Around The Cracker Barrel

Now comes June, the month of anniversaries, weddings and commencements. Also with June comes heat, road maps, vacation plans—and the boss telling you to wait till August. So much seems to be packed into a single month, it just looks as if we ought to examine it a bit.

While June is a very poor month to start an argument, there's been a good hot argument going on among scholars—for many years—as to just how June got its name. Not that it matters, but some claim it was named after Junius. Ovid says (and now you'd better polish up on your Latin) that May was derived from majores, and June from a junioribus. Which is to say that May was named in honor of the elders, while June was named in honor of the juniors. So, after having been honored in May—we being an elder—let's take a look at this month dedicated to our juniors.

How does it happen that so many weddings occur in June? There must be some reason, but I don't know what it is. Could be that Spring brings forth feelings in youth which naturally leads up to that vital question. Could be that the resistance of the young lady is worn down by a prolonged winter. So, Spring having inspired the Youth, and the Maiden's resistance being low, June just comes along at the right time for weddings.

Maybe June is your wedding month. If it is, you might be able to analyze this problem and come up with a pretty fair answer. But if it is your wedding month, you'd better come up with something more than an answer. You'd better remember that exact date and do something about it. Also—and you're now listening to a June bridegroom of 19 years ago—don't get the quaint notion that these wooden and tin anniversaries mean you can get away with a rolling pin or a cookie cutter. It won't work. Every anniversary calls for something especially nice. So if June is your month, and you haven't got an idea in the world, just come down to Campbell's Village Store. We have ever so many items which will make wonderful presents. And at your request, we'll wrap that gift with special gift wrappings.

But there are weddings present as well as weddings past. If this June is your wedding month, you won't even be reading this—for you'll be too busy. But if you've received one of those engraved cards requesting your presence, etc., then you've probably been wondering already what to get that young couple. Someone really ought to write an essay on wedding presents, and how to buy them. I've seen some of the most unusual wedding presents ever given. How do you know that they'll want a bird just because you gave them a bird cage? They've probably received about eleven bridge tables already. Those flower urns look like—well, a bit strange anyway. But what's to do?

How about some beautiful tinted percale sheets? With matching pillow cases? Or, why is it wrong to give separate gifts to bride and groom—something they really can use? This idea of giving a joint gift is what fouled up the whole situation in the first place. Don't you think any bride would like to have a gorgeous suede handbag, made by those great stylists in California? Or maybe a pair of those gorgeous handmade, imported doeskin gloves? Maybe you think these items aren't expensive enough. Well, they're costly, but they're superb. And if the bride gets something she really wants, why shouldn't the groom get one of those super all wool gabardines, made by Pendleton? He'd wear that shirt years after that musical cigarette box was planted with ivy.

Therefore, if June isn't too hot in which to think, you might think a bit about the above. If you agree this is good sense, then you don't have to ask twice where these fine gifts can be procured.. We'll package and deliver—or pay the delivery charges—on presents from this store to any place in the world.

Now they call them commencements. That's good sense. A few years back, when I was released from school, they called it graduation. That word seems a final admission on the part of the school authorities that you were educated, were a finished product. Which was a real mistake. Looking backward, I was better educated the night I graduated from high school than I have ever been since. Years in university, and years of living, have continuously taught how little we know. So, it seems right to call these functions commencements. Maybe some of you juniors, who are honored in the month of June, won't understand what we elders—who were honored in May—are talking about. But you'll find out some day.

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Which is a mighty queer way to start talking about commencements. Especially when the youngsters in Birmingham are making such enviable records.

Did you know that 97% of all of the children starting in high school in Birmingham stay with it until commencement? This is an astounding record, probably unequalled in the entire country. Did you know that more than 60% of all those finishing high school in Birmingham go on to college or university? This fact, too, is astonishing.

So, with June, comes commencements in Birmingham. And the youngsters here who are making such records should not be forgotten by their parents and friends. Commencement day, whether it be from Baldwin, from Barnum, or from one of the elementary schools, is a big day in the life of all those on the commencement lists. It's too big an event for you to overlook. Your little friend won't hear your words; but his eyes will sparkle at your gift.

After all these anniversaries, weddings and commencements, we haven't the heart to talk about Father's Day—which is June 20. So we won't.

But when June is gone, vacation time will be coming. The months of Julius and Augustus will see many of you scattered all over the United States. Some of you may go to Canada to get that extra premium on your money. But wherever you go, it's time to start thinking about your summer garb. Buying of everything has been so heavy—and so early—this year, that selections will be very limited later. Mills are already switching to the manufacture of Fall and Winter garments; summer wear is all made now, and it's going to be in short supply. So don't wait too long if you want fresh, cool clothing for this summer.

And if you are interested in fine merchandise, fairly priced, and in having plenty of room to shop and not be hurried, then remember Campbell's Village Store. This is the store with the cracker barrel—the store of National Brands.

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Barnum Operetta to Be Presented This Evening

"In Gay Havana", an operetta in three acts, is to be presented in Barnum auditorium tonight at 8:15 o'clock.

A cast of 91 students is participating. Besides the lead parts, taken by Barbara Stradinger and Jim Terrian, there are five different choruses.

The chorus of American college boys consists of Don Dickinson, Edgar Ellis, Don Green, Frank Lenker, James Moore, Leon Pariseau, Ron Rolph, John Schoenfeld, Bill Anderson, Ted Averill, Julian Chalk, Bill Chapel, Tom Dinnell, Bruce Duncan, Tom Garrison, Jack Goodman, Ned Haugan, Marc Joslyn, Larry McCracken, Fritz Page, Hugh Whitmer, David Howell, Don Jones, Jack Stiffler, John Vise, Elwin Harris and Murl Webster.

In the chorus of chaperones are Ann Averill, Jean Donnelly, Peggy Jo Crim, Barbara Hower, Judy Smith, Linda Ball, Betsy Osler, Nancy Davison, May Chritton, Velma Harris, Phyllis Abbott.

Cuban Girls' Chorus

The Cuban girls' chorus includes Janet Caryl, Bertell Little, Sylvia Chalk, Pat Hubbard, Alma Jean Nordman, Phyllis Cox, Margaret Ireland, Barbara Hoeltzel, Janet Brown, Janet Whitney, Judy Frost, Susan Swarts, Mary Lu Gregory, Mary Mullin, Nancy Kaiser, Susan Fricker, Joanne Sproule, Sally Carrier, Betsy Brewster, Cynthia McDonald, Betty Aldred, Mary Ann Bates, Gael Greig, Betsy Hood, Marjorie Crook, Joanna Harley, Beverly Stradinger, Geraldine Gonley, Karen Oldberg.

Music of a trumpet trio is supplied by Ronnie Phillips, Bill Berndt and Jim Craig.

Soldiers are Eric Davison, Alfred Krause and Ed Simetz.

The operetta is under the direction of Victor Ulrich and Miss Lyla McCormick and is given with special permission of the Willis music company.

Big Beaver School News

The valedictorian for the Big Beaver graduating class is Marie Ballard. She has an average of 3.359. She is the treasurer of the graduating class and has worked on the school paper, played on the softball team, and taken parts in both the junior and senior plays.

The salutatorian of the class is Shurley Hughes, who has an average of 3.187. Shurley has played on the softball team and was a member of the Student Council.

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The patrons and patronesses for the Junior-Senior Prom, to be held on Friday, June 4th, at the Elks' Temple, in Royal Oak, will be Messrs. and Mesdames E. W. Herald, Harvey Siglow, Lawson Lockhart, Harold Beaver, Walter Capelling, Oliver Schroeder, Russell Lovell, Raymond Haney, Sr., Vernon Wass, Dale Cliopert, Carl Stumpf, Robert Tuten, Howard Sutherland, Robert Moonen.

William Hull, Clifton Truesdell, Ezra Tucker, Orville Spencer, William Van Leuven, James H. Tracey, Forrest Clippert, Elmer Schroeder, Earl Klusendorf, Russell Robertson, George Cinader Orville Ballard, Bethel Burgess and Mr. Ralph Patton.

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Bacalaureate service will be held Sunday, June 6, at 8:00 p.m. The Prelude, "Adagio from the Moonlight Sonata" by Beethoven, will be played by Mrs. Henry Hicks. The Processional, "Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar, will be played by Janet Robertson.

The Big Beaver Methodist Church choir will render two numbers: "God So Loved the World" by John Stainer, and "Ring the Bells of Heaven" by George F. Root. The Rev. Howard F. Snell will deliver the sermon, entitled "You Can Take Them with You".

The graduates are Marilyn Anderson, Raymond Anderson, Mavis Bailey, Marie Ballard, Edward Berbenchuk, Walter Berg, Charles Cinader, Richard Cinader, Rosemary Clippert, Donald Dalloff, Shirley Edgerton, Jerry Floch, Elizabeth Garvock, Rebecca Hamill, Calvin Gilbert.

Phyllis Hawley, Robert Hering, Shurley Hughes, Ruth Iler, Edsel Johnson, Cameron Lee Kage, Jerry Keast, Joseph Klock, William Lumsden, Barbara Manes, Richard Novison, Barbara Renaud, Beverly Salyer, Lillian Siglow, Walter Smith, Alvin Stumpf, Ray Sutherland, Joseph Taylor, Ruth Vettraino, Robert Ward and Alberta Westlake.

Novel Baldwin Program Features Glass Blowers

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Howell, Bohemian glass blowers, presented a fascinating assembly for Baldwin high school students last Thursday.

Mr. Howell gave an interesting and humorous talk as he worked. He explained that one of the first lessons and one of the hardest that a glass blower must learn is to blow a round bubble.

He presented to the school a number of articles he made during the assembly. These articles include a bell made entirely of glass, a glass stork and a skein of spun glass thread.

At the same assembly Dick Groves, president of the Varsity Club, presented a new moving picture camera to Frank Whitney, school athletic director.

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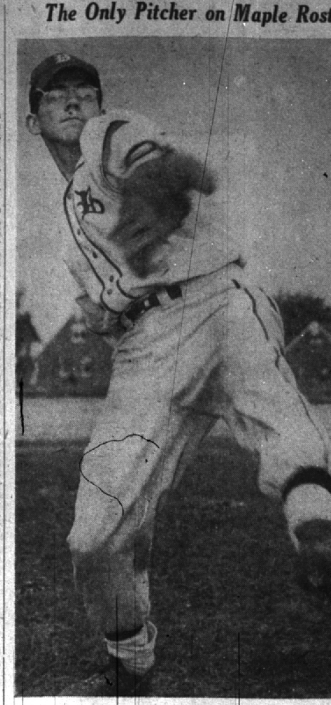

AL MONRROY

By Duke Layland

Due to his popularity and his ability as a pitcher, Al Monrroy, the Hugh Casey of Birmingham, was the unanimous choice of his teammates for captain of the 1948 baseball squad.

Only pitcher on the Maple roster, Al has had to go all-out for every game and his record for the season thus far of four wins and three losses against Eastern Michigan League competition is very good considering that two of the three games which were lost by one run and the other was due to the lack of hitting by his teammates.

Up the Hard Way

Al came up the hard way in his pitching career. Last year he started out on the reserve squad and when Dick Blauman was dropped from the team in midseason Al was brought up and pitched the remainder of the season with a record of two wins against two defeats.

In striking out 54 batters so far this year Al has proven himself to be far superior to the average high school pitcher. He is batting .250, has stolen four bases, scored six runs himself, crossing the plate in the Cranbrook game to give Birmingham the needed run for victory.

He is exceptionally fast as high school pitchers go, and he relies on a sidearm cross-fire. His earned run average of 2.8 runs per game is very outstanding considering the average of other high school pitchers.

2,000 Children to Take Part in Huge Field Day

By Bob Webster

About 2,000 elementary school children from the entire Birmingham school district will participate in a 51-event field day at Pierce field next Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 o'clock.

Grade schools participating will include Adams, Bloomfield Village, Franklin, Pierce, Quarton and Walnut Lake. Events will cover skills in football, basketball, baseball, track and volley ball, with boys and girls in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades competing.

According to Franklin Whitney, athletic director, purposes of holding the field day are to afford all pupils an opportunity to participate regardless of special abilities, to instill an interest in all sports so that pupils will be able to specialize in a few sports in the higher grades, and to encourage sportsmanship.

The field day will be conducted somewhat on the pattern of the senior high school one, but children will compete only against others in their grade.

The meet will be staged under supervision of the health and physical education department of the Birmingham schools.

Check Federal and State Regulations on Summer Work

By Marion Craig

Since it is estimated that approximately one-fifth of the girls and two-thirds of the high school boys are planning to get jobs for the summer, the United States department of labor has furnished information for students who want work.

"Want to stay on that vacation job all summer?" Then check state and federal laws to make sure that you are the proper age for the job you want to take.

Your parents will help you. So will your prospective employer and local school, state and federal officials.

For information on state laws, you should write to George W. Dean, Lansing, Commissioner of the State Department of Labor. To check on federal laws (particularly the wage and hour law which restricts employment of minors in plants producing goods for interstate commerce), write to Thomas A. Hermansen, Supervising Inspector, wage and hour Public Contract Divisions, 716 Federal Building, Detroit 26.

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10 Boys Plan Trip to Isle Royale This Coming August

With initial plans completed for the annual trip to Isle Royale next August, several Birmingham boys are eagerly looking forward to over a week of outdoor life.

This year the group, under the leadership of E. A. Hubbard, will leave from Birmingham August 23 and will travel by automobile to Copper Harbor in the upper peninsula. From Copper Harbor the group will go by boat to Isle Royale.

Featured in the trip will be trolling for lake trout in Lake Superior, fishing in the lakes on the island, long hikes through Isle Royale's virgin forests, and many happy hours spent around the campfire.

Boys who will participate in this year's trip are Bill Plant, Bill Lewellen, Pete Abbrecht, Pete Little, Bob Gellatly, John Lurkin, Phil Allen, Donald McConkie, John Dixon and Jim Ensign.

The group will be directed by Hubbard who has taken the trip three years.

Assembly Club Members Named Last Friday

Election of members of next year's assembly club was held last Friday on a class percentage basis.

Under the percentage plan, five per cent of the sophomores is eligible for membership; six per cent of first semester juniors; seven per cent of second semester juniors; and eight per cent of the senior class.

Twelve-A seniors who made the grade in the schoolwide vote are Milly Chapman, Martha Miller, Nancy Fisher and Bill Lewellen, while Ken Babcock, Sarah Breitenstein, Colin Campbell, Pete Little, Dick Reilly, Betty Whitelaw, Larry Young, Lee Hanson, Evelyn Horn, Rollie McGinnis, Jim Patterson, and Virginia Schaffer are supported by the 12-B class.

Holding up the 11-A honors are Helen Woolson and Mac Booth, with Virginia Dare, Bob Hardy, Ed Matus, Dick Shallberg, Charles Baker, Nan Mosby, Sue Pomeroy and Ann Tunnicliffe representing the 11-B class.

Two 10-A class members, Herb Dodo and Janice Porter, will join the club.

The new incoming sophomores will be allowed two per cent of their group for membership.

The retiring club members have served with exceptional taste. Varying from a studnt minstrel show to a glass-blowing act, assemblies this year were immensely enjoyed by the student body.

The members elected to the assembly club will serve for a period of one year.

Bathers Win Nip-and-Tuck Game, 8-7 in 7th Inning When Pitcher Monrroy Tires

By Duke Layland

Al Monrroy showed the strain of pitching every game on Birmingham's schedule as the Maples went down to defeat, 8-7, at the hands of Port Huron's blue water boys in a hotly disputed game last Tuesday, May 25, on the Maples' home diamond.

The game had hardly started when the Maples found themselves 5 runs behind. Callahan, Port Huron's first batter, reached first on Mugs Rouse's error. Hicks and Cain then singled and Osko, the pitcher, hit a double to drive in the first three runs.

Osko moved to third on George Burdick's error but was tagged out by Rouse in attempting to score. Hayman and Goetze both singled and both scored when Hank Price threw high to the catcher. The Maples were 5 runs in the hole.

Three Runs Back

Birmingham got 3 runs back in their half of the first. Lurkins and Burdick were both hit by pitched balls. Lurkins scored when Price doubled, and Burdick and Price scored on infield grounders by Clay Joyce and Bob Saffell. Monrroy reached first on an error but Walt Bodle grounded to the third baseman to end the inning.

In the second inning Birmingham got another run back when Darrell Kelley reached first on Callahans' error, stole second, went to third when Cain, Port Huron's second baseman, errored and scored the fourth run when John Lurkins grounded to the shortstop.

Birmingham made it five-up in the fourth inning and went into the lead, 6-5, in the fifth. Rouse singled, went to third when Callahan, the Big Red's shortstop, errored for the third time and overthrew to first, and scored the tieing run when Lurkins grounded to Miller who had replaced Callahan.

Saffell singled in the fifth inning and scored the sixth run when the left fielder fumbled Bodle's easy fly.

Count Is Knotted

The Blue Water boys tied the count at six-all and went ahead 7-6 in their half of the sixth inning. Goetze singled, reached second when Crawford was hit by a pitched ball, and scored when Jacobson and Schaeffer grounded out. Crawford scored the seventh run on a passed ball.

The Maples again tied the score seven-all in the sixth inning. Kelley singled, stole second, went to third when Cain committed his second error, and scored Birmingham's seventh and last run when Hicks, Port Huron's third baseman, errored on Price's grounder.

Monrroy began to tire in the seventh inning. Hicks, first man, grounded out, but Cain and Osko were hit by pitched balls and Hayman struck out. Goutze then was also hit by a pitched ball. Port Huron's men did not make an attempt to evade the pitch, but the umpire failed to notice this. Crawford then grounded to Price who errored, letting Cain score the winning run.

Final Attempt

Birmingham made a final attempt to win in the seventh inning. Saffell singled but was thrown out second to short on Monrroy's grounder. Monrroy stole second and died there when Bodle struck out and Rouse flew to left field.

The Maples' record to date is four wins and three defeats. This is also Monrroy's record for the season, since he is Birmingham's only pitcher.

Port Huron committed 10 errors but the Maples could not take advantage of them.

Birmingham	AB	R	H	Port Huron	AB	R	H
Lurkins, cf.	3	1	0	Callah'n, ss.	2	1	0
Burdick, lf.	3	1	0	Hicks, 3b.	4	1	1
Price, ss.	4	1	1	Cain, 2b.	3	2	1
Joyce, c.	4	0	1	Osko, p.	2	0	1
Saffell, 2b.	4	1	2	Hayman, rf.	3	1	1
Monrroy, p.	4	0	0	Goetz, 1b.	2	2	2
Bodle, 1b.	4	0	1	Crawf'd, cf.	3	1	1
Rouse, 3b.	4	1	1	Jacobs'n, c.	4	0	2
Kelley, rf.	3	2	2	Sch'fer, cf.	3	0	0
				Miller, cf.	2	0	0
Totals	33	7	8	Totals	28	8	8

Schaeffer played shortstop in the last half of the fourth inning.

Miller played center field in the last half of the fourth inning.

Errors—Callahan 3, Cain 2, Hicks 2, Price 2, Goetze, Hayman, Osko, Rouse, Hardick. Runs batted in—Osko 3, Burdick, Price, Saffell, Monrroy, Bodle, Kelley, Jacobson. Two base hits—Price, Osko. Stolen bases—Kelley 2, Rouse, Price, Monrroy. Left on base—Birmingham 10, Port Huron 7. Hits—off Monrroy 8 in 7 innings; Osko 9 in 7 innings. Struck out by—Monrroy 1, Osko 2. Winning pitcher Osko. Losing pitcher Monrroy. Umpire J. French.

Crane Nine Ends Season Undefeated

The Cranbrook lower school baseball team won their game with St. Hugo last Friday 13-8, to complete an undefeated season. They won the eight games on their schedule.

In the second inning, St. Hugo's McMannis reached first on an error by Jim Paterson, was safe at second on an error by John Edison, stole third and came home on an error by Jerry Willenborg. In the fourth inning, three runs scored on a bunt by Dan Newey, with John Edison on second and John Hatch on third.

This team is coached by Frederic Campbell.

'Terrace' Dance This Saturday

Emerald Key presents its dance "Starlit Terrace" Saturday night at Helen Woolson's home on Glengary road.

This unique record dance will be one of dreamy atmosphere with the sky as its roof. Japanese lanterns will add color and light for dancing from 8:30 to 12:30. A large porch will await those who like a firmer dancing surface for their whirls and dips.

Leading the various committees are Nan Stromquest, publicity; Mary Ann Tomlin, decorations; Marilyn Staley, tickets.

Committees for GAA Banquet

Arrangements for a GAA banquet at Devon Gables June 18 will be made by Gerry Woolley, general chairman; Sally Buck, Evelyn Horne, Cynthia Hadley, and Sherrill Williams, decorations; Virginia Schaffer, Beverly Yates, Barbara Hughes, reservations and publicity; Marilyn Davey, Kern McKay, Laurel Walsh, Elizabeth Hanna, program and entertainment; Audrey Engel, awards.

Miss Margaret Herbison is advisor.

Petticoat PATTER

By Kay Knowlton

For summer dresses, skirts, shorts, and what have you, I've never found anything superior to Indianhead cotton—and Mulholland's have a goodly supply right now. It is strong, sturdy, color fast, shrink proof, and looks nice after endless tubbings. Mulholland's have Indianhead in a wide range of pastels, as well as the deeper shades of red, rose, green, and blue. I've always thought Vogue patterns were the best fitting and easiest to use, so I was happy to find that Mulholland's can order them—it doesn't take long to get them either.

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Mint's Ice Cream, 1360 S. Woodward, is now open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. six days a week, and is closed on Sundays, so please don't call before eleven in the morning or after eight at night to place your order for Mint's delicious ice creams. This gives you plenty of time, however, to have a really festive dessert—Mint's Ice Cream Roll—made with two flavors of ice cream rolled in macaroon crunchies. For weekend entertaining you should call 2358 to place orders for special ice cream molds and Mint's punch —made of pure fresh fruit juice.

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All you gals who will start off for camp soon will find the camp clothes that are "just right" at the Cheer Shop, 191 S. Woodward. You'll need a goodly supply of denim jackets and jeans, as well as plenty of shorts, polo shirts and sport shirts. The Cheer Shop has all wool one-piece bathing suits—the kind that are a "must" for camp. Then there are Kleinert's Sportsters, which can double as bandeau brassieres, and you'll want one or two Kleinert's bathing caps that are guaranteed water tight. No more messy locks after swimming.

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Before you buy a home freezer be sure to see Lee Frigidaire Home Freezer at Craig Appliances, Inc., 112 S. Woodward Ave. It particularly like the 8-cu. ft. model that will hold 280 pounds of assorted foods and is less than 28 inches high. It's equipped with a removable aluminum freezer plate which makes it possible for you to freeze your own provisions at their best. Separate coils at the freezer plate location give fast-freezing speed. At only $299 the Frigidaire Home Freezer is an excellent value for any family.

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There's an ancient advertising slogan that says, "look at your hat and the same thing goes for your new rugs—it's really old hat" for your porch. Quinn's, of course, is the place to find beautiful rugs and carpeting for any room in the house, whether you want chenille, twists, velvets, or that long-wearing gros-point.

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Happy is the bride the sun shines on and happy is the bride who gets a gift of lovely silver from The Kincaids', 213 Maple. The shop has all of the newest patterns of 1847 Rogers and Community Plate flat ware as well as the new Rogers Sterling and Alvin Sterling. And any bride would be thrilled with a beautiful piece of hollow ware. Kincaid's have a wonderful selection of gravy boats, bon bon dishes, compotes, vegetable dishes, and platters in either sterling or plate, that make perfect wedding or shower gifts.

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