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This month's cover photo was submitted by Sharon Williams of the Lakeway Trail of Lights.

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Lights On! and Trail of Lights to illuminate Lakeway's holiday season



The City of Lakeway will sponsor its annual Lights On! holiday celebration from 6:30-9 p.m. Dec. 6 in the Lakeway City Hall parking lot, 1102 Lohmans Crossing, in Lakeway.

Children of all ages are invited to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus on this most magical of nights. Santa, Mrs. Claus and Rudolph will plug in the Trail of Lights display and be available to speak to all of Lakeway's good little boys and girls.

The Trail of Lights will be lit for the first time this season at Lights On! and continue nightly from 6 p.m.-midnight through the end of the month. The trail features thousands of twinkling lights in amusing tableaux, all accompanied by seasonal music.

"With the flick of St. Nick's switch, the Trail of Lights transforms Lakeway into an illuminated wonderland each night that knits the community even closer during the holiday season," said Andra Dearing, Lakeway Parks and Recreation director. "When kids see some of our new additions to the Trail, their faces will light up brighter than the light displays."

Other Lights On! festivities will include the official dedication of the historic Liebelt Cabin, cookie decorating and marshmallow roasting. S'mores packets will be available from Scout Troop 52.

Hot dogs and Cuban sandwiches will be available for purchase along with hot chocolate, coffee and snowcones.

For those attending who may be in wheelchairs or for those with baby carriages, please park at City Hall and access the Trail by walking down the front sidewalk to the right and around the building. Bicycles and motorized vehicles such as Lil' Rascals and golf carts are not permitted.

Please do not bring dogs to this event.

LIEBELT CABIN

The Liebelt Cabin is a Civil War-era log cabin saved from demolition in November 2011 when the City of Lakeway relocated it from the Wunneberger tract off RR 620 to its present location adjacent to Lakeway City Hall.

Research at the Texas State Land Office in Austin revealed that the original homeowner was an immigrant by the name of August Liebelt, who came to the United States from Bremen, Germany.

Liebelt traveled on an immigrant ship and arrived in New Orleans in 1860 at the age of 26. After serving in the Civil War, Liebelt worked the land as a single man from 1869. Records indicate Liebelt received a land grant for 80 acres of land in 1873. It is believed that he also passed away, still unmarried, in Sherman, Texas, in July 1911.

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Around Lakeway



Sing Along Christmas Concert December 8



What better way to get into the holiday spirit than with a Christmas music show benefiting needy young members of our community? Lakeway Sing Along offers just that opportunity on Sunday, December 8, when they present their 11th Annual Christmas Concert supporting Green Santa. Price of admission is an unwrapped gift for a child up to age 18. These gifts will be distributed to qualified area families at Christmastime by Green Santa Project volunteers.

The Sing Alongs comprise a group of 80 music lovers from the Lakeway area who have been performing together for local audiences since 1999. This year's program will include old favorites, new music sure to become old favorites, and several fun Christmas songs that are

guaranteed to entertain.

Two back-to-back performances will be held at 2 and 4:30 PM at the Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek, on Sunday, December 8th. Reservations are not necessary, but come early to get a good seat...and don't forget your Green Santa gift! If you are unable to come to the show, you can drop off your gift in the donation box at the Activity Center anytime after Thanksgiving. There will also be a donation jar at the door.

Pictured are Joann Anderson, Karen Knaus, and Julianne DeBower who will be performing one of the numbers in the show.

For more information, contact Joann Anderson at 512-261-3313.

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Lakeway-Hills Solos

Lakeway-Hills Solos is a social organization comprised of Singles, ages 55 years and/or older, who live in Lakeway. and/or the Hills. Many worthwhile and fun activities are planned for each month.

Fri., Dec. 6th: Lakeway's own Trail of Lights opens at City Hall grounds.

Sun., Dec 8th: Watch Peter Pan at the Palace Theater, Georgetown. Dinner at the Wildflower after the show. Carpool from the LAC at 12:30 PM. Call Anita Fisher, 512-261-3227.

Mon., Dec 9th: Dinner at Santa Catarina during Happy Hour, 5:00 - 6:00 PM. Then play Mah Jong, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Call Diane Smith, 512-261-6497.

Tues., Dec 10th: See Christmas Lights in Johnson City. Afterwards, dine at Pecan Street Brewing. Carpool from LAC at 5:00 PM. Call Maxine Beeskow, 512-261-8240.

Wed., Dec.11th: Lunch Bunch will lunch at Rocco's. Carpool from LAC at 11:30 AM. Call Judy Prim, 512-608-6853.

Thurs., Dec 12th: Our Christmas Dinner will be at the Hills CC. Get your green order form from Linda Wiles, and mail the form and your \$20.00 check, payable to Lakeway-Hills Solos, to Anita Fisher, 303 Copperleaf, Lakeway, 78734, before Dec. 1st. Part of the cost is being subsidized by the Solos.

Fri., Dec 13th: Bridge and Dominoes at the LAC, 7:00 PM. Call Phyllis Ligon 512-261-6960

LAKEWAY ARTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2013

(Events listed are free unless otherwise noted)

ART ON DISPLAY

Lakeway Activity Center

(105 Cross Creek, 261-1010) Lobby Cabinet (8-5, M-F)

Now through December 15, Lucile Davis will share her private collection depicting Christmas in various cultures.

Café Lago

(1200 Lakeway Blvd. #1)

December 1-December 31, Mary Barnes

Lakeway City Hall

(1102 Lohman's Crossing)

Now-December 18, Janet Sopp Sims

Wall Street Gallery- Prosperity Bank

(1415 RR 620 S, 261-1122)

Now-December 2, Jane Wilson

December 2-February 3, Sue Kemp

Lakeway Church Fellowship Hall

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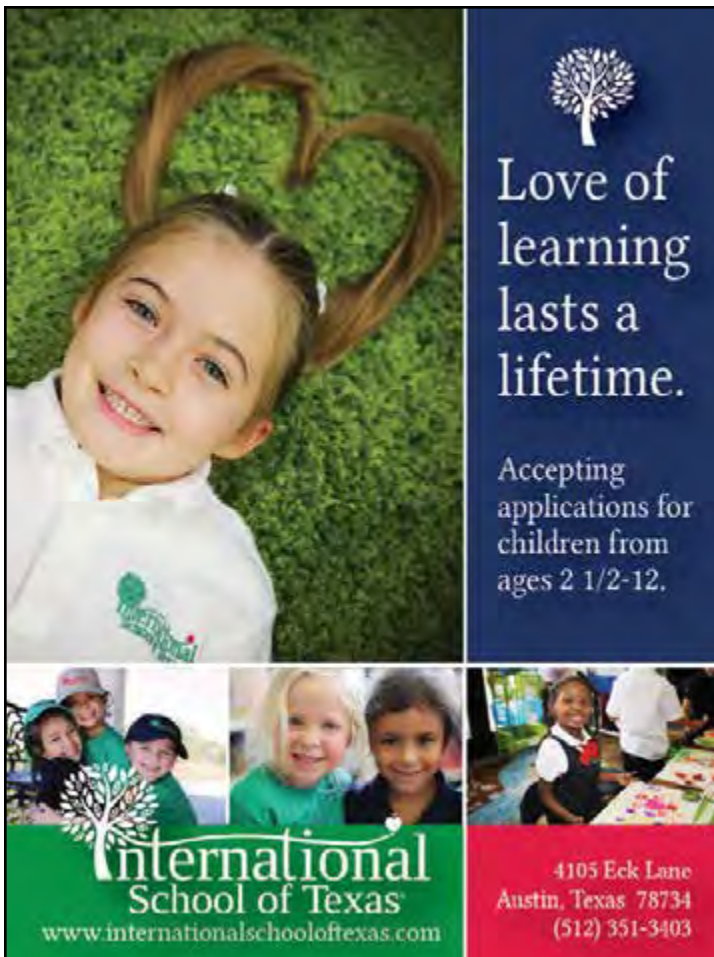
Now -December 2, Judy Hazen

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December 1 – December 31, Ann Geisler (watercolors)



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Women's Club **Style Show** a Carnival of Fun

The Women's Club of Greater Lakeway celebrated Dillard's style with a Carnival theme at the group's annual style show at the Lakeway Resort and Spa on Oct. 28. Over 270 people attended the event.

New members Linda Buikema and Carolyn Wheat joined the festivities, while club president Jane Benasutti thanked Dillard's manager Mike Saldivar for the store's support.

Style show chair Sharon Rogers won accolades for her flair in putting on a show that included a dance routine by Dottie's Follies, a gold-lame'd carnival queen Brooke Toeller and costumed carnival characters reminiscent of Mardi Gras.

"Sharon is one of the most creative persons I've ever met. We were so lucky she was willing to take on such an all-consuming event," says Benasutti.

Women's Club has more than 450 members and offers almost 30 special interest groups that range from book clubs to investments, gardening and poetry. The group also hosts two annual parties for members and spouses or guests. For information about women's club membership, please see lakewaywomensclub.com.



Women's Club President Jane Benasutti salutes Dillard's Store Manager Mike Saldivar for his support of the club's annual style show.



Linda Buikema and Carolyn Wheat are two of the 50 new members Women's Club has gained this year.



WCGL past president Nancy Clayton models an evening gown that might be just right for the Club's dance next spring

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Seton High Tea Leads List of Events to Support Mental Health

The 100-member Lakeway Associates of Seton recently announced the group's special events for 2014, including two fundraisers on behalf of Seton Shoal Creek Hospital, which treats children, adolescents, adults and senior adults who may be experience emotional and/or substance abuse difficulties.



Leading off on Jan. 25, the annual Seton High Tea usually attracts well over 200 attendees who compete for prizes by decorating tables with concepts that range from the sublime to the outrageous. This year's event is billed, "Not Your Grandma's Tea," and will be held at the Lake Travis Event Center, 411 Ranch Road 620 South in Lakeway.

Organizers Jean Hennagin and Billye Lynn Ratliff selected the new venue in order to host up to 300 guests and provide an elaborate menu that befits a high tea.

"This event has always sold out, and we were delighted to find a lovely, spacious setting that would help us attract more participation and raise even more funds to support mental health. The Lake Travis Event Center presented a fabulous menu designed to please our long-time participants and newcomers, too. As always, the public is invited to attend," says Hennagin.

Tickets are \$40 per person, which includes a high-tea menu and one drink ticket per person. There will be a cash bar.

Lakeway Associates is in its 30th year of support for Seton Shoal Creek Hospital and is the hospital's largest donor. Past

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contributions have helped refurbish the lobby, relocate an admittance area, improve outdoor recreational space and support therapeutic programs.

"Funds raised this year will benefit renovation projects and improvements at Seton Shoal Creek Hospital to enhance the patient and family experience. Individuals in the Lake Travis area who need immediate treatment for mental health or substance abuse issues are usually referred to Seton Shoal Creek. That's why our efforts make a difference to our area, Austin and Central Texas, too," says Barbara Bembry, president of Lakeway Associates.

Other events on the group's calendar are a members-only tour of Seton Shoal Creek on Feb. 27, and on March, 30, the group's annual cocktail fundraiser, which is open to the public but held at a private home to be selected.

To participate in "Not Your Grandma's" Tea, please contact Billye Lynn Ratliff at bratliff3@austin.rr.com. You do not have to be a member to attend or host/decorate a table.

For membership in Lakeway Associates of Seton, please contact Jackie Elliott at Jackie@LJElliott.com. Dues are \$20 per person, or \$30 per couple. See the group's Web site at lakewayassociates.blogspot.com.

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Around Lakeway

LAKEWAY'S BROWN BAG LUNCHEON CONCERTS

Once again, the City of Lakeway's Arts Committee is producing a series of free weekly concerts to brighten up the dreary days of January and February. The concerts will be held at the Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek, (telephone 261-1010) on Thursdays, beginning promptly at noon and ending at 1 p.m. They are open to everyone—no reservations or tickets. There is plenty of table seating.

The 8-week series begins on Thursday, January 9, 2014, with a concert by the Red Young Trio, featuring vocalist Sylvie Rider. A complete concert listing will be in the January edition of The Lakeway Voice. So, mark your calendars and plan to be entertained.



NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

This New Year's Eve is a time to reflect on 2013 and prepare your resolutions for 2014. It is also a chance to join your friends for a beautiful evening dedicated to helping wounded service members and their families.

On December 31, 2013 the Rio Grande Ballroom at the Lakeway Resort and Spa will be transformed into a magical New Year's Eve setting. Cocktails will begin at 7:30pm followed by dinner at 8:15pm. The Funk Factory band will have you dancing to old favorites from the 1950s – 1980s. Dust off your dancing shoes and get ready to party. At midnight, share a champagne toast to welcome 2014. There might even be a few surprises throughout the evening.

Tickets are \$100 per person. VIP tickets are \$150 per person which includes an invitation to a cocktail party December 30, 2013. To make reservations, make your check payable to Help Our Wounded and mail it to Joan Astorino at 206 Palos Verdes Drive, Lakeway, TX 78734. Tables for 10 guests, partial table or individual reservations are available. The tax deduction on a \$100 ticket is \$50 and the tax deduction on a \$150 ticket is \$100.

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perseverance. His mother, Rosie Babin, became his advocate. She worked hard to better understand treatment options, hospital choices, and government regulations. Armed with the incredible knowledge she acquired helping her son, Rosie became acutely aware of how she could help others in the same, or similar, situation.

As a result of Rosie and Alan's medical journey, Rosie founded Help Our Wounded (HOW) in 2009. Their mission statement is: "Serve the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of wounded warriors and those who care for them." HOW helps wounded warriors and their caregivers in many ways. HOW is able to assist and guide families to the correct resources for needed support and provide financial assistance when financial burdens become overwhelming. This financial support will help the warrior, and his or her family, navigate during difficult times. For more information see HelpOurWounded.org.

Your attendance at this New Year's Eve Gala will allow you to create a special New Year's Eve memory while also making a significant difference in a wounded warrior's life. Please make your plans to ring in 2014 with your friends and neighbors.

For more information contact Dottie Stevenson at 512-266-6460. Other committee members are Rosie Babin, Donna Lochow, Diane Jackson, Joan Astorino, Annette Brown and Ann Neighbors.



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LCRA Raises Lake Release Trigger To 1.1m Acre-Feet

As the state faces a Drought Worse than Drought of Record, the tides appear to have turned in the ongoing struggle between Lower Colorado River Authority's Highland Lakes customers and those who it serves through releases downstream, primarily rice farmers.

In what could prove a landmark vote today at a special called meeting, the LCRA board voted 8-7 to ask the state for permission to raise the trigger point for downstream releases to 1.1 million acre-feet combined storage of lakes Travis and Buchanan.

On Nov. 13, the combined storage stood at less than 728,500 acre-feet, or 36 percent of capacity.

According to LCRA, the recommended 1.1 million acre-foot trigger for curtailment is higher than similar emergency triggers in 2012 and 2013, when the threshold was set at 850,000 acre-feet. Combined storage on March 1 was below that figure in both years, and Highland Lakes water was cut off to most downstream farmers both years.

"This is 180 degrees from what we saw last year," Lakeway City Manager Steve Jones said of the board's decision. "In my mind, LCRA has come to realize that firm water customers have superior rights to interruptible water customers."

Jones cited a 1980s adjudication that mandated the needs of firm water customers be met first before those of downstream customers.

"That obligation has never been fulfilled because we haven't had a drought like this before," he said.

Though heavy rains in October drenched much of the Austin area, the Highland Lakes remain under severe drought conditions.

Current LCRA analysis indicates the possibility of combined storage dropping to 600,000 acre-feet and triggering the LCRA board to declare a Drought Worse than Drought of Record as early as spring 2014.

Consequently, LCRA staff recommended the agency's board seek emergency drought relief for 2014.

For the first time, the LCRA board also voted to require firm customers to limit homeowners and businesses to watering a maximum of once a week, if combined storage is below 1.1 million acre-feet on March 1. Firm customers include cities in Central Texas that depend on water from the Highland Lakes.

"These are some of the most difficult decisions in LCRA history," outgoing LCRA General Manager Becky Motal said in a press release. "Right now, this drought is so severe it's not possible for everyone to have all the water they want. We have to protect water for cities and industries, and unless it rains a lot in the next few months, that could mean farmers may be cut off for a third straight year."

Lakeway Elementary CARNIVAL

Lakeway Elementary at 1701 Lohmans Crossing will be holding LTISD's first ever WINTER CARNIVAL on December 14, 2013 from 12-4pm. They are blowing in 60,000 Pounds of Snow to play in, build snowmen in and YES, even SLED in!! There will be a 4 story inflatable Zipline, Games, Live Stage Performances, and a visit from SANTA from 12-2pm. Entry fee is an "all access" wristband for \$30 with proceeds benefitting the Lakeway Elementary PTO. (Kids 3 and under are Free, parents get in free but, pay to play) Also present will be The Hot Dog King of Austin, Busters BBQ, and Ice Cream2U for your culinary enjoyment. Art Attack from the Galleria will have Snowflake Ornament Making all for an additional cost. Don't miss this Holiday Family Fun! We look high and low for experiences like this to celebrate with our family. This one's the one to hit this holiday season!

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LAKE TRAVIS ISD EARNS PLACE ON COLLEGE BOARD AP® DISTRICT HONOR ROLL

Texas Commissioner of Education Michael Williams has announced that the Lake Travis Independent School District is one of 14 Texas school districts out of 1,030 districts to be honored by the College Board with placement on its 4th Annual AP® District Honor Roll. The Honor Roll recognizes districts for increasing access to AP course work while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams.

"Students in school districts across Texas are tackling rigorous Advanced Placement courses and succeeding," said Commissioner Williams. "This opportunity to prepare for postsecondary success in high school pays great dividends in our education system today and for our state's economic future."

The 13 other Texas school districts also earning distinction include Coppell, Eagle Pass, Frisco, IDEA Public Schools (charter school), Irving, Katy, Mesquite, Mission Sharyland, Pasadena, Plano, Point Isabel, San Antonio Southwest and Southlake Carroll. In all, 477 schools across the United States and Canada have been selected to the Honor Roll.

"This incredible honor speaks to the efforts and dedication of our teachers and staff which lead to opportunities for our students to engage in rigorous college-level course work," said Dr. Brad Lancaster, LTISD Superintendent of Schools. "I congratulate Lake Travis High School Principal Kim Brents, her team, and students for this accolade."

In 2013, more than 3,300 colleges and universities around the world received AP scores for college credit, advanced placement and/or consideration in the admission process, with many colleges and universities in the United States offering credit in one or more subjects for qualifying AP scores.

Inclusion on the 4th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on the examination of three years of AP data, from 2011 to 2013, for the following criteria. Districts must:

- Increase participation/access to AP by at least 4 percent in large districts, at least 6 percent in medium districts, and at least 11 percent in small districts;
- Increase or maintain the percentage of exams taken by African American, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian/Alaska Native students, and;
- Improve performance levels when comparing the percentage of students in 2013 scoring a 3 or higher to those in 2011, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70 percent of its AP students are scoring a 3 or higher.

Overall, Texas ranked 13th in nation in the percentage of 2012 graduates participating in AP. Over the last decade, AP participation and success in Texas have increased steadily. Since 2011, Lake Travis High School has increased the number of students participating in AP by 28%, while improving the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher by 21%.

To view the complete listing of school districts named to the College Board's 4th Annual AP® District Honor Roll, visit www.collegeboard.org.

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LAKeway 9 HOLE LADIES GROUP LAKeway COUNTRY CLUB

Submitted by Carol Bosse, Secretary

October 16th - Horseshoe Bay Interplay (Cancelled due to rain.)

October 23rd - Individual Play (Live Oak)

First Flight

1st Place - Dottie Fedro 2nd Place - Kay Beck 3rd Place - Nancy Paquin

Second Flight

1st Place - Nancy Wells 2nd Place - Deane Willis 3rd Place - Diana Hall

Third Flight

1st Place - Nancy Gregor 2nd Place - Carol Smith 3rd Place - Gail Bowman

50 and Under - Dottie Fedro - 48 **55 and Under** - Kay Beck - 52, Nancy Paquin - 53, Becky Lanier - 54, Alice Spanjersberg - 55, Nancy Wells - 55
Chip Ins - Becky Lanier #17, Karen Vaughan #11 **Low Putts** - Nancy Wells & Cheryl Whaling - 14

October 30th - Halloween Scramble (Live Oak)

First Place - Sandy Nees, Mary Jo Sheehan, Colleen Devere, Patty Michel
Second Place - Sharon Rogers, Billye Lynn Ratliff, Holly McElroy, Lynda Meyer
Closest to Scarecrow # 5 - Marlene Massa (18), Billy Lynn Ratliff (9)
Closest to Pin #13 - Cathy Shoemaker (18), Nancy Conte (9)
Putting Contest #14 - Rita Hietpas (18), Deane Willis (9)
Closest to Crooked Line #16 - Mary Jo Sheehan (18), Karen Vaughan (9)

November 6th - Ace of the Month (Live Oak) - Nancy Gregor *Ace*

First Flight

1st Place - Cheryl Whaling 2nd Place - Nancy Paquin 3rd Place - Dottie Fedro

Second Flight

1st Place - Pam Smith 2nd Place - Gayle Canada 3rd Place - Deane Willis

Third Flight

1st Place - Diana Hall 2nd Place - Joyce Johnson 3rd Place - Patty Michel

55 and Under - Dottie Fedro - 52, Nancy Paquin - 54, Cheryl Whaling - 53
Birdies - Holly McElroy #3 **Chip Ins** - Joyce Johnson #8 **Low Putts** - Dottie Fedro - 15



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Oct 23: Beat the Champ, (Live Oak)

Neisy McDonough-73, CiCi Ely-67, Pat Huskinson-67, Karina Williams-72, Carol Novak-73

Low Putts: CiCi Ely, 25

Chip Ins: #3 Pat Huskinson, #4 CiCi Ely, #11 Patti Lasswell, #14 Sue Combs

Oct 30: Halloween Tournament, (Live Oak)

1st Place: Colleen Devere, Patty Michel, Sandy Nees, Mary Jo Sheehan
2nd Place: Holly McElroy, Lynda Meyer, Billye Ratliff, Sharon Rogers
CTPs: Nancy Conte, Marlene Massa, Billye Lynn Ratliff, Cathy Shoemaker
Closest to Line: Mary Jo Sheehan, Karen Vaughan
Putting Contest: Rita Hietpas, Deane Willis

Nov 6: Ace of the Month, (Live Oak)

Ace of the Month, Sue Combs, 74

First Flight

1st Place: Lynda Jones, 74 2nd Place: Neisy McDonough, 75

Second Flight

1st Place: Carol Novak, 76 2nd Place: Karina Williams, 81

Third Flight

1st Place: Pat Huskinson, 74 2nd Place: Cathy Shoemaker, 80

Low Putts: Carol Novak, 25 **Chip Ins:** #4 Marsha Kish, #8 Lenora Hyche, #15 Marlene Massa

Nov 13: Brrrrr, too cold for play!

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