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## M.H.O. News

The third official meeting of the Gulf-to-Bay M.H.O., Inc. was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 9. Printed ballots for the election of new Board of Directors members had been prepared for voting by all qualified members. New members of the Board are: Norman Durst, George Hommell, and Cal Thatcher. Les Downing was re-elected for another term on the Board. Gene Hull and Tom McElroy served as ballot clerks while Rita Teehan and Gene Croteau served as vote clerks.

During the course of the meeting a number of suggestions were made concerning the possible purchase of the park. Consideration of various "first steps" brought forth a number of valid ideas.

On Monday, March 16, the new Board was convened for the purpose of re-organization. Officers elected by a unanimous vote were: President- Arthur Oestreich, Vice-President - Tom McElroy, Secretary - Allison Brown, Treasurer - Les Downing. Following the election of officers, a considerable period of time was devoted to a discussion of possible "first steps" as brought forward in the March 9 meeting. As information is gathered and analyzed, M.H.O. members will be informed.

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Do you remember the days when Ma Bell lived off the chat of the land?

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## Special Thanks

Leah Hart presented the M.H.O. with a beautiful gavel and striking board. It was a souvenir of some of Leah's by-gone responsibilities in various organizations. (This gift replaces the soup ladle gavel formerly in use.) A warm "Thank You!"

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Government makes its money the old fashioned way: it takes it.

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## April Activities

Barbara Richardson, the April Chairlady of the month, announces the following calendar of events - be sure to mark your calendar.

Wednesday, April 1, - Ladies' Luncheon at the Plantation Country Club.  
Pre-pay Lorraine by March 30.

Saturday, April 4, - Pancake Breakfast - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 5, - Billy Kell's Annual Talent Extravaganza - 7:00 p.m. - Rec Hall

Monday, April 6, - Easter Dinner Ticket Sales - 10:00 - 12:00 noon - Rec Hall

Tuesday, April 7, - Easter Dinner Ticket Sales - 10:00 - 12:00 noon - Rec Hall

Sunday, April 19 - Easter Dinner - 1:00 p.m. - Rec Hall

The April Committee members are the following: Barbara Richardson, Chairlady, Cam & Cal Thatcher, Bud and Ruth Hicks, Bob & Lademma Caruthers, Clara Bessenger and Ted Meals. A traditional Easter Dinner is being planned.

A Little of This and That

Fishing? Fishing is so poor that Tom McEroy is thinking of selling his boat. Frank Finelli is talking about trading his fishingrods for golf clubs. (More frustrations?) To add insult to injury - - - Marguerite O. hooked an ugly mud fish. Art ran up to her place to get some pliers and a blue heron - not Morgan - swooped down, grabbed the fish and carried it and the rod and reel and dropped them into the Bay! Oh, well, one can't win all of the time!

Vaughn Nighswander seems to be the only fisherman who knows where the fish are hiding, except the deep sea fishermen with Les Downing and friends.

Do we hear a faint rustling in the spring air of the Snow Birds getting to be a bit restless? Robins have come and gone and left their usual trade marks on cars all over the park.

In answer to some questions, yes, there will be an April issue of the Listening Post. Get your news in early.

And, yes, Jean and Warren are planning an April bash but details are not firm as this goes to press. Watch bulletin boards.

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Marriage is the only war in which you get to sleep with the enemy!

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AURA ST. by Betty Baker

Anne & Art Cady are expecting a visit from their grand-daughter. The Cadys just came back from the East coast where they visited friends from Conn.

The Mintons had Edna's brothers and sister visiting. Peanuts says "Hello" and enjoys the people visiting him.

Dorinda's brother and family came to see her. Also her grand-daughter.

Ethel has been getting ready for company. Her sons are coming down and Ethel will go shopping for a new car.

Jim & Cindy O'Connell came down to see Lu Rogers. Lu enjoyed a concert at the Methodist Church with a group of friends.

The Hires have had a lot of drop-in friends from Mass. Its great to see them. Their son John is coming for a week. Shirley is going to Charlotte Vo-Teck two nights a week taking word processing.

Boyd & Pat are fixing up thei place. They have lovely flowers out front. a trip to Tampa this month is about all the travelling they did.

Marge is busy and the weight is really falling off. Marge stopped to collect the papers by Nighswanders and her car wouldn't go in gear. What would she do without Jack & Jim, the mechanics.

Nellie had her two sons and wives visiting. Also her daughter came for a month. Its good to see Millie out walking again. Millie has a three-wheel bike for sale. \$40.- is the price.

Mickey & Bob are looking forward to living on the bay. Jack & Debbie & Matt will be here for Easter.

Helen & Bill are fine and so happy to be here in the park.

George & Ana Galat had a bit surprise when their daughter Rosemarie Jewell and grand-daughter Crystal arrived unannounced. They will be stayingtwo weeks and are really enjoying the park.

As we come to the time when we will be leaving Gulf-to-Bay, we would like to convey to you all our thanks for making our winter's stay so enjoyable. The numerous activities and friendly atmosphere have all contributed to the many happy happy memories we will take with us of your delightful park - Iris & Deryck Stones.

Its a busy-busy time at Betty's while she redecorates the porch. I missed last month's news as I was getting ready for a cruise.

Bayo St. - by Gladys Thorne

Rose Quimett had a visit from her nephew and his wife, Jerome & Lucille Curcotte from Springfield, Mass.

Bob & Ruth Arnholt spent an enjoyable day with friends, Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Bender, from home town New York, nearning all the news and reminiscing about old times. Had a real good gab fest.

Jack and Katherine Stanley will be heading back to Michigan in a few days, but will be back in the park before Easter. Have a good trip.

Mark & Ruth have only to report 12 inches of snow in New Castle, Pa. this past week. Hope it will be gone before they get home around the first part of April.

Sophie is looking forward to a visit from her sister, Wanda Paskon from Chicago, also her niece Sandra Jo Dowdle from Mt. Prospect, Ill. who will be here for two weeks, then will go back with Sophie the first part of April.

Chet & Margaret Sizelove's son-in-law Jim Cheffy, from Springfield, Ill. will fly down April 23 to help Chet with the driving home. They will leave April 24th.

Daughter Sylvia Germa of Orlando, Fl. will be here for a short visit with Dick & Caresta Bovee.

The Henthorns are glad to be back in the park after a few months in Ohio. They had grand-daughter Amy Robinson and her friend Karla Irsik from Kearney, Mo. visiting with them for nine days. Girls' real object - to get a great suntan.

Vin & Terry are looking forward to a 2-week visit from their oldest son and his family from Burlington, Conn. They plan to spend the first few days at Disney & Epcot with them, then to the park for the rest of their stay.

Maurice & Rita Teehan want to thank everyone for making their first season in the park a wonderful one. Love the people, and looking forward to coming back in the fall.

Al & Isabelle Ward are enjoying a nice visit with Daughter, Arlene Horvath, from Michigan. Also their grand-daughter Laura and her husband from Winsor, Ontario. They will be here until March 24, then all fly home together.

George & Florence had several guests, Florence's cousins Dale & Laura Finnin of Pontiac Mich. George's nieces and nephews, Charlie and Carol Thomas of Oshawa Ont. and Bill and June Kett of Peterborough, Ont.

Carl & Irene Brown had as a guest Carl's sister Doris Clogston, from Ogunquit, Maine for two weeks.

No news from the Thornes except to say we are happy to be here instead of in Pa. where they had 7 inches of snow a few days ago.

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A historian announced that women used cosmetics in the Middle Ages. Women still use cosmetics in the middle ages.

If you're over the hill, why not enjoy the view?

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Cielo St. - by Ruth Hicks

Dorrie & Frank Finelli were lucky enough to attend the first game at the Ranger Stadium. Dorrie said they enjoyed it even tho they sat thru the rain drops.

Billy Kell is scouting the park for his April 5th talent show. Billy promises to make it the "Big Event" of the season, with your help.

Frances Franz had a surprise visitor from Montpelier, Vermont, Betty Cleveland. Freddie is enjoying his short trips to the Venice Nursing Pavillion.

Frances & Jack Smith are enjoying their abode quietly since their company has left.

Hear that Perci & Stretch Klinger are up north taking care of sick grand-children. Seems funny not to have Stretch around to check out the furry critters in their tree.

Cielo St. - Cont.

Joyce & Hank Gipson's daughter Joy, husband Rod and cute little girl Jessica have been enjoying their visit. So far the weather has been good to them and they've had fun fishing, sunning and sight seeing. Last on the agenda is Disney World. Since this will be Joyce & Hank's last entry in the "Listening Post" due to their move on April 1st, to their little cottage up the road, they would like to thank everyone for being so nice to them during their stay in the park. Hank said: "You are great people and we will miss you all." Love, Hank & Joyce. P.S. Please come to see us at 2495 N. Beach Rd. Sometime. We wish them much luck & happiness in the future and we will miss them also.

Leah Hart spent 3 weeks with her sister Alice Jardine, niece Geri in Boca Ratan. She sure was missed around the park.

Tom & Madeline Scriba are entertaining their daughter Lisa and her two friends, Dawn and Trica at 319 Cielo.

Ted Meals says he is enjoying, again, the people in the park and our beautiful weather.

Fred & Irene Kalagher have a new great, great grand-son named Anthony. Fred in conflict with the family says he intends to call the baby Tony. Grand-son Freddy and friend Debbi will arrive on Friday for a spring break vacation. They will be here for 1 week.

Rith & Charlie Hicks have their grand-daughter Erin Dellert from Milford, Pa. visiting. She will be here for 2 weeks.

Cora Tyson says no news, but she would like to thank Marie Wadlegger and Shirley Hire in getting the crafts and setting them up on display at the pancake breakfast.

Welcome to Gene at 322. He is our new maintenance man and he sure will be handy when anything goes wrong.

Also welcome to our new tenant at 308 Cielo St. Hope he enjoys his time in our park.

A big thanks to Lorraine Ide and Mary May for the "super" mystery trip they arranged. I'm sure it took a lot of work and is much appreciated by us all.

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Some men won't argue with their wives. They're afraid they might win.

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Cielo Ct. - by Loretta Brandemille

A little street and a little news.

Mary May is enjoying spring break. Her grand-daughter April Shaw and friend Dean Hipson are spending a week at Golf-to-Bay. They left the cold winds of Illinois for our beautiful beach and sun.

Andy and Audrey Grant have had their share of company. Ralph & Marian Bradford, and Muriel Lyons from Southwick, Mass., Fran Trzasko from Westfield, Ma. and Harold and Martha Pierce from Granby, Conn. Andy is missing his tennis because he has the honorto be on jury duty. (sorry Andy)

Fred & Loretta would like to report their daughter is doing pretty well and that she has returned to work. We would like to thank everyone of you from the bottom of our hearts for being so kind to her while she was here trying to recover. Thanks again, and God Bless You All.

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The earth's population has now reached five billion. Every second, somewhere in the world a woman is giving birth to a baby. I tell you, we've got to find this woman and stop her!

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Golfo St. - by Norma Croteau

This is your Cub Reporter filling in for a busy-busy Cal Thatcher. The Thatchers recently had a week-end visit from son & daughter-in-law Todd and Kara from Sarasota and Texas. Cal and son could be seen evenings at the dock with that very stylish hat!

Couldn't get a response at Nettie Arnholts but have seen her out sunning in her lounge chair. She has also been watching the shufflers at Castaways - so it won't be long before she's in A 1 shape.

The Swickards recently had son Randy and wife Bev. down for a week. The car took off every day - just about dinner time. The younger Swickards are from Ft. Seneca, Ohio. They only took one day away from the park to spend it in the Orlando area.

George Jacobson was caught washing windows and his car. George said he's looking for a job washing elephants. He's expecting his ex boss from Troy, Ohio, Paul and Marguerite Thorn. Dave Bacon from Bedford, Ohio will also be in for a few days. George is also hoping our former resident Ken Elsner will be here for a few days.

Tracy's is still dark!

Eleanor & Noble Paul just returned from Pensacola where they celebrated their son Larry's birthday. Eleanor says they are staying put for awhile. Maybe!!

The Gould's, Joanne & Dean, were on their patio celebrating with Don & Phyl Geaham. Reason? They are grand-parents of a new baby boy, Jarrod. The Geaham's daughter is married to the Gould's son.

Dot & Walter Rasmussen are starting their own nursery! Trees - not the baby kind!

Nancy & Russell Treible from East Stroudsburg, Pa. surprised mom, Gene Hallett, with a visit. Gene said they turned into a working vacation - painting - trimming. Gene will be leaving April 1st - but not before an 8-day visit from Grandson Richard Hallett and his friend Darlene.

The Croteaus finally launched the QE 111! All set for another year. Their yearly beach party for their model A friends was a great success. Great beach day. Their daughter Patty arrives March 25 for a 10-day visit!

Charlie Verrill's brother and wife Anna from Yarmouth Maine were in for a few days. Helen's son Bruce called from Melbourne, Fla. and came in for some of mom's home cooking.

Dottie Crankshaw has been laid up for two weeks. She fell and sprained her arm, cut her eyebrow, and ended up with a multi-colored shiner. Floyd has been handling the housework between trips to the bay - fishing.

Kate Kerber was away visiting Paul.

Dot Kerber recently had her grand-daughter who was here on spring break, from her graduate work in Psychology at East Michigan - located in YPSILANTI.

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MORNING PRAYER:

I will not rush, I will not hurry,  
I will not fret, I will not worry.  
I'll work with joy, I'll pause to pray.  
I'll get things done on time today. - Anon

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Dije St. - by Allison Brown

The Masties had visitors for ten days, Katey's sister and hybby, Ralph & Marge Haas from Salina, Michigan. Hank & Katey have each made a trip to Alexandria, Va. for a few days to see Dennis and Lorrie's new house and SNOW. They actually had a blizzard while Hank was there. "Its surely nice to be back on the beach," says Katey. "I was beginning to look like a snowbird, and we can't have that!"

Anne Hale spent a week in Ocala with her daughter Barbara Crandon. "Had to come home to get rested up." says Anne. They took a trip over to the east coast to visit a cousin, and spent a lot of time gadding around. The weather cooperated and the week flew by.

Dije St. - Cont.

Lita Boulanger wrote up a little report: - "We have returned from our trip to Phoenix where we visited our son James, his wife Rose and our two grand-children. We had a real nice visit, but we were also happy to get home - to Gulf-to-Bay and our friends here. We would like to thank our many friends who were concerned about Bob and his recent illness. He is feeling better, thank goodness."

News from the DeMoss Hotel: - Our son, daughter-in-law and two grand-daughters were here for a little over a week from Ohio. They really enjoyed the beach. They had a few days of warm weather. Tom and Rose Cornett and two boys visited us from Leheigh Acres. Paul and Eula Molyet from Naples came the opening day of the ball season. They visited all the folks from home who live in the park. Thanks to Gene & Bea for taking our place on the March committee so we could enjoy our last day with our family.

The Deierleins recently returned from a 2-day trip up the Caloosahatchee River into Lake Okeechobee on the Mississippi riverboat, the New Orleans. They had a wonderful time and came back at least 10 lbs heavier. They are now looking forward to a three-week visit by Shirley's sister and brother-in-law.

Fran & Marie Wadlegger's grand-daughter Kelly Wadlegger and roommate Stacy Arestedes spent their spring break at Gulf-to-Bay. They attend the Massachusetts College of Art in Boston.

Reporter Ralph Palermo has been polling residents who went on the recent Mystery Ride to see the Lippizon Stallion Exhibit, followed by dinner and entertainment at Heidelberg Castle. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the outing, and all join Ralph in a big vote of thanks to two grand sports and super planners, Lorraine Ide and Mary May. It was fun, gals!

Clara Bessinger is expecting her daughter Barbara and family to arrive this weekend from Daytona. Then on the 28th, daughter Janet and family will blow in from Chicago. Clara had a letter from Farol Tolga whom many of you remember. She was writing for her father, Harry Marsh, whose health is failing. He isn't able to write any more, but, of course, wants to send greetings to his friends. Mabel is still in a wheel chair, but otherwise seems healthy. We know that many people from the park will appreciate word from Harry and Mabel whom we remember fondly. Thanks for sharing, Clara.

Ruth Salmon has something to share also, and she writes this report: - "I received a nice note from Mae Spear, a long-time resident of our park and of Dije St. She appreciates her letters from Katie Mastie. Kate also sends her the Listening Post each month. Mae would like to hear from her old friends. She is now in a nursing home. Her address is: Miss Mae Spear, Roney Manor - Room 224, 2650 Power Ave., Dearborn Heights, Michigan, 18125.

My personal news includes a surprise visit from my youngest son, Peter, who stayed one week and enjoyed fishing with Gene Hull and others. We took one day off to tour Boca Grande Island. The day after Peter flew home, my daughter Elaine and her friend Bud Crawford, from New York State arrived in a rental car. Two days later, the three of us drove to Key West and had a wonderful stay down there. It's been busy at 403.

And a note from Brownie: - "I want to extend my thanks to Lorraine, Joan, and all the members of the Gulf-to-Bay Kitchen Band for the tremendous performance at the Lemon Bay Shuffleboard League Banquet. I was real proud of you. Your support made my evening!"

Ladies - Remember to pay Lorraine for your luncheon reservation by March 30th.

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RESOLVE - No matter how bad you're feeling, you'll find a smile quite healing.  
It grows in a wreath around the teeth - and preserves the face from congealing.

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Estada St. - by Helen Bleck

Mildred Durst's sister Mae and her husband George Robinson were guests over the week-end of March 15. Mr. & Mrs. G. E. Anderson (Mary & Gerry), from Blocksburg, Va., formerly from Cincinnati, Ohio, will be guests of the Dursts for several days starting March 18th. Gerry showed us all his slides of his Alaskan trip a couple of years back.

Dot Hall has had a little relapse but is some better and recuperating at home. We all wish her a quick recovery and I'm sure she'd enjoy some company.

Dick & Marge Hamilton had a visit from their nephew and wife, Dick & Marguerite Pett of Plymouth, Indiana. After touring the west coast they were heading home.

Estada St. - Cont.

The Manleys are looking forward to spending the summer in this beautiful area.

Ruth Nelson is really enjoying the "Line Dancing" at the hall and is one of the few who have learned the "Salty Dog" dance routine.

The Downing's Charley has been keeping Grandpa and Grandma busy. Bob, Bonnie & Charley are leaving for home soon. Grand-children John & Kellie Schroeder and their mon and dad, Diane & Howard will be here at Easter. Then its back to work all summer for Les & Fay, so they can play all winter.

Peg Taylor is still nursing a sore knee and Lee has returned from a few days up in snowy and cold Michigan.

Helen Bleck is looking forward to a visit with her daughter Judy and son-in-law Armand.

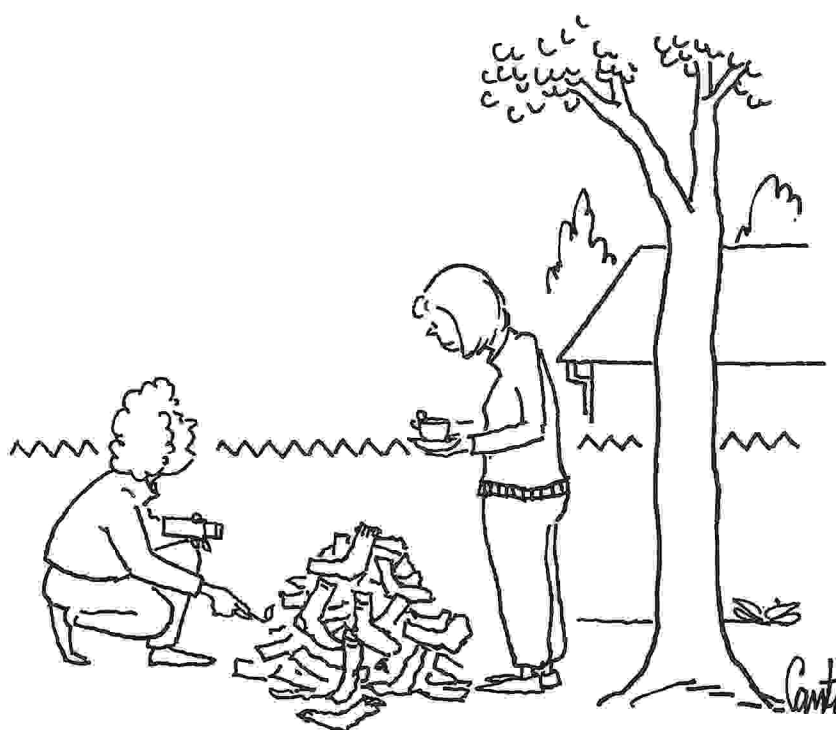
Things are quieter at the Oestreichs with most of the Lamou family gone. Only John and betty pop in daily from Tamarind.

At the Stunzigs things are beginning to quiet down. Besides the "normal" busy schedule at the beginning of the month with the pancake breakfasts, we had an unplanned 2-day visit from daughter Jeanne and husband George. They were still here when we left for the airport to pick up son Jeff, wife Judy and grand-daughter Elizabeth. They stayed from Saturday through Wednesday. Of course a good time was had by all. After a busy time Thursday with the kitchen band and Friday with the mystery trip, we were more than ready to spend this past weekend in Miami with the Knapps. We had a lot of laughs and fun at the zoo and the Seaquarium, and a great tour of the Everglades. Needless to say, we are glad to be home and look forward to a little R. & R. ha! ha!.

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They strolled down the lane together.  
The sky was studded with stars.  
They reached the gate in silence.  
And he lifted up the bars.  
She neither smiled nor thanked him.  
For indeed she knew not how.  
For he was just a farmer boy, and she -  
A Jersey cow.

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"I'm matching his socks."

FLASH! LATE SATURDAY NIGHT

Elections results for the Council of the Gulf-to-Bay Recreation Association were announced at the end of the Kitchen Band Concert. New Members of the Council are:

- Paul Stunzig,
- Bill Stevenson
- Ruth Salmon
- Irene Brown

Holdovers from the old Council are:

- Dot Manley
- Barbara Richardson

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS!

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Speaking of flashes - The Kitchen Band did provide an evening of fun for park residents with featured performers: Joan and Paul Stunzig, Tom McElroy on the harmonica, Florence Finett and Joan with a song skit, Derryck Stones with English ditties, Isabelle Ward dancing, Isabelle Ward, Helen Bleck and Carresta Bovee as the "Andrew Sisters" - Mickey Rumpf and Rita Teehan on a bicycle built for two, Lorraine Ide and Al Ward on the Steinway -A really fun evening!

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Some of the early birds will be going north before the final issue of the Listening Post in April. Please be advised that if you want the April issue and will be gone by April 20, leave a stamped, self-addressed envelope, (business size) with the Editor.

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