

Yards Library Schedules Programs

The Back of the Yards Branch Library, 2111 W. 47th st., has scheduled interesting and informative family programs for February.

Open Games/Block Play will be conducted Monday, Feb. 23rd, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 18th, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and Friday, Feb. 20th, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Giant Legos, Duplos, games, puzzles and more will be available.

A drop-in Valentine Craft will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th, 12 to 1 p.m.

Ed Emberley's simple drawing techniques to illustrate an entire world will be featured on Saturday, Feb. 28th from 12 to 1 p.m.

Open Play for Tots ages 0-5 will be available

Wednesdays, Feb. 18th and 25th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Blocks, puppets, instruments, play activities and a coloring sheet will be utilized.

YOUmedia Teen Space for ages 12-18 is conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3 to 6 p.m.

An Anti-Valentine's Party will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th, 1 to 3 p.m. Participants will create anti-Valentines, have some treats and celebrate everything that Valentine's Day isn't.

A Teen Book Discussion of *Out of the Easy* by Ruta Sepetys will be held on Thursday, Feb. 19th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Snacks will be available.

A YOUmedia session about the internships and volunteer opportunities

available this summer will be held on Thursday, Feb. 26th from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

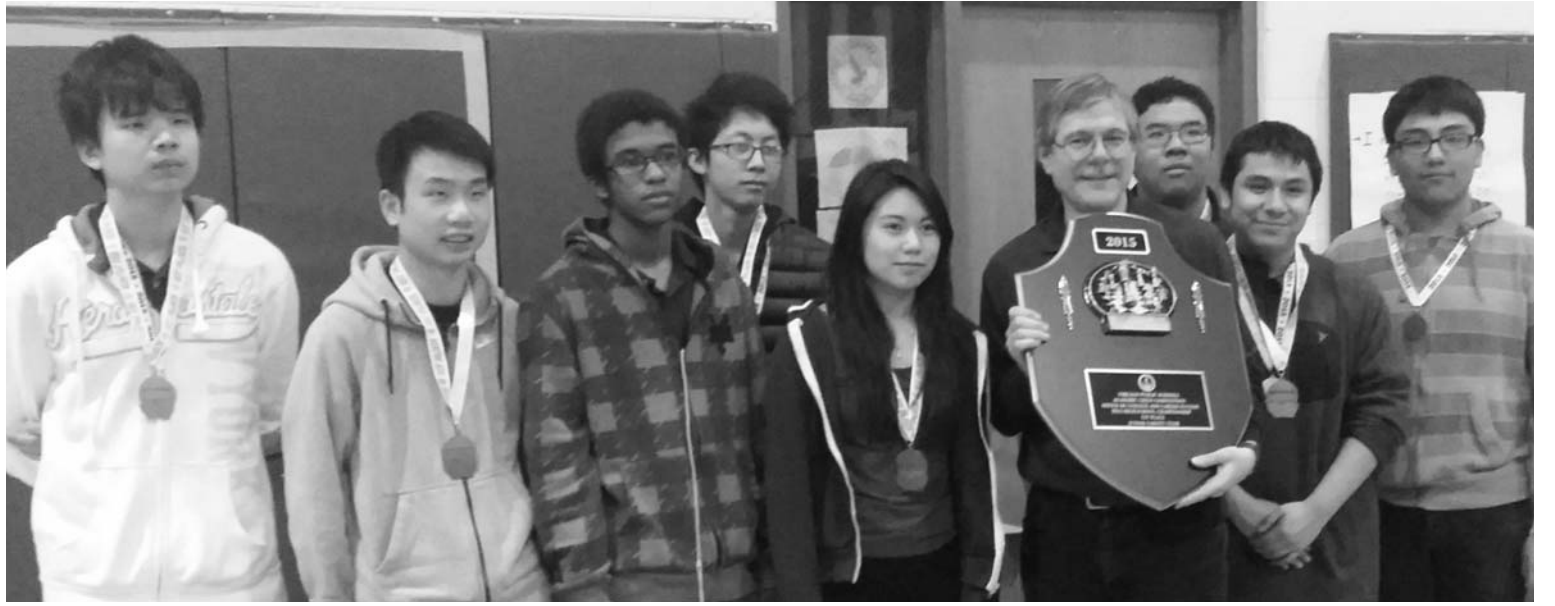
Adult Crafts for ages 18 and over will be conducted on Tuesday, Feb. 24th, 1 to 2 p.m.

Computer for Beginners will be available on Wednesday, Feb. 18th, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Adult Bilingual Book Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 25th, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. There will be snacks, coffee and conversation about books they are reading.

Regular library hours are Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 12 to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (312) 747-9595.

City Chess Title For Kelly High



The Kelly High School Junior Varsity Chess Team won first place at the CPS Championship Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 31st at the Rodolfo Lozano Bilingual and International Center. Led by Jia Wei Lin who finished undefeated at 4-0 and Miguel Gomez who finished 3-1, the team captured its first city championship in Kelly High School history. The Varsity team took 5th place and were led by Wena Wu who finished a perfect 4-0 and Felix Serrato and Julio Rangel who both finished 3-1. The Varsity team is currently preparing for the IHSA State Tournament in two weeks. Pictured are Jia Wei Lin, Yanzhuo Wei, Jordan Lumpkin, Canjie Zheng, Joey Cai, Coach Suwe, Kenneth Wu, Miguel Gomez and Miguel Carrillo.

Congressional Art Competition Opens



Congressman Dan Lipinski (left) is accepting submissions from all high school students in the Third Congressional District of Illinois for the 2015 Congressional Art Competition. The winning entry will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year, and the winner will receive two roundtrip tickets to travel to Washington, D.C. in June for the exhibition opening. Runners-up will have their artwork prominently displayed in Lipinski's offices for one year. All submissions must include the Student Information and Release Form, which can be found online at lipinski.house.gov. For more information, call (312) 886-0481. Also shown is 2014 Art Competition winner Brian Pfister at the unveiling of his artwork in Washington, D.C.

Library Opens One Book Online

Chicago Public Library announces the One Book, One Chicago Online reading experience, making it the first public library to offer free, in-browser, social reading of a novel. Chicagoans can have a social experience while reading the One Book, One Chicago selection on a desktop, tablet or phone with internet connection, without downloading an app. Participants only need a library card, available in one of 80 branches or online at chipublib.org.

This year's selection, *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay* by Michael Chabon, will be released online at www.onebookonechicago.org in six serialized installments through May 3rd.

Cardholders will have access to the first installment of the online reading segment until May 3rd. Each subsequent installment will be available for two weeks at a time.

The schedule is as follows, part one: now through May 3rd. Part 2: Feb. 23rd to March 8th. Part 3: March 9th to 22nd. Part 4: March 23rd to April 5th. Part 5: April 6th to 19th. Part 6: April 20th to May 3rd.

The online reading experience will allow readers to highlight passages, post their favorite quotes to Twitter from within the reader and invite friends to read with them.

For more information, call (312) 747-4050.

Mad Hatters At A-H Library

The Mad Hatters Theatre, a community project of the Junior League of Chicago will present a fun filled program of books, poems and songs for ages 3-9 at the Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer on Saturday, Feb. 28th at 11 a.m.

Among the books to be performed are *Caps for Sale*, *The Magic Hat* and *Where the Wild Things are*.

At the end of each performance, a bookmark, sticker and book will be given to each child.

For more information, call (312) 747-9241.

WinterFest At PJPII School

Pope John Paul II School, 4325 S. Richmond will conduct Winterfest 2015 on Saturday, Feb. 28th from 5 to 9 p.m.

There will be performances by the schools' I've Got Talent Contest Winners at 5:30 p.m.; PJPII and St. Richard Band at 6:15 p.m.; Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago at 8 p.m.

Raffles will be held for \$2,000, Southwest Airlines vouchers; Sox, Cubs and Fire tickets. Games and food will be available. For more information, call (773) 523-6161.

Ortiz Completes Basic Training

Army Pvt. Ricardo J. Ortiz has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, he studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

The son of Efigenia and Juan Ortiz, Richard is a 2014 graduate of Kelly High School.

Hermle Graduates

Taylor Hermle graduated from Hofstra University of Hempstead, New York with a Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies.

Students can choose from undergraduate and graduate offerings in liberal arts and sciences, business, engineering and applied science, communication, education, health sciences and human services, honors studies, the Maurice A. Deane School of Law and Hofstra North Shore LIJ School of Medicine.

Computer Workshop At M-P Library

The McKinley Park Branch Library, 1915 W. 35th st., will offer an introduction to computer workshop on Saturday, Feb. 21st at 2:30 p.m.

Participants will learn computer basics: how to start a computer and how to operate the mouse and keyboard. This workshop is especially for seniors but everyone is welcome. Call (312) 747-6082 to register.

Science Fairs

BY DR. R. PLETSCCH

We are in the middle of Science Fair Season. Many, if not all, schools are having Science Fairs, have completed theirs at the school level, some even at the regional level. Some of the best projects are being designated for city competition. The question of many parents is how to help. The best way is to start your 2016 project now. There are numerous books and websites with possible projects. Winners do experiments that show change, or growth over time, not one day or even two weeks.



The Science Fairs have had their ups and downs. Too many think of them as an Art Exhibit, where parents and students think that the prettiest poster board should win. It's like the old story that teachers tell "my brother should have won, because he had the best looking volcano". The truth is I ran or judged Science Fairs at the School, Region and City level for over 40 years. I never saw a volcano win anything. Why? The volcano is just a demonstration of the reaction between baking soda and vinegar, which is not deep in the Earth. It is not a scientific experiment.

We have also gone through eras that "all kids are winners just for trying". We give trophies for mediocre work. Some schools went as far as giving everyone ribbons and not declaring a First, Second or Third. Kids are smarter than this and

deserve better. The people that declare "we should not have winners or losers" are the same people that will complain when the United States is out-scored in various tests by supposedly inferior countries. You can't have it both ways. Luckily most schools in which I have talked with the teachers are past this stage.

Do you want to see what the top students are doing? Would you like to show your student what it takes to win? The Chicago Student Science Fair with the regional winners from throughout the city is open to the public on March 20th from 1 to 3:15 p.m. and again on March 22nd from 1 to 3 p.m. at The Museum of Science and Industry. If you really want to help your child, this is a much better way than building something for them, which sadly I have seen many over the years.

BPNC Promotes Health Coverage

The Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, 4477 S. Archer offers assistance with application for health care coverage.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Elizabeth Guerrero, Laura Cerda or Lupe Roque at (773) 523-7110.

Network 8 Science Fair Winners



On Jan. 30th Burroughs Students: Jaqueline Ortiz (8th grade), Miguel Cisneros (7th grade), Patricia Vazquez (7th grade), and Citlalli Reyes (6th grade) competed in the Network 8 Science Fair. Projects by Jaqueline and Miguel were judged to be "Outstanding" and will advance to competition in the CPS City Science Fair on March 19th at the Museum of Science and Industry. Citlalli Reyes won the 6th grade competition and will be honored at a luncheon.

Museum of Science & Industry Offers Free Entry for Kids

The Museum of Science and Industry Chicago, 5700 S. Lake Shore Drive will offer free museum entry to two kids ages 3-11 with purchase of one paying adult through February.

Visitors may check out the new permanent exhibit, *Number in Nature* and get lost in a mirror maze while discovering mathematical patterns are everywhere. Run in a human-sized hamster wheel. See lightning strike - indoors. Manipulate a tornado. Hear your heart beat 13-feet tall. Climb inside a historic locomotive. See baby chicks peck out of their shells.

Free kids museum day entry tickets must be obtained onsite at the ticket counter, they cannot be acquired online.

For more information, visit msichicago.org. Additional experiences, including the WOW! Tour, Omnimax films, U-505 Submarine on-board tour, Future Energy Chicago, Coal Mine and special tours are not included in Museum Entry. They require additional, timed-entry tickets. Parking is not included.

Registration For B-K Baseball

Registration for the 2015 season of Brighton Kelly Baseball will be held in the fieldhouse, 2725 W. 41st st. on Saturdays, Feb. 14th, 21st, 28th and March 7th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At least one parent or legal guardian must be present, with three proofs of residence, and a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Fees will cover 18+ games, complete uniform, trophies, two tickets per player to minor league games and more.

For more information, contact Denise Robles at (630) 750-6128 or Rick Barrera at (773) 485-1077.

Food Drive At Washington Fed.

Washington Federal Bank will be hosting another food drive to support the local food pantry March 1st to April 15th.

Currently, 15% of residents in the area don't have regular access to nutritious food. The Benton House Food Pantry works to meet this need by distributing thousands of pounds of food to over 100 families every week.

The response to previous food drives has been tremendous.

Some of the recommended items are: canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, chili, jelly, macaroni and cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, rice, soup, stew and tuna which can be dropped off at 2869 S. Archer or 1410 W. Taylor Street.

Ice Skating At McKinley Park

McKinley Park, 2210 W. Pershing road, will operate an outdoor ice skating rink through March 1st.

The schedule includes, Sundays - Open Skate from 12 to 6 p.m.; Hockey from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays - Open Skate from 3 to 7 p.m.; Rat Hockey from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays - Open Skate from 3 to 7 p.m.; Fridays - Open Skate from 1:30 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays - Stick & Puck from 10 to 10:45 a.m.; Pond Hockey from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.; Learn to Skate from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Open Skate from 1 to 5 p.m.; Family Skate from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Cartoon Skate will be held on Sundays, through Feb. 22nd from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The fee for all ages is \$3. Open skate will be available with favorite cartoon characters.

Rink admission for adults is \$3; children and students with valid ID free; seniors and military discount \$1. Skate rental: \$6 for all ages. Special - adult admission with skate rental \$7. Special - Family Skate Fridays 6:30 to 9 p.m. at \$10 per family (includes skate rental).

For more information, call (312) 747-5992.

Allen Honored

Felicia E. Allen whose major is Animal and Veterinary Science has been named to the Dean's List at Clemson University, South Carolina for the fall 2014 semester. Honorees must achieve a grade-point average between 3.50 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale.

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All-American Program Opens

For the past 10 years that Congressman Dan Lipinski has represented the Third Congressional District, his office has sponsored the All-American Boy & Girl Program.

The program is open to all 7th and 8th grade students who reside or attend school in the Third Congressional District.

All finalists will receive Congressional Recognition for their participation. The top three finalists in each category will receive a plaque and prize at a ceremony scheduled for mid-March.

For more information or an application, contact Frank Salerno at (312) 886-0481.

B-K Baseball Seeks Volunteers

Brighton Kelly Baseball needs volunteers to serve as managers, coaches and umpires for the 2015 season.

For more information, contact League president Rick Barrera at (773) 485-1077.

Best Buy Challenge Winners



Hundreds of young Chicagoans, along with their parents and teachers, plus representatives of two dozen youth-serving organizations, converged at Jones College Prep on Jan. 24th for the second annual Destination: Chicago - Winter Break.

City Assistance For Caregiving

The Chicago Department of Family and Support Service offers a variety of programs and services for families who are caring for their older loved ones.

The following programs and services are available to informal caregivers:

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For further information on caregiving, call (312) 744-4016

Libraries Observe President's Days

All locations of the Chicago Public Library, including the Harold Washington Library Center, will be closed on Thursday, Feb. 12th and Monday, Feb. 16th, in observance of the birthdays of Presidents Lincoln and Washington.

Parent Workshops At Curie High

Curie High School, 4959 S. Archer, invites parents, students and the community to attend a parent workshop conducted by psychologist Ferney Ramirez Hernandez.

The workshop begins at 6 p.m. and will be conducted in Spanish. The topic on Feb. 17th is "How to Teach Adolescents for Success."

Teen Center At Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament Teen Center, 3530 S. Hermitage, is open on Tuesdays from 3 to 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3 to 6:30-7 p.m.

An appeal has been issued for couches, lazy boys, ping-pong table, pool sticks, Wii games and handyman help.

For more information, contact Jim Kozy at (773) 415-7193. The website address is www.bspteencenter.com.

Advisory Council At Kelly Park

The Kelly Park Advisory Council will meet at the fieldhouse, 41st and California on Wednesday, Feb. 25th at 6:30 p.m.

The topic for discussion is an Earth Day event for April 22nd. Volunteers will clean up the park, put down fresh mulch and have an electronic recycling drop-off area.

Advisory Council For Hoyne Park

The Hoyne Park Advisory Council will meet at the fieldhouse, 3417 S. Hamilton on Thursday, Feb. 12th at 6:30 p.m.

The discussion will consider suggestions for improvements to the park.

Study Tour To Africa

Apollonia Carreon participated in a J-Term study tour to Africa with Carthage College of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Students on the "Economics and Business in Southern Africa" study tour explored a variety of natural environments, exotic wildlife, historic townships, sophisticated cities, world-renowned cuisine, and diverse cultures.

J-Term is a month-long period of study in which students explore subjects outside their majors or minors, discover new interests, and test their creativity through classes on campus and around the world.

Free Tax Prep At Kelly High

The Center for Economic Progress, in collaboration with the Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, will be providing free tax preparation at Kelly High School, 4136 S. California, on Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Taxes will be prepared on a first come, first serve basis to people who meet the income guidelines: Families with less than \$50,000 year and individuals with less than \$25,000 year.

For more information, call (312) 252-0280.

Youth Ministry At Lady of Snows

The Youth Ministry Program at Our Lady of the Snows Parish, 4810 S. Leamington will attend a St. Valentine's Day "Youth Mass" on Feb. 14th at 7pm.

A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. For questions or to RSVP contact the parish office at (773) 582-2266 no later than February 13th.

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BBB Announces 2014 Top Scams

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For more information, visit www.bbb.org.

Circuit Court Schedules Tour

The Circuit Court of Cook County will celebrate Women's History Month with a tour of the Richard J. Daley Center Courthouse, 50 W. Washington st. on Thursday, March 5th at 10 a.m. Highlights will include a visit to a courtroom to observe a civil trial in progress, an informal question and answer session with a panel of women judges and the opportunity to meet a representative of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois.

Tour participants will receive a copy of the court's guide which offers information about how the Circuit Court of Cook County is structured, explains the basics of trial proceedings and includes a directory of court and county services.

Tour reservations are recommended with Milissa Pacelli at (312) 603-1927 by Thursday, Feb. 26th.

Obituaries

BERNICE BERKOWICZ (nee Mazur) age 83. She was the wife of Walter Sr.; mother of Francis (Janet) Berkowicz, Walter Jr. (Julie) and Michael (Barbra); grandmother of Walter III, Paul, Marc, Alexandra and Gabrielle; sister of Cecelia Rowan and Henry Mazur. Bernice was a member of Central Park American Legion Post #1028 Ladies Auxiliary, Let's Polka USA and Senior Polka Association. Funeral services were held Jan. 31st at Sacred Heart Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

FEDERICO SANCHEZ, longtime resident of Brighton Park passed away on Feb. 9th at the age of 78. He was the husband of Bertha; father of Servando (Martha), Jose (Maura) and Maribel (Luis Enrique). Visitation will be at Ocwieja - Robles Funeral Home, 4256 S. Mozart on Friday, Feb. 13th from 3 to 9 p.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church, 44th and California on Saturday, Feb. 14th at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

PNA South Srs. Plan Meeting

Paul C. Odrobina, vice president of the Polish National Alliance announces that the South Side Seniors will resume their monthly meeting at the Mayfield Banquet Hall, 6072 S. Archer on Tuesday, Feb. 24th at 10:00 a.m.

All seniors ages 55 and over (PNA members and non-members) are encouraged to attend for a morning of fun and fraternalism. Refreshments will be served. There is ample parking available.

The Polish National Alliance is the largest Polish ethnic Fraternal Insurance Organization and was founded in 1880. For additional information, call (800) 621-3723, ext. 316.

MARIA SZCZERBA (nee Zapotoczna) passed away on Feb. 2nd at the age of 86. She was the wife of late Jozef; mother of Jozef (Anna), Anna (Wladyslaw) Szuba, Jan (Helena), Antonina (Jozef) Kusper, Janina (Roman) Stefaniak, Danuta Szczerba and late Stanislaw (Krystyna) Szczerba; grandmother of 22; great grandmother of 24; great great grandmother of one; sister of Ludwina Lenart and Janina. Funeral services were held Feb. 7th from Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd. to Five Holy Martyrs Church. Interment was at Piekelnik, Poland.

LUDWIKA TEPER (nee Wojdyla) wife of late Roman; mother of Tadeusz (Urszula) and Stanislaw (Eva); grandmother of Thomas (Monica) Frank, Loretta and Kevin; sister of Josef (late Josephine) Lubaszka, Stanislaw (Jozefa) Lubaszka, Stefan (Wladyslawa) Wojdyla, late Walter Wojdyla and Jan (Julia) Wodyla. Funeral services were held Feb. 7th from Szykowny Funeral Home, Jonathan F. Siedlecki, Director, 4901 S. Archer to St. Camillus Church. Interment was at Resurrection Cemetery.

Easter Egg Decorating Class

The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, 6500 S. Pulaski, will present a workshop on the ancient art of Easter Egg decorating on Saturday, March 21st at 10 a.m.

Guest instructors will be Rasa Ibiaskiene and Asta Zimkus. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.

Included are instruction sheet, pattern sheet, etching knife and admission to the museum. Refreshments will be served. Participants must bring 6 hard boiled dyed eggs. For more information and registration, call (773) 582-6500.

Library Programs For Children

The Brighton Park Branch Library, 4314 S. Archer, has scheduled interesting programs for children during February.

Families with children ages 5 and up will enjoy stories and crafts on Tuesdays, Feb. 17th and 24th at 6 p.m.

A story and guided play time to promote early literary development for ages 2-5 will be held on Wednesdays, Feb. 18th and 25th at 6 p.m.

Families with children ages 5 and up will celebrate Chinese New Year with a story time and craft on Thursday, Feb. 19th at 6 p.m.

For more information, call (312) 747-0666.

Teen Programs At A-H Library

The Archer Heights Branch Library, 5055 S. Archer will conduct a DIY Touchscreen Gloves workshop on Wednesday, March 11th from 4 to 5 p.m. Teens can bring in their gloves and make

them touchscreen sensitive by sewing conductive thread into the fingers.

Teen Tech Week will be observed March 8th - 14th.

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