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## Board upholds termination of art teacher

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

In an 8 ½ hour meeting Tuesday, Jan. 8, the Wrangell School Board upheld the firing of first year art teacher Shanna Mall.

Starting at 4 p.m., the school board held a public hearing on the potential termination of a high school art teacher well past midnight.

Shanna Mall, was hired by the Wrangell school district this school year. However, she was put on paid administrative leave and received a termination notice last November, before the end of her first semester teaching.

According to Allen Clendaniel, a lawyer representing the school district, Mall was put on leave for numerous reasons under the general umbrella of "incompetence." Among her reported infractions are using foul language in front of students, being argumentative with staff, and most importantly, sharing a photograph of her teenage son's genitals with coworkers.

Todd Young, Mall's legal representation at the hearing, said that the termination was unfair. Due process had been ignored, he said, and Mall was only being threatened with termination because of a contentious relationship with the high school principal.

Several witnesses were called to testify in regards to reports of Mall swearing and being argumentative. According to teacher Jack Carney, during a teacher/staff meeting in October of 2018, Mall said "this place is a (expletive) joke" in reference to the school. David Macri, principal of the high school and middle school, collected 15 written statements from teachers and school staff present at the meet-

ing. Three of them, Carney's included, said that Mall had, indeed, sworn. Young pointed out that the majority of statements could not confirm she had used foul language.

Another event occurred during a Veteran's Day service at the high school. The school hosted an event to recognize and thank Wrangell's veteran population. After the service, students and attending veterans were invited to stay for refreshments. According to Clendaniel, Mall assisted fellow teacher Lu Knapp at the refreshment stand by getting people to form a line. Macri, reportedly, ignored the line and grabbed a cookie off the refreshment table. When Mall told him to get in the line, reportedly, he just laughed and walked off. This supposedly elicited the response from Mall, "Well, that was (expletive)." Knapp could not confirm whether or not Mall had sworn, however.

The major incident, which caused Mall being put on administrative leave, however, was "the Nair incident." On Veteran's Day, Mall received a text message from her 18-year-old son, who resides in Anchorage. The text message was a photo of his genitals, which had been burned after he had rubbed Nair hair remover all over the area. Mall then shared this photograph with coworkers Matt Gore and Drew Larrabee.

The question of Mall's intent by sharing this photo was a big portion of the discussion during the hearing. Young argued that Mall was seeking medical advice from Gore and Larrabee, who Mall said she considered two of her best friends. However, in both Gore's and Larrabee's statements during the hearing, they said that Mall was laughing



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### Polar Bear Plunge

Wrangell's polar bear club welcomed the new year with their annual polar bear plunge on Jan. 1. Participants ran out into the water by Shoemaker Park, dunked themselves, and stood in the icy water for 60 seconds. Aleisha Mollen, with the polar bear club, said that this was Wrangell's 19th annual plunge.

about the situation like it was a joke, and she wanted to share something funny with them. Mall explained this as a nervous tick, saying she laughed when she was anxious about something. Clendaniel, on the other hand, said that context and intent did not matter. She shared an explicit photo with coworkers, in a workplace environment, in the presence of students. Mall herself admitted that she understood she made a mistake, and sought to apologize to her coworkers shortly afterwards. Larrabee and Gore both stated that they were uncomfortable about Mall showing them a picture of her son's genitals. Gore said in his statement that he had also grown intimidated by Mall due to some other, sometimes explicit conversations with her. It

was at this point the matter was brought to the superintendent.

Clendaniel said that there was no question about Mall being guilty of what she was accused of. She admitted, when questioned, to being argumentative and using foul language. She also admitted to sharing an explicit photo. She even sent a letter to Superintendent Debbe Lancaster saying she had made a major mistake, and suggested potential consequences for her actions besides termination. Therefore, Clendaniel said, going through with termination seemed like the appropriate choice.

In Mall's defense was Young's argument that Mall was being thrown under the bus for an unfriendly relationship between her and Macri. Mall accused Macri of saying and doing things around her students that made people uncomfortable. One event she alleged was threatening one of her students with a palette knife in art class, saying he was going to cut her "like the Mississippi, deep and wide." Macri denied this, and other accusations, even though it was corroborated by a student at the hearing. He did admit to saying once that he wanted some exchange students to dig a ditch by his house, but said it was a joke.

Mall was asked by Clendaniel and the board why she did not come forward to complain about these incidents until after she was put on administrative leave. Mall said she did not believe her complaints would make it to the board, unless she asked for a public termination hearing, as she did not trust Macri or Lancaster to send her complaints to the right people. Mall said that this distrust of school authorities, as well as a sense of bullying

from other teachers and an "us versus them" attitude amongst the school and parents, made her feel isolated and unwelcome.

During the closing arguments, Clendaniel reiterated that the hearing was in regards to approving or reversing Mall's termination. Whether she was a good teacher, or whether the high school principal was out to get her, was irrelevant. Mall was definitely in the wrong when it came to the reasons listed for her termination, especially in the case of sharing an explicit photo with coworkers. She demonstrated a lack of common sense, the argument went, and could not be trusted in the classroom. Young, on the other hand, argued that due process had been ignored. The school authorities jumped from verbal and written warnings for her behavior to termination, with no middle ground. Young also said that Mall had proven herself to be an effective teacher in the past, and it was up to the school board if they wanted to reject a proven teacher.

With that, the board broke into executive session for deliberations. After over an hour and a half of reviewing testimonies and evidence, at about 12:30 a.m. on the morning of Jan. 9, it was decided to uphold Mall's termination. It was also decided to affirm the superintendent's decision to uphold non-retention of Mall, meaning her contract would not be reapproved for the next school year.

"We appreciate everybody who is here tonight," said board president Aleisha Mollen. "We know this was not an easy situation for anybody. We did not arrive at this decision lightly."

## 2018: A year in review, Part 1 January - March

By CALEB VIERKANT  
*Sentinel writer*

The past year has been a busy one for the community of Wrangell, and also one full of changes. Elections have come and gone, the school district saw a new superintendent and two new principals, a high school swimming and diving team was organized, and a new reporter came to town. A new organization was formed, BRAVE, to help bring people together to enhance life in the community for Wrangell's younger population. Other organizations like the Senior Center and Nolan Center saw new faces, as well.

There were lots of physical changes to Wrangell. Renovations to Evergreen Street began in June of 2018 and were completed in October. The road was paved, retaining walls were added, and a brand new sidewalk was

built to Petroglyph Beach. Upgrades to Shoemaker Bay Harbor began this past summer and are expected to wrap up this coming summer. The renovations are meant to allow for larger boats to dock, and to replace equipment that had outlived its intended usage.

One of the biggest changes to Wrangell are the plans for a new hospital. The Southeast Alaska Health Consortium agreed to build a brand new hospital in Wrangell, next to the AICS clinic. The new facility will cost around \$30 million to build and will encompass about 44,500 square feet. SEARHC also took over management of the current hospital, the Wrangell Medical Center, while the new facility is being constructed. Years of planning and deal making for the new hospital culminated last December, with a Christmas party

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Sentinel extends its best wishes to the persons listed on the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce Community Scholarship Birthday Calendar.

**Thursday, January 10:** Ridge Powers, Shane Legg-Privett, Margo Walker-Scott, Lynsie Powers. **Friday, January 11:** Steve Henson, Diana Nore, Steve Helgeson, Davis Dow. **Saturday, January 12:** Wayne McGee, Seanne Wickman, Alexa Ferris. **Sunday, January 13:** Nolan Johnson, Jessica Rusaw, Sonny Guggenbickler. **Monday, January 14:** Kimberly Coblentz, Victoria Southland, Antoinette Hastings, Mercedes Angerman, Ashley Powers, Emma Stickel, Barbara Bass-Luna. **Anniversary:** Einar & Carol Haaseth. **Tuesday, January 15:** Russ McGee, Ava Hay. **Wednesday, January 16:** Ethan Whitaker, Josh Toombs, Austin O'Brien. **Thursday, January 17:** Kyle Davidson, Tracy Allen, F. Iver Nore, Tammy Hay, Marina Wooden, Ryan Hayes.

If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary at no charge please call the Sentinel at 874-2301.

## Senior Center Menu

### Thursday, January 10

Spinach & Lentil Soup, Perfection Salad, 1/2 Meat & Cheese Sandwich

### Friday, January 11

BBQ Chicken, Mixed Veggies, Potato Salad, Angel Biscuit

### Monday, January 14

Turkey Curry, Steamed Zucchini, Fruit Salad, Rice

### Tuesday, January 15

Roast Beef w/ Gravy, Steamed Carrots in Orange Sauce, Peas & Onion Salad, Mashed Potatoes

### Wednesday, January 16

Chicken California, Cauliflower, Carrot/ Raisin Salad, Baking Powder Biscuits

### Thursday, January 17

Chili w/ Beef & Cheese, Spicy Fruit Cup, Tossed Salad, Cornbread

Please call Wrangell Senior Center at 874-2066 by 10 a.m. for reservations.

Milk, tea and coffee will be served with meals.

## FERRY

### Departures

#### Northbound

**Sunday, January 13**  
Columbia 4:45 p.m.  
**Sunday, January 20**  
Columbia 8:15 p.m.  
**Sunday, January 27**  
Columbia 4:45 p.m.  
**Sunday, February 3**  
Columbia 8:15 p.m.  
**Sunday, February 10**  
Columbia 4:45 p.m.

#### Southbound

**Wednesday, January 16**  
Columbia 7:00 a.m.  
**Wednesday, January 23**  
Columbia 7:15 a.m.  
**Wednesday, January 30**  
Columbia 7:30 a.m.  
**Wednesday, February 6**  
Columbia 6:45 a.m.  
**Wednesday, February 13**  
Columbia 5:45 a.m.

Arrival times may vary. Call 874-2021 for verification or call 874-3711 for recorded information.



## TIDES

Jan. 10 - Jan. 17

	High Tides		Low Tides			
	AM Time	PM Time	AM Time	PM Time	AM Time	PM Time
January 10	3:30	3:06	8:58	4:2	9:25	0.5
January 11	4:05	3:44	9:41	4.4	10:02	1.2
January 12	4:43	4:30	10:29	4.4	10:44	2.1
January 13	5:28	5:30	11:25	4.4	11:32	3.0
January 14	6:22	6:50	---	---	12:30	4.0
January 15	7:22	8:12	12:29	3.7	1:40	3.2
January 16	8:22	9:24	1:34	4.3	2:50	1.9
January 17	9:18	10:25	2:42	4.4	3:52	0.3

## Wrangell Roundup: Special Events

Saturday, January 19

**Baby Raven Reads:** Wrangell Head Start, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Theme: Raven Loses His Nose.

**Community Roots Meeting:** Stikine Inn, 3 p.m.

Is the attendance at your meeting or event low? Send information for Roundup to wrgsent@gmail.com or call 874-2301.

## Continuing Events

**PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES:** Mid-day closure: M-F 1:30-3:30 p.m. Closed Sunday

### Pool:

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Class: M-W-F 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
Water Aerobics: M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
Lap Swim: M-W-F 6:00-7:30 a.m. MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. TuTh 5:15-6:15 p.m. Sa 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
2 Lane Lap Swim: M-W-F 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
Lap/Tot Swim: MTWThF 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. S 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Swim Club: M-F 3:15-5:15 p.m.  
Open Swim: M-W 5:30-7:00 p.m. F 6:30-8:00 p.m. S 1:00-2:00 p.m.  
**Weight Room:** M-Thu 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-7:30 p.m. F 6:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 3:30-8:30 p.m. S 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

### MEETINGS

**AA Meetings:** North Star Group Meeting. St. Philip's Church. Tuesday: 7 p.m., Thursday: 8 p.m., Friday: 8 p.m.

## The Way We Were

In the Sentinel 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago.

### January 9, 1919

The Four Minute organization disbanded on December 24. W.H. Warren, who was the local Four Minute chairman, rendered a patriotic service in keeping before Wrangell audiences the excellent messages of the Government committee on public information. Those who did the speaking are also to be commended. Mr. Samuel Cunningham of the Rex Photo-show cooperated with the organization. The three lodges of Wrangell also enrolled as Four Minute organizations and there was a four minute address at each of their meetings during the past year. Just before the Four Minute organization disbanded President Wilson wrote a letter acknowledging the receipt of the final report on their work.

### January 7, 1944

Four veterans of World War II, recently honorably discharged from the Army, were initiated into Merlin Elmer Palmer Post No. 6 Monday night at a special meeting of the Post called by Commander Don Miller. The new Legionnaires are Edward Lowney, Edward Loftus, James Shakinaw and Clark Larson, all Wrangell men. This makes five World War II veterans in the local post, Andrew Bakke having previously been initiated. The local post has a membership of 38. Ceremonies welcoming the new war vets were climaxed with a feed and the presentation of a Past Commander's pin to Harvey C. McKowan, who served as Commander last year.

### January 9, 1969

E. Johnny Coonjohn of Juneau, formerly field representative for the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., has been promoted to

Manpower Administrator's Representative for Model Cities in the U.S. Department of Labor. Coonjohn, who was an Administrative Assistant in Manpower Development and Training with the Alaska State Department of Labor, will be based in Atlanta, Ga., in his new position. He also was Southeastern Alaska Field Representative for the Office of Economic Opportunity under Gov. William A. Egan's administration. He is the son-in-law of Lew Williams Sr. of Wrangell.

### January 6, 1944

As Wrangell High School students returned from their holiday vacation this week, they began gearing up for the school's annual homecoming later this month. This year's homecoming is scheduled for the week of Jan. 16-22, and culminates with a weekend of basketball games against archrival Petersburg. For the first time since mid-November, both the boys' and girls' varsity and junior varsity basketball teams will play at home. In anticipation of the Vikings' arrival in Wrangell, the varsity

cheerleading squad recently received some reinforcements, according to cheerleader Trella Montoy. Joining the varsity squad are Rita Ferrel and Laura Miller. "We'll have spirit-raising activities and pep rallies during the week," Montoy said, noting that a bonfire, at some point in the week, is a possibility. She said that everyone should bring a flashlight to all the games, since cheerleaders plan an out-of-the-ordinary introduction for the Wolves' line-ups.



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## Wrangell Weather

Date	High	Low
Dec. 31	39	35
Jan. 01	48	41
Jan. 02	41	34
Jan. 03	35	26
Jan. 04	30	19
Jan. 05	28	19
Jan. 06	28	18
Jan. 07	26	19



## Daylight Hours

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Daylight
Jan 10	8:15 am	3:36 pm	7:21h
Jan 11	8:14 am	3:38 pm	7:24h
Jan 12	8:13 am	3:39 pm	7:26h
Jan 13	8:12 am	3:41 pm	7:29h
Jan 14	8:11 am	3:43 pm	7:32h
Jan 15	8:10 am	3:45 pm	7:35h
Jan 16	8:09 am	3:47 pm	7:38h
Jan 17	8:08 am	3:48 pm	7:40h



# Town comes together to remember local centenarian

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

Lawrence Bahovec was a longtime resident of Wrangell, one of the oldest on the island. He was born on Jan. 4, 1917 in the city of Chicago, Illinois, but his family moved to Wrangell early in his life. He passed away on Dec. 6, 2018, at the age of 101. Relatives of Bahovec, friends, and other city residents came together at the

Nolan Center last Friday for a memorial service, on what would have been his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

Bahovec was born to a Yugoslavian baron and a Tlingit princess from the Sumdum tribe, according to the eulogy given at his memorial service. He and his younger sisters were split apart when they were sent to the Haines orphanage, when their father grew unhappy with the con-

ditions they were living in.

Eventually, by the time he was in eighth grade, he found his way to Wrangell. Bahovec began his career as a fisherman after graduating from Wrangell High School and attending the University of Washington for three years. He met his first wife, Adella Leminex, in 1937. In 1960 Bahovec added to his busy life by purchasing the Brig Bar (now Rayme's Bar), which he operated until 2009. His first wife passed away in 1972, and Bahovec remained a "wild bachelor" until he met his second wife, Sylvia Vandervest in 1979. Between fishing and running the Brig Bar, Bahovec and his family also found time to travel the world. He visited places like Hawaii, England, Yugoslavia, New Zealand, Fiji, Virginia, and Maui. He was able to reconnect with his sisters on some of these trips.

"I think the most amazing thing that really moves me, with him, is the fact of talking to him about the longevity of life, the importance of life at his age and what he could teach me at a younger age so that I don't have to wait until I'm 100," said Chelsea Berg, granddaughter to Bahovec.

There were several life lessons that Berg said she learned from her grandfather. Forgiveness was a major one, she said. Learning to forgive and forget has been a struggle for her, she said, but she learned a lot about forgiveness from Ba-

hovec. Another lesson he taught was about the "spirituality" of living things, that all people and animals have a soul and a purpose. There were some more practical lessons for enjoying a healthy life, as well. Berg said that she learned the importance of keeping one's mind busy and to exercise regularly from her grandfather.

Other people at the memorial service also took the opportunity to share memories of Bahovec. Joe Huke and George Joseph both worked for him when he ran the Brig Bar, and both agreed that he was a terrific boss and a good friend. Richard Oliver, who is from the same Tlingit clan as Bahovec, also shared some memories. Oliver first met Bahovec when he was 11-years-old, when he was sent to the Brig Bar with a note and some money to buy his mother some Pall Malls. Another fond memory of Bahovec came from Dave Joseph.

"He would always want me to take him for car rides, him and his two dogs Lavender Blue and Sir James" he said. "But he would always refer to them as 'the men,' even though Lavender Blue was a girl ... Of course I was always busy doing something, but I couldn't say no."

Besides sharing memories, the memorial service also contained prayer, music, and food. At the conclusion of the service, people were invited to stick around and enjoy dessert while watching old movies.



SENTINEL FILE PHOTO

Lawrence Bahovec (right) and his niece Lisa Messmer (left) at a celebration marking his achievement of reaching "centenarian" status last May. Bahovec received a personalized commendation from Governor Bill Walker for being one of the few people in Alaska to reach a century in age.

# Rod Rhoades keeping the lights on in Wrangell

By CALEB VIERKANT  
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With over two decades of experience handling the electrical infrastructure for Alyeska Pipeline Services, Rod Rhoades said his new job as superintendent of electrical utilities is challenging and invigorating.

"There's nothing boring about the job. My days go by quick and it's easy to mark accomplishments," he said.

Rhoades was hired by the city about a month ago, starting his first day of work on Dec. 10. He grew up in Southeast Alaska, on Zarembo Island, Woronofski, and later Whale Pass. For a good portion of his adult life, however, he and his family have lived in

Valdez, working for Alyeska. Coming back to Southeast Alaska has been a longstanding goal of his, though, and he said he is happy to be back.

"I had hopes that I would get back to Southeast Alaska at some point," Rhoades said. "A number of years ago Tyler Robinson told me about a job that was opening up with then Thomas Bay Power Authority, and that wasn't good timing for me and my family so we didn't take that job. But then when this job opened up I applied and here I am."

As the superintendent of electrical utilities at Wrangell Municipal Light and Power, Rhoades's job is, essentially, to keep the electricity flowing to peoples'

homes. When working with Alyeska he said that he spent a lot of his time refurbishing, replacing, and upgrading electrical infrastructure. Alongside his years of experience, he said that he is bringing a three-tiered philosophy that he feels are important for any job: Safety, reliability, and maintenance.

"Safety of the personnel, safety of the public, that just can't be overstated," Rhoades said. "The second thing is reliability. We as the public don't realize how much we depend on electricity until we don't have it, then it's 'oh my gosh, the world's caving in.' So I feel a real sense of duty to provide the highest reliability that I can possibly muster. Then the third thing is maintenance ... You can put off maintenance, but it's like getting out of dying. You're not going to get out of dying, you know? You can



Rod Rhoades

kick the can down the road but at some point you're going to have to do the maintenance to maintain the assets of infrastructure you're responsible for."

As far as the job itself is concerned, Rhoades said that he has

been very impressed with his coworkers and the setup he has been given. There are challenges, he said, but they help make the days go by quickly. While he did not want to go into specifics, he said that he is looking to find ways to be proactive in finding potential problems in Wrangell's electrical system and correcting them. He also said he wants to try and find ways to increase the "wiggle room" between the city's electrical supply and demand. Besides that, he said that he has only good things to say about the people working with him, and that he is excited to get his family down from Valdez to join him.

"I'll feel more whole of a man, or a person, when my family gets down here with me. We do intend to move the whole family down here," Rhoades said.

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## Police report

December 31, 2018

Theft: Unfounded.  
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.

January 1, 2019

Traffic stop: Verbal warning for driving habits.  
Vacation check.

January 2, 2019

Agency assist: Warrant arrest.  
Harassment.  
Found property.  
Summons service.  
Agency assist: Fire.  
Report of theft.  
Trespassing.  
Traffic stop: Citation issued to Dylan Franks, 28. Driving while license revoked.

January 3, 2019

Report of vandalism.  
Harassment.

January 4, 2019

Citizen assist.  
Lost dog: Returned to owner.  
Agency assist: DV report.

January 5, 2019

Citizen assist: Vehicle unlocked.  
Driving complaint.  
Traffic stop: Verbal warning for faulty equipment.  
Traffic stop: Citation issued to Hunter Wiederspoohn, 16. Failure to provide proof of insurance. Verbal warning for driving without headlights.  
Summons service.  
Parking complaint: Citation issued to Charles Davis, 44. Parking on private property without consent.

January 6, 2019

Criminally negligent burning.

There were two ambulance calls and two dog complaints this week.



# Obituary: Matthew Stephen "Steve" Bunes, 52.

Matthew Stephen "Steve" Bunes, 52, died in his home in Wrangell on December 28, 2018.

He was born June 29, 1966 in Tacoma, Washington to Mary and Maurice Bunes. He moved to Wrangell with his family in 1970 and attended

Wrangell public schools.

Bunes enjoyed hunting and fishing, spending many hours hunting waterfowl on the Stikine River flats, and even more hours spinning yarns in Hay's cabin. He enjoyed derby fishing and volunteered to serve on and chair

the Wrangell Salmon Derby committee. He served on the board of the Stikine Sportsman's Association for many years, including serving as board president.

Moose hunts at Virginia Lake with friends including Levi Dow and the late Bob Prunella became an annual highlight in recent years. He enjoyed cooking and could be counted on to produce a pot of fricasseed duck for nephews after the hunt.

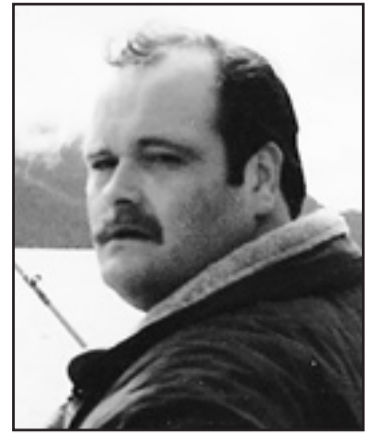
He served as a volunteer fireman and was elected to the City Council. He also was active in the Wrangell Elks Club

for many years and served as exalted ruler.

He worked for many years in management at local fish processors, worked at the Wrangell sawmill and worked briefly for Fish and Game.

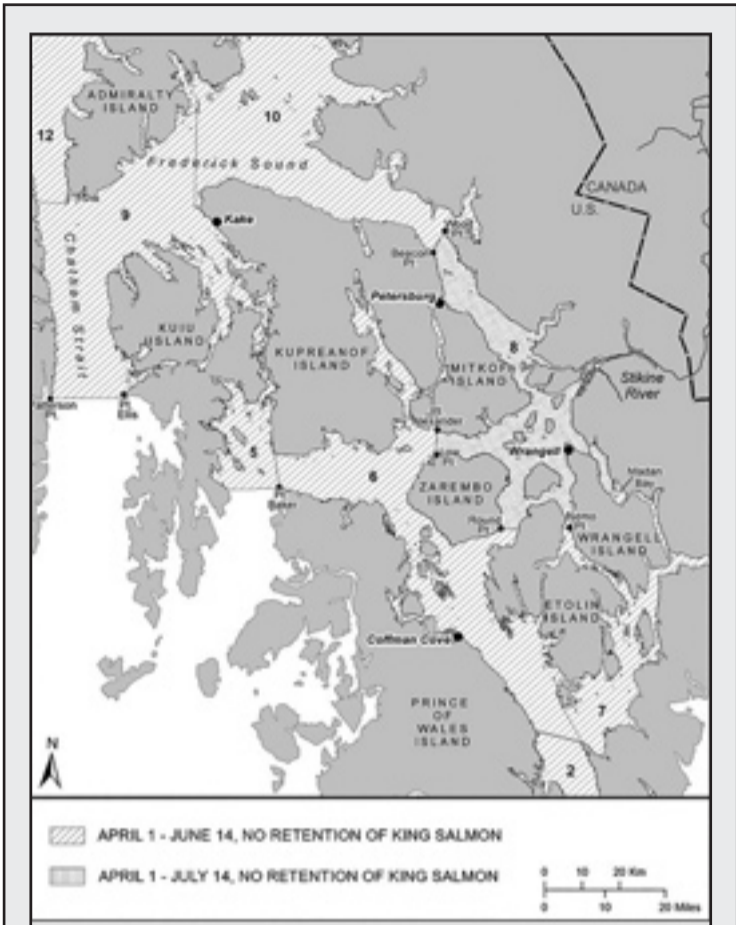
He was preceded in death by his parents, Maurice and Mary Bunes and brother Samuel Bunes.

He is survived by sisters Ann Phillips, Kay Jabusch, and Marie Davidson of Wrangell; brothers Scott Bunes and Mike Bunes of Wrangell, and brother Mark Bunes of Juneau; numerous nieces and nephews, grandnieces and



**Matthew Stephen "Steve" Bunes**

grandnephews, and former spouse Cocoa Massin.



## Sport Fishing For King Salmon Restricted In The Petersburg And Wrangell Areas

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced recently king salmon sport fishing restrictions for the marine waters near the communities of Petersburg, Wrangell, and Kake.

In the majority of marine waters within the management area (Districts 6, 10 and portions of District 5, District 7, and District 9) the retention of king salmon is prohibited, any king salmon caught must be released immediately from April 1 through June 14, 2019. In the waters adjacent to the Stikine River (District 8 and a portion of Eastern Passage near Wrangell) the retention of king salmon is prohibited, any king salmon caught must be released immediately from April 1 through July 14, 2019.

The 2019 preseason forecast for Stikine River king salmon is 8,250. This forecast indicates the escapement goal range (14,000-28,000) will not be met. Forecasts for other Southeast Alaska wild king salmon stocks are below goal as Southeast Alaska wild king salmon stocks are continuing to experience poor productivity. These actions are being taken as part of a region wide effort to reduce harvest of Southeast Alaska wild king salmon and increase spawning escapement for future production. Management actions are being taken across all Southeast Alaska fisheries, including sport, commercial, personal use, and subsistence, to reduce harvest of wild king salmon. Anglers fishing north of the Petersburg/Wrangell area should review the news release announcing restrictions for the Juneau and Haines/Skagway areas. Anglers fishing south of the Petersburg/Wrangell area should review the news release announcing restrictions for the Ketchikan area.

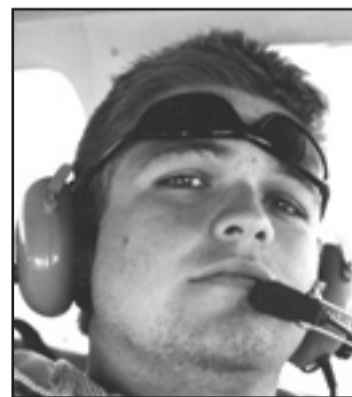
Contact Petersburg/Wrangell Area Management Biologist, Patrick Fowler at (907) 772-5231 with questions.

# Obituary: Dean Wright, 37

Dean Oliver Wright, 37, of Wrangell/Petersburg, Alaska, left this life unexpectedly in the early hours on December 18, 2018 in Anchorage Alaska, surrounded by family.

Dean was born in Wrangell to Jana Lee Wright and Calvert Martin on January 3, 1981. He moved to Petersburg in his early adult years where he met and married Rufinia Hanson, on August 3, 2013. He worked for various companies around Wrangell and Petersburg and was loved by all who knew him.

His true passions in life were his loving family, cooking, and being in a boat. He loved listening to the sound of the mighty



**Dean Wright**

Stikine River from its bank in the evening.

He always had a smile on his face and a joke to share. Dean truly enjoyed bringing happiness to those around him.

Dean is preceded in death by

his grandparents, Vern and Edna Wright, Neil Martin, and his two unborn angels, uncles, Marc Wright, David Cabot, John Cabot, cousin Charles Romane Jr., and James Shirai.

Dean is survived by his wife Rufinia, children Gavynn, Kingston, and Aubrianna, parents Jana Wright and Calvert Martin, brothers Brian and Johnny, sisters Geminesse, Jazmyn, and Jacquelyn, along with numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A Celebration of Life service was held in Petersburg on January 3, 2019 at the Lighthouse Church as well as a service in Wrangell on January 6, 2019 at the American Legion Hall.

## Wrangell LIO PFD information

Permanent Fund Dividend paper applications are available at the Legislative Information Office, located upstairs in the Kadin Building next to the Fish and Game Office. The LIO can also help file online, no computer skills needed, and can certify original documents for first time filers avoiding having to mail them. For information call 874-3013.

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# Lady Wolves claim title at Rally the Regions

By CALEB VIERKANT  
Sentinel writer

The Wrangell Lady Wolves high school basketball team, claimed victory at the fourth annual Rally the Regions Hardwood Classic in Anchorage last week. The tournament, a round-robin style event brings together 2A schools from across the state.

Laurie Brown, coach of the Lady Wolves, said that Rally the Regions is a good opportunity for teams to get a feel for who has a good chance of making it to State.

The tournament took place at Dimond High School from Jan. 2 to 5. Besides Wrangell, teams representing Tok, Haines, Scammon Bay, Cordova, and Selawik were present.

The first two days were very successful for the Lady Wolves beating Tok 70 to 25, and then Selawik 56 to 12. On the third day of the tournament, Jan. 3, Wrangell went up against Cordova. They lost this game by 10 points, 42 to 52. Having won, Cordova advanced to the finals.

However, that did not fully disqualify the Lady Wolves from reaching the finals. The girls' team from Scammon Bay was tied with Wrangell in their record, two wins and one loss. This meant that they were also tied to make it into the finals. The decision of who would advance came down to a one-minute three-point shooting contest. Maddy Harding shot the baskets for the Lady Wolves, with Helen Decker catching the rebounds. When the 60 seconds were up, Wrangell won the contest with seven baskets to Scammon Bay's two.

"She is one of our best shooters, by far," said Coach Laurie Brown.

The Lady Wolves fared better in their rematch against Cordova in the finals. It was a close game, again with only a 10 point difference, but Wrangell was able to come out victorious. The final score was 51 to 41, favoring Wrangell.

"It's awesome," Brown said. "The girls are really excited, they were really hungry that last game ... It was a really good start to our season."



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The Lady Wolves played hard at Rally the Regions last week, and came away as the girls' champions after their final game against Cordova.

Wrangell will be hosting its first home games of the season this weekend, playing against Craig High School.

## Wolves go 3-1 at Rally the Regions tournament



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The Wrangell Wolves won three out of four games at Rally the Regions last week, at Dimond High School. Here they can be seen playing against the Cordova Wolverines.

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The Wrangell Wolves high school basketball team travelled to Dimond High School, in Anchorage, for the fourth annual Rally the Regions tournament. It brought together six schools, Wrangell included held from Wed., Jan. 2 to Sat., Jan 5.

Coach Cody Angerman said it was an opportunity for teams to compete against each other that otherwise were unlikely to play against each other in the regular season. It was a good cultural experience too, he said, where kids from different parts of the state got to interact and learn more about life outside of their towns.

Wrangell made a strong opening the first day of the tournament against Tok, claiming victory at 55 to 26. During the second day of the tournament, they won against Selawik with a

score of 68 to 58.

On day three, they faced off against Cordova. The Wolves were able to hold a lead against Cordova up until the final minutes of the game. By the end of the game, Wrangell made 38 points against Cordova's 43. The loss was a good learning experience, Angerman said. It showed some areas that the Wolves need to train harder in, such as maintaining a lead and holding on to the ball.

On Saturday they played

against Scammon Bay. The Wolves fought hard and were able to claim victory with a score of 75 to 54. This was the final game of the tournament for them, and they left Anchorage with a record of three wins to one loss.

"We definitely had our moments," Angerman said. "There were times we played well, and there were times I thought we played poorly. Being our first games of the season, I'm happy with our performance."



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### Happy birthday, Alaska

Last Thursday, Alaska celebrated its 60th anniversary of becoming the 49th state of the union. The territory of Alaska was originally purchased from the Russian government in 1867, for the price of \$7.2 million during the administration of President Andrew Johnson. The purchase of the Alaska territory was, at the time, seen as a poor financial decision. The discovery of gold and oil, however, would change that opinion. Alaska applied for statehood as early as 1916, but this application was rejected due to the low population of the territory. The gold rush, and discovery of oil, helped increase Alaska's population and helped change perception of the territory being isolated and unimportant. World War II, and the Japanese invasion of the Aleutian Islands, also helped highlight Alaska's strategic importance to mainland America. The Alaska Statehood Act, signed by President Eisenhower in 1958, helped pave the way for statehood. Alaska was admitted as a full-fledged state on Jan. 3, 1959.



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# Alaska Fish Factor By LAINE WELCH Fisheries columnist

## Government shutdown causing few problems in Alaska's fisheries

The government shutdown has caused few problems so far in Alaska's fisheries, but concern is growing as it enters a third week.

The shutdown of nine out of 15 federal departments and agencies on Dec. 21 has furloughed about 800,000 workers nationwide, most with no pay, including fishery oversight and research jobs. In many cases, that means there's no one to issue fishing permits, licenses or other documents and services required before setting out.

"I have not heard of any problems, but that's not to say that there aren't any," said Forrest Bowers, acting director of the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game's commercial fisheries division, referring to the cod fishery that opened on January 1 and the

ongoing Bering Sea crab fishery.

State operations are not directly affected by the shutdown, but fisheries in Alaska waters intertwine and are closely timed with the federal ones. In the co-management case of Bering Sea crab, for example, the feds provide the surveys and science, the state does the rest.

"The state sets the total allowable catch and we handle the in-season management of the fishery, including vessel registrations, observer coverage and harvest tracking," Bowers said.

The cod and crab boats had their paperwork in order prior to the shutdown, Bowers said, except for one straggler who needed the services of a furloughed electronic scale inspector and was stuck at the

dock.

"They haven't been able to have that scale inspection done and it's delaying them. We're hoping we can get that resolved for them," Bowers said, adding that other such "behind the scenes" unavailable services in the tightly regulated fisheries could cause problems as more boats come on line this month.

The shutdown also is causing a headache for federally contracted onboard fishery observers who collect stock data and track what's coming and going over the rails. Regulators at NOAA are not holding debriefings for the observers when they return from a fishing trip, which are required before they can sign on to another.

That's sidelined five of her employees so far, said Stacey Hansen, program manager at Saltwater, an Anchorage-based company that provides observer services to the fleets.

"I've got a group of people that are now stuck. They're just sitting and waiting until they can get on with their lives," Hansen told Alaska's Energy Desk.

Meanwhile, Alaska's largest fishery, pollock, gets underway on January 20 along with openers for flounders and myriad other whitefish.

"I think there is uncertainty right now about what's going to happen," Bowers said. "Fortunately, we have a pretty sophisticated group of folks in the fishing in-

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# Fish Factor

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dustry in Alaska who are very professional and know how to do their jobs. It helps a lot when there is a good working relationship with the managers; it makes these uncertain times go more smoothly."

**One is done** - Only one person applied for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commissioner's job and it's the same one who's holding it now.

Doug Vincent-Lang was selected as acting commissioner in early December by incoming Governor Mike Dunleavy. The governor said in a statement that he believed it was important to have someone managing the department while the Joint Board of Fish and Game compiled a list of

other potential applicants.

State law requires that a new governor select a commissioner from nominees suggested by the joint board and the group will fulfill that statutory obligation on the evening of January 16 at the Anchorage Sheraton. It will be a quick meeting, said boards support executive director Glenn Haight.

"For this particular year, we have one applicant so it's a fairly simple task for the joint board to go through the review process," Haight said. "Anyone could've applied, it's up to the individuals. Sometimes in the past there's been more than 10 names that have come into the department for consideration and sometimes there's just five or so."

No testimony will be taken at the Jan. 16 joint board meeting but the public is invited to listen in.

Vincent-Lang was director of the division's wildlife department under former Governor Parnell and was assistant director of the sportfish division in the early 2000s. The ADF&G commissioner oversees 1,700 employees at 47 offices across the state and manages approximately 750 active fisheries, 26 game management units and 32 special areas.

The commissioner appointment must be approved by the Alaska legislature at the end of the upcoming session.

**Got gas?** Liquified bio-gas from dead fish and other organic

wastes will soon power a fleet of luxury cruise ships as a way to save money and protect the environment.

The 125-year-old cruise operator Hurtigruten, known for its trips to the Arctic, will operate at least six of its 17 ships using a combination of bio-gas, liquified natural gas and large battery packs by 2021.

"While competitors are running on cheap, polluting heavy fuel oil, our ships will literally be powered by nature," spokesman Daniel Skjeldam said in a statement. "Biogas is the greenest fuel in shipping and will be a huge advantage for the environment. We would love other cruise companies to follow," he added.

Concerns over the atmospheric impacts of high-sulfur fuel favored by the shipping industry led the International Maritime Organization to set a 0.5 percent sulfur limit on marine fuel by 2020.

A 2017 report by the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union in Germany claimed that a midsize cruise ship can use over 100 tons of fuel a day, producing as much particulate as a million cars.

The Norwegian cruise ship company is taking other steps to boost its green credentials: it has ordered three new hybrid-powered cruise liners, has banned single-use plastics from all its ships and plans on becoming carbon neutral.

## Introducing the WHS 2019 Wolves Basketball Teams

### Wolves



**The 2018 - 2019 Wrangell Wolves:** (back left to right) Assistant Coach Graham Gablehouse, #32 Sean Gillen, #45 Brett Abrahamson, #12 Riley Blatchley, #34 Trevor Miller, #4 Hunter Wiederspohn, #24 Kellan Eagle, Head Coach Cody Angerman, (front left to right) #23 Skyler Lofftus, #20 Stone Guggenbickler, #22 Logan Ritchie, #15 Jean-Luc Lewis, Manager Hank Voltz (not pictured) Jacob Hammer, Tyson Messmer

**The 2018-2019 Wrangell Lady Wolves:**

L-R: Assistant Coach Katelyn Reeves, Alumni Anna Allen, Abigail Armstrong, Ashlee Olson, Abigail Gerald, Kaylyn Easterly, Julia Miethe, Helen Decker, Emma Martinsen, Elizabeth Armstrong, Maddy Harding, Coach Laurie Brown.



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# 2018: A year in review

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celebrating "the future of healthcare." The new hospital will be complete by 2021.

The new year is a good time for everyone, both as individuals and as a city, to look back on all that has changed. The Wrangell Sentinel has compiled some of its best stories from 2018.

### January

1/4/18- A group of Wrangell firefighters raising money for cancer research will have grown this year, with nine to take part in the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb in Seattle March 11. Participating firefighters make a 69-story climb at the Columbia Center, which is the second-tallest skyscraper west of the Mississippi River. Participants compete for time as they make their climb in full firefighting gear, including air tanks. Six Wrangell firefighters made the trip for last year's event, and several have been taking part since 2013. Returning climbers include Chris Hatton, Jordan Bunes, Adam and Dorianne Sprehe, Dustin Johnson and Walter Moorhead, while first-time participants will be Scott McAuliffe, Clay Hammer and Steve Prysunka. Team Wrangell will also have assistance changing out its bottles, with Shawna Bunes to accompany the team.

1/11/18- Before the 30th Alaska Legislature meets for its second regular session next Tuesday, Sen. Bert Stedman (R-Sitka) stopped in Wrangell to meet with constituents. The purpose of the senator's visits is to receive input, prioritize issues and share his assessment of the upcoming session. When legislators get together in Juneau next week, the primary focus of the session will be addressing the state's finances. Looking ahead, they will consider operating and capital budget drafts put forward by Gov. Bill Walker's office last month, which the Legislative Finance Division is currently reviewing for analysis. Once it completes its report, Stedman said legislators will have a better idea of what affects the budget will have.

1/18/18- Radio station KSTK will be transferring ownership of its licenses and facility to CoastAlaska, a regional nonprofit corporation managing radio and television stations in Juneau, Ketchikan, Petersburg and Sitka. Faced with cuts to public grant funding the station hopes the acquisition will allow it to maintain a local presence in Wrangell.

1/25/18- After two months of suspended activity, Alaska Court System has worked out an arrangement with the City of Wrangell so that its staff can resume local legal services. The courtroom and adjoining offices are housed on the second floor of the Public Safety Building, which houses Wrangell's police and fire services, Department of Motor Vehicles and the emergency responder switchboard. Water seepage problems over the years have been a continued problem with the facility, and replacement of the building's

roof and siding has this year made it the top priority of the city's list of capital projects. After discovery of an ant infestation and extensive rot in one of the court office's walls last September, its tenant officer was relocated elsewhere and the room sealed off by maintenance staff. A consultant inspected the building later that month, issuing a report with recommendations for the city to follow up on. It pointed out a number of problems with the building's seals and materials, which had together allowed for a number of leaks to undermine the facility's integrity.

### February

2/1/18- A community development grant obtained by Wrangell Cooperative Association last fall will be putting \$600,000 back into local homes. The funds come from Housing and Urban Development, through its Community Development Block Grant program. The federal program provides resources to communities for addressing a wide range of unique development needs. The goal of the Wrangell project will be to increase energy efficiency for around 20 residences, specifically for Native homeowners.

2/8/18- The Borough Assembly revisited its policy on nepotism during Tuesday evening's regular meeting, at the behest of a resident who had lost his new position because of it. Max Dalton took the lectern to make his case. He had last month begun work as a part-time custodian with the Parks Department. During the hiring process he had been one of several candidates for the post, and after interviews had been selected as the top candidate. Dalton is the son-in-law of Mayor David Jack, he explained, and is related by marriage to another city employee. Dalton added he had disclosed this on his application form at the start, and it had not appeared to be a problem. This had been an oversight, as after working his first shift on January 22 he was told by his supervisor he would no longer be able to continue working with the department. The position remains unfilled pending a decision by the Assembly.

2/15/18- The Southeast Alaska Power Agency governing board last week approved moving forward with a remote inspection of the tunnels underlying the Tye Lake hydroelectric plant.

2/22/18- City staff from several departments were surprised to learn of one late resident's generosity. At its meeting in early December, the Wrangell Convention and Visitor Bureau discussed news that Marian Glenz had bequeathed a considerable donation to CVB. Details at the time had yet to be worked out, but at the Borough Assembly's February 6 meeting, City Manager Lisa Von Barga confirmed the contribution totaled \$50,000. The sum was "to be used to promote Wrangell," according to her will.

### March

3/1/18- The City and Bor-

ough of Wrangell issued a conservation advisory to water utility users, as increased wintertime demand outpaces replenishment of the town's reservoirs. A water watch was declared, the first of three stages in the emergency response plan the CBW Assembly had adopted last April. During a critical water shortage in the summer of 2016 the city had lacked a clear strategy for responding to such crises across departments.

3/8/18- The Environmental Protection Agency announced last Friday that it has reached an agreement with Trident Seafoods Corporation and the U.S. Department of Justice to resolve violations of the Clean Water Act for discharges of fish waste at two seafood processing facilities in Wrangell and in Sand Point, in the Aleutians. Under the agreement, Trident will remove nearly three-and-a-half acres of waste from the seafloor near its Sand Point plant, and limit the amount of seafood waste discharged from its Wrangell plant.

3/15/18- City Hall jumped a notch on its alert level Tues-

day, declaring a Stage III water shortage watch. The third stage is the most severe in Wrangell's water shortage management plan. The city was previously on a Stage I alert due to dwindling supplies of raw water in the treatment plant's two reservoirs. Under Stage III emergency measures now in effect, all outdoor use of water is prohibited. Water service at Wrangell's harbor facilities and the boatyard are discontinued, and the public pool shut down until the situation improves. Any water customer found to have a leaky or damaged water line, water system component, or plumbing fixture will have their water service disconnected until such repairs are made.

3/22/18- Heading to State for the first time in over a decade, the Wrangell Lady Wolves finished their season fourth among Alaska's 2A schools last weekend. After fighting for second place the previous weekend during Region V, the high school girls joined Alaska's best at the 1A/2A Basketball State Cham-

pionships, held jointly at Anchorage's Alaska Airlines and Wells Fargo Sports centers. Among 2A teams, Wrangell earned the Sportsmanship Award for its players' conduct. The team also was given the All-Academic Award, with its girls' collective grade-point average - a solid 3.88. Decker and Easterly were further named to the All-Tournament Team.

3/29/18- Safety was the watchword of last week's meeting of the Public School Board, with parents and staff alike weighing in on security at Wrangell's public schools. The crux of their concern was an incident involving a high school student on February 12, in which the student was recorded by peers during class discussing the setting off of fireworks or explosives at the school, with the intention of getting expelled. Faculty and the school administration had been alerted to the conversation by concerned students afterward. Superintendent Patrick Mayer reported the Wrangell Police Department had been notified immediately, and the matter investigated.

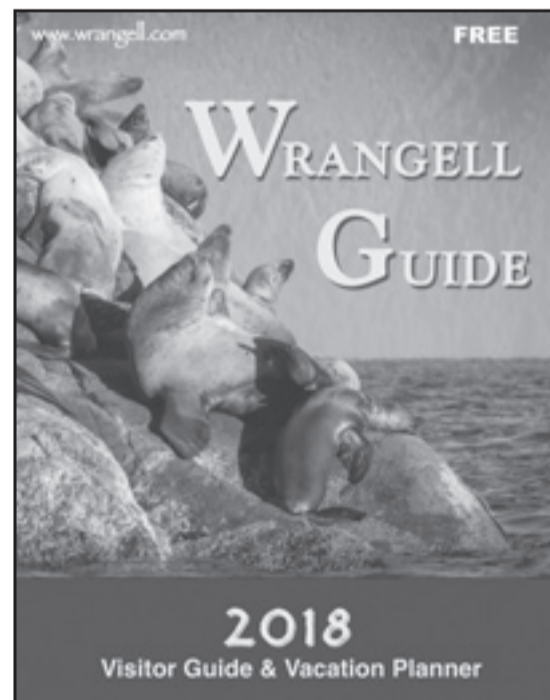
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