

# The Oak K



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## GSP'ers Invade College

by Robert Weber

The Governor's Scholars Program was once again a great success in 1990. Four LOHS seniors and two faculty members helped in making it such a success, and they had a great time doing it.

Chris Neihoff, Tim Black, Aaron Meredith, and Robert Weber were selected through a long application process to attend the prestigious five week program. Neihoff spent his summer at Western Kentucky University, and the three remaining scholars were guests of Centre College during the program. These two campuses were the hosts of GSP '90.

Besides LOHS's student participants, Tony McGroarty and Billy Sensing were instructors during the program at WKU. McGroarty instructed his scholars in the ways of biology, while Sensing was busy awing his students with his knowledge of physical science.

What is the Governor's Scholars Program? That is a very difficult question to answer. On the surface, it is a state-run five week program aimed at bringing together the brightest and most creative high school seniors in the state for a summer of learning about the world around them and about themselves.

Each of the close to 700 students selected a major area of study ranging from Irish literature to the anti-war protests of the 1960's and 70's. Classes dealing with these majors

were held two or three times a week. Besides majors, though, there were seminar groups, campus wide colloquia, minors, field trips, and many clubs, organizations, and intra-mural athletic tournaments.

If someone were to look deeper, though, he or she could see there is much more to GSP, as all scholars will attest. GSP is the experience of a lifetime, filled with learning, loving, joy, and unfortunately, sorrow, which is experienced by all  
SEE GSP P.7



Governor's Scholars participants were: (seated) Robert Weber and Chris Neihoff; (standing) Aaron Meredith and Tim Black.

## New Faces Greet Lone Oak Students

by Beth Carmichael

This year LOHS has many new faculty members. They are: Roy McKamey Jr., Earlene Turner, Julie Farmer, Dara Lee Harper, Karen Jerrell, and Terry Bowland.

Roy McKamey was hired this summer as a boys' basketball coach and drug enforcement counselor. McKamey attended school at Henderson Community College, Murray State University and Western Kentucky University.

McKamey says LOHS is a "nice place - nice people."

Earlene Turner, computer specialist says "LOHS is a great place to be!" Turner

has experience as an elementary supervisor, computer coordinator and teacher. Turner attended school at Sedalia High School and Murray State University.

Julie Farmer teaches Typing I and II, as well as Accounting I and II. She attended Reidland High School and Murray State University. Farmer has previously been a business teacher at Graves County High School.

Dara Lee Harper teaches business law, typing, office procedures, and co-op, here at LOHS. Harper says "I love to teach. Everyone has been

so nice!"

Karen Jerrell is the new Freshman Girl's Basketball coach, and she will be working with the tennis team as well.

Terry Bowland teaches

Spanish and French. She attended Murray State and Rutgers in New Jersey. Before teaching here, Bowland taught at Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville, Indiana.

### HOMECOMING TONIGHT

### FLASH FIELD

### 7:30 PM



# Call Cal for Campus Conditions

Lone Oak has a new addition to the curriculum this year- a heatwave.

Hot, stuffy classrooms warmly welcomed students and faculty returning from summer vacation.

After the first day of school, students arrived dressed in cool, comfortable clothing and tried to be pleasant while feeling as if they were living in an oven.

At the end of the first week, the air conditioner

came on full blast and the school transformed into an icebox.

A few days later, the air conditioner quit again and the school became a frying pan.

By this time, no one knew what type clothing to wear in order to be comfortable. Anything from a wool coat to a swimsuit might have fit the bill, but it was impossible to know which before arriving at school. Maybe we should

have hired Cal Sisto to broadcast the current temperature conditions on the morning news.

In any case, such extreme changes are not healthy nor do they provide an environment conducive to learning, which happens to be a policy set forth by the McCracken County Board of Education (McCracken County Public Schools Student Code of Conduct, 1990-1991 school year, p.4).

Why is it that the heating and cooling system was not immediately repaired? High school students are the leaders of tomorrow. Do they not deserve to learn in a physically comfortable environment?

The state of Kentucky spends millions of dollars each year on education. Providing an atmosphere where students feel they can learn needs to become a priority to both state and local education officials.

-Lori K. Spear

## Oil Shortage Causes Crisis

by Sarah Williamson

For the third time since 1973, many countries of the world, including the United States are in an oil crisis. With the price of oil escalating at such a rapid rate, most everything in our economy will be affected.

Eventually, there will be an oil shortage. One reason is that the United States relies on the Gulf region for most of its oil supply. Another reason is that the petroleum will run out with time.

The U.S. is too dependent on the Middle East region for an oil supply. If a war were to evolve in this area, what would happen to the oil? According to

Newsweek magazine, most non-Mideast oil would run out in 25 years, based on the current output.

There are several alternatives to petroleum energy sources.

There are nearly 200 million vehicles in the U.S. which use nearly two-thirds of the U.S. oil reserves. If two million vehicles were converted to electric energy, this could serve 35 million barrels of oil a year.

General Motors, Chrysler and Ford are in the process of producing cars and vans that run on electricity. However, they go short distances before recharging.

A technology in which

glass panels reflect heat from the sun onto pipes carrying synthetic oil could produce two percent of the nation's energy by 2030, with some financial help.

Biotechnology is a process that ferments agricultural waste like cornstalks and rice hulls. One hundred thirty billion gallons of ethanol could be produced without any new plantings. An ethanol distillery will be reopening in Franklin, Kentucky, in the next few months.

Methanol costs more than gasoline, and it would be imported.

Hydrogen is the cleanest form of energy, yet the renewable fuel is very expensive.

Photovoltaic (PV cells) convert sunlight directly into electricity.

In California, 16,000 wind turbines generate enough electricity to satisfy one percent of the state's energy needs.

There are still other options, but conservation is the best and cheapest way to cut petroleum dependence.

## Editorial Policy

The Oak K is a self-supporting newspaper that is published monthly at Lone Oak High School.

It is a student publication produced during class time allowing students to learn and develop skills in writing, reporting, design layout, and editing.

Every attempt will be made to cover the school as accurately and completely as possible. Coverage will also be fair and impartial and the staff will endeavor to be accurate and accountable.

If an article contains a factual error, a correction will be printed if the author or editors feel a correction is needed. Minor typographical errors, including the misspelling of names, generally will not be considered as a correction.

Letters to the editor are welcomed, but must have a signed signature. No letter should be over 250 words, and The Oak K reserves the right to correct the letter.



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## Need Advice? Ask "Word Up"

by Chris Holland

"Word Up" is the advice column of The Oak K. It can be used as a bulletin board for opinions or as an advice column. All letters will be kept confidential and will be read only by the author of the column. Write for advice on any

problem. Only certain letters will actually be published, but as many as possible will be addressed. The boxes for submitting letters are in the library, cafeteria and on the school supplies vending machine. Please write!

## Roving Reporter

by Christopher Holland

The environment has become a big issue within the last few months. And why not? Scientists all over the world have warned against the threat of an over-polluted planet. Many say that at this rate, the Earth may run out of trees within the next 100 years.

But how much do the students and faculty at LOHS know about the environmental issue? How many even care? Let them speak for themselves.

Mr. Jim Toy: "It takes 2,500 gallons of water to produce 1 lb. of protein in meat. It takes 250 gallons of water to produce 1 lb. of grain protein. Severe water shortages in the American West could be alleviated if livestock production were curtailed. MEAT IS MURDER!"

Beth Carmichael: "God made animals (cows, etc.) for our food - they don't have feelings, so chow down!!!"

Jay Whalen: "Beef: The real food for real people."

Dwight Pepper: "My spirit guide TAPOO who channels through me says that McDonalds will blow up the world with nuclear chicken McNuggets that activate with sweet-n-sour sauce."

Questionnaires were distributed to several students and faculty members of LOHS. Here are



the results to some of the questions:

1) Do you consider yourself an environmentalist?

YES: 40% NO: 52%  
DON'T KNOW: 8%

2) Would you buy a fur?

YES: 34% NO: 64%  
DON'T KNOW: 2%

3) Do you use aerosol sprays?

YES: 46% NO: 54%  
DON'T KNOW: 8%

4) Do you support the use of nuclear energy?

YES: 62% NO: 30%  
DON'T KNOW: 8%

5) At this rate, when do you believe the Earth will become unable to support life?

LAST WEEK: 2%  
NOW to 2050: 22%

2051-2500: 26%  
2501-3000: 16%

3001 or LATER: 8%  
NEVER: 6% DON'T KNOW: 20%

Any student who would like to take an active part in the environmental movement, or would like more information, may contact Mr. Toy in room D-102.

## E.A.T. Organizes

by Sarah Williamson

The LOHS Environmental Action Team, a new extracurricular club, has set their sights on improving Lone Oak's environment. Projects such as recycling, adopting-a-highway, tree planting, and educating the general public will attempt to improve the area with long-term environmental results.

The club plans to recycle within the group, then the school, and eventually the Lone Oak community. The recycling projects would not be

possible if it were not for Kroger, the Easter Seal Center and Boy Scout Troop 101 at Metropolis, Illinois, who is responsible for recycling newspapers. The Krogers of the Delta Marketing area are participants in the pilot program of recycling glass, soft plastics and aluminium. If the program is successful in this area, Kroger will implement it nationally.

If anyone is interested in helping, but cannot attend the meetings, please contact Mr. Toy.

## LOHS Hosts Exchange Student

by Heather Bond

Sarah Noonan is a 17-year-old exchange student from New Zealand who is attending LOHS this semester.

Noonan interviewed with the Youth for Understanding organization for selection as an exchange student. Matched to her American host family by common interests and hobbies, she came to America by herself to meet them.

Some of Noonan's interests and hobbies are swimming and "tramping," which means backpacking.

"The thing I like best about Lone Oak," says Noonan, "is the classes are easier than at home." The thing she dislikes the most is that the classes start too early and people are too involved with material things and their images.

One of the cultural differences Noonan has noticed is the difference in words used for the same meaning. She calls a cookie a "biscuit." She also says that New Zealanders are more casual and relaxed than are Americans.

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Terry Banks sails through the air in a recent motocross event.  
(Photo by Troy Peyton.)

## Of The Month . . .

by David Beyer

Wreck: David Mitchell

Injury: Steve Brown's  
finger

Middle Name: Kossuth (Rob  
Weber)

Bumper Sticker: "Conserve  
Tiolet Paper; Use Both  
Sides."

Phone Personality: "Staff  
Sgt. Cooper, U.S. Army"

Question: "Is the flat  
part of the twinkie the top  
or the bottom?" (Only Scott  
Caron would wonder.)

Song: "Blaze of Glory"

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## Bon Jovi Goes Solo

by Robert Weber

Bon Jovi fans were somewhat stunned by the announcement this summer that the hard rockin' band who has had numerous Top 10 hits was disbanding, possibly never to regroup. There was not much time to mourn. By mid-August, the band's leader, Jon Bon Jovi, released his first solo effort, Blaze of Glory. Jon is in his prime with or without Richie and the boys.

Blaze of Glory is a collection of ten songs inspired by the film Young Guns II. Only the title track is featured in the film, but the western influence can definitely be heard throughout the album.

The music on this album is a different sound than what was heard from the old Bon Jovi. Jon has steered away slightly from the hard rock image of the old band. The songs on this album, all of which were written

by Jon Bon himself, seem to lean a bit toward accoustical music. It cannot really be called country music, but it has a taste of country-western.

I suppose the best way to describe Jon's new style is "cowboy rock." The album seems to be glamorizing the by-gone days of the Old West and outlaw heroes such as Billy the Kid. A few songs like "Blaze of Glory" and "Dyin' Ain't Much of a Livin'" are ballads about a last desperate stand and living on the run.

Blaze of Glory is not for everyone; Jon might lose some old fans and gain new ones. If, however, you are the kind of person who dreams of the Wild West or appreciates poetical lyrics, Jon Bon Jovi's Blaze of Glory should definitely be in your tape or CD collection.

## Flatliners Plot Falls Flat

by Heather Bond

Ever wonder what it would be like to experience a life after death situation? If so, then Flatliners is the movie to see.

Julia Roberts, Christian Slater, Keifer Sutherland and Kevin Bacon star as four medical students who, each one at a time, let themselves be experimentally "killed" so they could experience life after death.

The exciting part of the movie is in the characters' reactions to the knowledge that comes to them in their "death" experience.

The plot had its weaknesses, especially when the characters' pasts come back to "haunt" them, but, all in all, the directing and the acting were very good.

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## Kentucky Colonels March Into Season



by Chris Holland

It's another year, another class, another set of report cards and another show for the LOHS Kentucky Colonels Marching Band. Their songs this year are "Malagueña," "American Bandstand" and "Softly As I Leave You." Under the leadership of Buddy Light and the conducting skills of Stephanie Espie, this may be the most powerful marching season yet!

The band traveled to Lambuth College in Jackson, Tennessee, for six days and nights of practicing. Practice was held from sunup until sundown, but festivities were held late into the night. All about

could be heard the screams of freshmen getting creamed or pillowed, running laps, carrying luggage, having their water heater turned off in the middle of a shower and begging for mercy. It was a senior's dream, but a freshman's nightmare.

The band recently played an away game at Tilghman. They seemed to have a good response to their show, but weren't quite able to boost morale enough to win the football game.

The Colonels hosted an invitational band competition on September 8. There were ten bands invited, but the overall award went to Calloway County. The Lone

Oak band did not compete, although it scored quite well.

On September 3, the most grueling band performance of the year took place. The band marched 16 blocks in a little under an hour at the Paducah Labor Day Parade. Ice, water and wet rags were being passed constantly, but no one was reported to have passed out (though many wished that they had!). During the parade, the band played "My Old Kentucky Home."

With all that practice, plus more to come, and an outstanding show, it looks like the Kentucky Colonels may make it to the top this year!

## Calendar of Events

### September

\*28 Football, Murray, H. Homecoming

\*29 Band, Vanderbilt

### October

\*02 Soccer, Murray, A

\*04 Soccer, Ft. Campbell, H

\*05 Football, Graves, A

\*06 Band, MSU

\*09 Soccer, Reidland, A

\*10 Football, Reidland, A

\*11 Soccer, St. Mary, H

\*13 SAT, Tilghman

\*16 Soccer, Murray, H

\*18 Soccer, Notre Dame, H

\*19 Football, H, Hopkinsville, Senior Recognition

\*20 Band, Heath

\*26 Football, Union Co., A

\*27 Band, Christian County

\*27 ACT, PCC

## Clubs Organize For New Year

by Christina McCune

LOHS clubs are going to be quite busy this year.

FBLA plans to attend a conference in Murray and a possible conference in Louisville. FBLA will be sponsoring various activities and other community services.

CO-ED-Y plans to attend KYA (Kentucky Youth Assembly) and KUNA (Kentucky United Nation

Assembly).

The LOHS Physical Science Club plans to attend the library and museum this year. The officers are: Mike Keeney- Pres.; Eric Roberts- V. Pres. 1; Blair Tolar- V. Pres. 2; Garland Crawford- Sec./Treas.

PEP Club is ready to support LOHS this year. The officers are; Michael Powell- Pres. Rob Wagner-

V. Pres., Christy Alderson- Sec.

TEC (Technology Educational Club) plans to have guest speakers on construction.

The officers are; Dennis Gibson-Pres, Keith Eades-V. Pres., Keith Byrd-Sec., Troy Richards-Treas., Kevin Glisson-Rep.

The LOHS Art Club plans to contribute holiday decorations to the community and plan a trip to St. Louis to visit the museum. Officers are

Aimee Kakascik- Pres., Sarah Resnik- V.Pres., Christina McCune- Sec., Joey Kringle-

Treas., and John Cason-Rep.

The LOHS Biology Club plans to travel to Huntsville, Alabama, as well as to go on a ski trip. Officers are: Michael Powell- Pres., Vrat Kezlar- V. Pres., Krista Gronefeld- Sec., Christy Alderson- Treas., Jay Whalen-Rep., Lenny Powell- and Danny Dowell- Sgt. Arms.

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# Oakers Attend Girls', Boys' State



Girls' State participants were: (seated) Laura Cope and Sheri Jones; (standing) Stacey Hickey, Jennifer Burnette, Lori Spear and Angie Vincent.



Boys' State participants were: (seated) Robert Weber and Mark Chumbler; (standing) Michael Foster, Ryan Wood, Scott Caron and Bo Rushing.

by Robert Weber

A good number of delegates represented LOHS at both Boys' State and Girls' State this past summer. Chosen by the faculty to attend Girls' State at Murray State University were Laura Cope, Lori Spear, Stacey Hickey, Sheri Jones, Jennifer Burnette and Angie Vincent. Chosen in the same way were Bo Rushing, Ryan Wood, Scott Caron, Mark Chumbler, Michael Foster and Robert

Weber. These delegates attended Boys' State at Morehead State University.

Some students might ask, "What exactly is Girls' or Boys' State?" That was a question asked by many of the delegates, even when they arrived on their respective campuses. Girls' and Boys' State, both of which are directed and sponsored by the American Legion and its Auxiliary, are mock state government sessions which

span the course of one week.

The delegates are divided up into cities according to the floor of the residence hall on which they live. Each city then elects a Mayor and other city officials as well as a number of Senators and Representatives to work on the state level. Also on the state level, a Governor, Lt. Governor, and other common state officers are elected by a vote of

all state citizens. Of course, during campaigns, candidates must decide between loyalty to his or her city or political party.

Once all the positions are filled, the lawmaking bodies go into session and begin the tedious process of proposing and voting on bills. For nearly a week thereafter, elected officials feel the pressure, responsibility, joy and frustration of city and state government.

## FFA Wins Honors At State Fair

The Lone Oak FFA won several honors at the Kentucky State Fair, held in Louisville, Kentucky.

Ryan Wood received a first place plaque in the Dairy Cattle Showmanship contest.

The Livestock Judging team placed 14th in the state out of 75 teams that

entered the contest. Lone Oak received a higher rating than any school team in West Kentucky. Team members were: Roger Reeves, Randy Casey, Eric Gross and Ryan Wood. Roger Reeves placed 14th in the state in individual judging out of approximately 400 members.

The welding team, the purchase region champions, received one of the top state Blue Ribbon welding teams in Kentucky. Team members were: Roger Reeves, Martin Wilson, Greg Neihoff and Clay Thompson.

Robert Swain placed in the top 20 in the state Seed and Weed identification contest.

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## Youth Saluters "Win" Attitudes

By Lori Spear

"You talk to yourself at 800 words a minute," Carole Harder, International motivational speaker from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, told 1990 Youth Salute participants. "What are you telling yourself?" she asked. Then she stated, "Garbage in, garbage out. Good things in, good things out."

The "good things" were what Harder emphasized throughout her talks at The Winner's Seminar, which was held at Executive Inn on September 3 and 4. She focused on how to develop a positive attitude, listen actively, gain self-esteem, set goals, and live a well-balanced life.

Talk wasn't the only thing Harder did, though. She divided the students into various groups and then initiated discussions and taught relaxation techniques.

Throughout the program, students were encouraged to make new friends from other schools. These relation-

ships help break down barriers that often exist between rivals.

Youth Salute participants were nominated based on leadership abilities and a minimum GPA of 3.0. First they were required to complete a biographical sketch. Then they had the opportunity to attend an orientation program, a swimming party, and a leadership conference at Murray State University. The grand finale was The Winner's Seminar, which stressed the importance of youth recognizing the strong relationship between one's attitude and one's success in life.

Lori Spear, a LOHS participant, was chosen as a top ten finalist. Spear wrote an essay on "My Greatest Contribution During My High School Career" and was interviewed by the Paducah Youth Leadership Council. As a result, she was selected second runner-up Paducah Youth Leader of the Year and received a \$200 scholarship to the college of her choice.



## Junior Rotarian

by Christina McCune

Robert Weber was selected as this month's representative from LOHS to the Paducah Rotary Chapter.

Weber says of the meetings that he attends weekly, "I have been able to meet a lot of interesting men and women at the Rotary meetings."

Interests of Weber's include football, baseball, and Civil War re-enactment.

## GSP CONTINUED

on the last day of the summer. As LOHS's four participants found out, friendships are created in five short weeks that will last a lifetime.

The Governor's Scholars community was called by many a utopian society where no one has any prejudices, stereotypes, or pre-conceived notions. This makes for an ideal learning atmosphere, but also for a close-knit community of teenagers, each with something to offer.

## Whitson Attends Summer Workshop

by Lori Spear

Dana Whitson didn't go on vacation this summer. Instead, she went to the Calculator and Computer Precalculus workshop at Ohio State University from June 11-16.

Whitson, LOHS calculus and advanced math teacher, read about the program in a magazine. Acceptance to the program was highly competitive. More than 300 teachers from across the nation applied but only 50 were selected. Whitson was among the chosen few. She was required to submit an application along with letters of support from LOHS principal Wallace Adams and McCracken County Superintendent Larry Harper.

The goal of the program was to introduce technology in math classes. It was the first of its kind, a pioneer in mathematics of the future. As a result, Whitson received 30 precalculus textbooks and 30 Texas Instruments graphics calculators through state funding. Each advanced math class will work with the supplies for ten weeks. State and local education officials will observe the classes to judge whether or not to continue the program.

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# Flash Plays Host to Lakers

By Robert Weber

There is not really very much that can be said about the football game of September 14. The Calloway County Lakers came to town and proceeded to thrash Lone Oak by the score of 44-7. It looked like a good game at halftime, but during the second half, the Oakers could not seem to get it together, offensively or defensively.

The Lone Oak squad came out fired up and hoping for a much needed victory. Things seemed to go bad from the start, though. The Lakers took the opening kickoff and, aided by a controversial penalty, marched down the field and scored. Then, minutes

later, they scored again on a punt return making the score 14-0.

Lone Oak fought back, though, scoring late in the second quarter on a nice 26 yard run by junior fullback Greg Richards, after driving down the field. This would prove to be the Oakers only points in the game. The two teams went into halftime with the score close at 14-7.

Lone Oak came back out onto the field optimistic, but a quick score by Calloway seemed to take the wind out of the Oakers sails. Lone Oak was not able to put together any more drives, and Calloway went on to win big, 44-7.

Although the Lone Oak

football team has taken quite a beating the past two weeks, the players and coaches have rededicated themselves to working harder than ever for the remainder of the season to become a winning football team. They would like to thank all of the students who have given their support and would like to ask for continued support.



## Lone Oak To Battle Murray

By Robert Weber

Tonight at Flash Field, the Lone Oak Purple Flash will contest the Murray Tigers for Homecoming 1990.

Murray, like the Flash, has had an up and down season so far. The crowd should expect a good hardfought game. Lone Oak is fighting to prove that they are winners, and a victory for Homecoming would do just that.

The team has worked hard all week preparing for Murray's attack and bolstering its own offensive threats. Come tonight at 7:30, the players and coaches will see if the work paid off.



## Soccer Kicks Into Season

by Chris Holland

With the LOHS soccer team, hopefully it does get darkest before the dawn. The team is coached by Mr. Billy Sensing and Greg Vickery and is under the management of Todd Riley and Dennis Crutcher. The team captains are Rodney Hook and Chad Womack.

On August 28 the season started off against Calloway County. At halftime Calloway led 0-2, but Lone Oak made a comeback and the game went into overtime at 4-4. Calloway scored another goal to end the game at 4-5.

The scores of the other games were:

Tilghman.....1-4  
St. Mary.....1-6  
Heath.....2-1  
Christian County...(OT)1-1  
Riedland.....1-5



## Box Scores

### FOOTBALL

Lone Oak 7  
Marshall Co. 35

Lone Oak 22  
Ballard Co. 14

Lone Oak 7  
Tilghman 32

Lone Oak 7  
Heath 40

Lone Oak 7  
Calloway Co. 44

### GOLF

(Low score is winner)

9-5-90  
Lone Oak-173/Tilghman-181

9-6-90  
Lone Oak-185/Ballard-161

9-10-90  
Lone Oak-175/Pulton  
City-187

9-11-90  
Lone Oak-184/Ballard-158  
Graves-144

9-13-90  
Lone Oak-181/Murray-164  
Heath-201

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