by DiPrima. Motion to approve Hope as Vice President by acclamation by Steffensmeier and seconded by DiPrima. Motion made to approve Hope as Vice President by acclamation. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

2. Appointment of LAN Assembly Member. It was moved by Hope and seconded by Ross to nominate DiPrima as LAN Assembly member. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

3. Special Meeting, January 28, 2019. It was moved by Ross and seconded by Steffensmeier to approve the Special Meeting for January 28, 2019. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

VIII. Discussion Items

A. Director of Curriculum and Student Services

B. Superintendent.

1. Consider approval of

policy changes. The Board reviewed policies 707.4 through 711.1. Policies recommended for changes will be brought back at a later meeting for final approval.

2. Scheduled February Building Instructional Tour. The Board will tour Richardson Elementary on February 7th at 10 a.m.

3. The certified staff member attendance report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

4. Board Member Attendance. The Board reviewed and discussed the Board Member Attendance Report.

C. Board Secretary/Business Manager.

IX. Comments from the audience. There were no comments from the audience.

X. Legislative update. The Board received a legislative update.

Staff Member

Attendance

Board Member

Attendance

Legis. Update

XI. Announcements.

February 4, 2019, 5:00

P.M. - Work Session, Lincoln Elementary library

February 7, 2019, 10 A.M.

- Board Instructional Tour at Richardson Elementary

February 11, 2019, 6:00

P.M. - Regular Meeting, Board Room, Central Office

March 4, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

- March Work Session at Richardson Elementary

XII. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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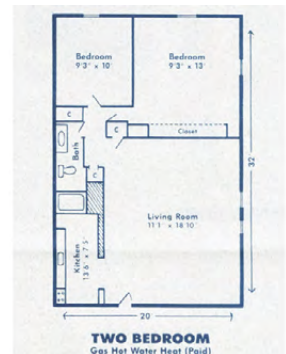
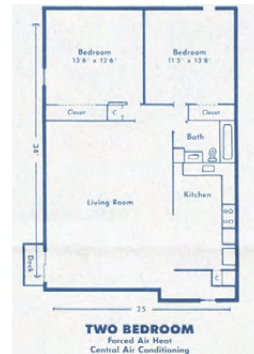
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