

Southern Connecticut Mensa Chronicle

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REMINDER! *Mensa Membership Renewal Notices will be mailed in early January 2002. However you may renew online at www.us.mensa.org or by calling (817) 607-0060, ext. 199 using your MasterCard or Visa.*

SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Wednesday, January 9, 7:00. Southern Connecticut and Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Joint Dinner. This regular dinner is now being held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Old Sorrento Restaurant, Newtown Road, DANBURY, CT. Interested Mensans should contact Ward Mazzucco at (203) 744-1929, ext. 25, wjm@danburylaw.com, or Rev. Bill Loring at (203) 794-1389, frbill@mags.net.

Saturday, January 19, 7:00. Monthly dinner, Three Door Restaurant, 1775 Madison Ave., BRIDGEPORT. NEW MEMBERS DINNER. Southern CT Mensa invites all members to its first dinner of the year. If you are a new member or just haven't had the chance to attend recently, come to our January dinner and meet some of the other new and returning members. Socializing starts at 7:00, followed by dinner at approximately 8:00.
(Directions are available at www.threedoor.com.directions.htm.)

Please call Lee Steuber at 203-730-1634 for information and reservations. Dinner is \$10.00 and includes everything but the cash bar. Dress is casual and guests are welcome.

Saturday, February 2, 8:00, THEATRE EVENT: *The Fantasticks*, Milford Eastbound Theatre, Milford Railroad Station, 40 Railroad Ave. South, MILFORD. Tickets are \$12.50 (\$10 srs/students). For info or reservations, please call Jim Mizera at (203) 332-2548 or e-mail Jmizera@hotmail.com.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 13, 7:00. Southern Connecticut and Connecticut/Western Massachusetts Joint Dinner. See above listing for details.

Saturday, February 16, 7:00. Monthly dinner, Three Door Restaurant, 1775 Madison Ave., BRIDGEPORT.

Saturday, February 23, 8:00, THEATRE EVENT: Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*, performed by the New Canaan Town Players (www.tpnc.org) at Waveny Park, Powerhouse Performing Arts Center, 681 South Ave, NEW CANAAN, CT. 06840 Tickets are \$12. For info or reservations, please call Jim Mizera at (203) 332-2548 or e-mail Jmizera@hotmail.com.

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CONNECTICUT AND WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS MENSA CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

This is not a complete listing. WE - Weekly Event, ME - Monthly Event, YE - Yearly Event

December 31 Monday 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

New Year's Eve Party. Barb's annual early party in **Cromwell**, where we toast at 7PM, midnight Greenwich Mean Time. Please reserve by Dec 29th, 860-632-7873, or BARBCPA@AOL.COM.

January 2002

1 Tuesday 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Open House at Art Swanson's place, 1 Abbott Road, Unit 185, **Ellington, Ct.** Join us to bring in the New Year. Bring a dish to share and BYOB. But more important, bring yourself. Soda and munchies will be supplied. RSVP: Tel: 860-872-9308 or e-mail: Aswanson34@AOL.COM.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Wednesday Noon

West Hartford Lunch (WE) Wednesday lunch will be held at the **Hometown Buffet** in the Shaw's shopping plaza off Prospect St. West Hartford. Seven dollars buys all you can eat, and the service time is as fast as you can pick up your food!

From 84 West take exit #44 (Prospect). Cross through the light right into the plaza. From 84East take exit #44 (Prospect). Take left at the light then a left at the next light (you will have crossed over Rte 84) and then a right into the plaza. There is a large selection of food for a modest cost. We will be seated at the front of the restaurant (away from the food counters). Contact: **John Bentley**, (860) 644-0435

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Thursday 7:00 PM

Scrabble (WE) at Emmanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Drive, **West Hartford.** **Ellen Leonard**, (860) 667-1966

4 Friday 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Happy Hour (ME, first Friday) at the **Ramada Inn, Meriden.** **Ann Polanski**, (203) 269-4565. This monthly reunion usually draws 10-20 people, Nov. 2 we had 30! We warmly welcome newcomers, and it's less than a mile from the I-91 and I-691 interchange.

DIRECTIONS: From I-91 north or south, or Route 15 north or south, take East Main St. (Meriden) exit, head east (away from Meriden Center). After the I-91 interchanges, take a right at the next light. There is a small Ramada sign at the corner. After you pass the Meriden Cinema Complex and the road curves to the left, take a right into the Ramada parking lot. Inside Silver City Grill, ask the host/hostess for the Mensa table - they know us well!

5 Saturday 5:00 PM

Bowling at T-Bowl Lanes, Rte 5 in Wallingford. June's event brought 7 of us to the alleys, (of very varying skills) and we enjoyed 2 strings before we reconvened for dinner. Please call Beth Collins, (203) 294-1994 or email Player.Piano@Juno.Com to reserve your place. Cost of \$3.00 per string for 2 or 3 strings, shoe rental is \$2.50. Please note – the lanes can be a little bit smoky. We seem to go out to dinner afterwards at a local eatery.

18 Friday 5:00 PM

Happy Hour at the Acadia Restaurant, 103 Tolland Turnpike (Rte. 83), **Manchester, CT** Tel: 860-643-1179. Join us to unwind with drinks and a great happy hour buffet.

Directions: From Hartford: Exit 63, South Windsor Rte 30/83. At end of ramp turn left at light. Proceed about 1/4 mile. Just after light at Big Y Plaza look for Acadia Restaurant on your right. For info call Art Swanson at 860-872-9308 or e-mail: Aswanson34@AOL.COM

25 Friday 5:00 PM

Fourth Friday Happy Hour, (ME, fourth Friday) Colonial Tymes, 2389 Dixwell Ave Hamden. Located about 1/2 mile north of Exit 60, Wilbur Cross Parkway. We have been able to sit at a nice big table and enjoy the good free food for a few months now. Come on down and join us. We also seem to be going out to dinner after, so if you plan to come and want dinner, too, let us know so we can reserve. **Gail Trowbridge** (203) 877-4472 or Gail.Trowbridge@att.com. I send out an e-mail reminder every month. Let me know if you'd like to be on the list.

30 Wednesday Noon

Waterbury Last Wednesday of the Month Lunch (ME) at **Maggie McFly's, Rt. 63, Middlebury, Dick Fogg**, (860) 274-2370.

PAWS FOR REFLECTION
Betsy Burke, Regional Vice Chairman

As we start the new year, Region 1 has a lot to be thankful for. I'm really pleased at how well Mensa did on National Testing Day with a total of 1,467 people tested. Boston tested 54 people! The only group that surpassed that total was Minnesota with 55. Connecticut/Western Massachusetts tested 48 and when you see that Greater Los Angeles tested 49 people you realize just how fantastic that number is. Thanks to all the proctors, coordinators and P.R. folks for making this a successful effort.

The membership in Region 1 is also growing. So far this year we've added 317 new members with 209 being between the ages of 16 and 35. Thanks to the membership officers for all the work you're doing to help.

Thanks also to Richard Schwartz who is giving up the chair of the cyberspace committee. He's done a wonderful job working on this committee and has agreed to continue to remain a member. Tyger Gilbert will now chair this committee.

At the December AMC meeting Bob Cox was appointed the new SIGHT coordinator as Tanya Hsu has resigned. The vote was 17 in favor, 1 against and the chair not voting. The other issues that were dealt with were the member's privacy rights and the need to revise Mensa's bylaws.

If you're planning your yearly budget remember to allow money for gatherings. February will find many of us in New Hampshire for their RG. Check your bulletin or the web site for other gatherings that are coming up.

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT MENSA MEMBERSHIP BY TOWN

(As of 11/30/01)

TOWN	# MEMBERS	EST. # /100,000 POP.
Ansonia	1	5.64
Bethel	8	44.76
Bridgeport	10	7.28
Brookfield	9	61.37
Danbury	21	31.90
Darien	10	55.29
Easton	5	74.13
Fairfield	21	39.08
Greenwich	25	42.80
Milford	1	2.00
Monroe	4	21.54
New Canaan	10	55.00
New Fairfield	2	14.80
Newtown	6	25.57
Norwalk	22	28.18
Orange	1	8.05
Redding	4	48.98
Ridgefield	10	45.12
Shelton	9	23.76
Sherman	1	33.15
Stamford	30	27.10
Stratford	13	26.61
Trumbull	11	32.82
Weston	5	56.52
Westport	10	41.29
Wilton	6	36.06

CHAPTER TOTALS: 255 30.42

NATIONAL MENSA MEMBERSHIP

	<u>#</u>	<u>Est. # / 100,000 Pop.</u>
As of 11/30/01:	46,007	16.10
11/30/00:	44,913	

SOLUTION TO DECEMBER MATH PUZZLE

A math professor divides his class and seats 12 of his students up front in a row. He tells them of a number he has in mind. He tells the rest of the students the number is *less than 50,000*. The first student up front says the number is *divisible by 2*. The second student says the number is *divisible by 3*. This continues until the last student says the number is divisible by 13.

The professor tells the class that *two of the students are wrong and they are sitting next to each other*.

What is the number?

The Answer: 25740

The Solution: I have set up and attached a table for you to use as you wish. The steps of the problem are to:

1. List the numbers stated by the students (column A).
2. Break the numbers down into prime factors (B).
3. Determine which two students are wrong by eliminating those that have to be correct. (C). For example, if 12 is valid, then 4 must be valid ... and then they both have to be since they are not consecutive.
4. Determine the factors that would be used for each of the two choices and multiply out the answer. (D and E).

	A	B	C	D	E
	Student answer	Prime factors	Determining which students could be wrong	If 7 and 8 are wrong, factors to multiply for answer	If 8 and 9 are wrong, factors to multiply for answer
	2	2	Must be present (in multiple, non-consecutive answers)	2	2
	3	3	Same as above	3	3
	4	2 * 2	Same as above	Another 2	Another 2
	5	5	Same as above	5	5
	6	2 * 3	Same as above	Already used	Already used
	7	7	Uncertain	No	7
	8	2 * 2 * 2	Uncertain	No	Another 2
	9	3 * 3	Uncertain	Another 3	No
	10	2 * 5	2 and 5 are both ok	Already used	Already used
	11	11	Not next to someone who is wrong	11	11
	12	2 * 2 * 3	4 and 3 are both OK.	Already used	Already used
	13	13	Not next to someone who is wrong	13	13
Calculat- ion of number for answer				2*3*2*5*3 * 11*13= 25740	2*3*2*5 *7*11 *13= 60060 (too high)

A WW II Veteran Speaks Out About September 11th

The inscription on John Hines' Letter of Commendation reads: "Your courage, tenacity, initiative, ability and loyalty have contributed greatly toward bringing our enemies to total defeat and unconditional surrender." The date is June 10, 1945.

John Hines is a friend who served in W.W. II in Europe as an LST/halftrack cannoneer. Each of these small vehicle, tank and troop carriers had two cannoneers who were in charge of high caliber machine guns that were originally designed to fire at ground troops, but were re-calibrated later to fire high at approaching planes.

He described the landing at Omaha Beach as full of "dead bodies and pinging bullets." As soon as his craft offloaded its men and materiel, John was turned into an "instant infantryman," who began to work his way inland, along with thousands of others, eventually heading towards Berlin. He keeps a list of the many towns and villages he helped liberate, stopped in for food, sleep and orders, or passed through on the way to the next one as part of the relentless American crusade in Europe.

John gave much of himself, and asked for nothing in return. I am amazed at such men, intrigued by their sense of unquestioning loyalty to their country. In fact, I admire them greatly. So, when the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center occurred, I was very curious about their reactions to it. After all, they had risked their lives at a young age, and at a time when there was a powerful clarity of purpose, similar to what it is now. They were, in fact, defending a nation that was assaulted without warning on a sunny morning by an attack that killed a number similar to those who died at the World Trade Center. In some ways, the circumstances were similar.

John compares the 9/11 hits to Japanese kamikaze attacks in the Pacific. Both enemies seemed inspired by convictions that they would be re-born in an after-life as a reward for killing themselves as a means towards the destruction of the enemy. In that even-tempered way that mellowed veterans of WW II seem to have, he described the recent terrorism as "terrible." The sharp sting that was in his voice when he said the word led me to think that I would want him by my side in a firefight.

He is disappointed in the lax security that seemed to prevail here in September. "They must have had some inkling of what was going on." Like so many others, his criticism is informed by his desire to make this nation a safe place for its citizens to walk in freedom. Regarding bin Laden and the network of terrorists, John thinks, "They have to pay the price," and quickly adds "but I wouldn't want it to escalate into anything greater." I asked him what he meant by that. "I don't believe in killing innocent people, ours or theirs," he said. He is adamant that atomic bombs not be used. "A better way is to use ground troops."

Although he is concerned that the Al Qaida network might use biological weapons on us, he feels, like so many others, that America is united now, as perhaps not since his own days of service. "The country was coming apart." He says this without bitterness. Nor could I detect any sense that he feels let down by the turn of events. Not since his war has the American homeland been directly an object of attack, and then only slightly by offshore coastal submarines, and hot air balloon bombs in the northwest. He and his fellows protected the mainland then. They did what they had to do. It is a different, more complex world now, yet once again other men and women must do the ugly business of having to do what they have to do. John is certain that their courage, tenacity, initiative, ability, and loyalty will contribute greatly toward bringing our enemy to total defeat.

Gerard Brooker

PERCEIVING RANDOMNESS

People are familiar with random events like the toss of a coin, the roll of dice, and the spin of a roulette wheel. But despite this experience, they are generally unable to recognize random series, or produce them unaided. Many psychological experiments have exposed this weakness at judging randomness and shown how it may cause many to see patterns and special causes where there are none.

In one experiment with successive rolls of a die, people were shown different sequences and asked to identify which ones were more likely to happen. Despite the fact that each sequence is equally likely, the subjects in the test consistently chose those series with fewer repetitions. For example, they would inevitably select a die sequence of 6, 1, 4, 2, 5, 3 as more likely than 6, 1, 6, 2, 5, 3. Similarly, when asked to generate a random string of numbers, they invariably produced strings with far fewer repetitions of digits than would be expected by chance. This happened regardless of how many digits they were asked to choose from.

The results of these experiments show that people generally believe that random sequences don't have runs or streaks in them. But lengthy streaks are actually fairly common. For instance, in a series of 20 coin tosses, there is a 50% chance of getting 4 heads in a row. The typical person, however, has a mental model of randomness that excludes or minimizes repetitions. Cognitive psychologists Daniel Kahneman and Amos Tversky explain this "clustering illusion" by saying that humans use a "representative heuristic" in their reasoning. That is, people make the assumption that instances of a category will resemble the prototype, or most representative example, of the category. The typical random sequence they see is one without streaks. In six tosses of coins, the series HHHTTT violates their mental prototype more than HTHHTT does, so they mistakenly judge the former to be less likely than the latter.

This flaw in perceiving randomness biases judgment. In a set of classic experiments, Dr. Tversky, Dr. Thomas Gilovich, and Dr. R. Vallone found that people see streaks where there are only chance events. They found that both basketball fans and players believed in the "hot hand" theory that players are more likely to hit a shot after they have just made one. The experimenters asked the fans how likely a 50% shooter was to make his next shot if he had 1) just made a shot, and 2) if he had just missed a shot. Fans estimated that after making one shot, a player would make the next one 61% of the time. They said that after missing a shot, he would only make the next shot 42% of the time. But data indicate something different - players actually seem to shoot slightly better immediately after missing shots than after making them. This probably isn't because the defenses overcompensate; Dr. Gilovich found that with free throws, where the player has no one obstructing him, he makes the shot 75% of the time regardless of whether he made the last shot or missed it. The result was no different when players were asked to predict. Gilovich had college basketball players place bets on how they would do. The players made bigger bets after they made a shot than after they missed a shot. But once again, there was no correlation between the prediction and the result.

People apparently believe that some outside factor such as a special touch or psyche must explain any streak. Even when they are shown the results of the experiments disproving streakiness, they still cling to this belief. Psychologists attribute this to

selective remembering - humans believe in the theory because they like order so they more easily remember the streaks that "confirm" it than a mixed pattern of hits and misses. If the ball pops out, they will call it a "near miss" if the player has made his last few shots, but will simply call it a miss if the player has missed his previous attempts. Rather than accept randomness, they will work extra hard to detect a pattern.

Of course, basketball players and fans are not the only ones who see statistical illusions. Investors who chart stocks often fall prey to the same misperception. They unearth cycles and patterns in charts made by random coin tosses. They invariably see predictability amidst the unpredictable, regularity where there is only randomness. Even when confronted with computer studies that find no trend or only modest relationships over several years, cycle seekers still perceive their favorite patterns.

People are more likely to blind themselves to randomness when they are personally or actively involved in a game or event. It seems to give them an illusion of control, which is probably one reason why basketball fans and players find it difficult to disbelieve the "hot hand" and investors think they can select stocks better than someone throwing darts at stock charts can. Similarly, lottery players who are allowed to choose their own numbers are more confident that they will win. Even stranger, bettors will wager more before they have tossed the dice than after the toss but before the result is disclosed.

If individuals cannot naturally judge randomness very well, can they be trained to behave randomly? Yes, they can with a little feedback. Professor Allen Neuringer of Reed College in Portland, Oregon, demonstrated this by asking participants in a study to try and generate random number sequences. After each trial, Prof. Neuringer gave the subjects information on how they well had done. Gradually, although sometimes only after 40 or more trials, they reached the point at which they could generate numbers as randomly as a computer could.

Humans may not have much need to behave randomly except if they are trying to elude an adversary, but the subject is of more than just academic interest. If basketball players really believe in the "hot hand" theory, they may actually harm their team by passing the ball to a player who they believe is on a roll. Investors who think they can time the market may spend a lot more money trading in and out of equities. On a more positive note, people who are betting in lotteries can actually improve their odds by not betting purely randomly, but by betting on numbers that others avoid because of their lack of symbolic meaning or because they have repeating digits that are not considered random. Elsewhere, the understanding of randomness can help observers to more accurately judge the fairness of contests and selection procedures.

Experiments seem to show that people have a cognitive bias against seeing randomness. Hence, we may all do better to check our intuitions with statistical tests. This will probably improve our ability to distinguish between connections and coincidences and avoid not-so-random acts of dumbness.

If you wish to submit material, please write or e-mail Jim Mizera at PMB #181, 7365 Main St., Stratford, CT. 06614-1300, Jmizera@hotmail.com. E-mail submissions are preferred. Please include your name, address, and telephone number. Anonymous material will be rejected, although names will be withheld on request. Items will be returned if accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Currently, the deadline for postal submissions is the 15th of the month preceding publication, and the 20th of the month for e-mail submissions.

CHAPTER NOTES

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BETHEL CINEMA FILM GROUP. The Bethel Cinema is an independent art house movie theater in the town of Bethel, CT, just outside Danbury. The Cinema will be running a Freudian Flicks psychological-film discussion group from now until May or June. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month at 11:00 am. (Bethel Cinema 778-2100). If you are interested in participating in a Mensa group to see films in this series or any of the films on the theater's regular schedule, please contact Nancy O'Neil at Nancyoneil@aol.com.

If you would like to organize or sponsor a Mensa event, please contact Jim Mizera at Jmizera@hotmail.com. The event can be posted in the Chronicle and announced at monthly dinners. It can also be listed in the newsletter of the Connecticut and Western Massachusetts Mensa chapter, the Media, if enough lead-time is available.

NOTED AND QUOTED

- There's no business like show business, but there are several businesses like accounting.
- David Letterman
- Please don't ask me what the score is, I'm not even sure what the game is.
- Ashleigh Brilliant
- Procrastination: Hard work often pays off after time, but laziness always pays off now.
- Anonymous
- Pictures must not be too picturesque.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson
- The world is divided into two types of people; those who love to talk, and those who hate to listen.
- Henry David Thoreau
- I am not a vegetarian because I love animals; I am a vegetarian because I hate plants.
- A. Whitney Brown
- At the age of six I wanted to be a cook. At seven I wanted to be Napoleon. And my ambition has been growing steadily ever since.
- Salvador Dali
- The next best thing to winning is losing! At least you've been in the race.
- Nellie Hershey Smith
- Keep your fear to yourself, but share your courage with others. - Robert Louis Stevenson
- Depression is melancholy minus its charms. - Susan Sontag
- Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it. - George Bernard Shaw
- The most savage controversies are those about matters as to which there is no good evidence either way. - Bertrand Russell
- If dogs could talk, it would take a lot of fun out of owning one. - Andy Rooney
- Baseball is simple but never easy. - Roger Angell
- One enemy is too many; a hundred friends too few. - Anonymous
- All sunshine makes a desert. - Arabic Proverb
- They defend their errors as if they were defending their inheritance. - Edmund Burke
- Humor can be serious. What it can't be is solemn. - John Cleese
- Writing free verse is like playing tennis with the net down. - Robert Frost

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MENSA REGIONAL GATHERINGS

**February 15 - 17, 2002
 NEW HAMPSHIRE'S GRANITE GATHERING !**

Join us at the Radisson in Merrimack, N.H. Room rates are \$75 per night, S/D/T/Q. We will have plenty of food and drinks, lots of chocolate, and lots of new and old friends. There will be interesting speakers, games, and fun. Come and join the party!

Registration is \$45 until 11/15/2001, \$50 until 12/31/2001, \$55 until 2/14/2002, or \$60 at the door. Do not mail after 02/08/2002. Children 8 - 17, \$10 less than the regular rate in effect at registration, under 8 free. Saturday only, \$10 less than the regular rate in effect at registration. Mail registration to Registrar, N.H. Mensa, P.O. Box 7998, Nashua, NH 03060-7998, or email to debstone@aol.com.

Help us have a great time, along with the Pool Party, Chocolate Orgy, Movies, and great Speakers! Last year's explosives expert is willing to come again and expand our knowledge (!). Come hear about stars and then get a closer look that very night (weather permitting). Wear your best genes to learn about DNA and the law. Savor our homemade Friday night supper!

Saturday Evening Buffet: Chicken Dijonnaise, New England Baked Schrod, Salads, Veggies, Desserts, \$25. **Children's Menu (with buffet desserts):** \$10.

Sunday Brunch Buffet: Juices, fruit & berries, meats, scrambled eggs, potatoes, muffins, fruit breads, coffee, tea, & milk, \$13.

Hotel: Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, 4 Executive Park Dr, Merrimack, NH 03054, Phone (603) 424-8000. Room rates guaranteed until Jan 24, 2002, register early! If you have any reservation difficulties please let us know at (603) 664-2180.

Name: _____ Name on Badge: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

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Meals: Dinner Buffet __ @ \$25, Children's Plate __ @ \$10, Brunch Buffet __ @ \$13

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A unique game where players make up the words! You've got 60 seconds to ask questions fast to determine who, what, or where you are. Can't guess? We'll clue you!

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Metro (Paris, 1898) by Queen/Funagain Games

Engineer the most extensive network of track in the Paris underground while attempting to cut off your opponents' tracks. Play with 2 players for a brain-busting tactical duel, 3-4 players for a balanced strategic challenge, or with 5-6 players for chaotic fun!

Price: \$29.95

Web site: www.funagain.com

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Web site: www.educationalinsights.com

thepolicegame by thepollgame, LLC

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Price: \$34.95

Web site: www.thepollgame.com

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