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NEWS FROM THE INDIANAPOLIS AREA LOCAL #130 - APWU - AFL-CIO

Our labor unions are not narrow, self-seeking groups. They have raised wages, shortened hours, and provided supplemental benefits. Through collective bargaining and grievance procedures, they have brought justice and democracy to the shop floor. ---President John F. Kennedy 1962

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...



THE WRIGHT WAY —

National President Cliff Guffey was notified on March 26, 2013 of the Postal Service's plan to advance the Network Consolidating Plan earlier than the previous predictions. The Postal Service claims this as an opportunity to accelerate anticipated savings. To date, Patrick Donahoe has been unable to convince the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC), the Board of Governors (BOG), and the US Congress that any savings has been achieved. District managers and their staff apparently were less

than truthful to employees, community leaders, the US Congress and the general public when determining the impact on those communities and the projected savings. This is evidenced by management's reluctance to abide by the contract to provide the results of their own studies, opting instead to resort to inaccurate and misleading data. Specifically, their report contained statistics which had been crossed-out as well as several other alterations where the figures would prove detrimental to their position. Management's behavior certainly gives rise to the fact that regardless of savings or cost, their intent was to reduce bargaining unit employees at any price! They don't however; seem to hesitate when it comes to filling the ranks of vacant EAS positions. The Greater Indiana District recently reported sixty Level 17 Supervisors of Customer Service and nineteen Level 17 Supervisors of Distribution Operations vacancies that "would likely be filled from current operations." Does this mean promotional opportunities from the bargaining unit? Doesn't help the PSE caps much, does it? Does the 1 for 25 ratio apply? If so, does this mean we have 1,975 employees being supervised by acting supervisors. This madness really needs to end!

I have suggested that in an effort to truly identify the needs, return all employees to their Form 50 positions for one accounting period, which would allow for a true evaluation. I don't think this would really happen. Of course, management may have to invoke a "defined emergency" for placement of what they consider "key" positions resulting in all being returned to do someone else's job. The latter is the most likely scenario.

Currently, there is a lot of movement within our bargaining unit employees. After years of clerk craft employees being excessed into the mail handler craft, they will be retreating soon to residual vacancies as a result of the last job posting. Additionally, other clerk craft employees excessed out of the installation will also be offered retreat rights. Clerk craft employees that were excessed into the Maintenance Craft will also be offered retreat rights to the clerk craft however, it is not mandatory that those individuals accept this offer. Those who elect to remain in the Maintenance craft positions will no longer be entitled to the saved grade of the higher level Clerk craft positions, and seniority within the Clerk craft would cease. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask a union steward or contact the Union hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2013

April 18-20, 2013

Indiana State Convention

Embassy Suites North - Indianapolis
Indianapolis, IN

May 14, 2013

General Membership Meeting

6:00 pm - 1509 E Prospect St

June 8, 2013

General Membership Meeting

10:00 am - 1509 E Prospect St

July 9, 2013

General Membership Meeting

6:00 pm - 1509 E Prospect St

For more information on these events go to: www.indyapwu.org

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Winter Party Summary

Door Prize Winners:

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Barbara Stuart
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William Wright
Kim Graves Arthur
Tori Jenkins
Charlotte Hiatt
Mike Hale

List of Door Prize Contributors:

Martha Foote
Linda Daniels
Chantel Beckwith
Diana Coleman
Loretta Taylor
Kim Graves-Arthur
Charlotte Hiatt

A Note About The Videos And Pictures Played at the Winter Party

All the pictures and videos displayed at the Winter Party can be viewed on the Local's Website: WWW.IAL130.ORG

Identification of individuals in the videos and pictures has been limited.

Anyone wishing their likeness to be removed from the videos and pictures on the website should contact either the Registration Table or glennnd@indyinfo-online.org.

Entertainment Committee

Linda Daniels, Kim Graves-Arthur, Martha Foote, Loretta Taylor, Diana Coleman, Charlotte Hiatt, Chantel Beckwith not pictured in photo Glenn Littrell

Winter Party Is A Big Success!

Thanks to the diligent efforts of the Entertainment Committee this year's Winter Party has come in under budget. In addition, the committee is on track to do the same with the Annual Picnic (August 11, 2013 at Ft. Harrison SRA). Like last year we expect fund raising efforts to cover most of the Picnic's cost. This means for the first time in memory the Entertainment Budget will not be exceeded for two straight years! This is quite remarkable when you consider the annual budget for Entertainment in 2008 was almost 4 times (\$16,088.40) more than this year's budget (\$4,800.00).

In addition to the savings achieved by the committee surveys were distributed at the Winter Party asking our members to rate and comment on this year's Winter Party and last year's Annual Picnic.

Below are the results:

2013 Winter Party (this year)	Satisfactory to Excellent	36 surveys completed
Location	80.56%	
Food	88.89%	
DJ/Music	80.00%	
Overall Positive for the event		83.18%

What dates for the Dinner/Dance would you prefer?

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Valentine Weekend
23%	37%	13%	17%	10%

Comments (Winter Party):

- **Food should be served until close of party (DF)**
- **First beer I purchased was not cold, food was excellent! Cup Cakes were excellent. Great facility! Love the winter party. (JM)**
- **Please try to consider Tour 3 employees for later dinner, President' Day or MLK Day would be good. (VN)**

Without incurring more cost, extending the dinner service time frame would be difficult. We are considering options for late arrivals like late night appetizers. Extending the length of the party would hopefully accompany an increase in the attendance numbers, but more importantly an increase in the number of volunteers would be needed to make it possible.

2012 Annual Picnic (last August)**Satisfactory to Excellent****23 surveys completed**

Food	94.74%
DJ	90.00%
Entertainment	92.31%
Fishing clinic	100%
Location (Ft. Harrison)	100%
Restrooms	100%
Shelter	100%
Playground	100%
Saddle Barn	100%

Overall Positive for the event 97.33%

Comments (Annual Picnic):

- **Would like to have a Best Ball Golf Tournament.(MH)**

The Entertainment Committee also would love to see the return of the Golf Tournament. Fort Harrison has a beautiful course adjacent to the park that would be perfect, but the current members of the committee lack the knowledge to run the tournament. There are many golfers who might pitch in and volunteer to help but we need someone to take the lead. Anyone interested in running or helping out with the tournament should contact the committee through the Union Hall.

- **Fort Harrison seems to be a good location, nice park, somewhat central location for all. (DS)**

- **Nice picnic area. More parking spaces needed.(TB)**

Your right, parking is a problem, but not just at Fort Harrison. We have always had overflow at past sites: Garfield Park, Sahm Park, Normal College and even Eagle Creek. It is a variable that we have little control over, but at least the inconvenience is small when contrasted with a day of activity. The Sycamore Shelter is the largest shelter with playground, walking paths and rest rooms next door.

- **Keep the Fishing Clinic (free for kids), find a way so committee members are not having to fund it.(MF)**

The fishing clinic was a big hit and it looks like a winner. Cost is a constant obstacle with everything the committee encounters and we are looking at other funding opportunities. One option we're exploring is a modest sponsorship.

- **I have not been able to attend some picnics because I work weekends on Tour 2. I would attend if they started later and ended later.(DA)**

Just like Tour 3 has problems attending the Winter Party many Tour 2 employees have trouble attending the picnic. With a 24/7 workforce some group is always going to have trouble attending.

The Entertainment Committee is committed to improving both the Winter Party and Annual Picnic and increasing the participation numbers. The knee jerk reactions are to extend the length of the events or start them earlier or later, but even with an increase in participation we could not extend the length of any event without more volunteers stepping forward.

Even though the Picnic starts between 11 and noon and ends at 4-5 o'clock the small number of committee members are busy from early morning (loading and hauling equipment to the park) to late evening (clean-up, loading and hauling equipment and trash to the Union Hall). Even if the facilities where the event is being held had longer hours it is already a full day of work for volunteers who are already over extended in running the Picnic and Winter Party.

Secretary/Treasurer

Martha Foote

Secretary/Treasurer

INDIANAPOLIS AREA LOCAL



Balance Sheet
As of APRIL 13, 2013

ASSETS

Current Assetts

Checking & Savings

PETTY CASH 100.00

PNC BANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT

INTEREST EARNED 18.97

ENTERTAINMENT 7,296.65

EDUCATION 3,924.23

CONVENTION 9,701.53

5% CONTINGENCY 8,667.11

TOTAL PNC BANK SAVINGS ACCOUNT 29,708.49

ELECTION FUND 3,569.19

RESERVE FUND President AL/SL 8,171.98

POWER FUNDS (1,305.04)

GENERAL FUND checking 2,933.57

PAYROLL FUND checking 2,054.49

Total checking & Savings 46,449.98

Total Current Assets 46,449.98

GOLDMAN FUND 2,359.45

RETIREEES FUND 25,451.74

Martha Foote
Martha Foote – Secretary/Treasurer

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any rational analysis of our current financial condition and business options leads to this conclusion. Delaying responsible changes to the Postal Service business model only increases the potential that the Postal Service may become a burden to the American taxpayer, which is avoidable.

"Given these extreme circumstances and the worsening financial condition of the Postal Service, the Board has directed management to seek a reopening of negotiations with the postal unions and consultations with management associations to lower total work-force costs, and to take administrative actions necessary to reduce costs. The Board has also asked management to evaluate further options to increase revenue, including an exigent rate increase to raise revenues across current Postal Service product categories and products not currently covering their costs.

"The Board continues to support the Postal Service's five-year business plan and the legislative goals identified in that plan which will return the Postal Service to financial solvency. The Board additionally urges Congress to quickly pass comprehensive postal legislation, including provisions that would affirmatively provide the Postal Service with the ability to establish an appropriate national delivery schedule."



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Steering Away from Bad Driving Habits

You hop in the car and realize you're already late picking up the kids; traffic is backed up as far as you can see and you haven't had a bite to eat since lunch. The alerts on your mobile phone are a constant reminder of the emails you didn't get to, the To-Do-List you haven't quite made it through and several calls you have to return. Your temperature rises as you remember you have dinner reservations but haven't punched the address to the restaurant into the navigation system. You glance down to plug your phone into the charger and reach for the protein bar in the center console when a vehicle suddenly cuts you off. On instinct you drop the snack, clench the steering wheel, and swerve onto the shoulder to avoid a disastrous collision. You hit the brakes and breathe a sigh of relief.

It was a close call but all too often our vehicles have become an extension of the workplace and home. Many Americans eat, groom, work, surf, bank, stress and multi-task while driving. These activities take the focus off the road and create a hazardous situation for drivers, passengers, pedestrians and public safety.

Distracted driving can lead to accidents and fatalities. Over 3,000 people are killed annually in crashes involving distracted drivers. Many drivers don't realize the potential danger when the focus is off the road. Last year distracted driving was responsible for 18% of car accidents in the US and even with laws in place to limit the use of distractive devices, safe driving ultimately starts with you.

There are three types of driving distractions:

1. **Manual** - Taking your hands off the wheel
2. **Visual** - Taking your eyes off the road
3. **Cognitive** - Taking your mind off the road

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7 Deadly Distractions	Distracted Driving is as destructive as "Drunk Driving" and with the increased frequency of accidents reported caused by distracted drivers its becoming worse. Here are 7 Deadly Driving Distractions and tips to help become a safer driver.
Texting	Go Hands Free: It is reported that sending a text takes your eyes off the road for about 4-5 seconds. If driving at 50-55 mph, sending a text is equivalent to driving blindfolded for the length of a football field. Texting also carries a hefty penalty in most states if caught. Text messaging creates a crash risk 23 times worse than driving while not distracted. If you must send or receive a text while in the car most smartphones have apps that read aloud all incoming texts or send text, emails, tweets and status updates using voice commands.
Multi-Tasking	Driving takes skill that is widely underestimated: Situate yourself behind the wheel before pulling off with the understanding that your undivided attention needs to be on the road. Reaching for items in a purse, combing your hair, putting on make-up, adjusting the seat, lighting a cigarette, or looking for an address takes your mind, eyes and hands off the wheel. In a split second an accident can occur.
GPS Navigation	Know the way first: Using an onboard navigation system is a great technology but can also be a distraction. Make sure to set the navigation before you begin driving your route. If there is a problem with the system, pull over as soon as it is safe to do so to trouble shoot or reroute.
Electronic devices	Techno Traps: Laptops, E-Readers, DVD movies, Internet Browsing, Video Games and MP3 players have all been the cause of fatal or near fatal accidents. Authorities have found that drivers with long commutes and mobile workers are using the car as a second office. These same types of distractions also occur when passengers using electronic devices divert a driver's attention. Make sure your passengers keep volumes at a reasonable level and use DVD players and other visual entertainment in the rear.
Environmental Factors	Make the Right Adjustments: "Rubbernecking" in order to observe an accident, sight- seeing, construction or road blocks that change your route, can all decrease focus. Inclement weather also requires a high level of focus. Pull over, gather your thoughts, find a new route then reenter the road safely with your new plan.
Talking	Silence is Golden: Studies show that talking on a cell phone with or without a hands-free device or engaging in deep conversations draws significant mental resources away from driving. It also undermines reactive performance. Your manual, visual and cognitive focus is diverted from the task.
Stress and Fatigue	Rest Up: Driving requires sustained eye concentration so tired eyes; stress and anxiety can take your mind completely off the road. Lack of sleep reduces the ability to focus and respond to changing traffic conditions. Drowsy driving causes an estimated 1,550 deaths each year. Even a short commute can seem longer when you are not rested.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Loretta Maydwell

Membership/Insurance Coordinator



INDIANAPOLIS AREA LOCAL

MARCH 2013

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Clerks.....	930
Mail Handlers.....	7
Motor Vehicle.....	132
Maintenance.....	211
Associate.....	9
Check Off	1,289
Cash.....	4
Total.....	1,293

Including 276 PSE's

Non-Pay.....	66
Cancel.....	2
Death.....	0
Retired.....	4

NEW MEMBER

McKinley Dodd
Clifford Glover
Janevra Fender
Linsley Godhigh
LaShawn Smith
Sharika Fowler

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F. Stanley
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Fredrick Gaddes

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Julia Robinson

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Amy McInerny
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Deandra Cole

Kandi Jenkins
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Darrick Myricks
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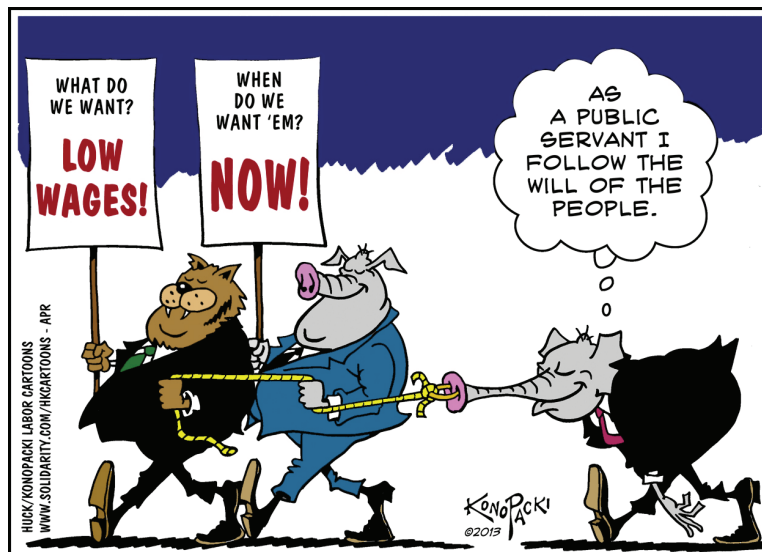
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Edward Cayce
Kevin Hester
Teddy Long

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Was NOT Separated
Has NOT Retired

My Apologies To All



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LIVE IN AMERICA buy MADE IN AMERICA

The following was sent to me by a friend and it opened my eyes. There have been many times when I bought a brand name without considering where it was made. Just think how many more American jobs would be created if each of us would take the time to check for Made in America. We Live in America we should be buying Made in America, especially when the items cost less.

Martha Foote, Associate Editor

ACE HARDWARE - Made in the USA - Very Encouraging

READ ALL THE WAY TO THE BOTTOM! LOTS OF GOOD INFO HERE!

Costco sells Goodyear wiper blades for almost half the price that you will pay on the outside and they are made in the USA.

Read and do the following:

Unfortunately our politicians and top CEO's have pushed for trade to China and Mexico for years so Americans are now out of work.

Did you know that there is no electric coffee maker made in the USA and that the only kitchen appliances made in the USA is Viking? This information came from the a report by Diane Sawyer. Hopefully this has changed or will soon!!

I DIDN'T KNOW HALLMARK CARDS WERE MADE IN CHINA! That is also why I don't buy cards at Hallmark anymore, They are made in China and are more expensive! I buy them at Dollar Tree - 50 cents each and made in USA

I have been looking at the blenders available on the Internet. Kitchen Aid is MADE IN THE USA. Top of my list already..

Yesterday I was in Wal-Mart looking for a wastebasket. I found some made in China for \$6.99. I didn't want to pay that much so I asked the lady if they had any others. She took me to another department and they had some at \$2.50 made in USA They are just as good. Same as a kitchen rug I needed. I had to look, but I found some made in the USA - what a concept! - and they were \$3.00 cheaper.

We are being brainwashed to believe that everything that comes from China and Mexico is cheaper. Not So.

One Light Bulb at A Time..

I was in Lowe's the other day and just out of curiosity, I looked at the hose attachments. They were all made in China . The next day I was in Ace Hardware and just for the heck of it I checked the hose attachments there. They were made in USA.

Start looking, people . . . In our current economic situation, every little thing we buy or do affects someone else - most often, their Job.

My Grandson likes Hershey's candy. I noticed, though, that it is now marked "Made in Mexico" I don't buy it anymore.

My favorite toothpaste Colgate is made in Mexico ...now I have switched to Crest.

You have to read the Labels on everything.

This past weekend I was at Kroger . . . I needed 60W light bulbs and Bounce dryer sheets. I was in the light bulb aisle, and right next to the GE brand I normally buy -- was an off-brand labeled, "Everyday Value". I picked up both types of bulbs and compared them: they were the same except for the price . . . the GE bulbs cost more than the Everyday Value brand, but the thing that surprised me the most was the GE was made in MEXICO, and the Everyday Value brand was made in - you guessed it, the USA at a company in Cleveland , Ohio .

It's way past time to start finding and buying products you use every day that are made right here.

So, on to the next Aisle: Bounce Dryer sheets... Yep, you guessed it, Bounce cost more money and is made in Canada. The Everyday Value brand cost Less, and was MADE IN THE USA ! I did laundry yesterday AND the dryer sheets performed just like the Bounce Free I have been using for years, at almost half the price.

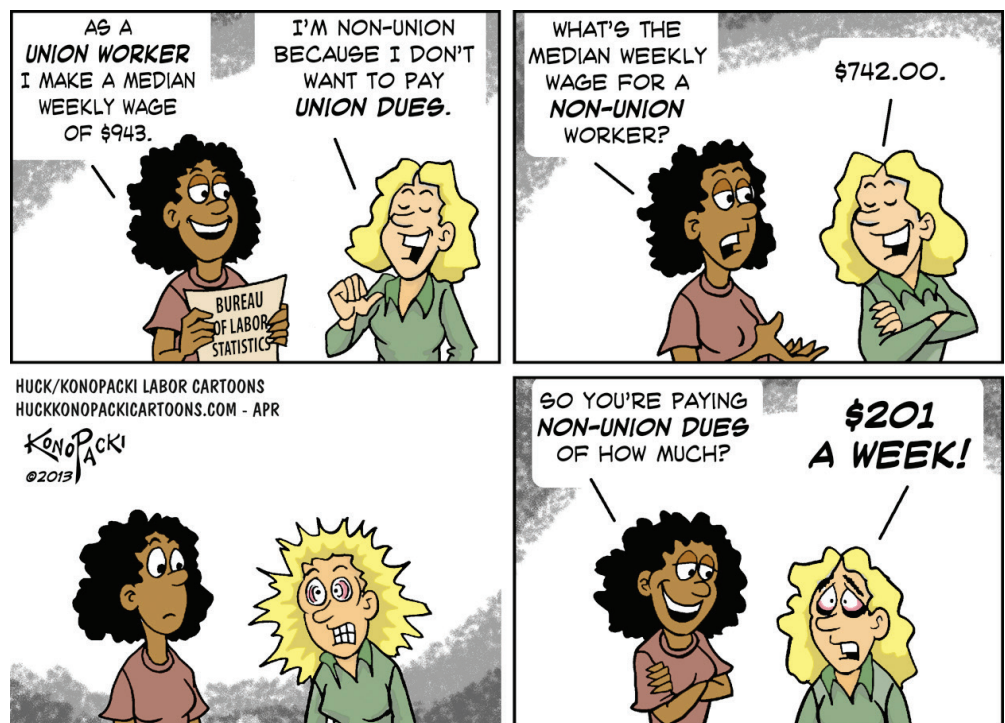
MY CHALLENGE TO YOU IS to start reading the labels when you shop for everyday things and see what you can find that is made in the USA. The job you save may be your own or your neighbor's!

If you accept the challenge, pass this on to OTHERS in your address Book so we can all start buying American, one light bulb at a time!

Stop buying from overseas companies - you're sending the jobs there. (We should have awakened a decade ago....)

Let's get with the program and help our fellow Americans keep their jobs and create more jobs here in the USA .

I passed this on will you??? If you care about American workers, you will pass it on.





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US Postal Service Board tells Postmaster General to delay FIVE day delivery until Congress gives the OK

Statement From the U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors:

"The Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service met April 9th and discussed the Continuing Resolution recently passed by Congress to fund government operations. By including restrictive language in the Continuing Resolution, Congress has prohibited implementation of a new national delivery schedule for mail and packages, which would consist of package delivery Monday through Saturday and mail delivery Monday through Friday, and which would have taken effect the week of August 5, 2013.

"Although disappointed with this Congressional action, the Board will

follow the law and has directed the Postal Service to delay implementation of its new delivery schedule until legislation is passed that provides the Postal Service with the authority to implement a financially appropriate and responsible delivery schedule. The Board believes that Congress has left it with no choice but to delay this implementation at this time. The Board also wants to ensure that customers of the Postal Service are not unduly burdened by ongoing uncertainties and are able to adjust their business plans accordingly.

"The Board continues to support the transition to a new national delivery schedule. Such a transition will generate approximately \$2 bil-

lion in annual cost savings and is a necessary part of a larger five-year business plan to restore the Postal Service to long-term financial stability. According to numerous polls, this new delivery schedule is widely supported by the American public. Our new delivery schedule is also supported by the Administration and some members of Congress.

"To restore the Postal Service to long-term financial stability, the Postal Service requires the flexibility to reduce costs and generate new revenues to close an ever widening budgetary gap. It is not possible for the Postal Service to meet significant cost reduction goals without changing its delivery schedule –

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