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San Jose school bond could fund teacher housing

By Lorraine Gabbert

San José Spotlight

an Jose's largest school district
is counting on voters to approve more than \$1 billion to
upgrade facilities and house employees, which community advocates say is needed.

The San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD) board of trustees approved putting a nearly \$1.2 billion general obligation bond on the Nov. 5 ballot at a special meeting last week. It would levy a tax of \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed home value on properties within the district, which serves 25,000 students across 41 campuses. School leaders want the money to improve facilities and provide affordable housing to attract and retain teachers and other employees.



San Jose Unified School District is asking voters to approve a nearly \$1.2 billion bond measure in November. File photo.

San Jose Teachers Association President Renata Sanchez said teacher housing is essential, and educators often tell her about their difficulties affording rent, especially those making less than \$100,000 a year, a drop in the bucket compared to the cost of living in Silicon Valley. The union tries to pair up teachers as roommates or connect with them places to rent, including rooms and in-law units.

"Our teachers are increasingly leaving the district because of the lack of affordable housing and the general expensive cost of living here," she told San José Spotlight. "If we're able to build employee housing, we would be able to offer

those (rental) units at far below market rates."

The bond is aimed at repairing aging facilities and updating technology, as well as ensuring campuses are safe and secure. SJUSD conducted a facility assessment to identify upgrades needed at each school site — including electrical, roofing, ventilation and plumbing systems — to meet current safety and security standards.

Paul Nyhof, a district employee, said the bond is needed to repair leaking roofs at some schools, some of which are 75 years old. He said working HVAC systems are critical with hot days over 100 degrees.

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Almaden's Nurturing Young Mindz Foundation celebrates partnership with Almaden Library

By Wiliam Bellou

Publisher

Inturing Young Mindz Foundation was born from the desire to create an environment where young minds enjoy science.

What started as online science and writing lessons by a single instructor has become a thriving, in-person free series taught by a team of instructors at the afterschool STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) club at the Almaden Branch of the San Jose Public Library.

"We are so thrilled to celebrate one year of partnership with the Almaden Library," said Shilpa Bansod, Founder and Advisor of Nurturing Young Mindz Foundation. "Our vision is two-pronged - one is to ignite excitement for science in young kids in our community and the other is to provide teaching opportunities to high school kids, which helps improve fluen-

cy and public speaking skills. Our collaboration with the library has been a great step towards this goal."

The program's unique approach comes from student engagement being a top priority, which is the reason for repeat students and excitement about the lessons amongst the organizers in the library. Having taught over 300 elementary and middle school students in the sciences through 25+ free and engaging sessions, Nurturing Young Mindz Foundation has been making a positive impact in the community.

"The topics we have taught include black holes, the science of flight, static electricity, light, human vision, and we have a new set of lessons that we are looking forward to teaching in Fall " added Aria Das, Vice President and Junior in Leland High School. They have also conducted workshops in speech and debate and have

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Former San Jose City Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio wins 2nd Annual Celebrity Grape Stomp

We have a winner! In dramatic fashion, former San Jose City Councilmember, Pierluigi Oliverio, has won the Festa's 2nd annual Celebrity Grape Stomp!

This is also a victory for San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan. Mayor Mahan won the Celebrity Stomp last year and was scheduled to defend his title today. Unfortunately, he was called away for a family emergency and Oliverio stomped in his place. So, the championship title stays in San Jose!

Today's Stomp pitted Oliverio against Morgan Hill Mayor Mark



Turner and Sunnyvale Mayor Larry Klein.

On Saturday, in the stomp preheats, Mayor Turner and Mayor Klein out-stomped Santa Clara Mayor Lisa Gillmor, Saratoga Mayor Yan Zhao, Milpitas Mayor Carmen Montano and NBC Bay Area Weather Anchor, Cinthia Pimentel.

The Celebrity Grape Stomp was a highlight of the 42nd annual Italian Family Festa San Jose. It's a weekend (August 3-4) filled with Italian culture, food, wine, kids' activities, live music, cooking demonstrations and bocce ball!

The Festa is put on annually by the Italian American Heritage Foundation.

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The idea of school districts building teacher housing is supported by California State Superintendent Tony Thurmond. At a news conference earlier this week, Thurmond proposed the development of 2.3 million homes over the next eight years, using school district owned land and other county office of education properties.

A \$10 billion state bond is also headed for the November ballot for school facility repairs and upgrades. If approved, K-12 schools would receive \$8.5 billion and community colleges would receive \$1.5 billion.

"The district cannot rely on the State of California to fund school facility improvements and the limited state dollars available for facility upgrades often require local matching funds that could be provided by a local bond measure," the district wrote in the bond resolution passed at the meeting.

SJUSD's bond measure needs 55% approval to pass. District officials did not respond to requests for comment.

The bond would also fund communications systems, fencing, door and window locks and renovate points of entry. Parent and school safety advocate Trudi McCanna said the bond is critical for school safety. Last year, school resource officers arrested a Willow Glen High School student who walked onto campus armed with a loaded ghost gun and knife and a Hoover Middle School student was caught carrying a loaded firearm. In addition, a threat on social media said someone was coming to Lincoln High School to shoot people.

"We have learned through the incidents of the last couple of years that our intercom systems are woefully out of date and beyond repair," she said. "Mold and infrastructure also need to be addressed."

"Our schools are in a state of disrepair," she told San José Spotlight. "It's going to require a large influx of money to get us where we need to be. Our kids deserve and our teachers deserve to have safe places... and we're going to need a bond for that to happen."

Teacher Michelle Robles said a district assessment estimated a cost of almost \$1.4 billion to fix everything. She said the bond has a good chance of passing as other school related taxes expire. Robles said the second-floor balcony outside her classroom students use to go to other classes at Willow Glen High School often has holes in it.

"The district does what it can to patch and repair it," she said. "This money could allow for more serious repairs."

Partnership

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plans for more. With a team comprising Leland High School debate leadership, their workshops aim to help kids cultivate essential communication skills.

Since the lessons have been so well received, Nurturing Young Mindz Foundation has been invited to conduct a session at the Teen Program Incubator at Almaden Public Library. This session will equip teens with the skills and knowledge to design and deliver impactful educational programs. "We are excited to see what the teens in the Incubator Program will achieve. We believe in growing together and are honored to be invited to share our experience

in successfully creating an engaging program," says Avni Iyer, Founder, President, and Junior at Leland High School.

This milestone and the continued collaboration with the library mark significant steps in their journey to empower more young minds through creative and impactful educational experiences. Shilpa adds, "It all started with friends questioning Avni's choice to read a science book for fun on a weekend. I then read about studies on the decline of interest in STEM among middle schoolers, which confirmed what I saw firsthand. I then knew we had to be the change we wanted to see in our community and hope to continue bringing the joy of science to kids."

For more information, visit: https://www.nurturingyoungmindzfoundation.com or email: nurturingyoungmindz@gmail.com



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History San José hosts groups of summer camps

By Bill Schroh, Jr.

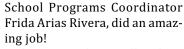
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ugust at History San José means the stomping of grapes,

the sound of big band music, and tacos and beer! As always, there is a full calendar of events and festivities taking place at History Park for everyone to enjoy. To check out upcoming events, visit: https://historysanjose.org/programsevents

As I have mentioned before, we had quite a few summer campers at History Park including

our own Time Travelers Summer Camp. It was great to see our campers engaged and enjoying themselves all while learning about the history of San José and the Valley! Our educators, led by Education Assistant &



The team is deservedly taking these next few weeks to recharge and prepare for our Fall/Spring educational programming that now includes high school curriculum! We're happy to say that reservations are quickly filling up so we encourage all educators to take a look at our full offerings and to reserve a spot

on our calendar. We can't wait to see you and your students back here at History Park!

Speaking of the Education Department, I am excited to announce that Sam Ricci has become the new Manager of Education! Sam has been with History San José since 2017. During her time at HSJ she has been a valuable

member of the team, serving as a museum educator, lead educator, and for the last year and a half as our first Manager of Visitor Experience.

History

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Another fun change is that we attended the 1st annual Urban



MANAGER OF EDUCATION

Vibrancy Institute (UVI) Block Party at San Pedro Square. We opened up the Gonzales/Peralta Adode at San Pedro Square Market, set up our bull roping activity and had plenty of promotional material on hand.

Mark Purdy and Karen Parodi gave the tours, Antwan Whattlev taught visitors, both children and adults how to rope a steer and Sharon Fox and I told everyone about History San José. We had over 250 people come in to enjoy the mini tour and steer roping. Thanks Mark, Karen, Antwan and Sharon for giving up their Thursday evening. It was an exciting evening for us as many people saw the inside of the Adobe for the first time.

Palko-Lacerda of Almaden Valley named to the Dean's **List at Tufts University**

Alexia Palko-Lacerda, Class of 2027 (pictured), of Almaden Valley,

has been named to the Dean's List at Tufts University for the Spring 2024 semester. Dean's List honors at Tufts University require a sem-



ester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/ Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of profes-

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A September to Remember: Saturday Sept 21st, 12 to 3pm. We will entertain you at the Almaden Community Center with music of the 50's, 60's, and 70's by musicians Sandi and Mike Bell. Wear clothes from those eras if you wish. Join us for a lunch of spaghetti, lasagna, chicken, and antipasto. Peach Bellini's and dessert included. Bring a photo of yourself from back then that we can display. Ticket sales start Monday Aug 26, then MWF 8am to 10am. Members: \$22, Non-Members \$25 cash or check. Call Jeanne

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Times Local News

High school senior brings magic to Bay Area Community; conveys educational messages

By William Bellou

Publisher

A school senior at Lynbrook High School, is making waves in the bay area with his unique talent and passion for magic.

Initially drawn to the craft for the fun and attention it brought, Bhavaraju soon realized its potential to communicate key messages and, more importantly, the ability to spread joy and happiness.

In a heartwarming effort to give back to the community, Bhavaraju is now partnering with local non-profits to share his magical performances with diverse audiences.

"I recently enjoyed performing a magic show at Oakmont Senior Living, organized by a local community association," said Bhavaraju. "The seniors at Oakmont were delighted by my tricks, providing overwhelmingly positive feedback to the center.

"The power of happiness in healing and helping forget the pain and sorrow is indeed amazing," remarked one of the participants. "Abhiram's performance brought immense joy to the seniors."

Magic in education

Bhavaraju's magic isn't just for entertainment; it also serves an educational purpose. He has performed shows for young children, using his magic to convey important messages about STEM education and environmental protection. For example, in one trick, he transforms a



simple flower into a large bouquet, emphasizing the importance of caring for and protecting the environment. Some of these shows were organized by various community groups, all extending their appreciation and best wishes to Abhiram and his pursuit of spreading cheer.

Abhiram's dedication to magic deepened during the aftermath of COVID-19, when he realized the need for individuals to overcome the challenging times. He performed magic on virtual calls, entertaining audiences and lifting spirits during the pandemic. This experience inspired him to continue his passion while helping those around him, leading to the founding of his organization, It's Magic.Club. The organization promotes the art of magic and its social impact, fostering a sense of community.

With a vision to spread his love for magic and its positive impact, Abhiram has also started a magic club at his school, Lynbrook High School. Despite facing initial rejections, his determination and perseverance paid off, securing the necessary approvals after convincing his friends and faculty.

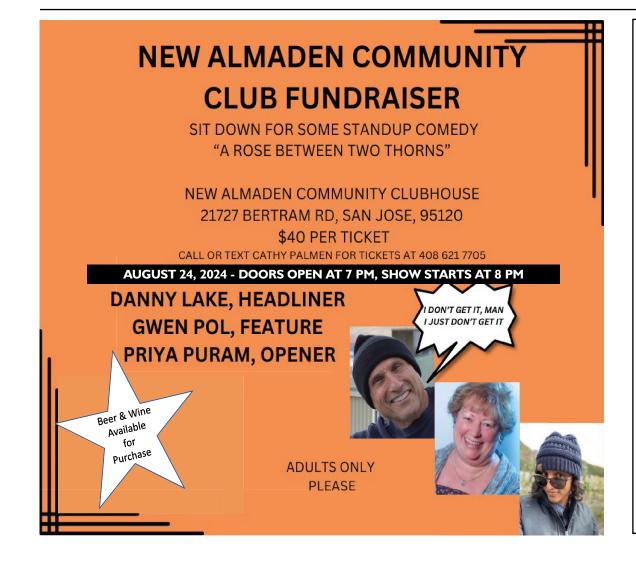
Through this club, Abhiram's objective is to train and inspire fellow students to join him in spreading cheer and motivation, especially during holiday seasons.

Abhiram's dedication to his craft and his community service has not only brought smiles to many but also serves as a testament to his character and leadership.

"I want to build a community of magicians who can exponentially increase the happiness that can be spread, making a significant impact in the Bay Area and beyond," Abhiram.

Editor's note; To learn more about this organization and how Bhavaraju brings happiness to others and also to good causes, visit his website, itsmagic.club





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Our County's safety net services build stronger communities for all

By Joe Simitian

s a County Supervisor, I have the privilege and responsibility to help oversee a range of safety net services that are indispensable; offering crucial support to our most vulnerable residents and ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to achieve a better quality of life.

Our County's safety net includes a wide array of programs, including, among others, healthcare, housing assistance, and food security. These programs provide a lifeline to those in need, so that no one is left behind.

Here are some ways we're helping County residents.

Supporting residents experiencing homelessness

For a second year, we're pro-

viding grant funding to the City of Cupertino, the Town of Los

Gatos, and the nonprofit Reach SV (in partnership with the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation) to help supplement services and support that each offers to local folks experiencing homelessness.

Each community is unique, and the needs of unhoused residents vary greatly, so who's better

equipped than the local communities themselves to identify those needs? While community partners are well-positioned to assist, it can be difficult for smaller cities to find the resources they need to support this work on their own.

That's where the County comes in. I'm delighted that the grants we've provided will help support and encourage these efforts, allowing local jurisdictions and organizations to determine how best to use the funding.

Last year's grant funding helped provide a variety of emergency supports through Reach SV to

unhoused residents and residents living in vehicles in Mountain View — and supplemented ongoing local efforts to support unhoused residents in the West

Valley. This work included a Rotating Safe Car Park program serving Cupertino and Saratoga, and an emergency hotel program in Los Gatos.

All of that is in addition to the County's own work providing housing and support services.

Addressing food insecurity

Food insecurity is an oftenunseen hardship that affects far too many residents in our County. Low-income families are especially susceptible to this concern. When financial setbacks occur, families often cut their food budgets in favor of other expenses.

For that reason, I've worked with local community organizations to help provide supplemental food assistance for those who might otherwise go hungry. In the West Valley, our County

has long partnered with West Valley Community Services (WVCS) whose well-stocked food pantry is one part of the remedy. But the surest way to help people get the food and services they need is to bring it to them.

In 2020, our County helped WVCS purchase a customized open-sided food truck — the bright blue "Park-It Market" van — which is regularly stocked with fresh fruit and vegetables, baked goods, dairy products, meat, fish, and canned goods. Park-It Market's clients can choose the food that suits their needs and tastes, just like at a regular grocery store. The difference is that the food comes to them, and they never have to stop and pay at a checkout stand.

It's essential that folks in all 15 cities and towns in our County know that these services exist, how to access them, and what to expect from the experience if they one-day need to use them or refer a loved one. And, while our County often plays a lead role in providing these services, it's helpful when local partners, including cities and nonprofits, can step up to help. By working collaboratively, we can pool our resources, share expertise, and develop comprehensive strategies to effectively tackle these issues

Resources

For information about County homelessness services, access the Bill Wilson shelter and resource hotline: https://www.billwilsoncenter.org/services/all/here4you.html.

For information about the Park-It Market, contact Donald Akimoto at donalda@wvcommunityservices.org or call 408-471-6123 or visit: https://www.wvcommunityservices.org/mobi

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California Coastal **Cleanup Day** Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon

By Wiliam Bellou

Publisher

alifornia Coastal Cleanup Day is Satur-

day, September 21 from 9 a.m. to noon. The organization will be celebrating its 40th anniversary this month.

For 40 years, Coastal Cleanup Day has successfully diverted millions of pounds of plastic debris from the ocean, but at the end of the day, this event is about much more than picking up trash.

Over the years, the event has created a long-term dataset that describes the prevalence of different types of debris on our beaches and shorelines, which is used by policy makers to shape and monitor the success of plastic pollution prevention efforts. Moreover, it's a

chance for Californians to join people around the world in expressing respect for our oceans and waterways, as well as an opportunity for the community to send a statement and demonstrate its desire for clean water and healthy marine life.

The following are the top ten items collected by volunteers since 1988.

Coastal Cleanup Day is also a moment to share with one's neighbors, family, and friends, coming together to accomplish something vital and worthy on behalf of the places we treasure.

You can also sign up for one of the virtual informational meetings to learn more about California Coastal Cleanup Day and how you can get involved. To learn more about signing up to volunteer, email: volunteer@valleywater.org

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#1. Cigarettes/Cigarette Filters	8,403,338	35.34%
#2. Food Wrappers/Containers	2,592,161	10.90%
#3. Caps/Lids	2,207,929	9.28%
#4. Bags (paper and plastic)	1,723,026	7.25%
#5. Cups/Plates/Forks/Knives/Spoons	1,268,781	5.34%
#6. Straws/Stirrers	961,822	4.04%
#7. Beverage Bottles (Glass)	749,812	3.15%
#8. Beverage Bottles (Plastic)	659,505	2.77%
#9. Beverage Cans	573,772	2.41%
#10. Construction Material	407,651	1.71%
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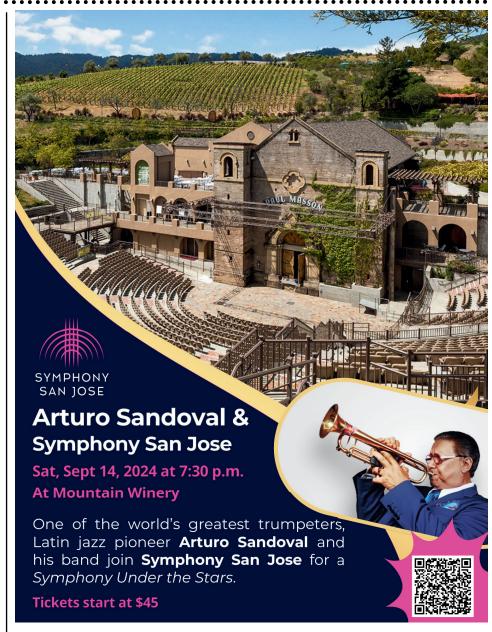


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New California laws now in effect

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer

alifornians may not be aware of new laws ranging from housing to hidden fees.

Here are some of the laws more likely to have a direct impact on Californians.

Housing

Senate Bill 684 aims to get more housing built by speeding up the approval process for subdivision maps. The law requires local agencies to approve those maps for projects in urban areas so long as they meet certain requirements including that the project not include more than 10 housing units.

An analysis by the legislature notes that small lot divisions allow for more medium-density housing such as "duplexes, fourplexes, garden apartments, townhomes."

Hidden Fees

Senate Bill 478 and Assembly Bill 537 require the advertised or displayed price for most goods or services to include all fees and other charges required to make a purchase other than government taxes and fees.

SB 478 covers most types of businesses with a few exceptions for businesses that have different regulations

around advertising.

AB 537 is specifically targeted at transparency of rates for short-term lodging such as hotels or peer-to-peer platforms like AirBnB.

Drug Testing Kits

Businesses with "on-sale general public premises" alcohol licenses such as bars and restaurants are now required to sell drug-testing kits at a price not much higher than what it costs to purchase wholesale.

Bars and restaurants must also post a notice that reads, "Don't get roofied! Drink spiking drug test kits available here. Ask a staff member for details."

Right to Repair

Senate Bill 244 requires manufacturers of electronics priced at \$50 or higher for wholesale to make documentation and spare parts or tools available to repair or maintain a product.

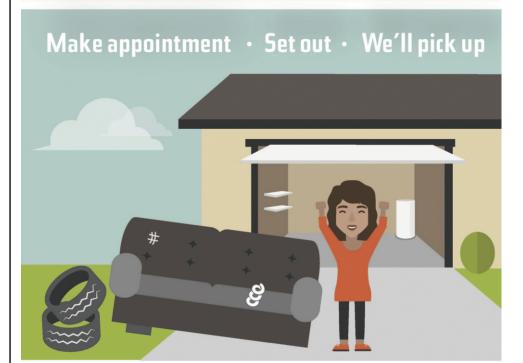
Manufacturers of products priced \$100 or more for wholesale must make parts and documentation available for at least seven years after the product was last manufactured.

Menstrual Products for Students

Assembly Bill 230, signed into law last October, takes an existing law that requires public schools that instruct any grade from 6-12 to provide free menstrual products in bathrooms and expands it to now include grades 3-5.

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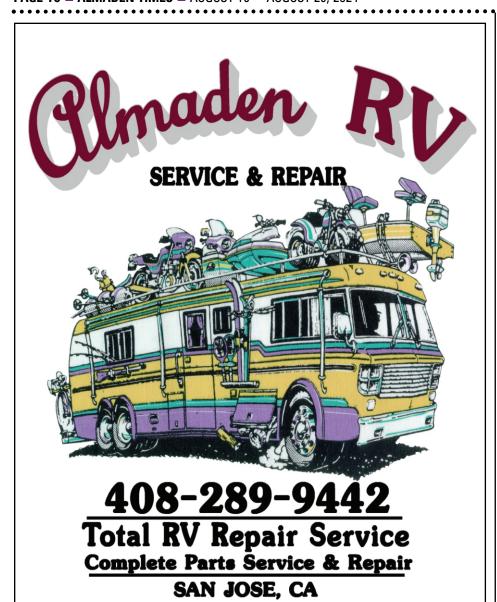




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Upcoming shows Jon Nakamatsu & the Jazz Age Saturday, October 5, 2024 Sunday, October 6, 2024

Symphonic Spooktacular Saturday, October 26, 2024 Sunday, October 27, 2024

Holiday Spectactular Saturday, December 7, 2024 Sunday, December 8, 2024

The San Jose Nutcracker Saturday, December 14, 2024 Sunday, December 15, 2024 Friday, December 20, 2024 Saturday, December 21, 2024 Sunday, December 22, 2024 Monday, December 23, 2024

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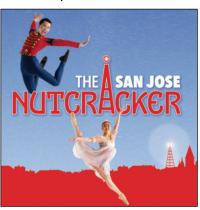
Saturday, March 8, 2025 Sunday, March 9, 2025

Hollywood Spectactular

Saturday, March 29, 2025 Sunday, March 30, 2025

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