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Global Training Institute offers regional specialized services



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The Global Training Institute is the largest simulation space in the southeast and includes eight training sets.

By Susie A. Wolfe

Unknown to many locals, a facility in Canton routinely provides valuable medical training opportunities for doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, first responders, military personnel and many others, who journey from across Mississippi and the Southeast. Their destination is the Global Training Institute (GTI), a 22,000-square-foot facility located in the Mississippi Bio-Medical Business Collaboratory on Watford Parkway Drive.

Chris Powe, president and owner of GTI, says his facility consists of eight separate “operating rooms,” where hands-on training occurs. Examples of upcoming training include an accident and emergency radiology simulation, hospital and emergency procedures course, and a critical care

helilab (helicopter lab) course. Training can also cover processes and procedures, and organizations even use the facility to allow trainees to get hands-on training on new machines and technologies.

GTI is located within the Collaboratory, a 60,000-square-foot building in the Canton Health Zone that includes a diverse array of companies, including many in various health disciplines. The building formerly housed the Nissan training center and is partly occupied by a WIN Jobs Center.

When it was introduced just over a year ago, Gov. Phil Bryant called the Collaboratory an “economic driver” that will change the way healthcare is delivered in Mississippi. The building currently houses Global Training Institute, Medsouth, Xerox, Hope Home Prosthetics and the Mississippi Association of Nurse Practitioners.

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Empowering Progressive Women’s Association hosts Empowerment Conference

By Susie A. Wolfe

The Empowering Progressive Women’s Association (EPWA) will host its first Empowerment Conference on Saturday, January 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Turning Point Arts & Entertainment Studio in Canton. The conference will promote transformation, empowerment and repositioning for participants.

State Representative Kimberly Campbell of Jackson and Flonzie Brown-Wright are the keynote speakers. Mentoring Moments panelist will be Dr. Freda Bush of the Lakeland OB-GYN Associates in Jackson. Special guests include psalmist Charity Rogers of Jackson and poet, author and actress Sharice Taylor of Canton. Gail Coney Smith, EPWA Chief Advisory Counselor, will be the Mistress of Ceremony, who is standing in for her mother, the

late Clarece D. Cone. Vice President Tameka Garret is co-host.

The conference is sponsored by EPWA’s networking vendors, Tracey Wells Harmon, It Works Health & Wellness; Deniece, McHarris, Kittyz Pizzazz Jewelry Boutique; Tametrice Hodges, Hodges-Childress Law Group, LLC; Renisha Fontenot, Cross My Heart Christian Jewelry; and Shonte Ross-Evans, Bagz & Ragz Boutique.

There will also be a luncheon with special entertainment. Tickets are on sale for \$30 at www.kathyamoscoaching.com. Space is limited to 50 women.

At the EPWA’s inception in August, 2015, President Kathy Amos partnered with the City of Canton to honor twelve of Canton’s trailblazing and pioneering women in leadership. The honorees, many of whom are participating in the January conference, are Hurstine Watts, Emma Strickland, JoAnn Gordon, Ebbie Spivey, Jimmy Goodloe, Alice M. Scott, Jewel Williams, Vickie McNeill and Flonzie Brown-Wright. The following were post humously honored: Clarece D. Coney,

Annie Devine, and Elect Lady Gloria Woodard.



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Flonzie Brown-Wright, keynote speaker.



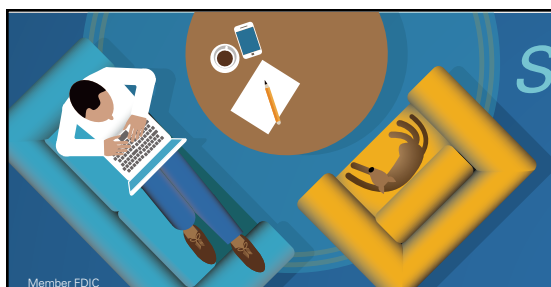
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State Representative Kimberly Campbell, keynote speaker.

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Global Training Institute services

The Mississippi Association of Nurse Practitioners (MSANP), whose offices are also located in the Collaboratory, is one of the organizations that works directly with GTI to offer training. Ricki Garrett, PhD, executive director of the MSANP, said her association is the only nurse practitioner group in the country that has their own in-house trainer, and they are able to utilize the GTI facilities to host training sessions for their members and others.

"The real world experience GTI provides complements the academic degree. It's invaluable," said Garrett.

Pafford Air One, a company based in Ruston, Louisiana, that provides critical care helicopter emergency scene calls, as well as long distance and local inter-hospital transfers, recently held a training session at GTI. For the training, Powe created real-life hospital scenarios to teach new procedures and validate skills for personnel. Helicopters were brought in to use in one phase of the training.

Powe, an Iraq War veteran and lieutenant colonel in the Air National Guard, said that his courses offer professionals the opportunity to practice

in real time with real tissue in real settings.

"Ultimately, these sessions will improve the participants' practice, which results in improved quality care and services for the whole state," said Powe.

According to Keith Carter, Pafford program director, "GTI offers top-level specialty training in a great location. It's hard to find fully-integrated clinical training all in one place. Otherwise, we would have to travel to Memphis or Dallas."

Tim Coursey, Executive Director of the Madison County Economic Development Authority (MCEDA), is pleased with the chosen location of GTI and the success of the Collaboratory.

"It's a way to foster growth, create great relationships and bring Mississippi into the spotlight for high tech health care," said Coursey. "The world-class facility in Canton will ultimately house up to fifteen businesses."

For more information on GTI or the Collaboratory, call MCEDA at 601-605-1053 or visit the website at www.madisoncountyeda.com.

MCEDA awarded prestigious John I. Rucker Community Innovation Leadership Award



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The 2015 John I. Rucker Community Innovation Leadership Award was presented to the Madison County Economic Development Authority for their development of the Mississippi Bio-Medical Business Collaboratory -- the first healthcare focused entrepreneurial-based facility of its kind in Mississippi, housing a variety of healthcare technology companies and a state-of-the-art advanced surgical simulation laboratory. The project will create significant job opportunities in Madison County and beyond as a result of both the ongoing operations at the Collaboratory and from companies that spin off from the Collaboratory. From left to right: Bubba Weir, vice president of Innovate Mississippi; Tim Coursey, executive director of the Madison County Economic Development Authority; Tony Jeff, president and CEO of Innovate Mississippi.

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From the Mayor's desk

By Guest Columnist Arnel Bolden,
Mayor of Canton

You don't have to travel any further than the beautiful Canton Square to realize the holiday season is in full



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swing. Our Victorian Festival is the highlight of the Christmas season for thousands who visit Canton to enjoy the lighted displays, walk through the picturesque Courthouse grounds and downtown area, and take advantage of horse drawn carriages, train trolleys, and a melodious carousel. It is a shining example of one of our city's best and brightest attributes.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our Convention and Visitors' Bureau, law enforcement personnel, city workers, and volunteers who work countless hours and give of their evenings and weekends to insure this important event in the life of our city is a success.

Second, I want to recognize the nu-

merous charities, churches, non-profit groups and individuals in our community who work hard throughout the year, and especially during the holidays, to provide programs and services for those less fortunate.

Many of our local organizations sponsor programs that provide children, families and seniors a little extra cheer at Christmas. Other local charitable programs that occur over the holidays, and are supported by Canton residents, include the Salvation Army Tree of Lights bell ringers, Angel Trees and numerous organizations that collect food and clothing for the needy.

It is through the dedication of these groups and the community's generosity that numerous area families and individuals will experience a happy and joyous Christmas. These tireless efforts are yet another example of why Canton is such a great community in which to live.

I feel blessed to serve as Mayor of Canton, but as beautiful as our area is this time of year, it's not our outward beauty that makes Canton great. Collectively, our caring and generous residents set Canton head and shoulders above the rest. It's what makes us – including your mayor – "Canton Proud."

From my family to yours, it is my prayer that 2016 is a wonderful year for you and your loved ones.

Arnel D. Bolden, Mayor

Nissan employees donate Christmas gifts from the heart



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Each year, Nissan employees hold a toy, gift, and food collection called "Christmas from the Heart." Employees and workgroups are encouraged to bring in items that will be distributed to partner agencies. They collect items for all ages, including senior adults. More than 1,00 items and 50 bicycles were collected in 2015. Partner agencies include: Mississippi Children's Home Services, Baptist Children's Village, Methodist Children's Home, Salvation Army, Rankin County Family & Children's Services, Madison Countians Allied Against Poverty (MadCAPP) and the Boys & Girls Club of Canton.



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Woodland Drive extension to open traffic to Canton Parkway January 6



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By Susie Wolfe

The Woodland Drive Extension is set to open to Canton Parkway on Wednesday, January 6, according to Mayor Arnel Bolden.

He said the new road will boost economic development in the area.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the project was held on Monday, November 9. Mayor Bolden joined MDOT Executive Director Melinda McGrath, District Five Supervisor Paul Griffin, local businessman Bob Montgomery, Canton Academy headmaster Ron Jurney and others in cutting the ribbon for the new con-

necter to the Canton Parkway.

Canton-based Warnock & Associates was chosen as design consultant on the project that was built by AJ Construction. The City of Canton received \$640,000 in federal funds for the construction, which required a 20 percent match in local funds.

"This local public agency project is bringing federal dollars to your community and addressing a critical need to improve Canton's transportation infrastructure," said McGrath. "It extends Woodland Drive from its current southern terminus at Canton Academy to Canton Parkway, but allows for future widening if needed."

Transition to success



Photo by The Canton News

Five ladies from Joe Prichard Homes graduated from the first phase of the John Maxwell "Mastermind" course, taught by Life Coach Kathy Amos. The graduates are shown with coaches and sponsors at the December graduation ceremony at the Turning Point Arts Studio. Shown from left, front row: Kathy Amos, Joyce Joseph, Patricia Hubb, Irene Blackwell, and Mayor Arnel Bolden; middle row: Denise Spencer; back row: Sponsor Ben Barnette with Asset Engineering, Sanford Beasley, Sr., Executive Director of the Canton Housing Authority, Connie Bradley, and Tamiko Stanley, Supportive Services Coordinator with the Canton Housing Authority.

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God has a plan for you this year

By Guest Columnist Pastor Kevin Carter,
Canton United Methodist Church

What an awesome experience it is to witness another year, knowing the possibility that this could not have occurred.



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So we give blessings to almighty God; for sparing us one more time. This becomes an opportunity to make a fresh start in life.

Jeremiah 29:11 states, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." As we begin a new year, it is important to understand, you cannot do it alone!! Jeremiah gives us a direct way for our lives to prosper, but only by God's way.

The people of God were taken into captivity, and everything they had was gone except their own lives and

memories. The people of God struggled and felt there was no hope. The false prophets among them told them they would be released soon and return back home. God told them to reconcile themselves to their captivity, to become as comfortable as they could under it, and to make the best of it. According to God, their release would come later than sooner.

As we reflect and move into this New Year, this can help us to understand our own personal dilemmas, and help us to reconcile our own trials and problems. We will become more patient under duress and realize that trials and tribulations come to make us strong.

In order for us to receive these promises, we must submit totally to God and follow these steps.

First of all, we must not complain about our present problems, but make the best of them.

Secondly, tragedy can turn into triumph when we trust God fully.

Thirdly, do not rely on false hopes, teaching, and personal schemes, because this only causes despair and depression.

Finally, we must be patient and trust God to lead us; God knows the time and place of your victory.

Canton Rotary Club honors police officer of the quarter



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Pictured from left are: Canton Mayor Arnel Bolden, Officer of the Quarter James Jackson, Canton Police Chief Otha Brown and Canton Rotary Club President John Martin.

By Susie Wolfe

The Canton Rotary Club recently recognized a dedicated police officer for his exemplary service, including regularly going the extra mile to ensure residents' safety, at their regular monthly meeting Thursday, Dec. 17. Officer James Jackson received Rotary's Officer of the Quarter award, a recognition program initiated by Canton Mayor Arnel Bolden in 2014 to reward officers who go above and

beyond the call of duty.

Officer Jackson received a framed commemorative proclamation and had his name engraved on a plaque along with other recent awardees.

Canton Police Chief Otha Brown said, "He is a well-respected officer; someone on whom I can always count to do his job and beyond what is expected. He has a true passion for helping others, and it shows in the numerous ways he goes beyond the call of duty in protecting citizens."



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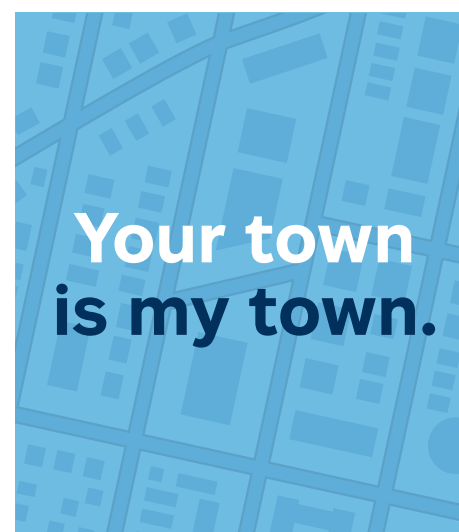
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Canton Academy Reindeer Trot winners named



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Canton Academy recently held its Holiday Hustle Reindeer Trot. The 5k winners were from left, Samuel Wadford, second place; Barnes Wadford, first place; and Chaney Hale, third place.

Canton Academy Sporting Clays team



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The newly-formed Canton Academy Sporting Clays team recently attended their first competition. At the competition, the junior varsity team placed first, and the varsity team took second. Grace Thompson won the highest shooter in the girls division, and Harris Coleman took third place in the boys division.



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Christmas festivities at Reuben B. Myers Canton School of Arts & Sciences



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Debra Whitehead and Shirley Mays of the Upsilon Omega Canton Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Inc. presented stockings to Mrs. Perry's first grade class at Rueben B. Myers Canton School of Arts & Sciences for outstanding academic growth this semester.



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Reuben B. Myers CSAS parents and grandparents were treated to a special, festive Christmas luncheon with their children.

Jimmie Goodloe Elementary winter Christmas program



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Jimmie Goodloe Elementary School celebrated "A Season of Giving" with its winter Christmas program. Students shared various ways people can reach out to help others in need during this holiday season. Students also wowed the crowd with various musical performances as they shared the magic of Christmas. Parents say it helped them feel jolly and bright.

Canton Elementary dazzles with Christmas program



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Canton Elementary students dazzled parents and guests with a Christmas program, complete with a Christmas cadence from its Tiger STAR Drummers. Students performed various skits and sung everything from "The True Meaning of Christmas" to "Feliz Navidad."



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Canton offers recycling services

By Susie A. Wolfe

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Canton has three locations to take recyclable items, including clean paper, #1-#7 plastic, unwaxed cor-

rugated cardboard, aluminum and tin: Madison County Justice Court property at 2961 South Liberty St.; Canton Community Center at 377 North Union St.; and Madison County Nursing Home property at 1421 East Peace St.

Canton Recycles said that anything that would draw a fly should not be recycled, such as soiled items, Styrofoam or glass. The group suggested putting paper in paper grocery bags, plastic in plastic bags and aluminum and tin in plastic bags. For more information on Canton Recycles, call 601-859-5816.




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Canton Public Library offers free events in January 2016

By Susie A. Wolfe

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Canton Municipal Utilities help light up the square



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The Canton Municipal Utilities building on the square is shown with its Christmas decorations. The public utility always helps to put up the lights in the square for Canton's Victorian Christmas.



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Big Daddy's Pawn and Furniture Sales lends Canton a helping hand

By Sarah D. Johnson

Thinking of pawnshops, bad pictures usually surface, but Big Daddy's Pawn and Furniture Sales seeks to be part of Canton and help the community.

When furniture Store owner Bill Adams spoke of the store's mission to help struggling Cantonians by offering loans, he explained, "Big Daddy's fills a need banks don't. We loan as little as \$500.00 for a month to three months."

Big Daddy's has operated their business in the Jackson area for 25 years, thirteen of those in Canton. A family-owned business owned by Adams and three colleagues, the group previously had stores on State Street and Terry Road.



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Pictured left to right: Bill Adams, Charles Lawther, Chanci Stewart and Brad Barrett

Guns, furniture and jewelry are key product lines the store carries. Jeweler Chanci Stewart is Big Daddy's daughter. She handles jewelry repair, purchases and sales. Stewart said the

store has repeat customers because, "We have great customer service."

As a furniture retailer, Big Daddy's buys, rents and sells. They also can order from catalogs. Adams said, "If

people want something, we can get it. We rent-to-own guns and offer lay-a-ways." The store meets nearly any need, so customers want to return, he said.

Adams said Big Daddy's will take about anything of value in the pawnshop.

"Nothing is too small or too large. If you have something you want to sell, Big Daddy's will consider it all."

Brad Barrett, an 8-year employee who worked his way from salesman to store manager, said Big Daddy's is family -and community-oriented. Active in philanthropy, the store gives to the Canton Police Department, Canton Public Schools, Canton Academy, the Fire Department, and provides turkey dinners for seniors at a local church annually with Constable Johnny Sims.

For more information on Big Daddy's, call 601-407-1730 or 601-407-1120, and like them on Facebook: Big Daddy's Pawn & Furniture Sales.

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Omega Psi Phi Brunch held



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Mayor Bolden was recently the keynote speaker at EKK Chapter of Omega Psi Phi brunch. Members of the Canton chapter say they are fulfilling the legacy of their fraternity and helping to build a better Canton community.

Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi promotes awareness campaign

Special to The Canton News

The Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi is promoting their awareness campaign to assist in early diagnosis of diabetes in children. "You're Never Too Young for Diabetes" aims to raise awareness of the warning signs of diabetes in children and to prevent primary diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) in children via early diagnosis.

It is estimated that the overall prevalence of DKA at time of diabetes diagnosis is over twenty-five percent (SEARCH for Diabetes in Youth Study). Severe DKA develops over an extended period of time when the symptoms of high blood sugar are either not diagnosed or are misdiagnosed. DKA is the leading cause of death and disability in children with type 1 diabetes. Many health professionals are unaware that infants and very young children can develop diabetes. Recognizing the symptoms

of diabetes early and testing children with symptoms of the disease can help avoid the serious health consequences of diabetic ketoacidosis.

The DFM urges hospitals, clinics, schools, day care centers, "Mother's Morning Out" programs, after school care personnel and anyone working with children or teens to help Mississippi children by spreading the word that children of any age can develop diabetes. The DFM asks that health care professionals, teachers, day care staff and other personnel working with children and teens review the symptoms of diabetes in children and refer any child with symptoms of the disease for blood glucose and urinary ketone testing. Brochures, bookmarks and flyers are available free of charge by calling the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi at 601-957-7878 or toll free 1-877-DFM-CURE (336-2873) or sending an email to tomsdiabetes@msdiabetes.org.



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MDOT names Hetrick of Canton brand manager

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The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) recently named Lucy Hetrick of Canton as brand manager in the Public Affairs Division. Hetrick previously served as a creative director for the Marketing and Communication Division of the Mississippi Development Authority.

Hetrick is a celebrated graphic designer with over 25 years of experience. At the Mississippi Development Authority, Hetrick was responsible for many projects, including designing the state's current car tag and generating materials for events such as Paris Air Show, Mississippi/NY Picnic, and various occasions at the Governor's mansion.

Most recently, Hetrick was named



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the Jackson Advertising Federation's 2015 Graphic Designer of the Year. She has also received a 2015 Gold ADDY at the local level, as well as regional and national Silver ADDYs. These awards aim to reward the best within the advertising industry through multitier competition and were not Hetrick's first; she had been recognized for excellence in prior competitions.

A graduate of Millsaps College, Hetrick currently serves as a member of the Production Service Association, Jackson Advertising Federation, and the Canton Flea Market Committee. In her free time, she freelances as a graphic designer for *The Canton News*. Hetrick and her husband Dos, live on their farm in Canton. Hetrick enjoys riding and showing her quarter horse at local and regional shows.

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Former Police Chief McNeill serving the community as alderwoman in ward five

By Susie A. Wolfe

Former Alderman Rueben Myers once approached Vickie McNeill and asked if she cared about the community. He encouraged her to run for alderman one day, and that day came soon after. He passed away in 2014, and McNeill successfully won a special election to fill his seat, becoming the alderwoman for northwest Canton in January 2015.

McNeill was Canton's first female police chief, and she helped the department to reach its first national accreditation. The Canton Police Department not only became one of the finest in Mississippi, but also achieved the top eight percent in the nation in 2013.

McNeill has lived in Canton most of her life, which positions her well for representing her district, which includes Nichols Middle School, Canton Freedom Center and many daycares. She was a teenager in Canton during the Civil Rights Movement, and what she saw fueled her desire to serve.

She wants to be a servant to the community, and she says that begins in ward five. She has picked up garbage, cut trees and cleaned streets. She works to make sure children are educated by supervising computer work in her district after school. She also helps make sure seniors

aren't hungry, and assists them with other needs they may have.

"My goal is to make a positive difference in the community," said McNeill.



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