

June

THE LATEST Word

For the members, family and friends of the Downey Adventist Church

U.S. Flag Presented to Our Church

by Pastor Mitch

When Sgt. Erik Concha returned home from Iraq, he presented a U.S. Flag to his church. Sgt. Concha, who served in the Army's 975th Transportation Company, expressed to pastor Mitch Williams that "the flag and certificate is a gift of gratitude for the prayers and support of the church family." The flag was flown in honor of the Downey Adventist Church at the

forward operating base, Cedar II by Station 1, Camp Cedar II Fire Department near Nasiriyah, Iraq. In addition to their fire/rescue service, the department provides flags for soldiers to take home and present to individuals, organizations and churches as an expression of gratitude for their support.

The presentation of the U.S. flag and certificate will be part of the service

on June 11 at 11 a.m. The Downey community and all veterans are invited to hear the message by Army Chaplain Lt. Col. James Milburn. Milburn is assigned to the Army's 2nd Medical Brigade where he serves as Command Chaplain.

Communion is June 4. All of us look forward to this healing service and the new beginnings it provides. This is the service to continued on page 2

Quiet Space

"Rest is not idleness," said John Lubbock, "and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky is hardly a waste of time."

Most of us need more, not less, rest built into our daily routine. Only when we are quiet can we hear God's whisper.

Summer is a great time to find a peaceful, outdoor spot to read, rest and pray — even if only for a few minutes. God is eagerly waiting for us to make space for him.

Parking Lot Party

The party will begin at June 25 at 5:30pm. Then there will be food, worship and fun in the newly refurbished parking lot.

Show off your artistic side in the pavement drawing contest, or play some ping-pong, volleyball or basketball or just hang out by

the fire and enjoy the food and fellowship. If you are a singer, or maybe just brave,

be ready to share your talent with some Christian Karaoke.

Bring some picnic food to share and some lawn chairs to sit in and enjoy the evening with us. †



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invite those who haven't attended for a while and those who feel unworthy. All of us are unworthy but what keeps us coming is that we have a Savior and He is Worthy. He invites us to come boldly to his throne with our prayers. He is the one who established the Communion service and the One who forgives. This service offers all of us a new start.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 19. We love our Dads and it's a great time to affirm our fathers and all they do for us. However, Dad can be difficult to figure out sometimes. Is he the provider? A tough guy? Should we fear him?

Sometimes he doesn't talk very much, is he ok? On June 18, Bill Aumack will bring us a message

“ All of us are unworthy, but ... we have a Savior & He is worthy.”

about fathers, and men in general. It's called Tender Warrior. The message for Father's Day has been heavily influenced by a great book that Bill just read, "Tender Warrior: Every Man's Purpose, Every Woman's Dream, Every Child's Hope" by Stu Weber. We'll learn about the 4 things that

shape every man. This message will encourage the men and help the ladies to understand the guys a bit better. Be sure to invite your dad, and all your male friends to this service.

On June 25 is the Pathfinders' Investiture Service. Insignia is awarded during this service for honors earned

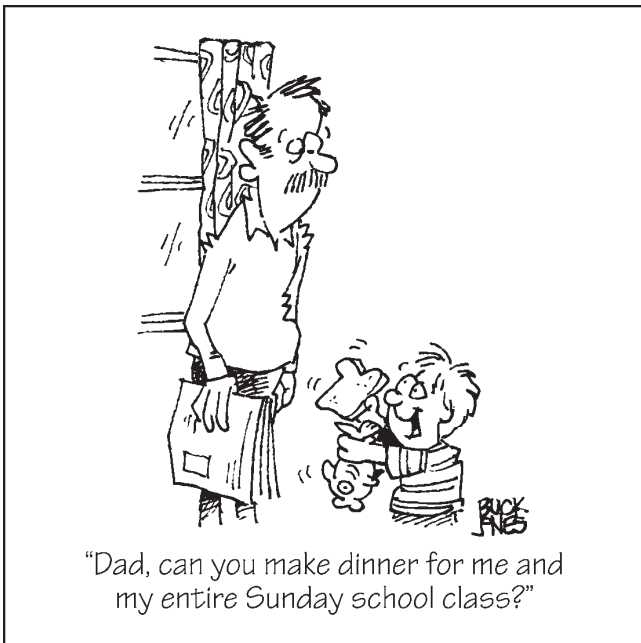
and class levels completed. Honors are an important part of Pathfinding. Honors are similar to badges in Boy Scouts. There are over 350 different honors available, the first of which were introduced in 1928

In addition to regular meetings, Pathfinder clubs participate in other events and activities including outreach activities, community service, and campouts. During these activities Pathfinders may earn many outdoor-recreational honors and meet class level requirements.

Every 5 years, Seventh-day Adventist divisions hold division-wide camporees. The North American Division has hosted 6 international camporees beginning in 1985. Our Pathfinders attended the last international

camporee with the White Memorial Club along with 36,000 other Pathfinders from around the world. The theme in 2009 was "Courage to Stand." The next international camporee is scheduled for 2014. The theme is "Forever Faithful" and will be held at Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

See you when the church gathers. †



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God, Webster & You

by Linda Bewley

LOVE is an Acronym?

Webster says that “voluntary” means “proceeding from the will or from one’s own choice or consent . . . done by design or intention . . . having power of free choice” (www.merriam-webster.com).

God’s word says that “For God so loved the world that he [voluntarily] gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16 NIV).

I found a fun website a few months ago. www.netlingo.com. It contains all kinds of acronyms that one can use for texting. I went in search of some acronyms, because I am not very good at texting. Sometimes it seems to take

forever to create a text that says exactly what I want to say. As you may be able to tell, when it comes to writing, I get a little detailed! Not a good trait for texting. But I’ve slowly gotten around to the idea that texting can be quite handy and efficient. Other times, I plain give up and just call the person I want to communicate with. Imagine that. At any rate, if you are looking for definitions for some of the new lingo around, check out the website and have some fun. The problem with the acronyms, though, is that unless the person with whom you

are communicating knows the language, they will not understand your message. For example, would you understand me if I were to text you with the question SWDYT? In case you don’t understand, that means “So what do you think?” At any rate, I liked this website enough that I signed up to receive daily

And I think this applies to almost any special relationship. A person goes to L.O.V.E. for a spouse. Moms and dads expend L.O.V.E. for their children. As we age, we are happy if we can give L.O.V.E. for our parents. The conclusion to my thoughts? True love requires Lots Of Voluntary Effort.



Worship Schedule

June 4

Mitch Williams
Communion

June 18

Bill Aumack
Tender Warriors

June 11

Army Chaplain
Lt. Col. James
Milburn

June 25

Mitch Williams
Pathfinder Investiture

emails with the Acronym of the Day. I’ve collected some favorites. Here’s the best one yet: L.O.V.E. Wanna guess what that means? Lots Of Voluntary Effort.

After reading that acronym, it occurred to me that, in a sense, that’s a definition of love itself. Love is as much of a choice as it is an emotion, isn’t it? Think about it. It’s not always easy, but God tells us that we should love our neighbors, even our enemies. Would that not require L.O.V.E.?

But you know, it seems to me that the extreme example of that is shown to us by God. Nowhere is that more clear than when Jesus said, “I lay down my life for the sheep . . . No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord” (John 10:15, 18). Showing His love and giving His life on behalf of fallen man required Lots Of Voluntary Effort. And He did that knowing that many people would not understand. †

Before the Father

by Linda Fernandez

Church Life

“Let’s see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together...”

Hebrews 10: 25 (Message)

We may be reluctant to approach church because of painful memories...

As I continue to lead you down this road with country musical reminders searching for the roots of my faith you will find I have chosen to use the **Bible** as our GPS. **God** is drawing us to Him; the **Holy Spirit** is redirecting us when we stray and **Jesus** is our traveling companion. **Baptism** was a requirement for crossing the first bridge we came to. Now it is time to rest, but the only place we see is a church. We are dirty and tired from the ups and downs of life-will they take us in or will we choose to move on.

We may be reluctant to approach the church because of painful memories, but for me the Lord has softened the anger and bitterness in my heart as I have matured and realized it was only a few who had been hurtful, not the church as a whole. And if I went further back into my memory I would find myself once more holding on to my grandmother’s softly gloved hand as she sweetly sang the hymns I hold so dear.

I chose two country songs for this portion of our journey; the first is *Three Bells* by The Browns. This song reveals three reasons we are most likely to see folks in

church; at a dedication as in baptism or dedicating a child; at a celebration as in marriage or trusting in salvation as in death.

The second song, *Little Mountain Church House* by Lawson and Quicksilver, provides a far more personal reason for becoming part of



a church. The chorus goes like this:

There’s a little mountain church house in my thoughts of yesterday, where friends and family gathered for the Lord. Lookin’ back now that little mountain church house has become my life’s cornerstone; it was there in that little mountain church house I first heard the Word to base my life upon.

A couple of events happened the week of this writing— one made the news, the other did not. A terrible series of tornados

hit our southern states. But amid the devastation and grief, the congregation of one church met to pray and worship on the foundation of their church as that was all that remained of the building. It was good to see such joy and peace in the midst of chaos. Soon thereafter, our church held the first of a planned annual celebration of thanks to God for the generosity of His saints. Many of our visitors witnessed another side of Christian life; the ability to rejoice in the Lord regardless of the cares of today. Where else can you find this bond of fellowship, whether facing tragedy or taking a trip down memory lane? Let’s pray...

Father, help us to see the church not as a building but as a family. †



Remember to fly your American flag on June 14th.

From Ginny's Kitchen

German Style Crepes with Fresh Strawberry Filling

Filling recipe

2 quarts fresh strawberries, washed and hulled, then crushed. Keep 10 whole strawberries for top garnish.

1/3 cup Agave nectar or 1 cup C&H sugar

Blend strawberries and Agave Nectar together and place in refrigerator to cool

Crepes recipe

2 T. melted butter

1 cup all purpose flour

2 eggs/beaten

1 & 1/4 cup milk or plain soy milk

dash of salt

1 t. vanilla

Pour the melted butter into a mixing bowl. Whisk together the flour & beaten eggs. Add milk, salt and vanilla and whisk all together.

In a heated medium heat 6/8" skillet, that has been oiled. Cook 1/4 cup of crepe batter in skillet, tilt the pan so the batter goes to edges of skillet. Heat

approximately 2 minutes on each side. Each crepe should be thin.

As you cook all the crepes, place them on waxed paper between each crepe in a stack.

Assembly

Lay a crepe on a small plate, fill in the center with 3T of strawberry mixtures. Fold over and place seam side down. Garnish with 3 whole strawberries and

with a dollops of whipped cream.

Chill or serve immediately. †



Like Father, Like Child

As we celebrate Father's Day, we likely see traits in our dads (or other father figures) that we hope to be known for ourselves: integrity, gentleness, a great sense of humor, a love of learning, a humble spirit.

Amy Grant's song "Father's Eyes" tells of a young girl who wants nothing more than for others to recognize her father — and her heavenly Father — in her. "When people

look inside my life, I want to hear them say, 'She's got her father's eyes.'"

What characteristics of God your Father are reflected in your eyes, heart and life? And what godly qualities would you like to cultivate?

May others see our heavenly Father in us! †



June 4



Downey Adventist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				7 pm Women's Prayer Group	7:59 pm sunset 6:30 pm Band Practice	9:30 AM S.S. 10:50 AM Worship Mitch Williams
5 10 AM C.S.	6 NewsLetter DEADLINE	7	8	9	10	11
				7 pm Women's Prayer Group	8:03 pm sunset 6:30 pm Band Practice	9:30 AM S.S. 10:50 AM Worship Jim Milburn 3:00 Pathfinders
12 9:00 Pathfinders	13	14	15	16	17	18
		FLAG Day		7 pm Women's Prayer Group	8:06 pm sunset 6:30 pm Band Practice	9:30 AM S.S. 10:50 AM Worship Bill Aumack
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Father's Day		SUMMER'S HERE!		7 pm Church Board 7 pm Women's Prayer Group	8:07 pm sunset 6:30 pm Band Practice	9:30 AM S.S. 10:50 AM Worship Pathfinder Investiture 5:30 Parking Lot Party
26	27	28	29	30	Visit www.downeychurch.org C.S. - Community Service S.S. - Sabbath School	
				7 pm Women's Prayer Group		

What's on Your Life List? (cont. from page 7)

have found to be important:

Settled Questions

As an Adventist I believe there are seven core “S’s” that define my faith: A **Savior**, who is the beginning and ending of my faith; **Salvation**, the continuing heartbeat of eternal good news; the **Second Coming**, the focal point of the believer’s future; the **State of the dead**, the fundamental hope of life eternal; the **Sacrament**, the reminder of our salvation; the **Sabbath**, the eternal promised rest, and when lived out in weekly 24-hour days, a time-out as a memento of creation; and **Stewardship**, my responsibility to earth, family, time, health and financial resources.

Make Memories

Several years ago I was struck by the fact that many of the people I knew, both church and non-church friends, planned to fulfill dreams of visiting a special place or returning to their roots after they had retired. Yet, just after they retired they were struck down with a debilitating disease or passed away suddenly without ever realizing their dreams. Consequently, my wife and I decided that since we loved to travel we would not wait until retirement, when we would have more time and resources to fulfill our nostalgia cup, but that we would begin our memory journeys immediately. We set two goals.

One was to annually visit our favorite family vacation spot and the second was that every other year we’d have an extended vacation on another continent. A decade and a half later we have visited dozens of countries and have thousands of digital pictures as proof.

Value People

Ken Blanchard, the author of the best seller, *One Minute Manager*, jokes that the Department of Motor Vehicles seeks out and hires people who hate people. When we wait in line for two hours to renew our vehicle license, we might secretly agree. However, it should be our daily goal to continually bridge the relational gap as we associate with people. These few lines can assist us in laying the groundwork for good relationships:

- People are insecure . . . Give them confidence
- People want to feel special . . . Compliment them sincerely
- People desire a better tomorrow . . . Show them hope
- People need to be understood . . . Listen to them
- People are selfish . . . Speak first to their needs
- People get emotionally low . . . Encourage them
- People want to associate with success . . . Help them win⁴

Generous Giver

Unfortunately, we live in a world where the non-

Christian is more charitable than the Christian. Because we believe in Christian values, we must rededicate ourselves to being generous. Faithfully returning our tithes is the best way to thank our generous Heavenly Father for the promise of eternal life. Giving consistently to our local congregation provides the family of God with the resources to subsidize the local school, evangelize the community and help the poor. As a global church, our regular contributions to the world budget are a tangible response to our Lord’s commission to spread the love of Jesus beyond our shores. Finally, our generosity may perhaps extend to our neighborhoods when we purchase the \$2 chocolate bar from a nervous teenager who asks us to support her school’s band.

Wise Coach

Life seems to be divided into three major divisions — the first 25 years are given to education, the next 40 years to experience and the last 25-30 years should be the result of the combination of the first two; instructive wisdom. Coaching, unlike mentoring, which usually has set times and lessons, is simply having lunch with an individual who asks challenging questions they are wrestling with. The benefit of life’s experiences, both the good and the bad, will guide us in the right direction. Personally, I have found

these lunchtime chats to be beneficial to both the questioning younger leader and me, a lifestyle coach.

Final Thoughts

Dr. John Maxwell, the leadership guru, has these Life List observations:

1. Your Life List should consist of just a few things.
2. Your Life List should consist of just the important things.
3. Your Life List should be lived daily.
4. Your Life List should reflect your values.
5. Your Life List should be your Life List.
6. Your Life List should become your legacy.³

Make Your Life List

What would your own Life List consist of? Make one and discover your life-long dreams. †

Reference:

1. *The Bucket List* from the film’s webpage.
2. *Guide Post* magazine, March 2011, page 57.
3. Maximum Impact Club Notes, Volume 15, Number 4, page 1.
4. John C. Maxwell, *Today Matters*, Warner Books, 2004, page 227.



June Birthdays

- Margarette Toban – 3
- Albert Jackson – 8
- Ginny Williams – 20
- Adan Ramirez – 22
- Sarah Luna – 23
- Ernesto Rojas – 24
- Johnny Macias – 28
- Divine Munguia – 30
- Judy Beal – 30

If your birthday is left out in the monthly newsletter, please contact the church office so we can put it in.

Upcoming Events

- 2nd & 4th Saturdays - 3:00 p.m. Pathfinders
- 1st Sunday - 10 a.m. Community Service
- Thursdays - 7 p.m. Women's Prayer Group
- Fridays - 6:30 p.m. Band Practice

- June 4 - Communion
- June 18 - Father's Day Service
- June 19 - Father's Day
- June 25 - Pathfinder Investiture
- June 25 - Parking Lot Party, 5:30pm



The Latest Word deadline is the 5th of the month.



Teachers & Helpers Needed

We are starting the early phases of VBS planning. If you are willing to help teach, or with food prep, or crafts or anywhere else, please let Bill know.

Coming Soon

- July 18-22 - VBS
- July 30 - Teacher Dedication
- August 20 - Hawaiian Shirt Day and Beach Party

THE LATEST WORD

The Latest About

Our Church Family

Congratulations to **Yazmin Williams** and to **Joel and Mone Lima**. They recently transferred their membership to our church. Welcome!

Congratulations to **Rosa Guardo** (Flor's Mom). She recently

earned her US citizenship.

Congratulations to our Pathfinders who had a successful first year of their club. May next year be even better.



If you have any Church Family news, please contact the church office so we can get it into the newsletter. †

Thank you to everyone who has been saving Box Tops for Education. That is greatly appreciated.

For the Box Tops for Education, please save the Box Tops coupon.

Please give your labels to Linda Aumack. Thank you for your support! †



Our Graduates

Congratulations to our graduates! We are happy to celebrate your achievement with you.

College

Mimi Gonzalez – Masters in Social Work from Cal State Long Beach

High School

Claudia Aponte - Warren High School

Sergio Garcia Jr. - Los Altos High School

Lee Ann Harry - Santa Fe High School

8th Grade

Diego Aponte - Griffiths Middle School

Elora Chavez - Adventist Union School

Ethan Morales - Glendale Academy Elementary School

Kevin Torres - San Gabriel Academy Elementary School

Victoria Zamora - White Memorial School

Jr High

Nadia Aponte - 5th Grade Gallatin Elementary School

Joel Huinquez – 6th Grade Jasper Elementary

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PENTECOST MOBILE

Make this craft as a reminder that God's Holy Spirit is all around you.


What you need:

- Tissue paper (red, yellow, orange), torn into squares
- Plastic transparency
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush
- Construction paper
- Black marker
- Wire hanger
- White copy paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Fishing line



What you do:

1. Overlap tissue squares as "flames" on the transparency.
2. "Paint" glue (thinned with water) over the squares.
3. Fold construction paper in half. Write out Acts 2:4 at the top, by the fold.
4. Poke the hanger through the middle of the fold.
5. On the white paper, write "Holy Spirit" in English, Spanish (*Espiritu Santo*), French (*L'esprit Saint*), etc.
6. Cut out a flame pattern and trace it on the back of the transparency.
7. Cut out flames and glue the "Holy Spirit" names on them.
8. Thread fishing line through a hole atop each flame and tie flames onto the hanger.

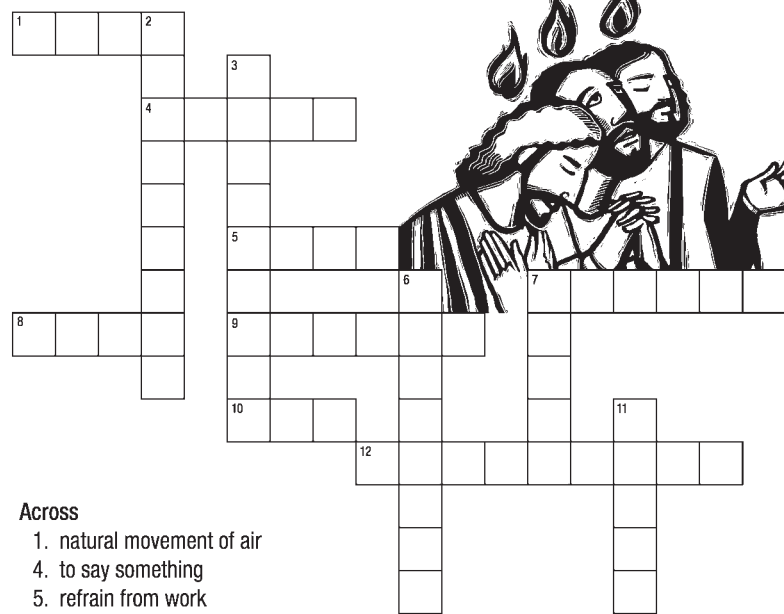


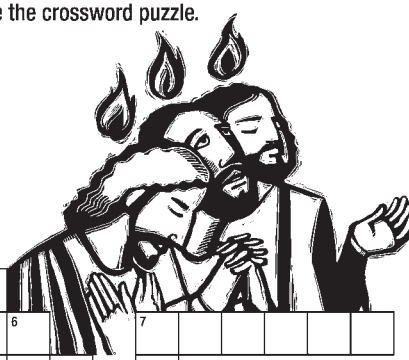
PUZZLE

The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY
WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.





Across

1. natural movement of air
4. to say something
5. refrain from work
7. place where God is
8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
10. the time between sunrise and sunset
12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

Down

2. followers of Christ
3. moved apart
6. quickly and unexpectedly
7. a building where people live
11. vibrations that travel through the air

Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound

▶▶ Odds & Ends

Ponder This...

† “My father didn’t tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.”

—Clarence Kelland

† “The test of courage comes when we are in the minority. The test of tolerance comes when we are in the majority.”

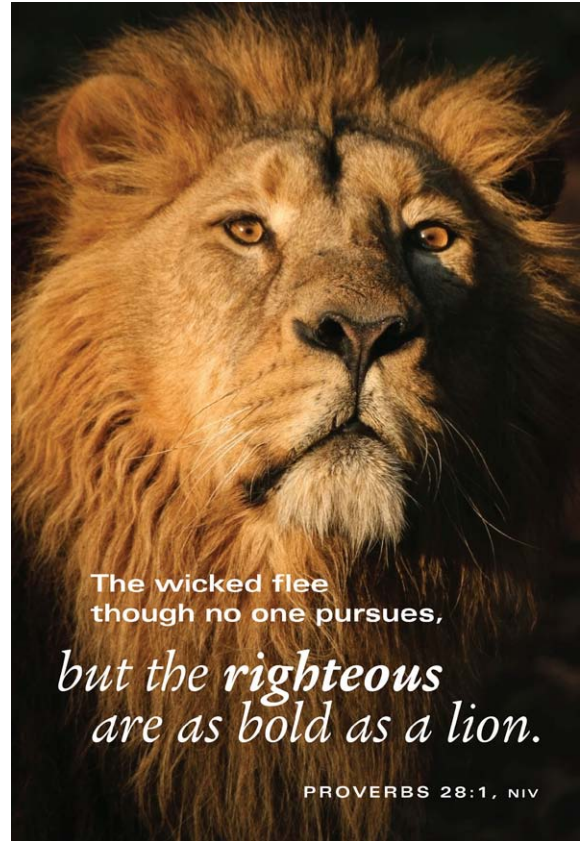
—Ralph W. Sockman

† “A Christian is someone to whom God entrusts all his fellow men.”

—Dwight L. Moody

† “I have mixed emotions when I receive Father’s Day gifts. I’m glad my children remember me, but I’m disappointed that they actually think I dress that way.”

—Mike Dugan



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