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## Individual Contest Winners Announced

More than 550 students from around the region entered Maryland Scholastic Press Association's 2002 Individual Writing and Editing Contest this fall and many received awards in various newspaper, magazine, yearbook and online categories.

MSPA gave awards to contestants in categories ranging from general news to poetry to yearbook. Certificates were awarded to the top entries in each of the news, magazine, yearbook and online categories. A host of outstanding entries also received honorable mentions.

"I believe the posting of the contest online attributed to the record number of entries judged this year," MSPA

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## Publication Awards Recognizes Best in Area

Maryland Scholastic Press Association handed out its 2002 Publication Contest awards this winter to schools around the region for publication excellence in newspapers, magazines and yearbooks.

The top school in each category received a plaque for the Marylander Award, which is the contest's highest honor.

In the newspaper category, Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in Rockville, Md., took home the award for its newspaper, *The Lion's Tale*. The small, private school received a score of 97 out of 100.

Quince Orchard High School in

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Sandy Woodcock of the Newspaper Association of America talks to area students at the convention.

## Area Professionals Teach Workshops at Fall Convention

More than 130 advisers and students from schools around the region trekked through heavy rain and puddles this fall to attend Maryland Scholastic Press Association's 54th annual journalism convention.

The convention, held at the University of Maryland's Philip Merrill College of Journalism Nov. 16, featured a host of speakers, including Keynote Speaker Vic Carter of Baltimore's WJZ-TV.

Students and advisers attended a vast array of workshops, dealing with topics such as newspaper design, refreshing broadcast techniques and getting into and succeeding at the Merrill College.

"The students who attended my session seemed engaged and interested," according to Assistant Dean Olive Reid of the Merrill College.

The convention began shortly after 9 a.m. and continued through the closing ceremony at 3:45 p.m.

For many who attended, the event served its purpose to develop strong relationships among students, advisers and professionals.

"Despite the gloomy weather, the dedication and commitment of workshop presenters made the convention a big success," Payne said. "Beginning the day with Vic Carter definitely set the tone, one which emphasized the importance of journalism in society."

Carter, a 1978 graduate of Morehead State University, co-anchors the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts on Channel 13, WJZ-TV. He has won the George Foster Peabody Award for broadcast excellence and is in the National Association for Black Journalists Hall of Fame.

Former Washingtonpost.com Metro Editor Chris Harvey and Reese Cleghorn, former president of the National Conference of Editorial Writers, were two of numerous other current and former journalists to lead workshops. Youth Readership Program Manager at the Newspaper

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# President's Column

By Gary Clites Jr.  
MSPA President

## *New State and Federal Initiatives Threaten Communications Classes, First of Two Parts*

Early in his administration, President George W. Bush announced the No Child Left Behind initiative, a new program designed to introduce accountability into public education through a system of state and national testing. The goal is to guarantee that all children are served by our schools and that all are guaranteed the basic education required to succeed in modern life. An admirable goal, but one which may have unintended consequences for those of us in journalism education.

The state of Maryland quickly took up the mantle of No Child Left Behind, working to incorporate the state's program of school testing into the concept. The state worked to develop its own approach to educational accountability, eventually passing the Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act (Senate Bill 856). Over the next few years, that bill will radically change the way public education operates and, significantly, is funded.

In simple terms, the Bridge to Excellence plan requires counties and schools to develop long-term plans designed to focus all resources on student passage of state exit-exams and federal accountability tests. Specifically, for the first time ever, the bill requires counties to tie specific budgetary funding and institutional planning directly to the passage of state and federal accountability tests. In the event state-mandated goals cannot be effectively met, the act threatens a potential state takeover of planning and operation of failing schools and even counties.

In a world of growing technological intricacy and lowered expectations in some public schools, all of this may be a

sensible plan. However, as with some other educational reform movements in the past, No Child Left Behind may create problems for teachers who specialize in course work that goes beyond the minimal requirements of state curricula.

Many older teachers will recall the "Back to Basics" movement which swept education in the 1980s. Focusing on many of the same problems addressed by No Child Left Behind, "Back to Basics" used testing, funding and other incentives to make certain that every student would be guaranteed a basic level of skills upon graduation. Unfortunately, the focus on basic education strained those programs aimed at developing higher-level skills and the specialized talents of students. The net effect was that throughout the 1980s, school newspapers and other communications media fell to the wayside and many programs were eliminated.

A backlash during the 1990s refocused at least some resources in secondary education again on specialized programs designed to encourage higher-level skills in students, and schools saw the rebirth of many previously dead programs in communications education.

Although No Child Left Behind and the Bridge to Excellence are much more complicated initiatives than "Back to Basics," the effect on public education threatens to be much the same. By focusing on guaranteeing a useful minimal education to all students, and tying all educational funding and planning to that goal, the programs again leave higher-level educational programs like secondary communications education classes out in the cold. The net effect may be upsetting to those of us devoted to middle and high school journalism.

State Superintendent of Schools Nancy

S. Grasmick has verbally expressed her support for varied curricular programs in the schools, and Bridge to Excellence is certainly not intended to gut higher-level school programs. However, by tying school funding and resources entirely to accountability tests, the effect is to focus school effort on basic skills classes to the detriment of programs focused on student enrichment. One county administrator with years of experience in planning, whom I respect, said that she would not be surprised to see a quarter to a third of all elective classes in middle and high schools eliminated due to the initiatives. Asked what journalism teachers should do under the circumstances, she responded, "make sure they're all certified to teach English."

Not that schools will directly order our programs canceled, but in an effort to accomplish the goals of the tests, counties may well increase the number of basic skills classes required of students. They may require that middle school students or high school freshmen and sophomores take only required course work, or in a world of teacher shortages, require that all English teachers be assigned only to English course work, leaving electives to those employees working in areas outside of exit-exam content areas like music and art.

Are these things certain to happen? No. Right now, every county in Maryland is working to develop long-term plans for accomplishing the goals of No Child Left Behind and Bridge to Excellence. In the Spring issue, I'll address specific strategies we can employ to protect communications programs in Maryland. But for the moment, journalism teachers throughout the state need to become aware of the strategies their counties are considering employing, and to join in the planning for those efforts.

Counties are holding public meetings on the issues and internally working to design programs to help students succeed in accountability testing. The first thing we need to do is to make our voices heard and to point out the value of secondary journalism education to school, state and county goals as well as to our students. Together, we must fight to show that secondary journalism is a key contributor to student achievement that must be protected.

# Editor's Column



## Director's Sophomore Year Aims for Strength and Commitment

By Marchelle Payne  
Adviser Editor

**M**aryland Scholastic Press Association has undergone many changes in the past year ranging from the appointment of a new executive director to increased participation in the summer journalism program. As the second year of my appointment begins, I am in the midst of assessing last year's activities in an effort to better serve students and advisers.

The success of several association activities marked a turning point for MSPA. With more than 100 individuals enrolled in the 2002 Summer Journalism Program and more than 550 entries entered in the 2002 Individual Writing and Editing Contest, the association provided opportunities for and services to a significant number of individuals. While MSPA has made strides within the past year, there are areas where improvement can still occur.

Fewer entries, in comparison to entries received in previous years, were submitted for the 2002 Publications Contest. Similarly, fewer attendees were present for the 2002 Fall Convention in

comparison to the earlier years of MSPA's fall conventions.

With the association under new leadership, I strongly believe that the association is moving in the right direction. An improvement in existing services, a more timely distribution of information and a strong desire to build relationships are only a few of the many efforts undertaken to better serve students and advisers. However, to become truly great, an association needs a strong commitment from all of its members.

MSPA is looking for interested and committed individuals to generate ideas and take an active role in making MSPA one of the premier scholastic press associations. The strengthening of existing relationships and the building of new ones with organizations and individuals is at the forefront of this year's initiatives. However, adviser involvement in shaping existing programs and new initiatives is quintessential.

The board of directors and I have a strong interest in scholastic free press issues, in supporting the rejuvenation of defunct journalism programs and in strengthening existing programs. We are looking forward to working with middle and high schools in the Maryland and the Washington, D.C. area. Together, we intend to make a good organization better.

As always, any questions or concerns with the governance of MSPA and MSPA's activities can be directed to Marchelle Payne who can be contacted by phone at (301) 405-8321 or by email at [mSPA@jmail.umd.edu](mailto:mSPA@jmail.umd.edu).

## Regis Boyle Award Offers New Advisers Training

Maryland Scholastic Press Association invites middle and high school newspaper, yearbook and magazine advisers to apply for the Regis Boyle Award for Scholastic Journalism.

The \$1000 award assists with the training and teaching of new advisers at a national, regional or local scholastic press workshop.

Award applicants must have no more than two years experience and must send in a resume and letter describing his or her publication, length of time as a publication adviser, and how the award and training will help improve the

publication.

Established in 1995 by Maryland's College of Journalism, the fund honors veteran journalism teacher and adviser Dr. Regis Boyle.

Mail nominations by May 15 to:  
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Questions regarding the scholarship can be addressed to Marchelle Payne at the above address or by email at [mSPA@jmail.umd.edu](mailto:mSPA@jmail.umd.edu) or by phone at (301) 405-8321.

## CONVENTION: MSPA Program a 'Success'

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Association of America Foundation Sandy Woodcock, Diana Mitsu Klos, senior project director at the American Society of Newspaper Editors and Rosemary Phelps, adviser to Northern High School's Patriot Images Yearbook also led workshop sessions.

Thomas Kunkel, dean of the Merrill College, also spoke at the convention. The school is regarded as one of the top journalism programs in the country.

Maryland will host the American Society of Newspaper Editors Institute this summer. This training program for high school teachers stresses core journalistic values and skills will be held at College Park, Md., July 13-25.



Milton Kent of The (Baltimore) Sun discusses sports writing with advisers and students at the 2002 MSPA convention held at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland.

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# Adviser Advisories

## COLUMBIA SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION

This national gathering of student editors and faculty advisers to newspapers, yearbooks, magazines, video productions and online media will be held at

Columbia University on March 19-21. Delegates can choose from more than 250 sessions organized in six sequences: newspaper, yearbook, magazine, photography, broadcasting and advisers. All six sequences will run simultaneously throughout the three days of the convention. Other features include the Friday Advisers' Luncheons. In addition, the winners of The Crown Awards for top publications, and the Gold Circle Awards will be announced and presented at the Awards Convocation on Friday. For convention information, please visit [www.columbia.edu/cu/cspa/SpringConvention.html](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/cspa/SpringConvention.html).

## GEORGIA SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION

The Spring Convention will be held at Grady College at the University of Georgia-Athens on April 24-25. For more information, please visit [www.grady.uga.edu/gspa/](http://www.grady.uga.edu/gspa/), or contact GSPA Director Janet Jones Kendall at (706) 542-5022, or via e-mail at [gspa@uga.edu](mailto:gspa@uga.edu).

## MICHIGAN INTERSCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION

The Spring Conference will be held on April 14 at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Mich. The one-day event will begin with a popular keynote speaker. After the opening session, yearbook staffs will receive their awards while newspaper staffs attend a session geared toward newspapers. In the afternoon newspaper staffs will receive awards while yearbook students are at a session geared toward yearbook. Broadcast students will have a morning and afternoon session, usually with speakers and a chance to view other schools' videos. For more information, please visit <http://mipa.jrn.msu.edu/>.

## JEA/NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION

Making connections is the emphasis of this year's Spring National High School Journalism



Convention, which will be held on April 10-13 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. Sessions such as "Break with a Pro" will connect student journalists with local media professionals. Swap shops will help editors form alliances and exchange ideas as they trade publications with others who share their passion for publishing. An awards ceremony will celebrate students' achievements. For more information, please visit [www.studentpress.org/nspa/conventions.html](http://www.studentpress.org/nspa/conventions.html).

## NORTHEAST OHIO SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION

Press Day will be held at Kent State University on April 2. This year's event has been expanded to include more than 50 learning sessions in four different time slots at the Kent Student Center, Taylor Hall and the Music & Speech Center. Sessions will cover print media, television and radio, design, photography, cartooning, law and ethics, and careers. Tours of Kent's journalism, broadcast and visual communication design facilities will also be available, and students can pre-enter on-site contests for Day-of-News Event, Interview, Broadcast, Yearbook and Photography. For additional information, please visit [www.jmc.kent.edu/smp/nospa03.htm](http://www.jmc.kent.edu/smp/nospa03.htm).

## SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION

The University of South Carolina will host the annual Spring Conference on April 28 at the USC Russell House. Events will include seminars for magazine, newspaper and yearbook staffs and an awards ceremony for newspaper participants. Major awards, including scholarships, will also be announced. For more information, please visit [www.jour.sc.edu/scspa/home.html](http://www.jour.sc.edu/scspa/home.html).

## SOUTHERN INTERSCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION

The Spring Convention will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Columbia, South Carolina, on Feb. 28 - March 2. More than 100 educational sessions designed for all skill levels will be offered to students and advisers. Delegates will also have the opportunity to sign up to be convention reporters and to compete in the Writing, Editing and Design Team Competition and the Southern Regional Scholastic Journalism Quiz Bowl. For more information, please visit [www.jour.sc.edu/sipa/Convention.html](http://www.jour.sc.edu/sipa/Convention.html).

## WINNERS: Montgomery Co. Schools Dominate Competition

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Executive Director Marchelle Payne said. "Judges constantly remarked about the high quality of the entries submitted."

Students from Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, Md., took home a contest-high 54 awards, including a sweep of the Web categories. Writers and editors of Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, Md., placed 32 times.

Richard Montgomery High School students from Rockville, Md., dominated the magazine category, winning 18 of 28 awards, while St. Timothy's School students from Stevenson, Md., placed eight of a possible 11 times in the yearbook section.

While most of the entries came from Maryland schools, two out-of-state students - Jonathan Stein of Wilmington, Del., and Shuk-Kuen Chiu from Washington, D.C. - received honorable mention for their news stories.

Acceptance of entries for the 2003 Individual Writing and Editing Contest will begin April 1 with a June 13 deadline. Additional information about the contest can be obtained by contacting MSPA at (301) 405-8321 or by visiting the Web site: [www.journalism.umd.edu/mspa/news.html](http://www.journalism.umd.edu/mspa/news.html).

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# 2002 MSPA Individual Writing and Editing Contests

## WINNERS LIST

### NEWSPAPER—COMIC

- Eric Shansby** .....First  
"Why College Admissions is like a Bad Boyfriend," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Johnny Chang** .....Second  
"Colleges should discontinue early decision process," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Nick Dybal** .....Third  
"Deep Thoughts," *Quince Orchard Prowler*, Quince Orchard H.S., Gaithersburg, Md.

### NEWSPAPER—DOUBLE-PAGE LAYOUT

- Karen Hauptman and Sam Sturm** .....First  
"Ante up," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.

### NEWSPAPER—EDITORIAL CARTOON

- Eric Shansby** .....First  
"History 911," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Johnny Chang** .....Second  
"New parking lot cameras invade students' privacy," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Ryan Hall** .....Third  
"Righty Tightly, Lefty Loosey," *Quince Orchard Prowler*, Quince Orchard H.S., Gaithersburg, Md.
- Eric Shansby** .....HM  
"The Silence of the Dissenters," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

### NEWSPAPER—EDITORIAL OPINION

- David Litt and Derek Kilner** .....First  
"Censorship request offensive," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Elizabeth Green** .....Second  
"Consortiums divide," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- The Lion's Tale Staff** .....Third  
"Recycle; it's the law," *The Lion's Tale*, Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Rockville, Md.
- Quince Orchard Prowler Staff** .....HM  
"A call for leadership, a Call to action," *Quince Orchard Prowler*, Quince Orchard H.S., Gaithersburg, Md.
- Michelle Beder** .....HM  
"Lunch plan serves up half-baked math," *The Churchill Observer*, Winston Churchill H.S., Potomac, Md.

### NEWSPAPER—FEATURES

- Colby Chapman** .....First  
"Keepin' up with the kicks," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Elizabeth Green** .....Second  
"Overcoming the self-fulfilling prophecy," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Katie Buschman** .....Third  
"Forming a friendship by tickling away the tears," *Quince Orchard Prowler*, Quince Orchard H.S., Gaithersburg, Md.
- Maya Rao** .....HM  
"Self-mutilation new emotional outlet for teens," *The Warrior*, Sherwood H.S., Sandy Spring, Md.
- Jessica Stamler** .....HM  
"Students take the wheel after taking a hit," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Jessica Stamler** .....HM  
"The sad side of the happy meal," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Meg Cassidy-Blum** .....HM  
"The new adolescent identity crisis," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Jennifer Breads** .....HM  
"Hey, kids-leave those teachers alone," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Elana Kleiner Lowell** .....HM  
"One man's joke; one woman's pain," *The Lion's Tale*, Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Rockville, Md.
- Jennifer Breads** .....HM  
"Blazers feel the heat all year 'round," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

- Liz Barry** .....HM  
"Harry Potter" casts spell on school," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Gabe Morden-Snipper** .....HM  
"Dream pill could be drug nightmare," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Katie Jentleson** .....HM  
"Picking up a lifeline in the aftermath," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Mona Kamdjou** .....HM  
"A harsh reality: Breast cancer in the family," *Quince Orchard Prowler*, Quince Orchard H.S., Gaithersburg, Md.

### NEWSPAPER—FRONT-PAGE LAYOUT

- Jessica Stamler** .....First  
March 14, 2002, *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Stephen Wertheim** .....Second  
Oct. 11, 2001, *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

### NEWSPAPER—ILLUSTRATION-HAND OR COMPUTER-GENERATED

- Eric Shansby** .....First  
"St. Nick," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Jennifer Hong** .....Second  
Entry No. 471, *The Rampage*, Rockville H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Benjamin Sack** .....Third  
"Renaissance of Rock," *The Churchill Observer*, Winston Churchill H.S., Potomac, Md.
- Mayra Boyle** .....HM  
"Juniors poke fun at influx of brochures," *The Blake Beat*, James Hubert Blake H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

### NEWSPAPER—IN-DEPTH STORY

- Karen Hauptman and Katie Kaplan** .....First  
"Pregnancy Center misleads teenagers," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Kang-Xing Jin** .....Second  
"A decade later, gangs resurface," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Nora Berenstein** .....Third  
"Love hurts? It doesn't have to," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Kristin Hoven** .....HM  
"Not just the boy next door," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Maya Rao** .....HM  
"Students acknowledge existence of racial problems," *The Warrior*, Sherwood H.S., Sandy Spring, Md.
- Sarah Lippincott** .....HM  
"Sex," *The Warrior*, Sherwood H.S., Sandy Spring, Md.
- Anita Umarji** .....HM  
"When mom or dad is doing time," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Elizabeth Green** .....HM  
"After Sept. 11, school in shock," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Lily Hamburger** .....HM  
"Coloring in the lines," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Lea Bornstein** .....HM  
"Couples determine views on virginity," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Krista Hachey** .....HM  
"Media messages spur teen preoccupation with sexuality," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Anita Umarji** .....HM  
"Victims of stalking recount trauma," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Isaac Wolf** .....HM  
"Sex crimes concern school, community," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Liz Baron** .....HM  
"He-said, she-said gossip flows through hallways, destroys reputations, ruins self-esteem," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.

- Jonathan Stein** .....HM  
"Off with their heads," *The Brandywine Line*, Brandywine H.S., Wilmington, Del.
- Zack Levine** .....HM  
"Unable to fully come to terms," *Quince Orchard Prowler*, Quince Orchard H.S., Gaithersburg, Md.
- Maya Rao** .....HM  
"Sherwood no exception to Mont. County's racial divide," *The Warrior*, Sherwood H.S., Sandy Spring, Md.

### NEWSPAPER—INFORMATIONAL GRAPHIC

- Anna Gordon and Jonathan Dunn** .....First  
Mar. 15, 2002-Pages 14-15 Sports, *Blueprint*, Springbrook H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Steven Harris and Erin Tornello** .....Second  
"JV Sports Standings," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Jeanne Yang** .....Third  
"A PTSA funding divide," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

### NEWSPAPER—NEWS

- Neir Eshel** .....First  
"Report finds minors able to buy alcohol with ease," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Jared Sagoff** .....Second  
"Repairs to cost over \$1 million," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Matthew Yalowitz and Julia Kay** .....Third  
"Gainous alleges county racism," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Julia Kay** .....HM  
"Critics slam Algebra HSA test," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Caitlin Horn** .....HM  
"Ill. School administers polygraphs," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Stephen Wertheim and Jennifer Alyono** .....HM  
"Beating down the door," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- L.A. Holmes** .....HM  
"Guidance rated low," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Kara Mohler** .....HM  
"Applicants baffled by College Park's revised standards," *The Blake Beat*, James Hubert Blake H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Marc Austein** .....HM  
"County takes a bite out of school store," *Quince Orchard Prowler*, Quince Orchard H.S., Gaithersburg, Md.
- Shuk-Kuen Chiu** .....HM  
"Graduation rates for Bell athletes," *The Rainbow*, Bell Multicultural Senior High School, Washington, DC
- Joel Kliksburg** .....HM  
"SAT II Test: A familiar sight," *The Lion's Tale*, Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Rockville, Md.
- Brian Stelter** .....HM  
"Racism alleged in student assault," *Damascus High School Observer*, Damascus H.S., Damascus, Md.
- Rachel Yood** .....HM  
"Organization calls academic grouping racist," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

### NEWSPAPER—OPINION/EDITORIAL-PAGE LAYOUT

- L.A. Holmes** .....First  
May 23, 2002-Page 3, *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

### NEWSPAPER—PHOTOGRAPHY

- Micah Frye** .....First  
"Sidewalks of New York," *The Blake Beat*, James Hubert Blake H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- David Snyder** .....Second  
"Baseball player," *The Churchill Observer*, Winston Churchill H.S., Potomac, Md.

**NEWSPAPER—PROFILES**

- Kristen Morrison** .....First  
"Greenberg switches gears, changes pace of life," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Tina Peng** .....Second  
"Remembering an angel lost," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Lindsay Metcalfe** .....Third  
"Economopoulos captures Sept. 11 with photos," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Paul Dryden** .....HM  
"Heinecke rocks to the beat of big name bands from VIP balcony," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Liam Bowen** .....HM  
"The man with the Midas touch," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Michael Schubert** .....HM  
"Lewis reads between the lines to understand dyslexia," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Kate Johnson** .....HM  
"Robbins lobbies for ASL language credit," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Liz Barry and Lindsay Metcalfe** .....HM  
"Friedman wins third Pulitzer Prize," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Brian Robinson and Liza Baron** .....HM  
"A journey through the life of a manic-depressive," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Hannah Woolf** .....HM  
"Mark Shayne, living life with a burning passion," *Quince Orchard Prowler*, Quince Orchard H.S., Gaithersburg, Md.
- Elizabeth Green** .....HM  
"Afghan Blazers fear for their homeland," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

**NEWSPAPER—SIGNED EDITORIAL COLUMN**

- Colby Chapman** .....First  
"When black isn't black enough," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Katie Jentleson** .....Second  
"Not a girl, not yet a woman — just a tramp," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Jacob King** .....Third  
"Budget cuts and totalitarian librarians," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Leon Levy** .....Third  
"Return to status quo after promising effort," *The Lion's Tale*, Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Rockville, Md.
- Crystal Moy** .....HM  
"Asian WW II holocaust denied due attention," *The Blake Beat*, James Hubert Blake H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Benjamin Bradlow** .....HM  
"Bush, Ashcroft threaten American freedoms," *The Lion's Tale*, Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Rockville, Md.
- Alex Fanaroff and Vijay Kapur** .....HM  
"Beliefs: Comfort to one, offends another," *The Churchill Observer*, Winston Churchill H.S., Potomac, Md.
- Nanda Srikantaiah** .....HM  
"Understanding terror," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Lindsey Schneider** .....HM  
"My own pure genius," *Quince Orchard Prowler*, Quince Orchard H.S., Gaithersburg, Md.
- Princess Dula** .....HM  
"Racist comment ruins joy of college acceptance," *The Warrior*, Sherwood H.S., Sandy Spring, Md.
- Sascha Fishman** .....HM  
"Let's talk about cloning," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Michael Dinerstein** .....HM  
"Colleges should discontinue early decision process," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Erica Bahls** .....HM  
"A case for styling the chastity belt," *Quince Orchard Prowler*, Quince Orchard H.S., Gaithersburg, Md.
- Karen Hauptman** .....HM  
"Early decision starts too late," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Noreen Tahir** .....HM  
"Youth deserve power to finance campaigns," *The Churchill Observer*, Winston Churchill H.S., Potomac, Md.
- Shelby Hays** .....HM  
"If seeing is believing, I'm blind," *Quince Orchard Prowler*, Quince Orchard H.S., Gaithersburg, Md.

- Matt Budow** .....HM  
"The Black and White areas," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.

**NEWSPAPER—SINGLE (INSIDE) PAGE LAYOUT**

- Iris Flores** .....First  
"Me, Myself, and My Hair," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Charles Leps** .....Second  
"Row, Row, Row Our Boat," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Colby Chapman** .....Third  
"A lesson in the classics," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Sean Boylan** .....HM  
"From bedtime stories to high school pop culture," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Molly Ellenberg and Dan Feinberg** .....HM  
"BVB finds success with new coach," *The Lion's Tale*, Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Rockville, Md.
- Gerren Price and Anna Gordon** .....HM  
Page 2 - News, *Blueprint*, Springbrook H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

**NEWSPAPER—REVIEW**

- Benjamin Sack** .....First  
"A princely performance," *The Churchill Observer*, Winston Churchill H.S., Potomac, Md.
- Sara Slater** .....Second  
"Simmons' 'Odd Girl Out' an 'in' topic," *The Lion's Tale*, Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Rockville, Md.
- Gabe Morden-Snipper** .....Third  
"A lesson in the classics," *Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Kristen Lewandowski** .....HM  
"More lights, sabers, action," *Quince Orchard Prowler*, Quince Orchard H.S., Gaithersburg, Md.

**NEWSPAPER—SPORTS-GAME COVERAGE**

- Amanda Kirby** .....First  
"Williams' home run powers Vikings over Wooton, 5-4," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Jeff Saber** .....Second  
"Bulldogs defeat WJ and archrival Wooton," *The Churchill Observer*, Winston Churchill H.S., Potomac, Md.
- Andrew Patton** .....Third  
"Softball squad advances in state playoffs with 8-7 win," *The Blake Beat*, James Hubert Blake H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

**NEWSPAPER—SPORTS-NEWS OR FEATURE**

- Daniel Feinberg and Teddy Kider** .....First  
"Are you ready for some Friday football?" *The Lion's Tale*, Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Rockville, Md.
- Leon Levy** .....Second  
"Renken leads girls' teams by example," *The Lion's Tale*, Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Rockville, Md.
- Amy Anenberg and Michael Robinson** .....Third  
"Wrestlers cut weight through various, extreme methods," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Abe Clayman** .....HM  
Junior Teja climbs Mt. Kilimanjaro in record time," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.

**NEWSPAPER—SPORTS-OPINION COLUMN**

- Seth Niedermayer** .....First  
"Out of Bounds," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Eupil Muhn** .....Second  
"Out of Bounds," *The Black & White*, Walt Whitman H.S., Bethesda, Md.
- Lauren Wang** .....Third  
"Teaching lessons in winning and losing," *Quince Orchard Prowler*, Quince Orchard H.S., Gaithersburg, Md.

**MAGAZINE—COVER DESIGN/ARTWORK**

- Fine Lines (Streak) Staff** .....First  
"Streak," *Fine Lines (Streak)*, Richard Montgomery H.S., Rockville, Md.
- Anne Gessler** .....Second  
"Rot," *Rot Comix*, Bealsville, Md.
- Krista Perks** .....Third  
"Moongate, Spring 2002 Feet," *The Moongate*, St. Timothy's School, Stevenson, Md.

**MAGAZINE—HAND ILLUSTRATION/ARTWORK**

- Veronica Betancourt** .....First  
"Androgyny," *Fine Lines (Streak)*, Richard Montgomery H.S., Rockville, Md.

- Sally Huang** .....Second  
"The Dreamers: The Concubine/ The Oath," *Fine Lines (Streak)*, Richard Montgomery H.S., Rockville, Md.
- Justin Holdahl** .....Third  
"Backlit Figure," *Fine Lines (Streak)*, Richard Montgomery H.S., Rockville, Md.

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- Rachel Gitajn and Jonathan Sherman-Presser** .....First  
"Interstate 93," *Fine Lines (Streak)*, Richard Montgomery H.S., Rockville, Md.
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- Astrid Browne** .....Third  
"Think of the Ink," *The Moongate*, St. Timothy's School, Stevenson, Md.
- Rita Bergmann** .....HM  
"Morning Tide / Rosary," *Fine Lines (Streak)*, Richard Montgomery H.S., Rockville, Md.

**MAGAZINE—PHOTOGRAPHY**

- Jael Noda Vera** .....First  
"Squares and Lines," *The Moongate*, St. Timothy's School, Stevenson, Md.
- Melinda Willis** .....Second  
"Myself Excluded," *The Moongate*, St. Timothy's School, Stevenson, Md.
- Elizabeth Wolfe** .....Third  
"Sister," *Fine Lines (Streak)*, Richard Montgomery H.S., Rockville, Md.

**Magazine—Poetry**

- Jessica Lloyd** .....First  
"Moving the Flock to Morning Pasture," *Fine Lines (Streak)*, Richard Montgomery H.S., Rockville, Md.
- Lesley Goodman** .....Second  
"Genesis," *Fine Lines (Streak)*, Richard Montgomery H.S., Rockville, Md.
- Lowell Silverman** .....Third  
"Trench," *Fine Lines (Streak)*, Richard Montgomery H.S., Rockville, Md.
- Rita Bergmann** .....HM  
"Bella Mancha/ Beautiful Stain," *Fine Lines (Streak)*, Richard Montgomery H.S., Rockville, Md.
- Lesley Goodman** .....HM  
"Shakespeare's Sister," *Fine Lines (Streak)*, Richard Montgomery H.S., Rockville, Md.
- Emily Bryant** .....HM  
"American Summer, 1992-2001," *Fine Lines (Streak)*, Richard Montgomery H.S., Rockville, Md.
- Gillian Spacco** .....HM  
"A Ghazal of Desire," *The Moongate*, St. Timothy's School, Stevenson, Md.

**MAGAZINE—PROSE**

- Sandi Burtseva** .....First  
"Sweet Coffee," *Fine Lines (Streak)*, Richard Montgomery H.S., Rockville, Md.
- Lesley Goodman** .....Second  
"Fire Alarm," *Fine Lines (Streak)*, Richard Montgomery H.S., Rockville, Md.
- Leigh Barkley** .....Third  
"A Christmas Gift," *Fine Lines (Streak)*, Richard Montgomery H.S., Rockville, Md.
- Rosezell Bosely** .....HM  
"One Month Later," *The Moongate*, St. Timothy's School, Stevenson, Md.
- Jacob Leibenluft** .....HM  
"Interstate 93," *Fine Lines (Streak)*, Richard Montgomery H.S., Rockville, Md.

**WEB—FEATURE WRITING**

- Matthew Yalowitz** .....First  
"Providing others with a chance to live," *Silver Chips Online*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Stephen Wertheim** .....Second  
"On to 1600!" *Silver Chips Online*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.
- Jeanne Yang** .....First  
"Where o where is my little . . . zip drive?" *Silver Chips Online*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

# PUBLICATION: Contest Winners Announced

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Gaithersburg, Md. also won the Marylander Award for its newspaper, The Quince Orchard Prowler.

St. Timothy's School in Stevenson, Md., won the Marylander Award for yearbook in the 200-page or fewer category. Winston Churchill High School in Potomac, Md., won in the more than 200-page category for its yearbook, *Finest Hours*.

Colophon, Towson High School's literary magazine, won a Marylander Award with a score of 100.

Although MSPA gives out awards for online publications, Montgomery Blair High School was the only school to enter the category and therefore did not win an award. The school, however, still received praise for its online publication, *Silver Chips Online*.

"This site deserves a whole lot of praise" said former associate Metro editor at washingtonpost.com and Md. journalism faculty Chris Harvey. "It is cleanly designed, very interactive, and extremely cutting edge."

Montgomery Blair placed in the newspaper category, as well.

A full list of winners for all categories can be found on MSPA's Web site.

Information for next year's contest will be available April 1. The entry deadline is June 27.

## 2002 PUBLICATION CONTESTS RESULTS WINNERS:

### DIVISION B: NEWSPAPER — SCHOOL POPULATION 600 TO 1,199

#### MARYLANDER AWARD WINNER

*The Lion's Tale*, Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, Rockville, Md.; (Montgomery Co. - Private); Eric Tobin, adviser; Score: 97

#### First Finisher, First-Place Rating Category

*Alcohi Mirror*, Allegany High School, Cumberland, Md.; (Allegany Co. - Public); Brenda Roby, adviser; Score: 94

#### Second Finisher, First-Place Rating Category

*The Rampage*, Rockville High School, Rockville, Md.; (Montgomery Co. - Public); Peter Daddone, adviser; Score: 90

#### First Finisher, Second-Place Rating Category

*Falcon News*, Good Counsel High School, Wheaton, Md.; (Montgomery Co. - Private); Joe McCall and Gina Guglielmo, advisers; Score: 82

### DIVISION C: NEWSPAPER: SCHOOL POPULATION 1,200 OR MORE

#### MARYLANDER AWARD WINNER

*Quince Orchard Prowler*, Quince Orchard High School, Gaithersburg, Md.; (Montgomery Co. - Public); Brian Monk, adviser; Score: 95

#### First Finisher, First-Place Rating Category

*The Black and White*, Walt Whitman High School, Bethesda, Md.; (Montgomery Co. - Public); Dr. Jan Bowman, adviser; Score: 94

#### First Finisher, First-Place Rating Category

*The Blake Beat*, James Hubert Blake High School, Silver

Spring, Md.; (Montgomery Co. - Public); Kevin Keegan, adviser; Score: 94

#### First Finisher, First-Place Rating Category

*The Warrior*, Sherwood High School, Sandy Spring, Md.; (Montgomery Co. - Public); Peter Huck, adviser; Score: 94

#### Fourth Finisher, First-Place Rating Category

*Talisman*, Towson High School, Towson, Md.; (Baltimore Co. - Public); Matthew Bayne, adviser; Score: 93

#### Fifth Finisher, First-Place Rating Category

*Silver Chips*, Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, Md.; (Montgomery Co. - Public); John Mathwin, adviser; Score: 91

#### First Finisher, Second-Place Rating Category

*The Churchill Observer*, Churchill High School, Potomac, Md.; (Montgomery Co. - Public); Mary Ellen Hare, adviser; Score: 90

#### Second Finisher, Second-Place Rating Category

*Blueprint*, Springbrook High School, Silver Spring, Md.; (Montgomery Co. - Public); Evva Starr, adviser; Score: 86

#### First Finisher, Third-Place Rating Category

*Paw Prints Magazine*, Patuxent High School, Lusby, Md.; (Calvert Co. - Public); Allen Price, adviser; Score: 72

### DIVISION D: YEARBOOK: 200 PAGES OR FEWER MARYLANDER AWARD WINNER

*The Steward*, St. Timothy's School, Stevenson, Md.; (Baltimore Co. - Private); Susan Davis, adviser; Score: 552

#### First Finisher, Second-Place Rating Category

*Crusader*, St. Paul's School, Brooklandville, Md.; (Baltimore Co. - Private); Catherine Meisel-Valdez, adviser; Score: 522

### DIVISION E: YEARBOOK: MORE THAN 200 PAGES MARYLANDER AWARD WINNER

*Finest Hours*, Winston Churchill High School, Potomac, Md.; (Montgomery Co. - Public); Sharon Deibel, adviser; Score: 600

#### First Finisher, First-Place Rating Category

*Trident*, Springbrook High School, Silver Spring, Md.; (Montgomery Co. - Public); Evva Starr, adviser; Score: 599

#### Second Finisher, First-Place Rating Category

*The Odyssey*, Urbana High School, Ijamsville, Md.; (Frederick Co. - Public); Deborah J. Winkles, adviser; Score: 596

#### Third Finisher, First-Place Rating Category

*Valhalla*, Lansdowne High School, Baltimore, Md.; (Baltimore Co. - Public); Jason Bowman, adviser; Score: 585

#### Fourth Finisher, First-Place Rating Category

*The Eyrie*, Fauquier High School, Warrenton, Va.; (Fauquier Co. - Public); Deanna Baum, adviser; Score: 572

#### First Finisher, Second-Place Rating Category

*The Prowler*, St. Vincent Pallotti High School, Laurel, Md.; (Prince George's Co. - Private); Renée Duckworth, adviser; Score: 508

### DIVISION F: LITERARY MAGAZINE

#### MARYLANDER AWARD WINNER

*Colophon*, Towson High School, Towson, Md.; (Baltimore Co. - Public); William Jones, Linda Popp and Jennifer Kemmery, advisers; Score: 100

#### First Finisher, First-Place Rating Category

*Fine Lines (Streak)*, Richard Montgomery High School, Rockville, Md.; (Montgomery Co. - Public); Anita Anderson, adviser; Score: 90

#### First Finisher, Second-Place Rating Category

*The Moongate*, St. Timothy's School, Stevenson, Md.; (Baltimore Co. - Private); Susan Davis, adviser; Score: 87

#### Second Finisher, Second-Place Rating Category

*Erehwon*, Winston Churchill High School, Potomac, Md.; (Montgomery Co. - Public); Jeff Savett, adviser; Score: 86

#### Third Finisher, Second-Place Rating Category

*The Fang: It*, John Poole Middle School, Poolesville, Md.; (Montgomery Co. - Public); Nori Thorne, adviser; Score: 85

#### Fourth Finisher, Second-Place Rating Category

*Pensations*, Wootton High School, Rockville, Md.; (Montgomery Co. - Public); Amani Elkassabany, adviser; Score: 80

#### First Finisher, Third-Place Rating Category

*Future Shakespeares*, Robert Frost Middle School, Rockville, Md.; (Montgomery Co. - Public); Joe Ballmann, adviser; Score: 70

#### First Finisher, Fourth-Place Rating Category

*The Oracle*, Our Lady of the Rosary High School, Baltimore, Md.; (Baltimore Co. - Private); Joan Grabowski, adviser; Score: 60

### WEB—NEWS WRITING

**Joe Howley** .....First

"Info flow suspended until further notice," *Silver Chips Online*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

**Joe Howley and Ben Meiselman** .....Second

"Blair evacuated following bomb threats," *Silver Chips Online*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

**Kevin Chang** .....Third

"Students stabbed during lunch," *Silver Chips Online*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

**Jeanne Yang** .....HM

"Blair music groups win in Florida," *Silver Chips Online*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

### WEB—REVIEW/OPINION

**Stephen Wertheim** .....First

"Wartime calls for sacrifices," *Silver Chips Online*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

**Stephen Wertheim** .....Second

"The patriotism of criticism," *Silver Chips Online*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

**Joe Howley** .....Third

"Where has the honor gone?" *Silver Chips Online*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

**Jeanne Yang** .....HM

"Little movie magic in 'Harry Potter,'" *Silver Chips Online*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

**Ben Meiselman** .....HM

"Actions speak louder than words," *Silver Chips Online*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

### ONLINE SPORTS WRITING

**Chris Biggs** .....First

Entry 205, *Silver Chips Online*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

**Chris Biggs** .....Second

Entry 209, *Silver Chips Online*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

**Ben Meiselman** .....Third

Entry 226, *Silver Chips Online*, Montgomery Blair H.S., Silver Spring, Md.

### YEARBOOK—COMPUTER-GENERATED

#### ILLUSTRATION/ARTWORK

**Peter Wood** .....First

"Word on the Street," *The Odyssey*, Urbana H.S., Ijamsville, Md.

### YEARBOOK—GENERAL COPYWRITING

**Melanie Clatanoff** .....First

"From Many, We Are One," *The Steward*, St. Timothy's School, Stevenson, Md.

**Gillian Spacco** .....Second

"We Won't Stop Singing," *The Steward*, St. Timothy's School, Stevenson, Md.

**Gillian Spacco** .....Third

"The Song Remains the Same," *The Steward*, St. Timothy's School, Stevenson, Md.

### YEARBOOK—PAGE DESIGN

**Siobhan Hagan** .....First

"Summer Jobs," *The Odyssey*, Urbana H.S., Ijamsville, Md.

**Emily Olson** .....Second

Opening divider/"Bits and pieces," *The Odyssey*, Urbana H.S., Ijamsville, Md.

**Gillian Spacco** .....Third

"The Song Remains the Same," *The Steward*, St. Timothy's School, Stevenson, Md.

### YEARBOOK—PHOTOGRAPHY

**Staff photo** .....First

"On a hot September day..." *The Steward*, St. Timothy's School, Stevenson, Md.

**Paige Smith** .....Second

"Alice Humphrey gets as close as she can..." *The Steward*, St. Timothy's School, Stevenson, Md.

**Shakirah Simley** .....Third

"The Social Service Club purchases..." *The Steward*, St. Timothy's School, Stevenson, Md.

### YEARBOOK—SPORTS COPYWRITING

**Chrishawn Wagoner** .....First

"The Harmony of Team Spirit," *The Steward*, St. Timothy's School, Stevenson, Md.

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