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New VB/TCC public library's story begins!

\$43 million facility on TCC's Virginia Beach campus

By Nathan Denny
Staff Writer

The newest building on Tidewater Community College's campus in Virginia Beach is not just for students.

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"I think by joining forces, the city and the college can bring better and more expansive services than either entity could have done separately," said Marcy Sims, the city's library director since 1976, but-

will be stepping down on Sept. 1.

She will be succeeded by Eva Poole.

Built on the corner of Rosemont Road and Faculty Boulevard, the \$43 million TCC-City Joint Use Library (JUL) will have close to 350 computers for public use, as well as meeting rooms, collaboration spaces, study rooms, children spaces, and curriculum-based programs emphasizing literacy skills. TCC will bear 83 percent of the cost, with the city pitching in the other 17 percent.

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Artist renderings of the new center show an L-shaped design with sleek steel and an abundance of glass, which is quite a change from the original building's mostly brick exterior. The landscaping will feature ponds and walkways.

New Bow Creek Center: 100% LED lit

Opens December 2014 in Princess Anne Plaza

By Nathan Denny
Staff Writer

While some historic buildings like the Cavalier Hotel have fought to preserve their charming age, others, like

the public recreation center at Bow Creek, just need to get unstuck from their decades-old style.

Built in the 1960s, Bow Creek Recreation Center is more than qualified to be renewed and brought into the 21st century. Barbara Duke, a Virginia Beach Department of Parks and Recreation senior planning, design and development administrator, said her

department has looked into how to improve the city's deteriorating facilities.

"We had a study done in 2009," said Duke, "which was for the Kempsville and Bow Creek rec centers, to determine what the deficiencies were and what the best path was for those facilities."

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News of the Day

By Greg Goldfarb, editor

Leaders want to enhance Town Center's style

City Council is poised to make a decision in Nov. or Dec. over proposed new regulations affecting Town Center's overall look and style.

Local leaders want businesses and restaurants located closer to the street, signage should be hip and cool and please provide plenty of windows in

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the buildings.

The aim is to make Town Center and its surrounding area, known as the Central Business District Core, more urban and people-friendly, while moving away from boring strip malls and vapid parking lots.

A workshop and meeting was held recently at the Sandler Center on the proposed new zoning ordinances, where attendees were informed that City Council wants to follow a growth plan for the Pembroke area, where Town Center is located. But changes to city zoning regulations must be made before implementing any improvements, which could also affect Kellam Road, Broad Street, Beasley Drive and the Norfolk Southern railroad line.

Any zoning changes would apply only to existing businesses.

City's first mosque approved for the Landstown area

A 12,300-square-foot mosque, holding as many as 225 people, may soon be built near Landstown and Salem roads, pending City Council approval.

The city's Planning Commission recently approved the project 10-0, with one commissioner abstaining. Some residents opposed the project, citing potential traffic problems.

A local Muslim nonprofit organization, the Crescent Community Center Corp., plans to build what would be the city's first mosque, featuring a domed prayer hall and 34-foot minaret. It would face east, in harmony with traditional mosque design. It's not clear when council will vote on the matter.

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Oyster Crush



Tickets to the September 22 event are \$50 and can be purchased at the event website, www.oystercrush.com.

Hungry?

Oyster Crush Sept. 22 at Marina Shores Yacht Club 1,100 expected to raise over \$35,000 for local groups and organizations

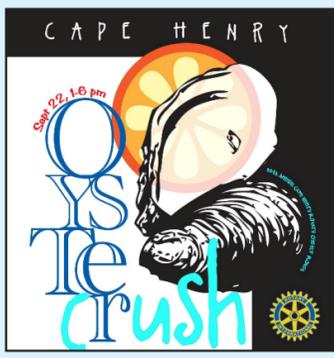
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Staff Writer

The Cape Henry Rotary is throwing its 30th annual Oyster Crush, its biggest and most elaborate yearly fundraising event, on Sunday, Sept. 22 at the Yacht Club at Marina Shores in Great Neck. It's the third year the event has taken place there.

"Last year we had 910 guests at the event," Hank Kellam said. "This year we expect to have around 1,100."

A charter member of the Cape

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SunArtsNews

A behind-the-scenes look at what's happening in the local arts community.

Artists are hustling like busy little beavers to get work ready

By Randall Jordan
Sun Contributor

The word is finally out; artists in Virginia Beach have fun on a daily basis. Of course, in these trying times, isn't that what life is about? Doing what you want to do, and enjoying yourself doing it.

Not that living off of creative expression is easy now, don't get me wrong. Many an artist have spent hours looking at an empty canvas waiting for their selective muse to kick in. Whether it's painting, pottery, glass-blowing, jewelry, or photography, that creative spark is a necessary element for the end result!

Each year artists are hustling like busy little beavers preparing their inventory for the numerous art shows or festivals, both indoors and out, with high hopes of finding that collector or art-buying patron. As an art community, the excitement of prepping for each show is a constant ebb & flow, much like the tide here at our sea-side resort.

For some, art sales alone aren't enough to live on (actually most of us, myself included) so teaching is a lucrative alternative.

Leslie Parker, an in-house artist/teacher at Studio One, located in Riverview gallery on High Street, Portsmouth, depends on her students to make ends meet. Mike Morgan, a pencil and graphite artist beats drum skins as well as phone sales to

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Lisa Chamberlin-Engelhardt

Mrs. VA America?

Lisa Chamberlin-Engelhardt, a local volunteer, wife and mother will represent Virginia Beach on April 12 as she competes for the title of Mrs. America at the historic Colonial Theater in South Hill, Va

Chamberlin-Engelhardt is committed to raising and guiding her 11-year-old son, who was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, along with a strong sense of giving back to one's community through volunteerism, were primary reasons why she was chosen for the title of Mrs. Virginia Beach 2014.

"It is so important to me to be a part of something larger than oneself," said Chamberlin-Engelhardt. "Giving a hand up to people and organizations in need is essential to strengthen and sustain our local community. Blake, my son, helps out with community projects and loves to pitch in any way he can and I couldn't be prouder."

Chamberlin-Engelhardt's husband, a retired Navy man, and her son are extremely proud and excited for her. In addition to being a committed wife, mother, real estate investor and executive director of the Virginia Beach Best Friend's Foundation, Chamberlin-Engelhardt also enjoys seeking out fun new adventures, travel, design and construction, bargain hunting and teaching people how they can make small changes in their changes in their daily lives to save significant amounts of money.

Chamberlin-Engelhardt will compete in three categories for the Mrs. Virginia title: Personal interview, swimsuit and evening gown. Contestants for the Mrs. Virginia America pageant must be married and live in the city or county they represent. The winner will receive a prize package worth thousands of dollars and will go on the compete for the title of Mrs. America in September 2014 in Tucson, AZ. The Mrs. America Pageant is the country's only nationally-televised pageant for married women.

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The library opened Saturday, August 17, and there for its grand opening was new director of Virginia Beach Public Libraries, Eva Poole.

"The new joint library was one of my deciding factors in taking the job in Virginia Beach," Poole said. "Not many community colleges have this, and it has the potential to become a model for other joint libraries."

Poole was recently named successor to Marcy Sims, who retired after 42 years with the Virginia Beach Public Libraries. Before coming to Virginia Beach, Poole was the chief of staff for the Washington D.C. Public Library.

Prior to her job in D.C., Poole served as director for several city, county and college library systems in Texas. From the time she was young, she had an interest in becoming involved in public libraries.

"When I was young, I used to love to read the 'Nancy Drew' mysteries," Poole reminisces. "We had just moved to Texas and I went to my local library. No one said 'hello,' no one welcomed me. It was as if I didn't exist. From then I wanted to become a library director so I could make a difference and always make people feel welcome."

After graduating from Texas Woman's College, Poole worked for the libraries in both Houston and Ector County, TX. She worked for San Jacinto Community College and spent 19 years with the public libraries in Denton, TX before moving to the nation's capital.

A description of the city's library sys-

tem by Marcy Sims is what initially struck Poole's interest in applying for the director's position.

"Marcy's description of what a great place it is and how wonderful the staff is," Poole said, "that is what got me interested. Then I came down and met the city manager and the assistant city manager. I was really impressed with the staff."

Sims is excited for the future of the public libraries under Poole.

"I was on the selection committee and so much stood out about Eva: Her energy, her enthusiasm, her passion, her can-do attitude, her management style," Sims said. "She really values the collaborative team work style."

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Both Sims and Poole are eager to see how the joint use library will benefit the Beach community and the students of Tidewater Community College with its abundance of resources, services and programs.

In 2012, the Department of Public Libraries was rated number one in overall satisfaction by city residents out of all city services.

"I am excited about the opportunity to meet the residents of Virginia Beach," Poole said, "to continue to provide great library services and to keep libraries as the top service in the city."

For more information on the TCC-City Joint Use Library, visit www.vbgov.com
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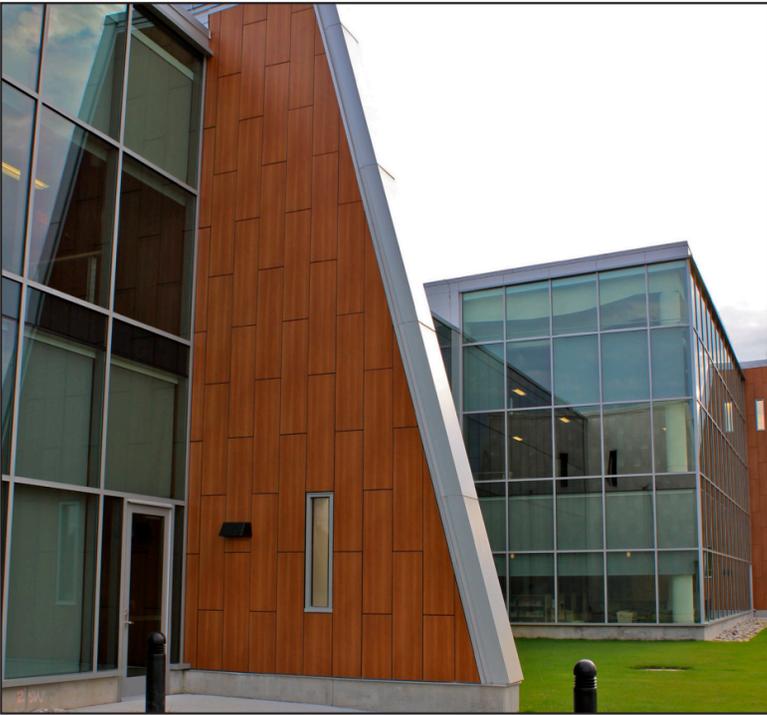


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*Best Wishes!
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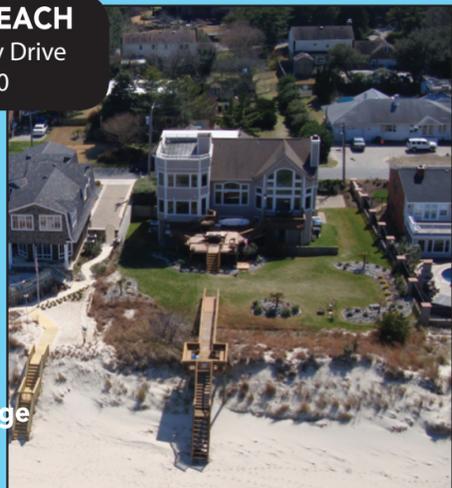
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by Jeff Barba
Public Relations Coordinator

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for success in college and work. The CWRA+ is taken by students in all English 11 courses in January. The CWRA+ features both a performance task and set of selected-response questions

Each performance task presents an engaging, real-world scenario and a set of accompanying documents. To answer the questions on the CWRA+, students will need to examine the strengths and weaknesses of different points of view or courses of action. In

addition, they may need to weigh different types of evidence, evaluate the credibility of that evidence, and identify questionable assumptions.

The selected-response section presents students with a realistic document such as a blog post, debate transcript, political speech or newspaper editorial and a set of accompanying questions.

The results of the CWRA+ will allow Virginia Beach City Public Schools (VBCPS) to evaluate our students' higher-level thinking skills, readiness for college and/or work, and provide a comparison between

VBCPS juniors and college freshmen. Insights gained from assessment results will assist VBCPS in improving instruction and learning in six areas: analysis & problem-solving, writing effectiveness, writing mechanics, scientific & quantitative reasoning, critical reading & evaluation, and critiquing an argument.

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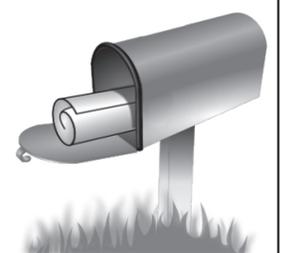
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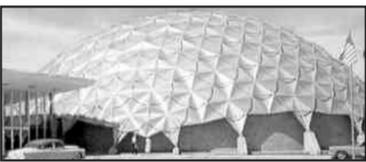


Starbucks opening first drive-through-only in London Bridge

Starbucks first Virginia drive-through-only shop is set to open later this month in front of London Bridge Shopping Center at 2300 Virginia Beach Boulevard, as part of an effort to open more such locations in cities such as Atlanta.

Starbucks' leasing agent is Cushman & Wakefield/Thalhimer.

Starbucks also owns the Seattle's Best brand.



Dome site developer can't get funds; city will discuss matter

Michael Jenkins, a Texas businessman, missed an August 1 city-imposed deadline to prove to the city that he has the funding to build a \$172 million entertainment complex at the oceanfront.

If Jenkins' plan falls through, city leaders are ready to tap a new developer, following a new review process.

Jenkins had planned to redevelop the former convention and concert hall known as the Dome into one of the East Coast's premier visitor attractions.

City Council is expected to discuss the issue during its Sept. 6 retreat.

Valet parking at Town Center stirring things up

While businesses and other private companies are busy serving customers and parking cars, city officials now contend that since the city wasn't involved in any of those negotiations, and because the activities are happening on city property, such as in city-owned garages, the city is entitled to some of the proceeds since it has spent \$57.5 million for three parking garages there now, with a new \$18 million one on its way. Some local leaders say the current arrangement is okay.

In other Town Center news, a 153,000 square-foot Wal-Mart is interested in locating there.

Former Sentara employees indicted

Two people who used to work for Sentara Healthcare have been indicted



Other states, such as New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland have also experienced more dolphin deaths.

Dolphin deaths cause alarm among officials

The nation's largest dolphin die-off occurred in 1987 when some 740 died from New Jersey to Florida, the cause attributed to a viral infection. However, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration issued an "Unusual Mortality Event" declaration in the wake of 77 dolphin deaths in Virginia through August and more than 100 thus far this year. Other states, such as New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland have also experienced more dolphin deaths.

on 47 counts of identity-theft involving more than 12 patients as part of a \$116,000 tax fraud refund scam.

Festus Ighalo, of Virginia Beach and Emmanuel Effiong of Dallas, Texas, were charged. Several of the victims were patients at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital. All the patients were in Virginia Beach Sentara medical facilities sometime during a time period lasting from Sept. 2011 to April 2013.

According to The Virginian-Pilot, Greg Burkhart, Sentara Healthcare's chief privacy officer, regrets the incident and is working with investigators. The fraudulent returns sought \$401,074, according to The Pilot.

"Sky diving" may be coming to Oceanfront

After selling a two-acre parking lot at 25th Street to developer The Breeden Company for \$7.6 million, a plan calling for a simulated indoor sky diving ring, an apartment complex and a parking garage is one step closer to reality following approval by the city's Board of Zoning Appeals.

Some local residents oppose the \$49 million development.

After the parking garage is built, the city hopes to buy it back and provide 377 public parking spaces.

Farm Fresh president steps aside

Supervalu Inc., which owns the local Farm Fresh markets, has announced that Bill Parker, Farm Fresh's third president in less than four years, left the company.

Chad Ferguson, Supervalu's vice

president for marketing and consumer insights, succeeds Parker. Based in Virginia Beach, Farm Fresh has 43 stores and some 4,240 employees, ac-

ording to published reports.

In a related story, the new 123,000 square-foot Kroger Marketplace has opened at 3901 Holland Road.

Oyster Crush September 22

Marina Shores Yacht Club 1,100 to raise over \$35,000 for local groups and organizations

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Henry Rotary since it started in the early '80s, Hank Kellam has been the club's Oyster Crush three-year chairman. Dennis Clancey co-chairs the event.

"People come to the event and they are welcomed with the smell of oysters cooked right outside the entrance," Clancey said, "but that is just part of the food that will be served."

Rodman's Bar-B-Que, a Suffolk establishment since 1929, is catering the event; Little Sully's, of the Eastern Shore, is providing the main attraction, oysters. And of course they will be serving Orange Crush, a favorite local beverage from which the event borrows its title.

The money raised through sponsors and attendees is the reason for this event each year.

"The money stays in the community," Kellam said. "The Cape Henry Rotary makes grants to numerous non-profits in the area."

The list of beneficiaries that the club has supported as a result of the Oyster Crush is extensive and includes the Judeo Christian Outreach Center, Seton Youth Shelters, Virginia Beach Special Olympics, Virginia Beach Police Foundation, Union Mission and American Parkinson's Association.

Between the Oyster Crush and the Rotary's other major event, the Pin Crush, last year the organization raised and distributed over \$35,000 to local charities.

Rotary members are philanthropists in their own right, as well. The group collects donations from within for various benevolence projects, including the "Beach Bag" and "Winter

Coat" programs, which provide food and coats to needy children. The members also raised money to send to a tornado relief fund in Moore, Oklahoma.

The club also contributes generously to the "End Polio Now" campaign, a special fund initiated by its governing body, Rotary International.

"Twenty-five years ago, Rotary International took on the task of trying to eliminate Polio around the world," Kellam said. "Places like Pakistan and Nigeria still have problems with Polio. The Cape Henry Rotary passes around the hat to our members to take collections for that cause."

Since the Oyster Crush funds so much of the club's charity, members ensure its success through extensive planning and organizing.

"It is a long process and takes a tremendous amount of time," Clancey said. "Hank is the heart of this thing and puts in a lot of his time toward the planning."

"We try to make it better every year," Kellam said.

"We get feedback from members and people who attended. If there is anything we can do better, we make sure we do it the next time."

Rain or shine, the Oyster Crush will be on, music will be by The Deloreans and the oysters will be cooking. Tickets to the September 22 event are \$50 and can be purchased at the event website, www.oystercrush.com. Music will be provided by The Deloreans.

For more information and tickets, visit www.oystercrush.com.

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The Sister Cities Association of Virginia Beach presents all five of Virginia Beach's Sister Cities, Virginia Beach Symphonicity and the Virginia Beach Chorale on Saturday, September 21 at 7 p.m. at the Sandler Performing Arts Center. Tickets: \$25 for adults; \$12 for youths under 12. Call Sandi at 757-385-4304.



The new Bow Creek Community Recreation Center will be served by a geothermal heating system with 370 wells, each 300-feet deep, forming a "water-to-water" heat pump serving the center's HVAC system.

New Bow Creek Center: 100% LED lit

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For Bow Creek, it was determined that it would be better to rebuild than to renovate.

The Bow Creek center, located in the Princess Anne Plaza neighborhood of the city's Lynnhaven section, sits on the Bow Creek golf course and was once a part of the country club.

The original building was constructed as a club house for the Bow Creek country club. The city acquired the golf course and the property in 1975 and converted the building into Bow Creek Recreation Center several years later in 1979.

The 2009 study determined the building's physical condition to be unsatisfactory and the center closed in August 2012 so construction crews could begin the modernization project.

The new facility will be 67,745 square feet, which is significantly larger than the original 36,782 square-foot structure. It features an indoor swimming pool, a two-court indoor gymnasium, expanded areas for fitness equipment and fitness classes, childcare classrooms, a game room, meeting rooms and an outdoor playground.

"The outdoor playground will also be the neighborhood park for the surrounding neighborhood, Princess Anne Plaza, as well as for those who use the rec center," Duke said.

Artist renderings of the new center show a curved L-shaped design with sleek steel and an abundance of glass - quite a change from the original building's mostly brick exterior. The landscaping will change as well, with ponds and water features and walkways surrounding the center, and of course, a golf course as the scenic backdrop.

The original Bow Creek Recreation Center also served as the pro shop for the neighboring golf course once the city acquired the property. In addition to the new recreation center, the project team will also be building a totally separate, 3,427 square-foot structure to house the pro shop and a building to serve as the golf cart facility. The pro shop is planned to open in February 2014, however the Bow Creek Golf Course will remain open throughout the entire construction period.

The building was designed by Moseley Architects, a Richmond-based architectural firm, with offices throughout Virginia and North Carolina. Moseley Architects has an expansive portfolio that includes schools, courthouses, law enforcement cen-

ters, college academic and athletic facilities, senior living, and other recreation facilities. Their hefty résumé for the Bow Creek project included the ODU Student Recreation Center, the VCU Cary Street Recreation Center, the Longwood Student Health and Wellness Center, and the William and Mary Sport Recreation Center.

Moseley Architects will be partnering with the McKenzie Construction Corporation, a local Beach contractor whose recent services include the renovations to the south end of the Pembroke Mall and the new Virginia Beach Middle School building. Moseley and McKenzie have partnered before on projects such as the Advanced Technology Center on the Tidewater Community College Virginia Beach campus and the Crossroads PreK-8 School in Norfolk.

The new facility at Bow Creek will not only have the much-needed updates and aesthetic improvements, but it will also be much more energy-efficient than its predecessor and other city recreation centers.

Bob Maholchic, a Virginia Beach Department of Public Works project manager, explained some of the energy-saving enhancements that the building would feature.

"The center will be served by a geothermal heating system," he said. "It will have 370 wells, each 300 feet deep, basically a water-to-water heat pump serving the HVAC system."

The entire building will be lit with LED (light-emitting diode) lighting as well.

"Bow Creek will be the first large city building with 100% LED interior lighting," Maholchic said.

The new Bow Creek Recreation Center is set to open December 2014. During construction, Bow Creek staff will be reassigned to other centers and members are encouraged to use the other available facilities as well.

The Kempsville Recreation Center is also slated for a modernization to begin in 2014 following Bow Creek's renovation. The newest recreation center is William Farms, located off Newtown Road across from Newtown Elementary School, which opened in October 2012. It includes an indoor water playground and a skate park. Other Virginia Beach recreation centers include Bayside, Great Neck, Princess Anne, and Seatack.

For more information, visit the Parks and Recreation page at www.vbgov.com

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The original recreation center was constructed as a club house for the Bow Creek country club. The city acquired the golf course and the property in 1975 and converted the building in 1979 into the Bow Creek Recreation Center. This is an aerial view of how the new one will look.

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