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EXCLUSIVE**FBI obtained secret warrant last summer to monitor Trump adviser Carter Page**

The court order, issued by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, allowed agents to monitor Page's communications, officials said. The order is the first indication that the FBI had reason to believe during the 2016 presidential campaign that a Trump campaign adviser was in touch with Russian agents.

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The Fix Analysis**Trump just made some very strange comments about Stephen Bannon**

"I like Steve, but you have to remember he was not involved in my campaign until very late," Trump said. And then he appeared to threaten Bannon's job.

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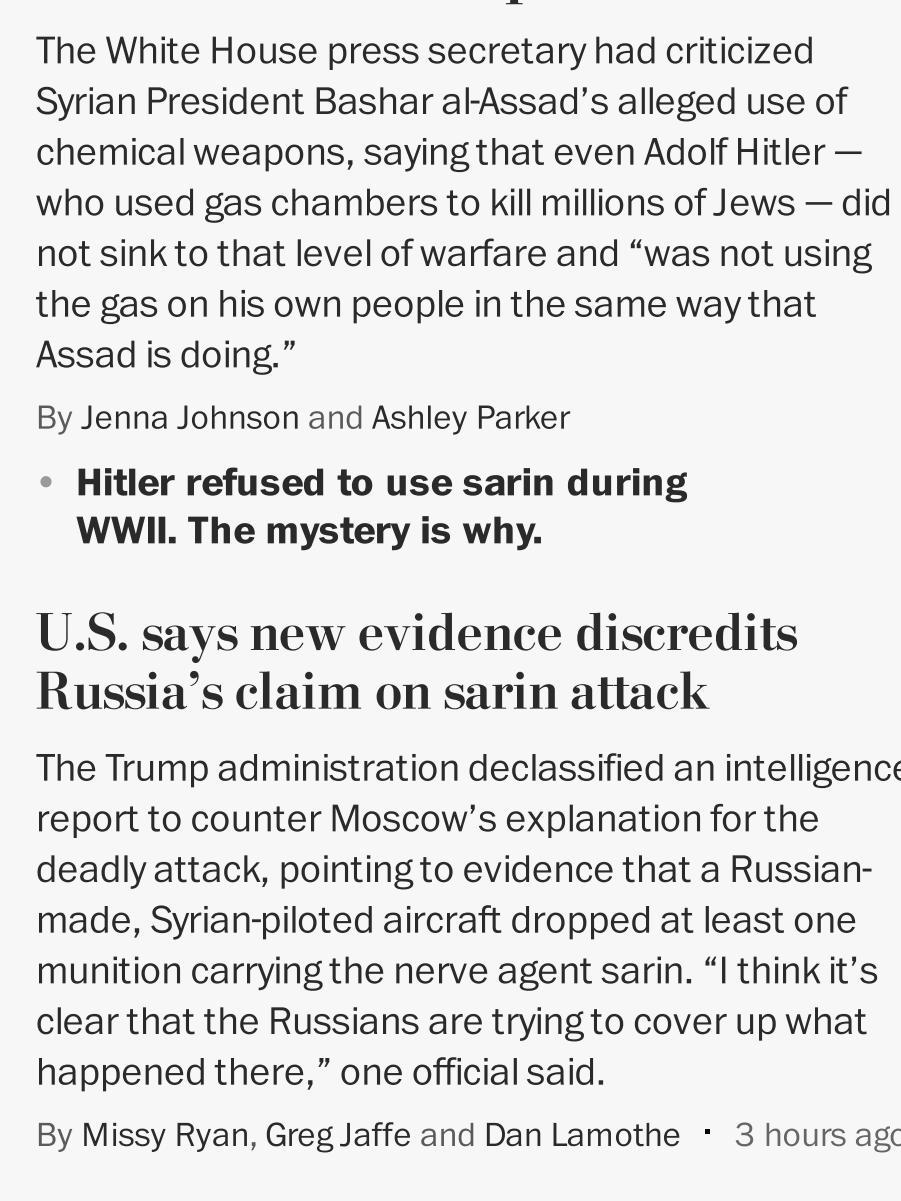
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State Treasurer Ron Estes was aided by a last-minute surge of support from national Republicans and outside groups after polls showed him in a close race against a Democrat making his first run for office.

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Spicer apologizes after receiving sharp criticism for saying Hitler didn't use chemical weapons

The White House press secretary had criticized Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's alleged use of chemical weapons, saying that even Adolf Hitler — who used gas chambers to kill millions of Jews — did not sink to that level of warfare and "was not using the gas on his own people in the same way that Assad is doing."

By Jenna Johnson and Ashley Parker

* [Hitler refused to use sarin during WWII. The mystery is why.](#)

U.S. says new evidence discredits Russia's claim on sarin attack

The Trump administration declassified an intelligence report to counter Moscow's explanation for the deadly attack, pointing to evidence that a Russian-made, Syrian-piloted aircraft dropped at least one munition carrying the nerve agent sarin. "I think it's clear that the Russians are trying to cover up what happened there," one official said.

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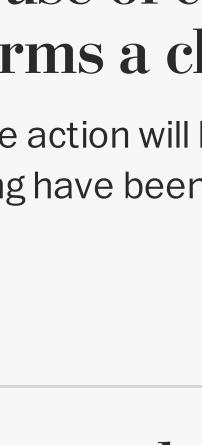
United CEO orders review of policies after passenger was dragged screaming from plane

After earlier conflicting explanations, chief executive Oscar Munoz announced the internal investigation, saying that "I continue to be disturbed by what happened."

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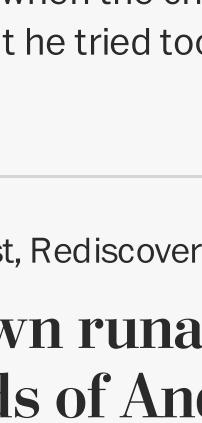
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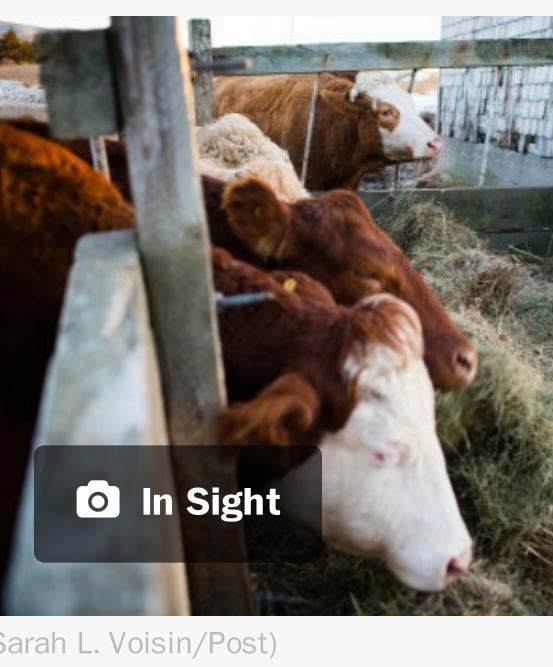
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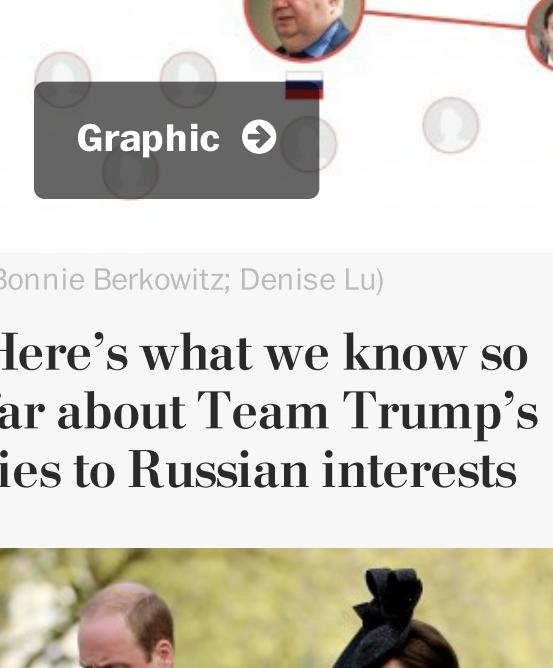
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**Trump promised an 'unpredictable' foreign policy. To allies, it looks incoherent.**

Anxious allies worry over Trump's lack of a clear direction for U.S. foreign policy — a dangerous tendency at a moment of high tension with Russia and Syria, and with U.S. warships heading toward the Korean peninsula.

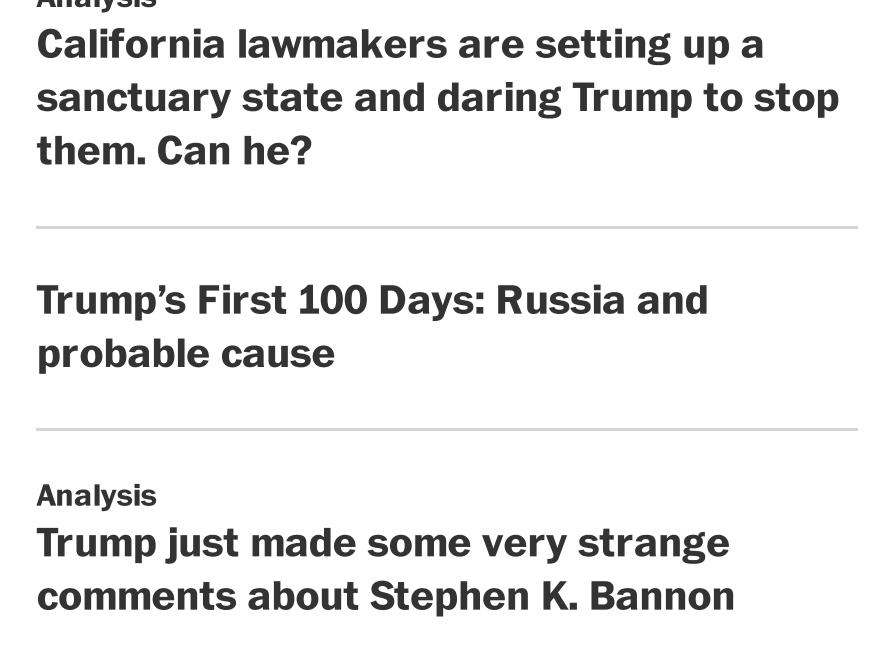
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**Schumer: If Trump doesn't release his tax returns, 'it's going to make tax reform much harder.'**

The Senate minority leader also said Democrats oppose more military action in Syria because "we believe that our big focus has to be at home."

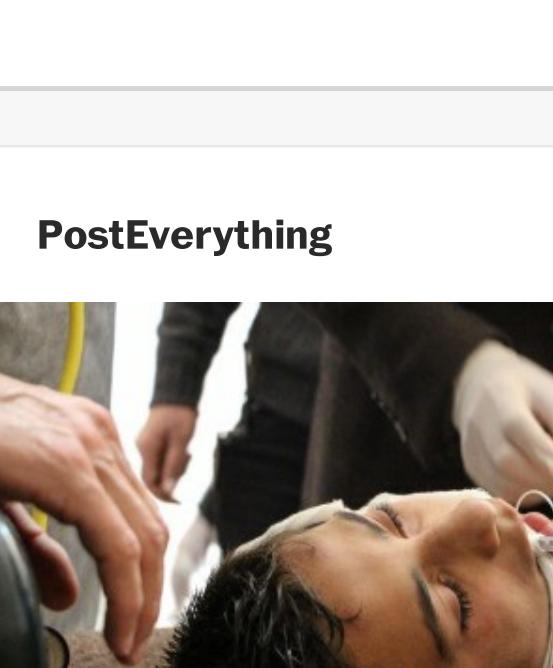
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**Rural America's dying hospitals**

The demise of Haywood Park Community Hospital three years ago this summer added Brownsville, Tenn., to an epidemic of dying hospitals across rural America. Nearly 80 have closed since 2010, including nine in Tennessee.

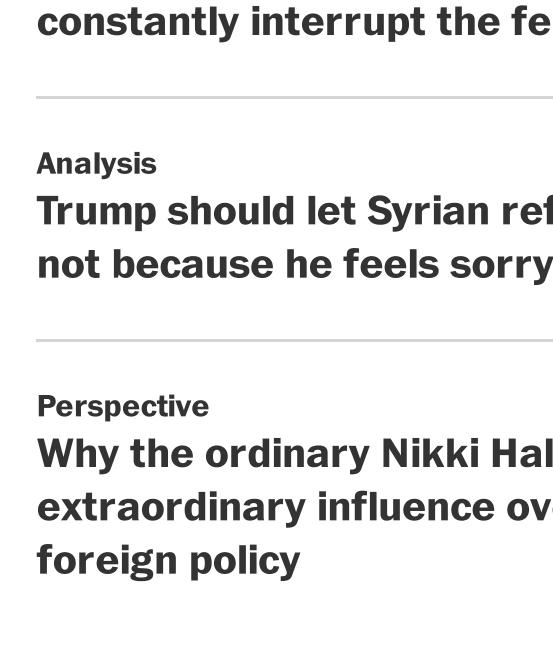
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**San Bernardino shooter was married 2 months and already separated from teacher he killed, police say**

When officers arrived Monday at the California elementary school, the couple were dead. Police said Cedric Anderson entered the classroom, raised a large-caliber revolver and, without saying a word, opened fire, apparently targeting his wife. Two students were also struck, one fatally.

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**USDA halts use of cyanide traps in Idaho after one harms a child and kills his dog**

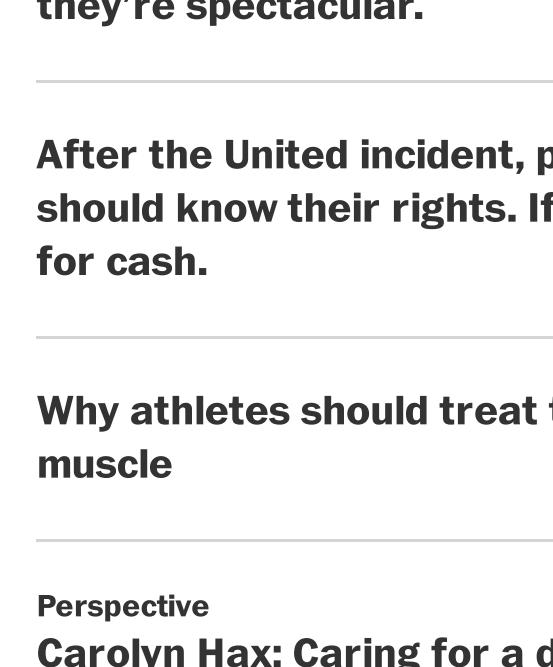
Opponents hope the action will lead to a permanent, nationwide ban on the devices that long have been used to kill predators that threaten livestock.

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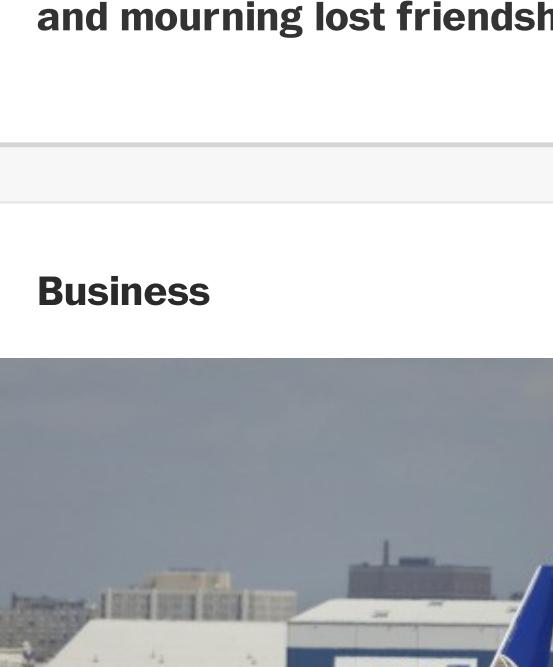
Nicole Eramo's lawsuit accused the magazine of ruining her reputation in a 2014 story about an alleged gang rape on campus. The story was ultimately retracted after serious flaws were revealed.

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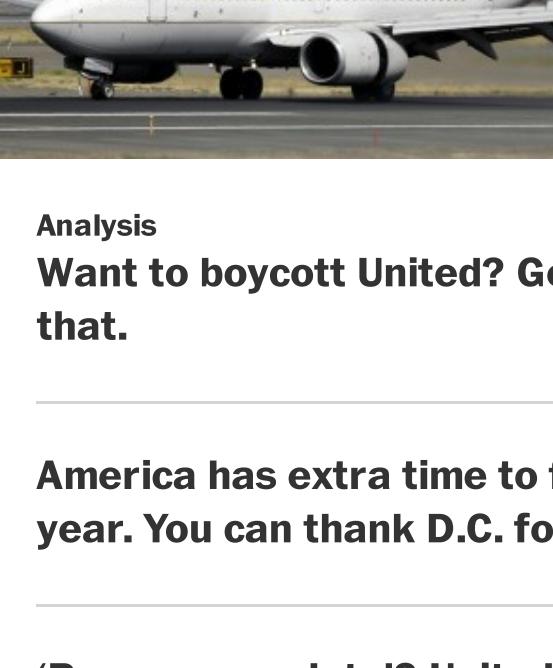
The two countries are engaging in high-tension brinksmanship, with North Korea warning that it will "hit the U.S. first" with nuclear weapons, but the stakes remain too high for both countries to engage in conflict, analysts say.

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**Mitt Romney's 'binders full of women' are real. They weigh 15 pounds, 6 ounces.**

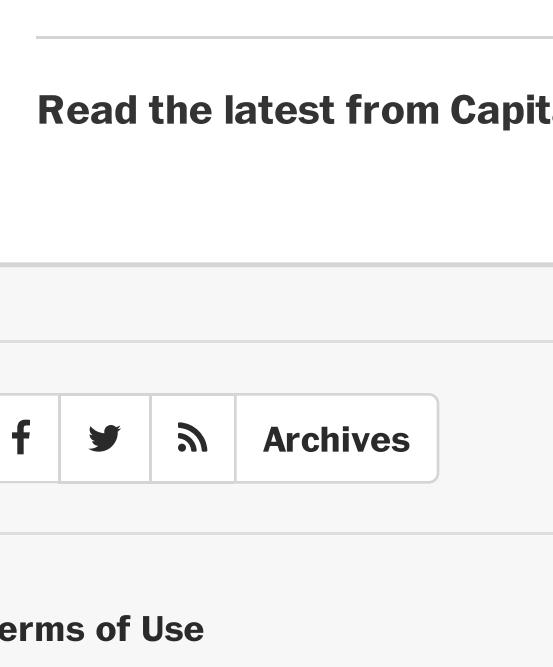
An old gaffe resurfaces, but the discovery of the binders could make voters in deep red Utah, where Romney might run for the Senate, nostalgic for a time when the chief criticism of the nation's top Republican was that he tried too hard to promote women.

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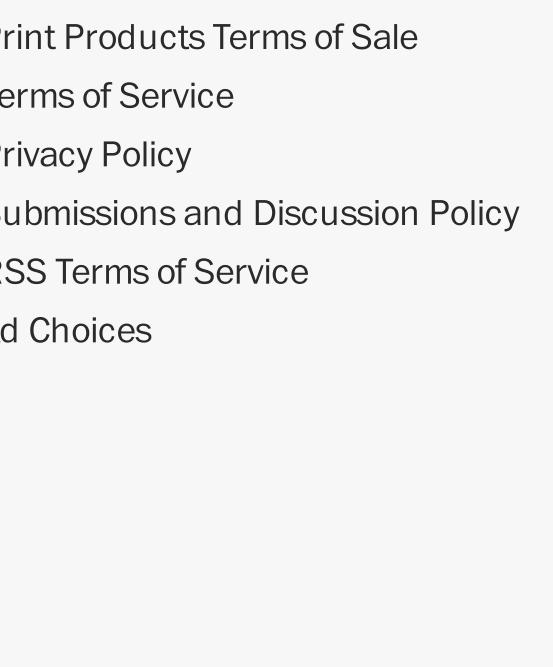
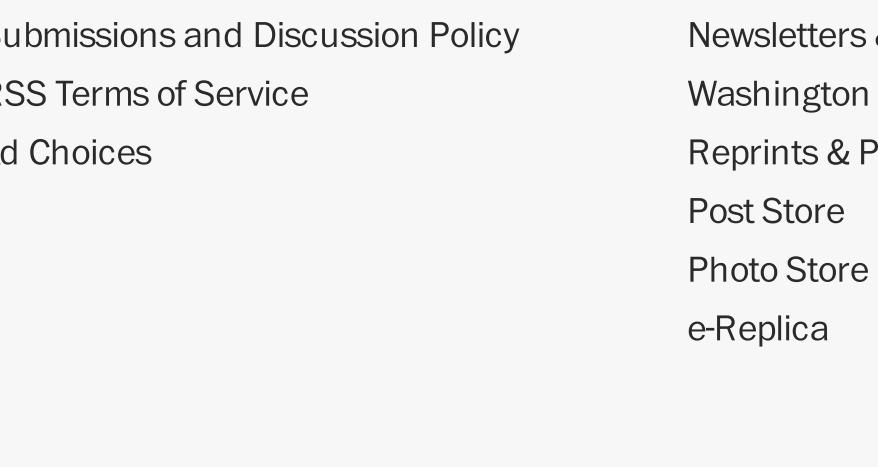
A historian collecting thousands of runaway slave ads describes them as "the tweets of the master class" in the 18th and 19th centuries.

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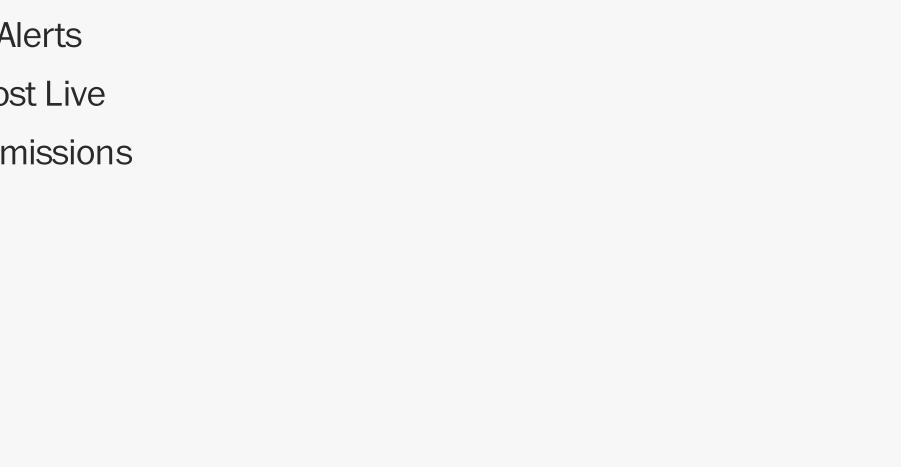
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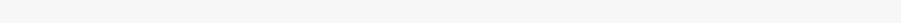
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