

## La Jolla High School, 1950 to Present, RG005.08

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** La Jolla High School, 1950 to Present, RG005.08

**Dates:** 1950 - Present

**Collection Number:** RG005.08

**Creator/Collector:** La Jolla Historical Society

**Extent:** 1.5 linear feet

**Repository:** La Jolla Historical Society, La Jolla, California 92037

**Abstract:** The La Jolla High School Collection is made up of photographs and archival material collected by the La Jolla Historical Society since the 1930s to use for historical research and reference. The material is divided into two Collections: 1920 – 1949 and 1950 – Present and contains material dedicated to the history of the school. In addition, the La Jolla Historical Society has a collection of yearbooks from La Jolla High School dating from 1917. All material pertains to the history and heritage of La Jolla, California; its people, places and events. A container list is included on the PDF and HTML versions.

**Language of Material:** English

**Access:** The Collection is open for research

**Publication Rights:** The La Jolla Historical Society holds the copyright to any unpublished materials

**Preferred Citation:** Courtesy of the La Jolla Historical Society

**Acquisition Information:** RG005.08

**Biography/Administrative History:** The La Jolla Historical Society inspires and empowers the community to make La Jolla's diverse past a relevant part of contemporary life.

The La Jolla Historical Society's Collections encompass over 80 years of actively collecting archival material, books, maps, scrapbooks, ephemera, fine art, newspapers, street and land use files, business and personal documents and historic and archaeological artifacts. The Society boasts over 20,000 photographs, over 1000 postcards, 400-plus architectural drawings and approximately 200 oral history recordings.

Collecting was initiated by Howard Randolph and volunteers on the historical committee of the Library Association of La Jolla. The Collection began by gathering photographs and documentation in the late 1930s, which later became the nucleus of the La Jolla Historical Society's Collections. The Society was created in 1963.

Through many moves in location the Society continued collecting and expanding. Accumulated Collections took on its current construct in 2010 after the renovation of the La Jolla Historical Society's campus of structures in central La Jolla, which consists of the 1904 Wisteria Cottage and 1940s Balmer Annex used for exhibits and programming, and a 1909 cottage used for business and research offices. The late Ellen Browning Scripps' 1916 automobile garage was also renovated and now houses the Collection in a modern collections storage facility. Materials are housed in archival boxes, sleeves, envelopes and other archival-safe materials and are cared for according to standards and best practices of the museum profession. In 2016, the Society initiated new PastPerfect Museum Software to manage and catalog its

Collections and in 2018 started using the Online Archive of California to upload searchable information from its Collections to enable improved public access. The Society will continue these processes and look forward to utilizing new opportunities to collect, preserve and share the history of La Jolla.

**Scope and Content of Collection:** The La Jolla High School Collection is made up of photographs and archival material collected by the La Jolla Historical Society since the 1930s to use for historical research and reference. The material is divided into two Collections: 1920 – 1949 and 1950 – Present and contains material dedicated to the history of the school. In addition, the La Jolla Historical Society has a collection of yearbooks from La Jolla High School dating from 1917. All material pertains to the history and heritage of La Jolla, California; its people, places and events. A container list is included on the PDF and HTML versions.

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# Container List

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## RG005 – Subject Files (Large) Box 08.1 – La Jolla High School 1950 to Present

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### La Jolla High School – Pre-1950's

Photograph. Photo of La Jolla High School. 1946.

Photograph. Photo of the La Jolla High School football team. 1946.

Photograph. Photo of three La Jolla High School students playing football. 1944.

Photograph. Photo of the La Jolla High School varsity football team. 1947.

### La Jolla High School – 1950's

Photographs. Two photos from the La Jolla Light of a 1957 meeting of the La Jolla Soroptimist and Venture Clubs.

Newspaper. Copy of La Jolla High School's Hi-Tide newspaper. Headline: "270 Seniors to Graduate Thursday". June 10, 1952.

Photograph. Photo of La Jolla High School with two girls out in front. 1959 (two copies + negative).

Program. "The Merchant of Venice." The Community Theatre of La Jolla. Edward Longstreth. Albert and Bertha Johnson. 1950.

Commencement Announcement. Sara Carlene Shuttleworth. 1952.

Commencement Program. Class of 1952.

Commencement Program. Class of 1957.

Program. The La Jolla Junior – Senior High School Orchestra and Band. Daniel Magnusson, Director. 1959.

### La Jolla High School Swimming Pool – 1955-1958

Collection of documents. Collection of articles, city documents, photographs, and letters regarding the building of a swimming pool at La Jolla High School over the period of 1955-1958.

### La Jolla High School – 1960's

Newsletter. Administrators' Association of the San Diego City Schools newsletter titled "The Administrator". June 1961.

Article. "Support the Home Team: Be A Viking Booster" on La Jolla High School's football team. La Jolla Light. October 30, 1969.

Article. "Proposed Bonds Would Replace Historic High School Building" by Jerry Brucker on La Jolla High School. La Jolla Light. December 26, 1968.

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Article. "Nostalgia Lane" by Marie Breder on the history of La Jolla High School. October 17, 1963.

Directory. Class reunion directory for the twenty-year reunion of the La Jolla High School class of 1945. June 26, 1965.

Letter. Special Bulletin to Faculty and Students. 1966.

Newspaper. La Jolla Hi-Tide. January 27, 1966.

Newspaper Article inside Warwicks bag. The French Club float and other French Club activities. 1963 – 1966.

Newspaper. La Jolla Hi-Tide. February 11, 1966 (2)

Newspaper Article. "Local Red Cross Chapter Names New Officers, Gives Award." La Jolla Light. 1966.

Letter on San Diego City Schools Education Center letterhead. To Secondary Principals and teachers of French, Levels 1 – 3. From Dwight Lee, Supervisor of Curriculum Production. 1965.

Newspaper Article. "Queen and Her Court," "Vikings Down Chiefs in Homecoming Game Last Friday," "Madison High Scheduled Here for Tomorrow," "Big Production," "Galbraith Inaugurated as Chancellor." Denise Stecher, Bill Bender, Louise La Pointe, Heather Davidson, Larry Strada, Jack Wilhelm, Lee-Ann Tyller, Cary Bacon, Kerry Carnohan, Allison Kampf, Nicolai Lennox, Betty Stapler, Tod Blakesly, Toni Tuttle, Bob Thiele, Bod Wood, Suzy Goodrich, Ralph Joyce, Susan Rigley. La Jolla Light. 1965.

Newspaper. La Jolla Hi-Tide. May 13, 1966.

Photograph. Production, Le Folies Bergere. 1964.

Daily Bulletin. May 2, 1966.

Program. P.T.A. Meeting. 1966.

Photographs (40) and negatives. French Club. 1965 and 1966.

Overview. La Jolla High School Red Cross – French Club Cultural Chest to France. 1966.

### **La Jolla High School – Class of 1965 Reunion**

Class directory. Class reunion directory for the La Jolla High School class of 1965. Every entry includes a biography of the former student and their accomplishments since graduation. Includes details on service in the Vietnam War. August 24, 1985.

Program. Program for the La Jolla High School class of 1965 reunion. August 24, 1985.

### **La Jolla High School – 1970's**

Article. "Viking Fund Drive Opens" on a La Jolla High School fundraiser. La Jolla Light. March 5, 1970.

Article. "Boyer's enthusiasm earns coaching post" by Doug Page on Charles Boyer becoming a La Jolla High School track coach. The Sentinel. June 25, 1970.

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Article. "New 750 Seat Civic Theatre in La Jolla Is Planned" by Welton Jones. San Diego Union. March 4, 1973.

Article. "LJ Track Club claims 3 wins" by Mike Grady on LJHS. May 17, 1973.

Article. "PTA Honors Virginia Grizzle" on LJHS PTA awards ceremony. May 31, 1973.

Article. "Plans for \$3.5 million high school replacements here receive approval" by Pat Dahlberg on La Jolla High School. February 21, 1974.

Article. "Another auditorium plea" on La Jolla High School's need for an auditorium to replace the historic one that was torn down. La Jolla Light. May 1, 1975.

Article. "Non-society editor 'parties' with Cliff" by Pat Dahlberg on Cliff Robertson and the La Jolla High School class of 1941 reunion he hosted at his Barber Tract home. La Jolla Light. May 18, 1978.

Photographs. Two photos of La Jolla High School student Geoffrey Thompson after winning a cash prize from the Bank of America Achievement Awards Program. April 17, 1975.

Photograph. Photo of the La Jolla High School football team on field during a game. 1970's.

Photograph. Photo of construction at La Jolla High School. August 1975.

Article. "La Jolla High homecoming for last old buildings" on the return of former students to LJHS before the school was renovated to be earthquake safe. November 13, 1975 (two copies).

Article. "La Jolla High's Homecoming 1975". November 20, 1975.

Article. "Athletes from La Jolla: Hall of Fame Honors 2" on former LJHS students Thomas J. Hamilton and Bob Skinner. January 15, 1976.

Article. "Basketball Homecoming at La Jolla High". January 26, 1976.

Article. "La Jolla High's '25 class meets". La Jolla Light. February 12, 1976.

Article. "La Jolla High gets additional \$16,000". La Jolla Light. April 15, 1976.

Photograph. Photo of La Jolla High School under construction. 1976.

Photograph. Photo of La Jolla High School after renovations were complete. Students on campus. Late 1970's.

Photograph. Photo of the La Jolla High School campus from across the street. Late 1970's.

Photographs. Photos of LJHS principal Charles Clapper in his office and at multiple commencement ceremonies. 1973-1976.

Article. "La Jolla Athletes Grab 3 Titles". May 5, 1977.

Article. "La Jolla High to dedicate buildings Wednesday". March 1, 1977.

Article. "Play Corona Del Mar today: Vikings vie for No. 1" by Ken Regenold. May 1977.

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Article. "1,200 Students Graduate Today" on LJHS. La Jolla Light. June 16, 1977.

Article. "High school gets new marquee" on LJHS's new marquee sign. October 13, 1977.

Photograph. Photo of the Parker Community Auditorium at LJHS. 1970's.

Article. "Students Surveying Businesses" about LJHS service clubs looking for donations. May 18, 1978.

Tickets. Five tickets for admission into a LJHS senior dance on October 19<sup>th</sup>. 1970's.

Photograph. Photo of the La Jolla High School field and adjacent parking lot. May 11, 1978.

Article. "Gift Boost School Auditorium Plans" by Diane Clark. San Diego Union. June 17, 1978.

Collection of articles. Collection of miscellaneous articles from local publications about La Jolla High School and LJHS students. Includes things like the petition for a baseball field, sports highlights, and the push for a new auditorium. 1978-1979.

Commencement Program. Class of 1977.

### **La Jolla High School Auditorium - 1973 - 1980**

Letter on "Enamells by Kay Whitcomb" letterhead. From Kay Whitcomb RE: Belle Baranceanu. 1980.

Photographic Reprint. La Jolla High School auditorium WPA mural by Belle Baranceanu. 1976.

Photograph. Mural at La Jolla High School auditorium by Belle Baranceanu.

Photograph. Construction of auditorium.

Copy. Photographs (5). Belle Baranceanu mural on wall with other walls around it demolished.

Report. Report on Schematic (Layout) Plans for La Jolla High School. San Diego Unified School District. 1973.

Newspaper Pages. "La Jolla High's Auditorium is Now History." La Jolla Light. 1976.

Document. City of San Diego Historical Site Board Register. La Jolla High School Auditorium.

Photograph. La Jolla High School auditorium demolition. 1976.

Photograph. La Jolla High School auditorium being demolished. 1976.

Photograph. La Jolla High School auditorium being demolished. 1976.

Photograph. La Jolla High School auditorium being demolished. 1976.

Copies (2). Newspaper Article. "La Jolla High School, Here's Story Behind Mural." 1975.

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Copy. Newspaper Article. "Drive Revived to Raise Funds for Community Auditorium."

Newspaper Article. "Drive Revived to Raise Funds for Community Auditorium." 1975.

Newspaper Photograph and Caption. Mrs. James Dunlap, Mrs. Edward Keatin, Mrs. Willard Miner. La Jolla Village Civic Center. Newcomers Club. La Jolla Light – Journal. 1973.

Newspaper Article. "With Theater and Meeting Rooms, Civic Center Proposed Here."

Newspaper Photograph and Caption. Mrs. Val Barreras, Mrs. Frisbie Killman, Mrs. Willard Miner. La Jolla Village Civic Center. La Jolla Soroptimist Club. Las Vecinas.

Newspaper Article. "Auditorium Fund Drive Still On, Vows Dunlap." 1974.

Newspaper Article. "Fund Drive Starts Here for Community Theater." 1973.

Newspaper Article. "Center Fund Drive Lags." 1974.

Newspaper Article. "Fund Drive Fails, Doooms Stage Here." 1974.

Copy. Newspaper Article. "How You Can Help."

Brochure. La Jolla Civic Center Corporation. Proposed La Jolla High School Performing Arts Theatre Auditorium. Fundraising. 1974.

Document. Agreement Between San Diego Unified School District and La Jolla Civic Center Corporation. Construction of new performing arts center.

Copy. Newspaper Article. Belle Baranceanu.

Photograph. Demolition of La Jolla High School auditorium. 1976.

Copy. Newspaper Article. "Designation Refused, Report from San Diego Historical Site Board." William Templeton Johnson. San Diego History News. 1976.

Document. 1977-78 Community Services Special Purpose Tax, Proposed Budget. San Diego Unified School District. 1977.

Fact Sheet. La Jolla Civic Center Corporation. Facts about the fund drive for the Community Theatre at La Jolla High School.

Packet (Copies). Letter on La Jolla High School Auditorium letterhead from the La Jolla High School PTA, Viking Boosters, La Jolla Civic Center Corp., Legislative Affairs to Rev. George W. Smith, President of the Board of Education, San Diego Unified School District. RE: funding to rebuild the auditorium. La Jolla High School Auditorium Fall – Spring Calendar. Copy of drawing for the proposed interior for 500-seat Performing Arts Theatre Auditorium. Letter on La Jolla High School letterhead from C.J. Clapper to John Witt, Board of Education RE: fundraising activities for the new auditorium. 1977.

Copy. Newspaper Article. "School Gets Funds for New Auditorium." 1977.

Copy. Newspaper Article. "Auditorium Backers Find Santa." 1978.

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Copy. Newspaper Article. "Auditorium Gets Green Light; School Leaders Still Cautious." 1979.

Packet (Copies). General letter from Elizabeth Carson, President of the La Jolla Civic Center Corporation RE: fundraising for auditorium. Drawing of proposed interior for the 535 seat Performing Arts Theatre Auditorium. Letter from Elizabeth Carson to Rev. George Smith, President of the Board of Education RE: the Board's financial commitment. Letter on Idanta Partners letterhead from Idanta Partners to Board of Directors of the La Jolla Civic Center Corporation RE: matching funds for the auditorium. Press Release, Idanta Partners and David Dunn donation. 1978.

Copy. Architect's Contract. Board of Education, San Diego Unified School District. Mosher/Drew/Watson Associates. 1978.

Newspaper Article. "Curtain Should Rise for Auditorium Construction." 1978.

Copy. Newspaper Article. "Auditorium Design Under Way." 1978.

Copy. Newspaper Editorial. "Job Well Done." 1977.

Copy. Newspaper Article. "Auditorium Coming."

Packet. Report on La Jolla High School Auditorium Bid Opening. San Diego City Schools, Office of the Superintendent. 1979.

Cover Letter and Flyer. Advertising benefit concert for the La Jolla High School Auditorium by La Jolla Symphony and Chorus. WPA mural by Belle Baranceanu. 1980.

Copy. Newspaper Article. "Finally Open After All These Years." Nancy Scott Anderson. Ken Rearwin. Belle Baranceanu. 1980.

Newspaper Editorial. "Auditorium Stands as La Jolla Tribute." La Jolla Light. 1980.

Photographs (2). La Jolla Auditorium WPA mural by Belle Baranceanu. 1973.

### **La Jolla High School - 1980's**

Photograph. Photo of students doing various things on campus at La Jolla High School. 1989.

Photograph. Photo of various students and staff from the LJHS football team leaning on a counter above a banner that "BLASTOFF '87!". September 9, 1987.

Photograph. Photo of a LJHS theatre production of the Peanuts. June 4, 1987.

Photograph. Photo of two girls wearing sunglasses with their graduation caps and gowns at a LJHS graduation ceremony. June 18, 1987.

Photograph. Photo of the La Jolla High School antique show. May 21, 1987.

Photograph. Photo of four women at the La Jolla High School antique show wearing corresponding aprons. April 30, 1987.

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Photograph. Photo of the fence outside of La Jolla High School. "Progress on the new fence at LJ High on Fay" written at the bottom of the frame. October 30, 1986.

Photograph. Photo of students at the La Jolla High School graduation. 1986.

Photograph. Photo of the LJHS girls volleyball team posing for a photo at the Cove. December 4, 1986.

Photograph. Photo of a dilapidated building on the LJHS campus. "La Jolla High cottages that will be leaving!" written on the bottom of the frame. August 7, 1986.

Photograph. Photo of two buildings and a walkway ramp at La Jolla High School. June 26, 1986.

Photograph. Photo of two students holding each other after a LJHS graduation ceremony. 1980's.

Photograph. Photo of an award ceremony at La Jolla High School. June 19, 1986.

Photograph. Photo of Jeff Vann of the La Jolla High School baseball team after throwing a pitch. May 22, 1986.

Photograph. Photo of the La Jolla High School young astronauts club. 1980's.

Photograph. Photo of the La Jolla High School "fashion show". May 15, 1986.

Photograph. Photo of the La Jolla High School publications team. May 15, 1986.

Photograph. Photo of the La Jolla High School PTA board. May 15, 1986.

Photograph. Photo of the La Jolla High School "princesses". October 24, 1985.

Photograph. Photo of a group of students sitting in and around a van. "Jr. Classmates" written at the bottom. October 24, 1986.

Photograph. Photo of the crowd at a LJHS football game. 1980's.

Photograph. Photo of the La Jolla High School senior class float. October 24, 1986.

Photograph. Photo of La Jolla High School principal Charlie Clapper at his retirement party. May 5, 1984.

Photograph. Photo of an older woman holding a La Jolla High School yearbook at a La Jolla High School reunion. July 14, 1983.

Photographs. Three photos of principal Jay Tarvin of La Jolla High School. May 31, 1984.

Program. Commencement program for the La Jolla High School class of 1980.

Photograph. Photo of the LJHS cheer squad talking to visiting students from the Soviet Union. March 30, 1989.

Photograph. Photo of the "Adams family" wearing LJHS rough water swim apparel. 1984.

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**Articles on La  
Jolla High School  
- 1980's**

Collection of articles. Compilation of articles pertaining to La Jolla High School staff, students, and alumni. Includes pieces from the La Jolla Light, La Jolla Journal, and the San Diego Union. 1980's.

**La Jolla High  
School  
Foundation**

Brochure. The Foundation of La Jolla High School. Facility, faculty, sports, students.

**The Viking and  
Outlook- 1981-  
1983**

Magazine. The Viking magazine from La Jolla High School. Features notable staff and students. June 1981.

Essay. Segment from "A Teenager Enjoyed the Golden Years of La Jolla" by Barbara Gaines Dawson. Mentions faculty from La Jolla High School shortly after its foundation. 1982.

Magazine. "Outlook: Dating: A Teenage Dilemma" published by students from La Jolla High School. February 1982.

Magazine. "Outlook: Valentine Issue" published by students from La Jolla High School. February 1983.

**La Jolla High  
School - 1990's**

Photograph. Newspaper photo of La Jolla High School coach Gene Edwards titled "A Viking Forever". La Jolla Light. 1990.

Photograph. Photo of four staff members in La Jolla High School garb. September 6, 1990.

Photographs. Two photos of the 1992 La Jolla High School graduation ceremony.

Photographs. Two photos of three students holding a trophy. "Winner" is written on the back. 1991.

Collection of articles. Compilation of miscellaneous articles pertaining to La Jolla High School students, staff, and alumni during the 1990's. Large focus on principal J.M. Tarvin and his retirement.

**La Jolla High  
School - Viking  
Reflector 1992-  
2011**

Newsletters. Various copies of the La Jolla High School Viking Reflector alumni newsletter from 1992-2011.

**La Jolla High  
School - 2000's**

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Article. "Long-awaited swim pool at La Jolla High gets school boards final OK" by Maureen Magee. San Diego Union-Tribune. January 26, 2000.

Article. "School pays price for excellence" by Chris Moran on La Jolla High School's lack of diversity. San Diego Union-Tribune. January 7, 2001.

Article. "LJHS steers toward pilot program" by Tanya Kurland. La Jolla Village News. April 10, 2002.

Article. "Shelburne points to a facelift for La Jolla High" by Dave Schwab. La Jolla Light. June 27, 2002.

Article. "Long-awaited LJHS pool project to be complete Sept. 15". La Jolla Light. August 15, 2002.

Article. "Making a Big Splash" on new pool at LJHS. La Jolla Village News. September 18, 2002.

Article. "District proposes boundary changes" by Tanya Kurland on changes to the zoning of Bird Rock Elementary and Muirlands Junior High School near LJHS. La Jolla Village News. February 5, 2003.

Article. "Parents line up against district over boundaries" on parent protests to changes to the zoning of Bird Rock Elementary and Muirlands Junior High School near LJHS. La Jolla Light. February 6, 2003 (two copies).

Letter to the editor. "High-schoolers don't have little cat feet" by Robert A. Nichols on recent complaints about LJHS students being noisy at a bus stop. La Jolla Village News. November 4, 2004.

Article. "Got drugs? Dog hired to sniff out trouble at La Jolla High" by Travis Hunter. La Jolla Light. December 29, 2006.

## **La Jolla High School - No Date**

Photograph. Photo of a man and woman seated at an unknown social event. Mid-century.

Article. "Dramatic Group will Present Play at High School Today" on a play at La Jolla High School.

Article. "Stars head Spelman drive" on Bob Skinner and Gene Littler raising money for LJHS.

Article. "Full speed ahead for Spellman ballfield" on a La Jolla High School baseball field by Jerry Schneider. La Jolla Light.

Article. "Colleges shun local students" by Mike Krey on LJHS students not being accepted to Ivy League schools. La Jolla Light.

Article. "Schools preparing for a walkout" by Pat Dahlberg on a possible walkout by teachers at LJHS.

Article. "La Jolla High homecoming" by Pat Dahlberg.

Newspaper Article. "High School French Club Presents Puppet Program." "La Medecin Malgre Lui." Jim Antrim. Susa Hyslop. Ken Karnes. Kathie Thiele. John Jarvis.

Handwritten list of names.

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Packet. French Department, La Jolla High School. Participants,  
instructors, enrollment.

Newspaper Article. "Colarusso Paces ? Track Win Over Hoover." Mike  
Colarusso.

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RG005 – Subject Files (Large)  
Box 08.2 – La Jolla High School 1950 to Present

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## **Scrapbook**

La Jolla High School French Club and Red Cross Club. Letters, postcards, photographs, ephemera. 1960 – 1990.

## **Hand-Bound Book**

“The Course.” Courses offered at La Jolla High School and their descriptions. Administrative procedures. Uniform regulations. Graduation. Viking Standards and Traditions. Constitution. Yells and Songs. Book Worms and Yeomen. Awards and Scholarships. Drawings.

## **Booklet**

La Jolla High School Form “C” Accreditation Study, 1972 – 73. San Diego Unified School District.

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