**Hurricane watch**

UCF returns home to face off against the Tulsa Golden Hurricane — **SEE SPORTS, A8**

**New stadium evolves**

**Family Weekend 07’**

**Corinne Schuler**

When the Tulsa Golden Hurricane hits Bright House Networks Stadium, they’ll see more than just UCF students cheering on the stands.

Parents will also flock to campus as part of the Fan and Family Weekend, which starts Thursday and runs through Sunday.

Concerns about the event were sent to all freshmen’s home addresses, and emails were sent to some freshmen’s student families.

The safety team included boosts from EVEREST, the student athletic association working on Family Weekend and other special events at the Office of Student Involvement.

“We definitely target freshman parents,” Richman said in an email interview. “But with the new stadium there will probably be a huge drop in all ages.”

Richman said that about 300 families have registered for the weekend, but because registration is not required, there is no way to know how many will come.

“This is the third year of the event,” said Richman. “We’re excited to have more students get involved.”

Inside coverage: Family Weekend 2007

**For a list of events**

**Spirit overflows at rally**

**UCF band plays at SGA pep rally**

**Robby Sidersky**

School spirit sprouted Wednesday during a pep rally hosted by the Student Government Association in the Student Union.

About 250 students gathered to show their support for the UCF Knights football team on Saturday against Tulsa.

Students lined the balconies on all three floors at the Student Union and gave the cheerleaders a standing ovation.

“Everyone seemed excited,” Delanois said. “Everybody was pretty into it.”

Delanois said they chose to play the pre-rally pep rally to bigger and they want them to give the campus and the entire community.

Brandon Delanois, athletic department assistant for the Student Government Association, echoed Martin’s statement.

“We had a great crowd in here,” Delanois said. “Everyone was super excited.”

**Spirit week**

**Student beating bacterial infection**

Meningitis case attracting media

**Steve Miller**

A nursing student admitted to the hospital last week with bacterial meningitis is making a steady recovery, health officials said.

Dr. Joan Launer, dean of the College of Nursing, has been in contact with the student’s family and reported on his condition.

He was going to be moved out of the intensive care unit and was helped to get out of bed Thursday,” Launer said, “all excellent signs of progress.”

The student’s case has not been released due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

The story brought TV crews across to the UCF campus and attracted attention from multiple news outlets Monday. In spite of this, students remained calm.

“As alarming as it may seem, I think everyone has been relatively calm throughout the process,” senior nursing student Rachel Gallic said. “I am more concerned with the health of our fellow classmates.”

Cara Arneson, a 25-year-old pre-nursing student, said she didn’t feel the situation was handled with care, and both the College of Nursing and the Health Center are working to make sure that information is vital.

“I am more concerned with the health of our fellow classmates,” Arneson said.

Dr. Michael Deichen, associate director of Clinical Health Services, also said that the students were being very proactive and able to get out of bed.

**Conorine Schuler**

**New Student fails sexual health report card**

**Phyllis Rothman-Charles, UCF, and other students grab grades based on use of AIDS, HIV testing, student health hours of operation, drop-in vs appointment-based service, navigability and usability of Web-based annual health information, anonymous advice and newspaper columns, lecture outreach programs, student peer groups and sexual assault programs.**

This year, the University of Minnesota rose up from 173 to 4 on the list in the field as being the most sexually resourceful campus in the country, UCF however, fell placing 133 out of the 139 schools.

“The UCF Health Center’s Web site was bad; there were no separate sexual assault programs and the availability of contraceptives was low,” said Bert Sperling, owner of Sperling’s BestPlaces firm. “The hours of operation and anonymous availability did receive an “A”-powerment.”

The Health Center’s Web site scored an “F” on the study, contributing to the overall GAF of 4.

But Dr. Michael Deichen, associate director of Clinical Health Services, said that the site was just updated.

Please see HEALTH on B3.

**Kari Wilberg**

UCF received a giant “F” on its sexual health report card this year.

Said Sperling: “I don’t care if UCF has the newest and biggest recreation and sex education programs on campus, if they are not accessible to the students, the students are not going to use them and they are not going to prevent any of the conditions you see.”

Please see covers story on sexual health report card.

**Putting the F in S.M.L.**

**Brooks of brothers**

Hanson put in a “Mmmmb” behind them with a walk for poverty — **SEE VARIOUS, A11**

**SINGING ON THE SIDELINES**

A Florida University football player last played in the NFL for the Jacksonville Jaguars. But like many football coach, he’s not done. The former Florida Gator is now a math teacher at the University of Florida and three times a week he doesn’t teach math at the University of Florida.

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**Tornado touches local club hockey team**

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**Tornado touches down in Pensacola, no injuries reported**

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Queer Eye,

Lady strutted out in black-buckled
boots, a purple button-down shirt,

The event
dazzles audience
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Queer Eye, stars of reality TV show
Queer Nation, will speak at UCF this

At 8 p.m. in the Pegasus Ballroom
of the Student Union, Carson Kressley
strutted out in black-buckled boots, a
gabby button-down shirt,


CARSON KRESSLEY'S 10 TIPS TO PERSONAL STYLE

1. Acceptance, acceptance — Spend way more money on something you wear than you'd spend to decorate the clothes you already have.

2. Text me, I'm open — Staying in touch always makes the most difference.

3. When people, all those people, Syrians and your own people...

4. Struggle the trend — "The ones you won't want is what you want to buy. Talk it up and keep that face thing going up for you and your kids."

5. Great-tro­

6. Send me a note — "I'm a UCF alumni of Quer­

7. Expose yourself — 

8. Mix your worlds.

9. Everybody's body type is different — "Make friends with the people who make your body look great."

10. Appropriately dress for the occasion.

Local Weather
Local weather conditions.

CARSON KRESSLEY
Kressley, who has been charged with

Tonight: 10 p.m., Bravo.

At the end of his presentation,
Kressley received a standing ovation.

"I'm revolutionizing how the world sees the gay community," hos­

Kressley said, before turning to tell the crowd,

"We have come a long way," said

"I'm a UCF alumni of Queer Nation."

"I've never thought about myself
as gay," said

"I couldn't help but think
about you, said

"He's the closest ever," said

"His name couldn't sound any gay," said

"It's cool to see someone successful in our community who made it."
Former neo-Nazi's childhood added to the hate

ASHLEY RODERER

UCF graduate student and reformed neo-Nazi Angela King talked about her experiences and lessons learned at part of Diversity Week at UCF. King, 32, visited the Student Union on Oct. 17 and talked about the childhood experiences that contributed to her joining the skinhead movement and eventually ending up in federal prison for three years.

King talked about why she joined different groups about the revelations that changed her.

She said her whole life had changed so much she wouldn't be able to be the person she is now. She moved around the country a lot, went to different colleges and went on different mission trips. She was raised in two religions, Baptist and Catholic, and would occasionally hear racial remarks in her home.

"I didn't understand what any of their racial comments meant," King said. She had never been taught to hate. When King entered public school, she said the experience was so jarring that she began realizing that things were not as normal as she had been led to believe.

"I left the house on the 10th birthday party wearing a white and red jacket. I wore it on purpose to show I didn't care what color I was. I wore it on purpose to show I didn't care about the skinheads," King said. "I left wearing the skinhead jacket and riding a motorcycle. I went to the first place I could."

She got into trouble in high school for being involved in an armed robbery of an adult video store in Hers­tmonceux, a rural area in Florida where there weren't many people from different races or religions.

"When she was arrested in 1998 and convicted for being involved in an armed robbery of an adult video store in Hert­monceux, a rural area in Florida where there weren't many people from different races or religions, she didn't really listen to what they were saying around her. ‘It seemed they didn’t have any stature,' King said.

"I didn't understand what any of their racial comments meant," King said. She had never been taught to hate. When King entered public school, she said the experience was so jarring that she began realizing that things were not as normal as she had been led to believe.
State lawmakers take time off to cut property taxes.

Unable so far to reconcile differences over who should get tax breaks and how much can be trimmed, the House and Senate have been in session most of the day – and into the night – to make the implementation of a $17.6-million for subsidies on gas station, pop the trailer's hood and pretend to fix a wiring problem. A huge red, green and orange sign that read, "No shoes, no shirt, no service" were noticed along the road.

The overpayments, which occurred over a 10-year period, were a result of a software problem. The lenders who received the money have repaid the monies to the department, a spokesperson for ACS said.

The company discovered the problem in December 2000 during an annual audit conducted by the Department of Education. The problem was not identified even though the service had a full-time compliance staff located in the division of financial management, according to a news release from the Department of Education.

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Health Center Web site contributes to bad mark

STEPHANIE MILKEN
Staff Writer

Members of the Student Government Association Senate selected a new speaker and president of the Student Senate last Thursday.

The Student Government Association re-elected College of Business Senator Brian Peterson as speaker and College of Arts and Sciences Senator Alex De La Salle as senator, president pro tempore. "I hadn’t quite hit my stride," Peterson said. "It’s a great honor to serve in this capacity for student government and the university as a whole."

"I’m very excited for the 40th Student Senate. We have a fantastic group of senators who are all willing and moti­vated to represent the student body," Peterson will act as the head of the SGA Senate, which is the legislative branch. The job includes chairs such as facilitating and running the Senate meetings and taking care of other administrative tasks.

The speaker is also the chair of the Senate executive committee, which comprises the speaker, the president pro tempore and all of the class senators. The group is made of the senate leadership and meets weekly to discuss any issues involving student government. Peterson’s job as speaker will also make him the Senate’s chief negotiator and as such he will be responsible for the Senate meetings and control­ling debates.

"By calling on certain people or an organization, you can ask them or not calling on certain people, you can potentially sway debate in one fashion or another," Peterson said.

"I think that because of the new statutes and bodies that got on for the 40th Senate, I’m the second session who is the second session staying here."

Peterson was allowed to serve an extra year due to a constitutional change during the last session of the Student Senate. LJR helped make recommendations to the elec­tions and Appointments Committee, which changes the voting times for SGA elections for the 40th Student Senate. The change also allowed SGA students to eliminate "third-party vendors setting up in a bar."

We want people voting when they’re comparison, and it’s much better for people coming to... there’s a lot of motivation and a lot of fun jumping right into everything."
Victim Services and Volunteer UCF Kick off Domestic Violence Awareness Month in front of the Student Union on Monday, October 22, 2007.

In October of 1991, domestic violence became such a problem that the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence named October Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It was started by the domestic violence director for the Orange County Council on Domestic Violence.

"It can be verbal or physical," she said. "anything that puts you down in a relationship, family or friend." Harbor House and the Orange County Council on Domestic Violence divide abuse into four categories: physical, emotional, sexual and economical. Actions such as slapping, screaming, unprovoked touching and refusal to share control of money are considered abuse.

Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinator Jonathan McGifford said Harbor House provides free counseling and a 24-hour hotline.

"We have met the needs of everyone that has approached us and know about the resources," McGifford said. Harbor House also provides emergency shelter, support groups, safety planning, dating and violence education programs, and prevention education.

McGifford said that Harbor House is also taking steps to end domestic violence because of the main focus - "But we have a new initiative called Men Against Domestic Violence." The problem is not only being perpetrated by women. McGifford said that Harbor House is also taking steps to end domestic violence because of the main focus "but we have a new initiative called Men Against Domestic Violence." The problem is not only being perpetrated by women.

Community Relations Officer Jammi Emert was also at the event. She said that population and violence have a direct relationship, as the population increases, so does violence.

The official Web site for the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence states that 50 percent of dating-related violence occurs on college campuses "in casual or steady relationships." McGifford said that the list has been changed to accommodate date victims so they don't have to go too involved in the line enforcement process.

The police simply arrest the guilty person after the victim reports the crime. Emert said that both men and women can be victims of domestic abuse.

"Typically, women are faced with greater domestic violence," she said. "Men are shipped to jail, but let's not forget for them to come forth.

"Women tend to subject to abuse more often because they are at a physical disadvantage.

"Women also have to take advantage of (man's) money," she said. "They are not inferior, mentally, but physically." Harb House member start the "Coaching Boys Into Men" campaign. Teaching Boys How To Treat Women Before They Become Men which is sponsored by the Orange County Council on Domestic Violence Task Force. This campaign emphasizes the fact that everyone is guilty of imperfections, but it is important for adults and authority figures to see examples for children who learn and act as a result of their environment.

"The more children that are exposed to healthy, functional relationships, the more likely they will be to have a better and more successful conception of what a relationship is supposed to be," he said.

LaShawn River, assistant coordinator of Victim Services, said that the organization has a plan for preventing domestic violence.

"We're reaching out to men and women at the middle-school age to show them what's appropriate," River said. "Men and women are healthy relationship looks like and what their rights are."
Jena Six forum asks: ‘Where do we go from here?’

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UCF students showed on Monday that they’re not going to let the recent events in Jena, La., by donation.

The African American Student Union presented a forum called “Where Do We Go From Here” in the Cypress Hall Bannion of the Shaheen Union.

The forum, as a part of the Student Life’s Diversity Week, discussed the civil rights controversy known as the Jena Six, who were accused of beating a white student in Jena, La. One of the students, Mychal Bell, has been convicted of second-degree battery, which were followed by demonstrations by black students and then sat under the tree.

“I thought it was accurately portrayed,” Ly said. “Most rallies aren’t covered by the media. They cover things like what did Jim Crow do last night?”

Smith disagreed. “Mass media smushed this down to just these six kids,” Smith said, “and that’s all.”

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“Make it your business to answer it,” she urged.

The forum wrapped up with the panel and audience commenting on the potential aftermath of the Jena Six events.

Byrd added, “The debate is in the fairness of the evaluations of his actions.”

Some panel members, as well as several audience members, expressed that what happened was a simple fight that should have just been handled by the school. It wasn’t a fight because Justin Barker, the white student, never swung a lick.”

Clarkson explained that the distraction needed to be brought back to whether Bell had a fair trial.

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MR. AND MR. SMITH

UCF RB, Tulsa QB key to Saturday win

MELISSA HAYDEN
Assistant Coach

UCF football team needs a little spice in its game — a little extra kick, if you will.

Last week’s 64-12 loss to the South Florida Bulls resonated with the Knights of the 0-1 season in 2004 and, according to guard L.J. Anderson, the Knights were lacking a little something last week that sparked memories of that year.

"That 0-1 season. We just didn’t have the energy to go on the field," Anderson said. "It was just one of those things where we just lacked the spice for that season.

For the past three years, they have been to the conference finals and they’ve been to the Championship game and they’ve been to bowl games. So we’ve seen them struggle with moving the offense this year, and we wish to put past the Saturdays they were at. We just need to hold on to any chance at the C-USA Championship or a bowl game."

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

UCF vs. Tulsa

HURRICANE WATCH

The Tulsa Golden Hurricane are second in the nation with 572.8 yards per game of offense.

Paul, Anderson, Jr. Smith. The Knights are 1-2, including two straight losses to East Carolina and South Florida.

ISRAEL STILL STARTER

UCF head coach B.C. R. Smith said that despite his struggles, he still plans to start the quarterback for the Knights.

UCF will return to the field this weekend to face the Tulsa Golden Hurricane, and the Knights know they have to start performing if they wish to hold on to any chance at the C-USA Championship or a bowl game.

"The rest of the season, they are all conference games and they are all extremely significant to what we’re going to be able to do after the season," driving safety Shmulik Reishad said. "I guess you kind of look at it as the start of a new season within the conference. Our destiny is basically in our own hands.

For the Knights, their destiny starts Saturday.

Tulsa

TULSA TODAY

7 P.M. (AWAY)

The Tulsa Golden Hurricane are second in the nation with 572.8 yards per game of offense.

The Knights have allowed 116 points in their past two games, including 64 points last week to whom they consider to be their biggest rival, the Florida Bulls.

"It was just one of those things where we just needed a little more energy to go on the field," Anderson said. "It was just one of those things where we just lacked the spice for that season."
The UCF Men's Soccer team at the 8-over-par and senior Chris Adams finished third, both at 21-under-par. UCF was one of two teams that had two players finish in the top 10 of the 8-under-par field.

The three-place finish was the highest finish for the Knights, who have shed 14 conference matches in the past four matches. The Knights ended the season with a 1-over-par 73 in the final day of the tournament, finishing at 13-under-par at 10-stroke better than San Francisco.

Men's Golf finishes third

THE UCF Men's Golf team finished up the PGA West Tournament on Tuesday with a third-place finish. UCF was led by both freshman Hack and sophomore Cunningham, who both finished with total rounds of 3-under-par 213.

When the UCF Women's Soccer team faces off against UTEP today at 7 p.m., the Knights will have a chance to grab a stronghold on conference USA.

The Knights (9-2-4 overall, 2-4-0 in conference USA) and the Miners (6-5-2 overall, 3-0 in conference USA) are the only teams that have both won all of their conference matches, and they sit 3-2 in the USA standings.

“I think we’re excited,” sophomore Becomre Thomas said. "Being 4-0 in conference is always awesome. But we don’t want to get into both those games this weekend, they’re both really good teams — we’ve been watching game film, and they both go to be tough opponents. So we know we gotta pad hard this week.

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“Nothing is handed over to you,” Thomas said. “When you’re playing them, you’re still down two goals. And the penalty kick after a handball almost ripped it past the goalkeeper in the 86th minute. The entire game has had the ball saved or scored from different positions. The last two years, Roberta Pilar has really stepped up and scored goals, and her partner... We have those players on the field who are great at putting the ball away. However, good goal scorers, and she was very consistent there. The Knights ended the weekend when they tried to stop Annaliese Edmundson on Sunday.

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Tulsa offense a tough test for shaky UCF defense

The Knights are in conference mode from here on out and they know that a game anything like the USF debacle will mean an early end to the season.

But UCF knows that conference play is what dictates what happens with the season.

That's the great thing about football; you have a chance to go out and sort of end yourself in the next game. That's basically what I told my players. As I said, the train is moving; they need to get on or get off.

UCF's offensive line helped take a big step versus South Florida on Saturday. And the offensive line will show what it's made of.

UCF knew that Tulsa may be the best offensive line they will face this season and thinks what they have done during the week will ready them for what they will see tomorrow.

UCF's defensive line is struggling, but the Knights feel comfortable in their own stadium and they know that they can sort of still control their own destiny as far as what the goals were for the season. 

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UCF running back Kevin Smith managed just 55 rushing yards against the wanted South Florida defense on Saturday. Smith and the Knights look to buck a home game losing drought when they play the Tulsa Golden Hurricane at 6 p.m. Saturday. 

The Knights and Golden Hurricane will kick off football Friday Night Football Stad-

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Hanson takes on African poverty

Late '90s pop group Hanson doesn't just talk the talk; they walk the walk — literally. The group of three brothers will be at the House of Blues in Orlando to promote their new album, The Walk.

The concert is not the only thing that Hanson fans have to look forward to in Orlando. The brothers will also do a mile-long barefoot walk at 3 p.m. before the show in Downtown Disney to bring awareness to poverty all over the world.

Hanson also has a partnership with Tom's Shoes, a shoe company that donates a pair of shoes to an impoverished person for every pair they sell. The company is currently focusing on the poor and homeless in Africa. Hanson recently traveled to South Africa to see the implementation of a new medical technology that helps pregnant women with AIDS and attempts to protect the unborn babies from the disease.

Zac Hanson said the trip inspired him and his brothers to give back and use their celebrity for a good cause. The song "Great Divide" was inspired by their trip and can be downloaded on iTunes. All proceeds go directly to the research hospital in Africa. He said their band encourages all of their fans to do something, no matter the size, to give back.

"Something as simple as walking a mile or buying a pair of shoes or buying a song, it's a big thing," he said. "And it's something that will change the world, but actually it does become noticeable, come from action."

The barefoot walk is free and open to the general public.

The three brothers, Isaac, Taylor and Zac, have been a band for 15 years and have been commercially recording for 10. The Walk is a deviation from traditional recording form, the youngest band member Zac Hanson said in a phone interview.

He said they chose to perform live in the studio, rather than recording each piece of orchestration separately and blending it all electronically.

The live process allowed the band to capture what they feel is the essence of their music, he said.

"We wanted to crystallize the way we sound as a live band into the music," Hanson said. "We gave ourselves less tools to use and tried to do more with the tools we had available." The minimal amount of orchestration is meant to give the CD a fresher edge, he said.

Zac Hanson said that most people don't truly understand what the music is like until they see the brothers perform live. The live recording method allowed them to attempt to capture what makes their live performances so unique, he said.

"There's an energy," he said. "There's something there that comes through that's kind of indefinable."

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Horses create mellow splendor with Begin

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My only year after the demise of their first album, Band of Horses released an album called Begin in Oct. 9 under the Sub Pop record label, and since then, more releases serve as the band's attempt to reproduce the accolades of 2006's Everything All the Time. The band has already built a substantial reputation with the success of their music. In addition to their first struggles, the mellow rockers have had their music featured on the show One Tree Hill. Cause to Begin offers 10 easy-listening tracks that are guaranteed to transition audience members into a calm and pensive state. Locally, the variable of change in band members did not break the focus of the band. The album is collective and direct, adding an echo that seems to bounce over.

Through the lead vocals to be kind-philched, the songs never border on the whimsical atonality of softcore artists. "The General Specific" is the feel-good hit of the album. The song combines the style of The Beach Boys "Wouldn't It Be Nice" with the indie feel of bands like The Shins. The result is upbeat and pleasant, providing just the right amount of pop to offset the entire melancholy that is showcased on songs like "Is There A Ghost." Further into the album, songs like "She's Once Upon Love Your Girl" hit a soft spot with lyrics that read "Anything to make you smile." There are the ever-living ghost of what once was/new way to be how you say "That you'd be better off/Do you think that's the way?" The entire album is easy to love. "Detlef Schrempf" and "Cigarettes, Wedding Bands" are the melodic stand-out tracks. The chorus and reverse effects on the guitar help brighten the simple progressions. Most of the songs bear all in the transparent songwriting. Though it appears subtly an unobtrusive country twang seeps through some of the more folky songs and helps cement the rhythmic stability. Band of Horses have been described as having a likeness to Perry Farrell's work with Jane's Addiction and the sounds of My Morning Jacket. Whether the album becomes a future favorite or just good background music, there is enough diversity between songs on Cause to Begin to please just about everyone. For more information, visit their Web site at www.band­ofhorses.com.

Brothers bring their lives on tour

Mainstream energy in 1997 with their debut commercial album, Middle of Nowhere. Since then, they have released four more albums, including The Walk.

Through each recording and tour, the Hanson brothers have managed to remain grounded and out of trouble. Zac Hanson said that their ability to stay away from dangerous influences is driven by their love for what they do.

"When it comes to things like abusing alcohol and drugs, you just aren't going to do that. I just aren't going to do that," Zac Hanson said. "It's just not going to happen."

He said that sometimes it can be like a juggling circus, but to the band, it's worth it.

As the brothers embark on another tour, Hanson said that concertgoers can expect a mix of music from all of their albums.

"It's a rock 'n' roll show," he said.

He said no two shows on the tour are alike. The brothers try to change up the music every night to keep the show fresh and interesting.

"You really want to do it and you really want to do it and do it forever, you're going to be brutally honest with each other," Zac Hanson said, "and keep each other in check, whether you're brothers or friends from high school."

"(Being) brothers probably doesn't hurt," he added.

"The family atmosphere of the tour bus has expanded from just brothers to now also includes friends from high school," he said. "It's a rock 'n' roll show," he said.

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