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# St. Patrick's Day Parade



The 28th Annual "Old Neighborhood" St. Patrick's Day Parade Ironworkers (Local 6) float, 2023. This year's parade premieres this Saturday, March 15, 2025.

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The Valley Community Association (VCA) will present the 30th Annual "Old Neighborhood" St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sat-urday, March 15, 2025. The parade community Association ing South Park Av-NEW START TIME of 11 AM from the Valley Community Center, located at 93 Leddy St. Buffalo, NY

the parade route will close by 9 AM. The parade will travel through the streets of the historic Buffalo River enue, Smith Street, Elk Hamburg Street, Street, and South Street. With approximately

100 marching units an-ticipated, the "Old Neigh-borhood" St. Patrick's Day Parade is one of Buffalo's biggest celebrations. Contingents will include bands, floats, Irish dancers, social clubs, classic cars, family units, fire and police departments, and much more.

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# March 2025 Lifeguard Certification Registration

The City of Buffalo Division of Parks and Recreation and the Police Athletic League of Buffalo, is calling on interested residents of all ages to register now for the March

2025 Lifeguard Certification and Training Program in the City of Buffalo. The next training course begins the weekend of Saturday, March 15th and Sunday, March 16th, and con-

tinues Saturday, March 22nd and Sunday, March 23rd. All classes will take place at the Connors, Kait, Harrity Memorial Pool/Cazenovia Pool, located at 626 Abbott Road, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Lifeguards in Buffalo make \$20 per hour. The cost of certification is FREE for City of Buffalo residents, ages 16-21, through a grant funded by NYSwims in partnership with Project Play WNY.

The cost of certification is \$250.00 for non-City of Buffalo residents or City residents over 21 years of age. Applicants of all ages are encouraged to apply. Eligibility requirements

for lifeguard trainees are as follows: People who CAN already

swim with proficiency. • Age 16 years and older

• Participants must be able

to commit to the full course

• Attendance is mandatory All classes will take place at the Connors, Kait, Harrity Memorial Pool/ Cazenovia Pool, located at 626 Abbott Road, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Lifeguards in the City of Buffalo make \$20 an hour.

To register, scan the QR code or go to www.buffalopal. com. The Lifeguard Certification and Training Program is made possible by generous donors and supporters, including Mayor Christopher P. Scanlon and the City of Buffalo, NYSWIMS, Police Athletic League of Buffalo. and Project Play WNY.

For any media related questions, please contact Mike Read at 716-245-8332 or mread@buffalony.gov.

# **DinoFEST** At The Buffalo **Museum Of Science**

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The Buffalo Muse-um of Science's signature DinoFEST event has moved to Saturday, March 22, from its traditional November date. At DinoFEST, you'll find four floors of geology and paleontology activity stations led by BMS staff, volunteers, and community partners. New this year, all guests will receive a "How to Become

a Paleontologist" guide providing a pathway to the four floors of stations, noting the elements of paleontology young learners will experience as they navigate the stations, including planning expe-ditions, looking for fossils in the field, studying samples, and reporting on their discoveries. The museum's four



The Buffalo Museum of Science's DinoFEST starts Saturday, March 22nd.

# Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



March, 1992. LEPRECHAUN VILLAGE AT THE **ZOO...Leprechaun Ruth Borman, volunteer, hands** out treats and a bit of Irisih luck Saturday to children knocking on her door during their visit to the Buffalo Zoo's fourth annual Leprechaun Village.





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# Live Butterfly Experience Coming To **Botanical Gardens This Summer**



Hundreds of live butterflies will take flight in newly renovated Tropical Orchard for the first time in the Botanical Gardens 125-year history.

The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens announced that its new Butterfly Experience will open this summer from June 7 to August 3. Hundreds of live butterflies will take flight in their newly renovated Tropical Orchard. The live butterfly exhibit will be open daily from 10:00am to 4:00pm, and tickets are on sale now at buffalogardens.com.

This summer, the Butterfly Experience welcomes visitors near and far to immerse themselves into the winged world of butterflies inside the Botanical Gardens' historic conservatory. For the first time in its 125-year history, visitors will be able to get up close and personal with a flock of live butterflies, flying high, low, here and there. The experience allows the public to be surrounded by hundreds of butterflies that are native to the continental United States to capture the beauty and magic of the butterflies while also learning about the important role that pollinators play in their ecosystems. The experience will open on Saturday, June 7, 2025 and will be open daily from 10:00am to 4:00pm through Sunday, August 3, 2025.

Hundreds of bold and brightly colored butterflies will fly through the exhibit with various species like swallowtails, monarchs, painted ladies, red admirals, and many more. The 1200 square foot Tropical Orchard greenhouse will be home to the butterflies as well as dozens of fruit-producing and nectar rich plants and flowers for them to feed on. The space will also feature a pupa display, known as an emergence case, that gives visitors an inside look at the beginning of their journey at the Botanical Gardens. Here, visitors will have to chance to see the butterflies emerge from their chrysalides as they make their way into their home.

Visitors should arrive at the time listed on their ticket. Once checked in, visitors will be directed through the

conservatory to enjoy twelve greenhouses. The overall visit time is expected to be between 1-1.5 hours. The expected time in the butterfly space will be approximately 15 minutes. This window will provide plenty of time to see the butterflies and capture the magic of this special encounter with candid photos and selfies. While touching and holding the butterflies is not permitted, there is a chance that they briefly land onto visitors making for an exciting photo opportunity. The Buffalo and Erie Countv Botanical Gardens also notes that their butterflies are sourced from USDA certified butterfly farms in Florida, Kentucky, and South Carolina. Their butterflies have been raised specifically for educational purposes. The Botanical Gardens has provided a full list of what visitors can expect, guidelines, policies and more at buffalogardens. com.

Pre-purchased e-tickets are required to attend the Botanical Gardens during this time as the Butterfly Experience is included with regular admission. Walk-ins or those that arrive late to their scheduled ticket time may be asked to wait or reschedule their tickets. Tickets are expected to sell quickly and are available to purchase now. The Butterfly Experience will be open daily from June 7 through August 3, from 10:00am-4:00pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for students and seniors (62+), \$9.50 for kids ages 3-12, and kids 2 and under and Botanical Gardens members are free but must have a ticket.

# St. Patrick's Day Parade

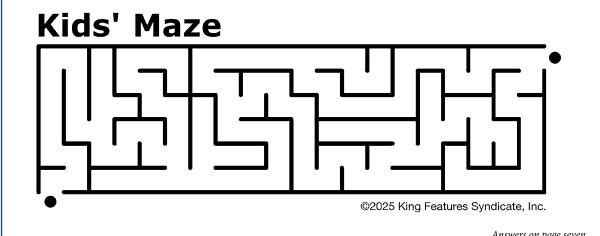
Continued from page one. the parade is the tradi-tional grand Irish "Hooley" featuring live music by "The Reardon and Garvey Band", food, and drinks. The "Hooley" runs from 12:00 pm-4:00 pm at the Valley Community Center.

The Parade and Hooley serve as a fundraiser for the VCA's services and programs. The VCA offers affordable, nurturing, and educational child care for

ages 6 weeks and up, as well as programs to promote academic enrichment and recreation among school age youth. The VCĂ also offers programs to support socialization and wellness for senior citizens and provides family support services such as a food pantry and assistance navigating human service systems. The VCA is dedicated to enhancing the community through events

and neighborhood beautification projects such as the Buffalo River Fest Park, Mutual Riverfront Park, and the Valley Nature Park and Habitat Trail.

For more information regarding any of the Valley Community Association's St. Patrick's Day activities, contact Denise at 716-823-4707 ext. 4, or "like" the Valley Community Center on Facebook or Instagram.



**North Buffalo** 

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#### March 10, 2025

Ritt Avenue - Defendant did swing a metal rod at complainant and did make threats to same while striking the metal rod off at a street light causing complainant to fear for her physical safety.

March 10, 2025 Newfield Street - Defendant did strike the complainant with closed fist multiple times and choked her causing pain, bruising, and swelling to her face, head, and neck while she was operating a New York registered vehicle. Upon arrival to shared residence, the defendant did break rearview mirror in complainant's vehicle, took her phone, and fled into residence, barricad-ing the door. Upon officers arrival, defendant fled out the back door of the residence. Officers located and attempted to apprehend defendant at 78 Newfield where he attempted to strike and spit on officers while resisting arrest.

#### March 8, 2025

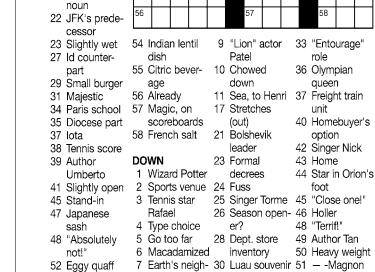
Clayton Street - Defendant entered and remained unlawfully in complainant's home in violation of order of protection issued by presiding judge.

### March 8, 2025

Amherst Street - Victim states that defendant did place hands around her throat and did beat her.

# Caramel Road - Suspect





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FREE NORTH PARK PASSES: Geraldr Hayden, 801 Tacoma Ave., 14216

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Assailant Throws Metal Rod At **Street Light On Ritt Avenue** did break into 29 Caramel Road by forcefully break-

### West Side

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From "D" District

March 10, 2025 Breckenridge Avenue Defendant repeatedly struck victim in the face.

ing side door window.

#### March 10, 2025

Abbottsford Place - Victim stated male blocked her from entering the door of home so she went in through front door. Defendant did then enter side door and went into victim's bedroom and began to look at computer and accused her of cheating. Victim then slammed computer closed and tried to pull it away and defendant did shove her and put her in a headlock. Victim stated she couldn't breathe. Victim stated while she was in a headlock she reached around and pepper sprayed defendant, then ran outside for help. Victim had pain in shoulder and redness in neck and chest.

#### Riverside



# Can I Avoid Paying the Medicare Premium? – Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: Is there any way I can get out of paying the \$185 I am told will be taken out of my Social Security for Medicare Part B when I turn 65? We pay for Medicare all our working lives, and now I have to pay a monthly premium for insurance that only covers 80%.

Thank you in advance for your service as a Social Security Advisor.

Signed: Disheartened Senior

**Dear Disheartened:** For clarification, the money you paid into Medicare while working during your lifetime was for Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage). The Medicare taxes paid while work-

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ing entitled you to FREE Medicare coverage for Part A inpatient hospitalization coverage, but they do not entitle you to Medicare coverage for outpatient services (coverage for doctors, medical tests, etc.). For that coverage from Medicare, you must enroll in Medicare Part B, for which there is a monthly premium (\$185/month for 2025). If you wish to have Medicare Part B coverage, you must enroll in Medicare Part B at age 65 – unless you have other "creditable" healthcare cover-

age from an employer. The Medicare Part B premium will be automatically deducted from your Social Security payment when you enroll in

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**BUFFALO ROCKET ISSUE 11** Medicare, and there is no way to avoid it if you wish to have Medicare healthcare coverage for outpatient medical services. But, if you cur-rently have "creditable" healthcare coverage from an employer, you can delay enrolling in Medicare Part B (thus avoiding the premium) until your employer coverage ends. If you don't enroll in Medicare Part B during your initial enrollment

period (at 65), or in a Special Enrollment Period following the end of your creditable employer healthcare coverage, then you will incur a penalty for enrolling in Medicare Part B outside of the prescribed enrollment periods. That penalty is a permanent increase in your Medicare Part B premium. FYI, "creditable" is an employer group plan with at least 20 participants.

We do not advise going without outpatient healthcare coverage, so you should carefully consider enrolling in Medicare Part B when you turn 65. If you are already collecting Social Security benefits, you will be automatically enrolled, but you can opt out of Part B if you wish – it's just not advisable, unless you have current creditable healthcare coverage from an employer.

FREE PIZZA: Elena Pulvino, 348 Norwalk Ave., 14216



FREE NORTH PARK PASSES: Akram Talhouk, 281 Nottingham Terrace, 14216





This Week's Featured Friend: HOLLY BERRY





Michael P. Kearns Erie County Clerk Guest Columnist

# DMV Real ID Event At Lackawanna Senior Center

Erie County Clerk Michael P. Kearns is reminding Erie County residents of the May 7, 2025 deadline to obtain an Enhanced or REAL ID compliant document, for which you will need in order to board any flight within the U.S., or enter certain federal buildings including military bases, unless you have a valid U.S. passport or another federally-accepted form of identification. In an effort to assist residents meet this new standard, Kearns is bringing the Erie County Auto Bureau Mobile Unit to the Lackawanna Senior Center, located at 230 Martin Road in Lackawanna on Tuesday, March 18th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and hosted by Mayor Annette Iafallo. Motor Vehicle Representatives will be on site to issue REAL ID driver's license or non-Driver Identification Cards, including Enhanced versions, for attendees who have their original proof documents that are required in order to obtain a REAL ID compliant document. No appointment is required for this event, walkins are welcome.

There is no extra cost to get a REAL ID driver license or non-driver ID other than the normal transaction fee. However, the Enhanced version is an additional \$30 and allows for U.S. border travel by land or sea at both northern and southern borders. Neither the REAL ID nor the Enhanced versions can be used to fly internationally. All overseas flights to foreign countries do require a valid U.S. Passport book. This event is open to the public and nor reservation is required.

# **DinoFEST At The Buffalo Museum of Science**

*Continued from page one.* floors will be organized to suit different learning ages, from early childhood to elementary and middle school learners, and the temporary exhibit gallery will serve as the hub of activity for all ages with an oversized foam dino dig pit, oobleck pits, and optional sluice station where guests can pan for fossils and gems. Walkaround therapod Spike will engage with guests at scheduled times throughout the day, and guests can choose to take part in the new optional Stuff-a-Dino activity to create their own plush ancient creature to take home.

For guests with sensory sensitivities, the BMS is hosting Sensory Night: DinoFEST on Friday, March 21 from 5 to 8 pm. Limited exhibit sounds will provide a comfortable and fun evening of learning and exploration! Sensory Night guests can enjoy hands-on sensory activities featuring dinosaur movement, kinetic sand fossil digs, arts and crafts, and more. A limited number of sound-dampening headphones as well as fidgets will be available upon request, along with dedicated quiet rooms. Sentor Pop Quiz Test your knowledge! 1) Which 1960s sitcom was about a TV comedy writer, his job and his family?

2. Which candy slogan urges consumers to "Taste the rainbow"?

3) Which superhero gets his power from a ring?

4) Which country has the most islands?

5) How many cups are in a pint?

*6)* Which scary 1980 movie contained the phrase "red rum" and what does it mean?

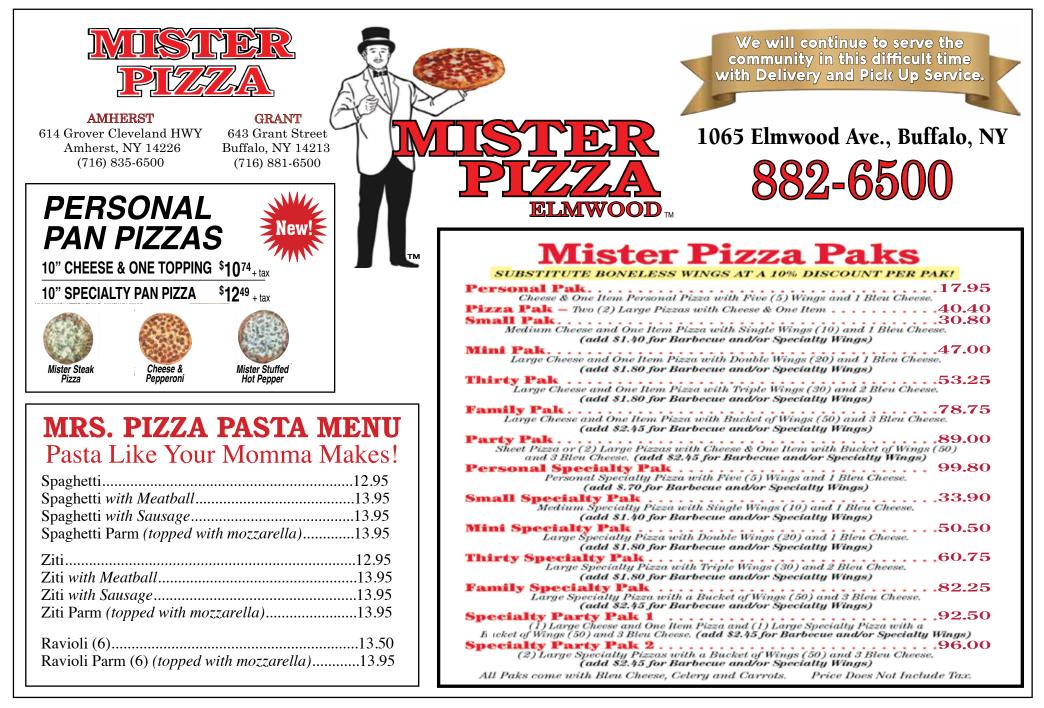
*7)* What is the outermost layer of human skin called?

8) Who was the first president to ride in a car to his inauguration?

9) When did India gain its independence from Great Britain?

10) Who lives at 32 Windsor Gardens?

Answers on page seven.





# CLASSIFIED

### **LEGAL**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ERIE U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for REO Trust 2017-RPL1, Plaintiff, -against- Jennifer P. Flannery Erie County Public Administrator as Administrator of the Estate of Deloris L. Mallaber a/k/a Deloris Mallaber, Lynne M. Luce as Heir to the Estate of Deloris L. Mallaber a/k/a Deloris Mallaber, James J. Mallaber as Heir to the Estate of Deloris L. Mallaber a/k/a Deloris Mallaber, Cathy A. Mallaber as Heir to the Estate of Deloris L. Mallaber a/k/a Deloris Mallaber if living and if any be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and

successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, Deloris J. Armbruster a/k/a DJ Armbruster as Heir to the Estate of Deloris L. Mallaber a/k/a Deloris Mallaber, Monroe Community College Association Inc., Rochester & Monroe County Employees Federal Credit Union, Amelia Schunk-Giardino, Administrator CTA of the Estate ofWesley Norman Schunk a/k/a Wesley Schunk, United States of America - Internal Revenue Service, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Collins Town Court, Defendants. Index No. 809742/2024 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Plaintiff designates Erie County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the Mortgage premises is situated. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED

to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$59,847.96 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of ERIE on January 29, 2008, in Book Book 13389, Page 8544, covering premises known as 2010 Brant Road, North Collins, NY 14111. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the Mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the Summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your Mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE AN-SWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE AN-SWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: Bay Shore, New York February 10, 2025 By: Karen Sheehan, Esq. Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, New York 11706 Bar #: 2863124

#### (631) 969-3100 Our File No .: 01-094172-F01 11

Notice of Formation of TK TAX, LLC LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/08/2025. Office in Erie County. SSNY is the designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 207 N. Maple Dr. Williamsville, NY 14221. Purpose of LLC is Tax preparation. 14

# GAMES

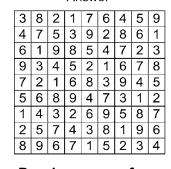
TRIVIA: 1. "The Dick Van Dyke Show." 2. Skittles. 3. The Green Lantern. 4. Sweden. 5. Two. 6. "The Shining." It's the word "murder" spelled backward. 7. Epidermis. 8. Warren Harding (1921). 9. 1947. 10. Paddington Bear and the Brown family.

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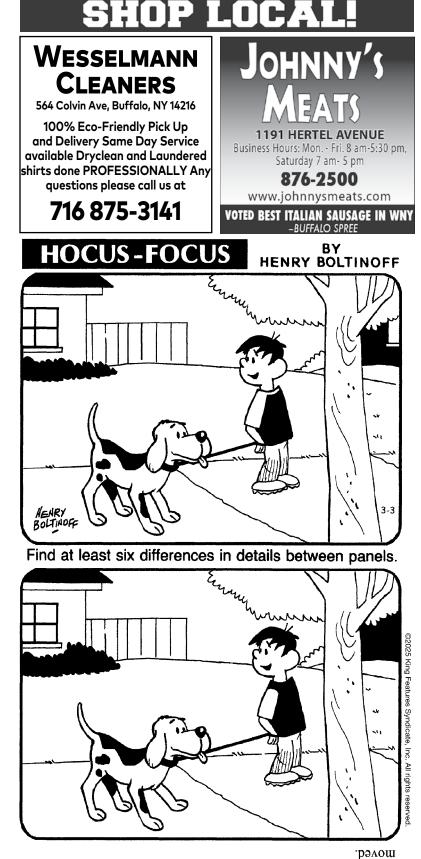




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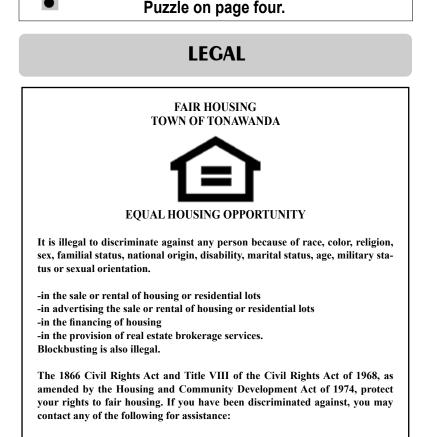
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