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Dyersburg City News

"We're here for you"

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J. B. on stage at DSCC

Theatre Department presents play Nov 11-13

Based on the biblical story/book of Job, the play is set in the modern day and centers on successful businessman, J.B. Unlike Job who has 10 children, J.B. has five and the five all perish in deaths ripped from the headlines. As J.B. and his wife suffer tragedy after tragedy, actors Nickles and Zuss, who portray the characters of Satan and God respectively, look on, vying for J.B.'s soul.

The cast consists of: Corey Sawyers of Newbern as J.B., Jerry Rogers of Halls as Zuss, Tabetha Fournier of Dyersburg as Nickles, Hannah Evans of Newbern as Sarah, Bobby Solmon of Dyersburg as Bildad, Erik Grimes of Martin as Zophar, and Clint Vickery of Halls as Eliphaz. Rounding out the cast include the children: Jeffrey Wood, Alex Swayne, Abby Swayne, Meleah Jeter, and Ethan Spiess, all of Dyersburg. Other cast members playing multiple parts include: Erik Grimes of Martin, Clint Vickery and Tracie Langley of Halls, Ashley Marshall of Union City, along with Mary Kathryn Day, Travis Shands, Kerri Benthal, Colton Bane, all of Dyersburg.

Crew members include: stage manager - Leslee Adams of Dyersburg, carpenter – Cody Holland of Dyersburg, lead carpenter – Bob Weeks of Halls, Nate Bernier of Dyersburg-Lights, and John Horvath of Ripley - sound.

The play is scheduled for performance at:
7:30 p.m.

Thursday through Saturday, November 11-13
in the First Citizens National Bank Auditorium in the Campus Activities Building
on the Dyersburg campus.

For more information about the production, please contact
Director, Meleia Lewis at 286-3261.

MAYOR'S OFFICE



The Veterans Day parade will be held on November 11th in Downtown Dyersburg at 11am. Please take time to remember and honor our veterans who have bravely served our country to protect our freedom. We appreciate their service, dedication and commitment.

Thanksgiving Holidays will be observed November 25th and 26th. I hope each of you have a happy and safe holiday. Enjoy the time away from work, spend time with your family and give thanks for your blessings.

The 60th annual Downtown Christmas parade will be held on Monday November 29th beginning at 7pm. The theme this year is "The Greatest Christmas Gift". Once again, we are planning to open City Hall for city employees and their families. We will share the details later this month.

The City of Dyersburg United Way Campaign is underway. United Way is a local organization that serves 14 counties in West Tennessee. United Way focuses on uniting people and resources to build a stronger healthier community – specifically in the areas of income, education and health. Each year, the funds raised during the campaign are allocated to programs that serve Dyersburg and Dyer County. Please consider making a contribution to this organization that helps so many people in our area.

Thanks for all that you do. I appreciate each and every one of you. Stay safe and if ever I can help in any way, please let me know.

Sincerely,



OSHA Recordable Accidents measure the *heartbeat* of our Safety Program!



Safety Committee

Last year the City of Dyersburg had 19 OSHA recordable accidents, this year we already have 25 OSHA recordable accidents and the year is not over. The safety committee put a safety incentive program together in which names are drawn each month for a \$50 drawing for the people who had no accidents and at the end of the year there is a \$500 drawing. It is starting to look as if the city can save the incentive program money for other things. We are currently not doing as good as we should be. All departments are required to hold a safety meeting at least once a month and turn it in to Ms. Sue Teague. **Please BE CAREFUL & BE SAFE!**



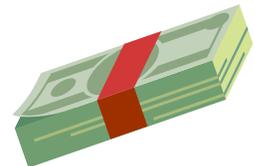
Think Safety First!

SAFETY AWARD WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2010

We are happy to announce the four (4) winners of the safety incentive awards for the month of September. They are:



**Lisa Hill – Collections Dept.
 Russell Blalock - Fire Dept.
 Stuart McLemore – Police Dept.
 Randall Beaver – Fire Dept.**



For the month of September we had six (6) recordable accidents. This is a totally *unacceptable* trend. We must do something to slow down the number of employees being injured.

PLEASE --THINK BEFORE YOU REACT!!!!

Dyersburg Fire Department

This has been a busy month for us several events have taken place and are taking place as you will see.

Annual Appreciation/Awards Dinner

The annual Appreciation/Awards Dinner was held on Thursday, October 7th at 6:30 pm. It is at this time of year that Chief Bob Veal is able to show how very much, all the departmental members (Retired and Active) and associated members of the community are appreciated. The event takes place each year at the 1st Baptist Church; we can't thank them enough for their generosity.

2nd Annual Firefighters Memorial Day

The 2nd Annual Firefighters Memorial Day was held on Friday, October the 8th, 2010. Although there is a "National Firefighters Memorial Day" event (held in Emmitsburg Maryland at the National Fire Academy), most departments nationwide conduct some type of local commemoration (either in conjunction with National event or some other time in October). This year not only did we remember the two fallen firefighters (William "Bill" L. Dudley and Pratt Fletcher), retired members who have passed away were also remembered. We appreciate the community response for this event.

Haz Mat Training

Four members of the department (Jay Cryer, Alan Dunevant, Robert Kirby, and Jason Leake) are currently attending the necessary training to become Hazardous Material Technicians (all other members will achieve Haz Mat Operations level as a minimum during their training). As you will read in the course description it is an 80 hour course, there is also approximately 65 hours devoted to prerequisite courses.

A description of the TEMA (Tennessee Emergency Management Agency) taught HMTO course and the needed prerequisite courses is listed below.

Technician Level

Hazardous Materials Team Operations (HMTO) is an 80-hour resident course which prepares team members to operate safely and as a unit in dealing with incidents. Emphasis is on teamwork and the use and limitations of existing team equipment. Content includes personal protection, safety procedures, basic physical and chemical properties, container characteristics, basic tactics and guidelines for team policies, procedures and operations. Field trips are conducted to reinforce classroom activities and the course concludes with a full-scale team exercise. Prerequisites include the IRHMI: BC and IRHMI: CI courses, FEMA IS-700, IS-800, and sixteen (16) hours of classroom command level ICS; FEMA IS-3 and the TEMA 8 hour Radiological Monitor course. Students must have completed Command Level training. Includes a written test and practical (hands-on) exam, and can award 8.0 CEUs.

To become a Hazardous Materials Technician, candidates must complete the following courses:

- IRHMI: Basic Concepts
- IRMHI: Concept Implementation
- NIMS Incident Command System: (FEMA IS-700, IS-800, and sixteen (16) hours of classroom command level ICS)
- FEMA IS-3 and the TEMA 8 hour Radiological Monitor Course
- Emergency Response to Terrorism: Awareness/Basic Concepts
- Hazardous Materials Team Operations

There are thirteen current Haz Mat "Techs" that are in the process of recertification (3 year certifications) their last recert was in 2007.

Technician Re-Certification

OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120 requires annual refresher training of sufficient content and duration to maintain employees' competencies and demonstrations of competence in those areas at least yearly. It is the responsibility of the employer to maintain re-certification responsibilities as required under the law. The Haz Mat Technicians or Specialists can ask their TEMA Area Coordinator for assistance on re-certification. Their employer must maintain an employee file with the certification documents. An audit of training records and/or certification documents will be performed periodically by TEMA Area Coordinators and/or the TEMA Training Office.

To maintain Technician or Specialist level status, the response professional must complete 8 hours of Haz Mat training annually.

The following procedure is for re-certification of Hazardous Materials Technicians and Specialists:

1. The technician or specialist will utilize the appropriate form to document their continued utilization of skills, training opportunities, and successes and competency evaluations since the last issue of the certificate.
2. The technician or specialist will attach supporting documentation to the form as required. This may include training certificates, interdepartmental training records, or other documentation which indicate training, response or recovery operations.
3. The technician or specialist will have his/her supervisor certify that the requirements have been met for re-certification and sign the form.
4. The TEMA Area Coordinator will then forward the form to the TEMA Regional Director for review. The TEMA Regional Director will then, if appropriate, sign and forward the form to the TEMA Training Office for reissue of the certificate.

STOLEN

6 X 12 TANDEM AXLE TRAILER; BLACK WITH TREATED WOOD FLOOR AND 24" SIDEBARDS ALL AROUND. STOLEN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH IN NEWBERN, TN. IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION OR SEE A TRAILER THAT LOOKS SIMILAR, PLEASE CALL TIM WARE, DFD, 676-8622



Bean & Tomato Salad with Honey Vinaigrette

Provided by EatingWell.com

Serves

8

Prep Time

35 min.

Total Time

95 min.

Nutrition Profile: Diabetes Appropriate Healthy Weight Heart Healthy High Fiber High Potassium Low Calorie
Low Cholesterol Low Sat Fat Low Sodium

This beautiful salad combines fresh tomatoes, green beans, red onions and dried heirloom beans. Recently harvested beans (and thus freshly dried) cook more quickly than the kind you buy year-round at the market. In the latter part of the summer, farmers' markets begin to sell a fresh crop of heirloom varieties that would be perfect for this salad.

INGREDIENTS

1 1/4 cups dried beans, preferably heirloom, or 2 15-ounce cans white beans, rinsed (see Tip)

1 teaspoon salt, divided

1/2 cup minced red onion

1/4 cup cider vinegar

4 teaspoons honey

1 teaspoon peanut or canola oil

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, or to taste

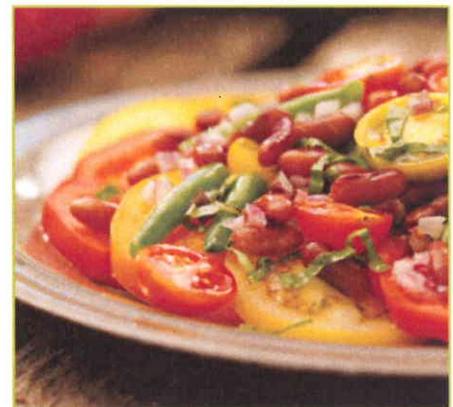
8 ounces green beans, trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces

1 pint cherry or grape tomatoes, halved or quartered

1/2 cup fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced

1 pound tomatoes, sliced

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live well.
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COOKING DIRECTIONS

Step 1

If using canned beans, skip to Step 3. If using dried beans, rinse and pick over for any stones, then place in a large bowl, cover with 3 inches of cold water and soak at room temperature for at least 6 hours or overnight. (Alternatively, use our quick-soak method: see Tip.)

Step 2

Drain the soaked beans, rinse and transfer to a large saucepan. Add 6 cups cold water. Bring to a simmer, partially cover, and simmer gently, stirring once or twice, until tender but not mushy, 20 minutes to 1 hour, depending on the freshness of the dried beans. (If you're using heirloom beans, be sure to check them after 20 minutes—they tend to cook more quickly than conventional beans.) If at any time the liquid level drops below the beans, add 1 cup water. When the beans are about three-fourths done, season with 1/2 teaspoon salt. When the beans are tender, remove from the heat and drain.

Step 3

Combine the beans (cooked or canned), the remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt, onion, vinegar, honey, oil and pepper in a large bowl. Stir, cover and refrigerate to marinate for at least 1 hour or overnight.

Step 4

Cook green beans in a large pot of boiling water until crisp-tender, about 5 minutes. Drain, rinse with cold water, and drain again. Pat dry and add to the marinated beans. Stir in cherry (or grape) tomatoes and basil. Season with pepper.

Step 5

To serve, arrange tomato slices around the edge of a serving platter or shallow salad bowl and spoon the bean salad into the center.

A complete, safe and effective fitness program should include aerobic exercise, resistance training and flexibility exercise. Aerobic benefits cardio, resistance improves strength and posture, proper stretching/flexibility maintains joint range of motion.

Ricky Roberts, Dyersburg Activity Center
Provided by EatingWell.com



The tap of their shoes on the pavement *echoed in unison* as they marched down Market St. from Dyersburg's first fire station to Fire Station #1 on Church St. to honor two men from Dyersburg and every other man and every other woman who bravely gave their lives, extinguished their very existence as one would a fire, because they were called to duty. They stood erect, highly disciplined – their knees lifting, feet falling back to the hot pavement, then turned and stopped as one. One man, one woman, one brotherhood, one family. The gentle breeze lifted the flags of the Honor Guard, a ritual of the posting of Colors out of respect for their fallen brothers.

Fire Department Chaplain Joe Wright offered a prayer, calling upon God to bless and protect not only our firefighters but the men and women, boys and girls, and others they are called upon to protect. The National Anthem was led by DR/OP James Mosley who also closed with the singing of Amazing Grace. I had never heard James sing before, but when he opened his mouth and began to sing I was in awe...I was moved.

As the sun bounced off of the brims of the firefighters' hats a wreath was posted and two firefighters stood vigil. Honor Guard Members then honored FF William "Bill" Dudley and FF Pratt Fletcher, who gave their lives battling a hotel blaze on January 12, 1942, for whom this memorial service is dedicated; by the Posting of Helmets. Many offered words, including guest speakers: Mayors John Holden and Richard Hill, of sympathy and bravery for which these men are celebrated and those like them.

At last there was the ringing of the bells. Inspector Mark Sykes stood stoically as he rang the bell three times signifying the end. The life of a firefighter has been closely associated with the ringing of a bell. As they began their tour of duty, it was the bell that started the shift. Throughout the day and night, each alarm was sounded by a bell, to call them to duty and to place their lives in jeopardy for the good of their fellow man. And when the call had ended, and the alarm was completed, it was the bell that rang three times to signal the end.

The ceremony continued in an orderly fashion with the last alarm, retiring of colors, closing hymn, prayer, and final remarks by Chief Bob Veal. The Fireman's Prayer was read with the reverence of a selfless, everyday hero ending in:

*'And if, according to my fate, I am to lose my life;
Please bless with your protecting hands my children and my wife.'*

And when I left there that afternoon I felt a renewed sense of pride in knowing and working with some of the men and women of the Dyersburg Fire Department and the Emergency Operations Center.

I do not want to leave out the young man, Luis Portillo who began the quest to honor Dyersburg's fallen firefighters. It began as an Eagle Scout project but ended with so much more. Or maybe I should not say...ended...for the monument and annual ceremony remind us of lives lost and their memories ...memories that will live on forever. Our thanks to Luis Portillo.



From the Street Department

I am always surprised at the amount of work that is accomplished by so few men. Take for instance the Forked Deer River bank project the Street Department has, out of necessity, undertaken.

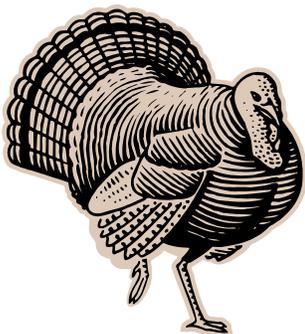
The bank of the Forked Deer River behind the Main Street Farmers Market has for years, for all practicality, been un-kept. The old Public Works offices were once located in this area including the old incinerator and wastewater treatment plant. The abandoned buildings were used basically for storage. The recent past has seen the demolition of these buildings and the ground leveled, thanks to the Street Dept. Through natural occurrence, it has also seen the banks of the river cave in and slide down. Enter the street department...

Under the direction of Dale Snyder, Superintendent and Foreman James Roy, heavy equipment operator Donny Hutcheson manned trackhoe unit 611 on an unstable foundation. The debris including a large variety of dead and rotted trees, hunks of concrete and who knows what else lay on *both* sides of the river and had to be removed. Donny had to bring the trackhoe as close to the opposite side of the river as possible without running it into the water to collect and remove the debris on the other side. So for several days, he rid the river and bank of unsightly and unwanted matter. The debris was then loaded onto dump trucks and hauled out. To stabilize the bank tons and tons of dirt was hauled in and compacted. Next, approximately 600 tons of rip rap and C-stone was hauled in and put on the slope measuring approximately 40' x 200'. As I write this article, 1600 yards of sod have been delivered and several rolls have been put in place which will cover an area on the river bank measuring approximately 70' x 200' and then some.

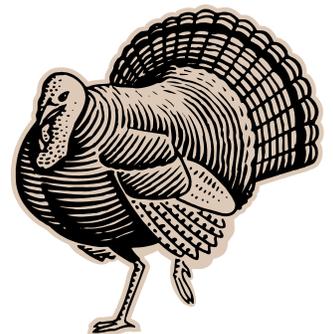
Though, many people do not know the river is within a stones throw from the Farmer's Market building. There is still a lot of work to be done. You can see the river now, and though the water may be just a mud hole to some, I saw the sun glisten off the waves of the river as it gently moved along, like little stars in the sky. I watched as Donny operated a skid steer, loaded with a roll of sod, edge its way down the slippery slopes of the river bank to lay the first roll. By days end Donny, with the help of Foreman James Roy, Tyler Seaton, and Keith Hays, half of the area will be covered. Soon after the rest will be put down. More sod will be ordered and it will be laid. Then one day in the not too distant future, we'll see blades of green grass sprouting, and if you look real hard you may see children running and playing, canoes being lowered into the river and maybe a couple of old folks, still in love, walk hand and hand and enjoy the trail.

Having a vision, the Main Street Farmers Market was delighted to be the recipient of the old Forcum Lannom lumber shed which was donated and which they now occupy. Steve Guttery, the Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Dyersburg Association feel fortunate to have the building and have city employees work along side them toward a greener more aesthetic environment that they hope one day will draw community residents and visitors. Forward thinking individuals envision and are planning to build a community River Park with a scenic overlook, nature trails and a water trail or 'Blueway' from the Tigrett Bottoms to Mud Island for canoeing. A floating dock in the area the Street crews are polishing up is being discussed. Through the *repurposing* of old unused property their dream is becoming a reality. I was speaking with Steve Guttery who remarked how pleased he and the Chamber were of the first class work the Street Department was accomplishing in the area stating "That is a Mayor hard at work to make our dreams a reality. Some say it won't ...I say if you dream, dream big—and dream until your dream comes true.

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Happy Thanksgiving





Forked Deer River bank near Farmer's Mkt

10/14/2010



10/12/2010



10/12/2010



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11/03/2010



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Forked Deer River sod in progress

11/02/2010



Forked Deer River



Forked Deer River sod in progress

11/02/2010

From the Department of Solid Waste

The Landfill department added to its list of equipment a 2006 Caterpillar D6R XL wide track dozer. The dozer is equipped with a 'landfill package' that allows the dozer to operate in the landfill safely without getting harmful debris in the seals. The seals keep the oil confined in their respective compartments. In a days work, the dozer pushes garbage, cover dirt, and demolition materials. The dozer also cleans out settling ponds. Settling ponds are designed to catch storm water and let the silt settle out before being released into Pond Creek.

At the end of each day the dozer operators must push enough cover dirt to put six inches of dirt over the 'working face' of the landfill. This prevents vectors such as mice, and birds, etc. from accessing the garbage and prevents litter from blowing off of the working face. The tracks of the dozer must also be cleaned out daily to prevent excessive wear on the undercarriage. The undercarriage consists of shoes, rails, rollers, sprocket segments and idlers. The System II undercarriage is designed for longer landfill life. On the average the two landfill dozers push approximately 250 tons of garbage each day. For the month of October the Landfill took in 3,324.54 tons of garbage, waste and demolition materials.

Operating a landfill also consists of methane gas detection, sampling ground water, storm water, and leachate, for monitoring of harmful materials. Leachate is pumped into the Dyersburg sewer system to be treated at the Waste Water Treatment Plant where it is safely released into the Forked Deer River.



To the SWM staff and their families: have a safe and happy holiday.



*Happy
Thanksgiving
John
Damesworth*

Thank you God for the beauty in a blue sky, for the dirt that grows our food, clean air to breathe, our health, our jobs, our families, friends and home; for the men and women in uniform; for freedom. We are thankful God, for the men and women who collect and safely dispose of our garbage, trash and debris and those who keep our city clean and safe to live in. Bless those who keep us safe from harm, those who provide clean water and sanitary sewer systems, fight fires, mow and weed-eat. Let us be thankful for those who answer the phones, citizen's concerns and emergencies. Thank you God...for everything.



LOOK WHAT'S NEW at the Dyersburg Activity Center just for KIDS.

FIT KIDS CLUB

Not just another boring exercise program but a program with awesome dance moves, that will leave you smiling, happy, and healthy. It doesn't matter what your size or shape is or even if you can't dance!!!!!! This class will have you rockin' in no time.

So be the first to sign up for this fun and exciting class, then let the fun begin.

**Ages 6 – 11 Boys and Girls
Dates pending on enrollment.**

**For more information please contact:
Ricky Roberts 731-288-2561 or
Sandra Cooley 731-288-2563**





We have been contacted by the Department of Human Services requesting that we sponsor some children for their Angel Tree Gifts program for Christmas. This is yet another way of helping those less fortunate and it is a very rewarding experience for those giving as well as those receiving. The children we have been assigned are:

A Boy – Age 9

Size 10 pants and 8/10 shirt

He likes action figures, hot wheels, and sports, and video games.

A Boy – Age 13

Size 16 Pants

Large Shirts

Size 8 shoes

He likes basketball, football and likes video games. He would really like a skateboard.

If you would be willing to help us with some items for either of these two boys, please bring the gifts to City Hall no later than December 15. If you would prefer to donate money toward purchasing one of the games, please turn the money in to Dianne Gilliland or me. We will be glad to make sure something is purchased for them.

Thanks in advance for your help in making these children have a nice Christmas Holiday!

Sue Teague
Human Resources Director

HAPPY EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARY

- Terry Harris—35 years
- Vella Denny—29 years
- Albert Armstrong—26 years
- Jenny Spence—24 years
- Monty Essary—22 years
- Bobby Fair—21 years
- Roger Dudley—19 years
- Todd Thayer—17 years
- Jeff Moore—14 years
- Tim Griffith—13 years
- Betty Crosno—12 years
- John Meeks—11 years
- Tiffany Parker—11 years
- Chris Clements—9 years
- Mike Leggett—9 years
- E. Anthony Adams—7 years
- Jerry Climer—7 years
- Jason Cantu—6 years
- Mary Rhodes—6 years
- John Hipps—5 years
- Randal Hurst—5 years
- Laquinta Ward—5 years
- Linda Webb—5 years
- Margaret Avery—3 years
- Robert Davis—2 years
- Rod Ward—2 years
- Charles Essary—1 year
- John Sawyer—1 year
- Garrett Stork—1 year

EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

Board Meetings—1st & 3rd Monday of each month.
 To be placed on the agenda for a meeting you must call City Hall, 286-7600 before noon on the Thursday before the meeting. The meeting can be viewed on channel 4. The agenda and minutes of the Board meetings are on the City's web site. www.dyersburgtn.gov

Lifeline Blood Mobile is at Dyersburg Electric the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Help save lives.
Give the gift of life, give blood.

Dyersburg Municipal Golf Course—
 Every Wednesday at 9:00 am. 55 years and up.
 Play from Senior Tees.

November 11th—Veterans Day—City Offices Closed

November 25th—Thanksgiving Day—City Offices Closed

November 26th—City Offices Closed

November 29th—Dyersburg Christmas Parade

December 2nd—Newbern Christmas Parade



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Glen Adkins
- Bobby Baker
- Carrie Campbell
- Adelene Chambers
- Dalton Cruz
- Aaron Cryer
- Gwen Edmonds
- William "Bill" Elliot
- Danny Ennis
- Bobby Fair
- Mark Grant
- Skip Hall
- Joseph Hardin
- Arthur Huen

- Steve Isbell
- Cara Johnson
- Mike Kesterson
- Charlie Ketchum
- Anthony Kilzer
- Stacie Lee
- Pamela McKelvy
- Kenny McLean
- Kerry Owen
- Mary Rhodes
- Patty Smith
- Kenneth Sollis
- Garrett Stork
- James Tyus
- Walter Wilkerson



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