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With the assistant coaches living next door, beer pong days must come to an end! Since Borgen Square Apartments opened, parties were a frequent problem for management to clean up after. The hallways were trashed and people punched holes through the walls. All this was done with a police officer living in the building.

Upon hearing the news about the new agreement of DMACC sharing responsibilities of the Borgen Square apartments with High Property Management, I asked myself, why would they want anything to do with these apartments knowing their history? If underage students will party with a cop in the building, what else could possibly scare them enough to stop this behavior?

Then I read the new live-ins were DMACC employees, not the police. Before I got done laughing I thought, what DMACC employees? Turns out, it is no laughing matter; they are the assistant coaches for women’s and men’s basketball, volleyball and men’s baseball.

There is an assistant for each sport living in the buildings to monitor the athletes’ behavior. Any violation this year can directly affect that student’s eligibility to play and fines are being enforced for noise violations, and possessions.

“We definitely have to concentrate only on school and playing ball this year,” said Luke McDermott, baseball player for the DMACC Bears.

“In late September 2006, 18 holes of free entertainment will be available to all, at McHose Park. Because of three generous donations, a new disc golf course will be located behind the Boy Scout cabins.

“It will be nice to have free entertainment that promotes physical health,” said John Rouse, Director of Parks and Urban Forestry.

Disc golf is rapidly growing in popularity across the world. There are courses located in 21 different countries and in all 50 states. The courses range from nine hole courses to 27 hole courses and the degree of difficulty depends on the natural obstacles, which obstruct the flight of the disc.

Disc golf is played by throwing a flying disc with as much power and accuracy to land it as close to the basket as possible, which you must make it in, to end the whole. The toss is similar to a Frisbee toss, but the discs are weighted like golf clubs to achieve the distance needed for the throw. There are drivers, mid-ranges and putters ranging in weight.

All courses have par three and par four tees which are determined by how many feet there are at that hole. To par or stay at zero in points you can only throw according to the par number, which is located on each sign. Each additional toss is an extra point. These points are added in the end and the person with the lowest number wins the game.

The new course in McHose is sure to attract regional disc golfers because it will hold one of the longest holes in Iowa, with hole ten being 800 feet long. Along with six other signature holes, most courses are lucky to have one! It will also be friendly to new disc golfers with the shortest tee being around 100 feet.

Each tee will feature a “pro” tee for the experts and an “amateur” tee for new players.

“It will be one of the best courses not only in Iowa, but in the nation,” said Charles Braun, one of the designers of the new course.

Charles Braun and Steve Fenton are to thank for this new and free outdoor activity. The new course was their idea and Braun took the initiative to contact John Rouse to come up with the $10,000 in donations needed to fund this project. Fenton mapped out the original course then Charles helped with the final touches.

Charles said, “I’m attracted to it because it is inexpensive, good exercise, not time-consuming, outdoors, and fun for the whole family. Every city should have a course.”

Two thousand dollars was donated by the Boone Lions Club to cover the rest of the money needed for the baskets.

Soon after the course opens Charles plans to form a disc golf club. He also plans to hold yearly competitions after a significant amount of members have joined. Information about the disc club will be posted on the main sign when the course opens.

“I’m stoked not to have to pay to drive out of town for my favorite free activity,” said Josh Musser, disc golfer.
Travis Wyckoff was named the new head baseball coach for the DMACC Bears this summer at a press conference located in the Courter Center. Wyckoff has an outstanding career as a player, pitching coach and a recruiting coordinator.

DMACC Boone Campus Provost Tom Lee said, “His background and experience are exactly what we are looking for to become one of the best baseball programs in the country.”

Wyckoff comes to Boone after an incredible run as the assistant coach for Creighton University. While at Creighton, Wyckoff coached All-Americans Steve Grasley and Scott Reese, as well as Eric Wordekemper, who was selected in the 2005 draft to play for the New York Yankees. Grasley has signed a contract to play for the Seattle Mariners.

Wyckoff said at the press conference, he loved his job at Creighton University. “The common denominator in my decision to take the position here as head coach was good people.”

Wyckoff plans to discuss recruiting connections with the former coach of 33 years, John Smith, to continue his success with Canadian and Hispanic players. He also has his own connections in the Mid-West.

Wyckoff graduated from Wichita State with a degree in general studies. He was named to the WSU’s 25th anniversary team as a utility player after the Shockers finished in first place in the in Missouri Valley Conference each of his four years there. He was named first team all-MVC twice, as a pitcher in 1995 and an outfielder in 1996.

He was drafted in the 11th round of the June 1996 Amateur Draft to play for the minor league system of the Florida Marlins. Wyckoff spent three years in the Minor League system.

The University of Iowa had Wyckoff as their assistant coach for four seasons prior to his move to Creighton. His pitching staff gave up the fewest earned runs of any team in the Big Ten Conference in 2001.

It will be great to see Wyckoff back in action in Iowa. Wyckoff and wife, Cherice, have moved to Boone. They have two sons Trevor, 4, and Cooper, 2.

DMACC offers introduction to wine class

DMACC—If you don’t know a chardonnay from a cabernet, Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) has a class for you this fall.

DMACC is offering a three-credit “Introduction to Wine” class from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Thursdays and repeating the class from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays starting this fall. The class will be held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.

The class is being taught by Paul Gospodarczyk, who earned his degree in Fruit Science and Enology from Missouri State University. Enology is wine science.

During college, Gospodarczyk conducted enological research. He has worked for four wineries, one each in Colorado, New Zealand, Oklahoma and Oregon.

DMACC is developing a certificate program in Viticulture and Enology, which will focus on the practical aspects of wine production and vineyard operations. There are currently 271 registered vineyards and 62 wineries in the state of Iowa.

For more information, or to sign up for the “Introduction to Wine” class, call (515) 964-6406.


Date Day Opponent Location Time
9/18/2006 Monday Triangular with Central Willmar MN 7:00 p.m.
9/15/2006 Saturday Kirkwood Tourney Cedar Rapids 9:00 a.m.
9/8/2006 Wednesday Southwestern* Cedar Rapids 4:00 p.m.
9/3/2006 Saturday Kirkwood Tourney Cedar Rapids 8:30 p.m.
9/6/2006 Wednesday Southwestern* Kirkwood 7:00 p.m.
9/4/2006 Friday Southwestern* Willmar MN 6:00 p.m.
9/2/2006 Wednesday Southwestern* Willmar MN 9:00 a.m.

Manager: Kent Mui
Street, Vinton, IA, 52349, or on the web at

New China
Restaurant
Lunches Dinners Carry Outs
432-8089
716 Story, Boone, Iowa 50036
Manager: Kent Mui

IMCA racing

Andrew Penner
Banner Staff Writer

J. Alex Sloan of Pittsburgh, PA, played a key role in organizing International Motor Contest Association (IMCA) in 1915, making it the oldest and still active automotive racing sanctioning body in the U.S. After the death of his father in 1937, John Sloan took up his fathers’ role in IMCA racing. On November 9, 1947, IMCA had its first Late Model race in Lubbock, TX.

Few knew that when Keith Knaack introduced the Modified division in the late 1970’s, that it would flourish into the largest class of race cars in the country, and would become the IMCA’s calling card.

Kathy Root would become president of the IMCA in 1990, and would later purchase the IMCA from the Knaack family in ’96. Root went on using the vision of Keith Knaack to promote the IMCA as the heart of racing in the U.S.A.

Today in the IMCA there are several different classes consisting of Hobby Stock, SportMod™, Stock Car, Modified, Sprint Car, and Late Model. All race driver’s licenses are issued by and only the IMCA. All drivers need to be at least 16 years old, except for 14-15 year olds can only be licensed for hobby stocks, on tracks 3/8 of a mile or shorter.

The IMCA Super Nationals will be held at the Boone Speedway in Boone, IA, from September 4th-9th. For more information on the heart of racing in America send to IMCA, 1800 West D Street, Vinton, IA, 52349, or on the web at www.imca.com.

Coaching clinic
DMACC—will offer coaching authorization class for individuals who are interested in coaching but do not need a teacher certification.

This course will provide the framework for coaching authorization as stated in the Code of Iowa.

This class will be offered in a weekend format for two consecutive weekends. The first weekend will be July 21-23, and the second session will be July 28-30. Class times are Friday from 5 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The course will be held on the DMACC Boone Campus. Pre-registration is required and the $299 fee is due at the time of registration.

Each participant must bring six rolls of 1 1/2 inches adhesive tape and two rolls of pre-wrap.

For more information, contact Lois Kiester, Continuing Education Coordinator, at (515) 964-6685.
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Are you ready for a weekend in Boone full of so much entertainment it can keep all ages occupied for four days? Join us Sept. 7-10 to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Pufferbilly Days.

Boone originally started as a coal mining town. This landed two huge contracts with the railroad companies Chicago Northwestern and Milwaukee Railroad. This brought career jobs with great benefits to the community.

A Pufferbilly is a steam engine that hauls the coal from the mines to be loaded on the trains, which are then sent to fuel the communities. Pufferbilly days was designed to celebrate Boone’s coal mining and train heritage.

Every year the committee does its best to pack this four day festival with an array of activities to keep people of all ages fully entertained.

“Working on the Pufferbilly Committee is a way to give back to the community and have fun while doing it,” said Dan McMullen, owner of Caffery’s Cigar Company.

Activities start Thursday at 5 p.m. and continue all weekend ending with Art in the Park Sunday at 4 p.m. Below is a list of events for each day. For more information and sign up sheets for the mud volleyball tournament and karaoke contest go to www.booneiowa.homestead.com and click on Pufferbilly Days.

Pufferbilly Activities

Enter Contests Have Fun Win $$$

Pufferbilly Idol
Karaoke Contest Softball Tournament The Great Scooter-ific
Train Race
Mud Volleyball

Thurs. & Friday
Sept. 7 & Sept. 8
1st $100
2nd $75
3rd $50

Friday & Saturday
Sept. 8 & Sept. 9
1st $300
2nd $200
3rd $100
4th $60

Saturday
Sept. 9
1st $100
2nd $75
3rd $50

Sunday
Sept. 10
1st $125
2nd $100
3rd $75
4th $50

Enter by Sept. 1
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Enter by Sept. 6

See www.booneiowa.com/pufferbillydays for more details and entry forms
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DMACC opens career academy in Ames

Ames — Des Moines Area Community College’s new $5 million DMACC Career Academy, Hunziker Center opens its doors today, Monday, Aug. 14 to begin serving students of all ages. The DMACC Career Academy will be a multi-use educational facility. Through a partnership with Story County’s seven school districts, the Academy will offer career and technical programs exclusively to high school students during the day. Some of the high school educational programs include state-of-the-art labs for building trades, culinary arts, information technology, health careers, automotive technology and manufacturing.

“This facility is the first-of-its-kind in Iowa,” said Randy Mead, Executive Dean of DMACC’s Program Development. “The DMACC Career Academy, Hunziker Center will provide instruction that allows students to enter the work force or continue their education at DMACC or another college.”

Mead said he expects more than 300 high school students from Ames, Ballard, Collins-Maxwell, Colo-NESCO, Gilbert, Nevada and Roland-Story to attend Academy classes each day. Then in the afternoon and at night, DMACC’s Boone campus will offer a wide variety of college credit liberal arts classes in the Academy building. “The Career Academy is a beautiful facility which will add to DMACC’s reputation for providing a quality education,” said Tom Lee, Provost of the Boone Campus. “The Ames location makes it easier than ever before for college students or working adults to achieve their career goals.”

Site preparation for the two-story, 34,000 square-foot facility began in May, 2005. The DMACC Career Academy, Hunziker Center sits on five acres at the northwest corner of Interstate 35 and U.S. Highway 30 in Ames. As part of DMACC’s continuing commitment to the communities it serves, the College primarily used architects, contractors and local suppliers for the project.

Construction began in February and the building was completed by the end of May, 2006. The facility was designed to meet the needs of diverse students who are interested in preparing for college or for the workforce after graduation. The Career Academy offers programs in a wide variety of career areas including manufacturing, performing arts, culinary arts, health care, information technology, and general education. The Career Academy includes 34 classrooms, 16 computer labs, one television studio, a music lab, seven shops, and a 450-seat auditorium.

Students may choose from a variety of career pathways. In manufacturing, two-year students may earn an Associate of Applied Science degree or a Certificate of Completion. Students may also choose to pursue a commercial sign career pathway, performing arts careers, culinary arts careers, or general education pathways. The Academy will also serve as a community center for area residents.

Executive Dean of DMACC’s Program Development Randy Mead, Executive Dean of DMACC’s Program Development, said the Career Academy will help the College better serve its region by offering career and technical education opportunities to adults. “The Career Academy gives us the opportunity to bring high-quality career and technical education programs closer to our students,” Mead said. “In addition to serving our high school students, we are excited to welcome adults interested in preparing for a career or re-entering the workforce.”

The DMACC Career Academy opened its doors on August 14 to service the Story County area.

Local contractors built the facility. Story Construction of Ames was the construction manager and Stott and Associates, also of Ames, was the architect for the project.

“The academy is named after Ames’ Hunziker family, whose support and donations helped make the project a reality,” said Rob Damon, DMACC President and CEO. “Jon Hunziker was the guiding force in starting the partnership in 1997 that led to this facility.”

For more information, contact Randy Mead, Executive Dean of Program Development (515) 964-6392 or Tom Lee, Provost of the Boone Campus at (515) 433-5020.

News briefs

REZOOMERS CLUB

If you’re an adult student coming back to school, consider joining the Rezoomers Club. This is an informal campus organization available to all adult students (those who are returning to formal education after being away for two to 20 years or more).

The purpose of the Rezoomers Club is to provide support to adults who are resuming their educations. The lunch meetings provide the opportunity to share information and make new friends. Short programs of interest to the group are presented during the year.

You can “brown bag” it or buy lunch at the Campus Café. You can also come and go as your schedule permits. Starting back to school can be a little scary and talking with those who are feeling the same way or talking with those “who have been there, done that” can help.

Meetings are generally held twice monthly (the first Wednesday and the third Tuesday) in the Courter Center. Look for signs posted around campus for meetings.

The first meeting of the year will be Wednesday, September 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Check out the Rezoomers Club. Contact Maggie Stone in Room 124 if you have questions.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Des Moines Area Community College’s (DMACC’s) Fall Semester Continuing Education schedule is now on-line and can be viewed and printed from the following web site: www.dmacc.edu/conted.

In addition, new classes are added throughout the fall term and may be viewed by checking the “Our Schedule” menu on the continuing education web site. To request a schedule of DMACC’s non-credit classes be mailed to you, call (515) 964-6686.

COMMUTE BOARD

If you are commuting to campus, you can get assistance through the newly established “Commute Board” to share rides.

Whether you can provide the transportation or if you need the ride, complete a Commuter Request Form available at the registration window. DMACC staff will staff and post the request form on the board located outside the bookstore. Only stamped requests will be posted. You can check the board to see if someone shares a similar schedule, and can then make arrangements. For questions, check with registration staff or your advisor.

PEP BAND IN SEARCH OF MUSICIANS

If you play a band instrument and would like to join the DMACC BEARS BAND, see Maggie Stone in room 124 or leave your name and phone number at the registration window.

The band will begin rehearsals in late September and will play for most home basketball games. Members receive a band t-shirt as well as a family pass for all the home games. The band is made up of students, faculty, staff, and community “friends of DMACC.” All levels of musicians welcome. Join the fun.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

We like to take the time to help.

Hours: Mon-Thur 8-8 Fri 8-3

Walk-in help for all your classes
Computer assistance
Help with e-mail
Peer tutoring
Study space
Math tutoring
O Have a picture ID
O Know your instructor’s name
O Know which test you need

CONCERT CHOIR

It’s not too late to sign up for Concert Choir. The group meets in the auditorium from 12:20-1:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Concert Choir is a one-credit course and one of the few courses that can be repeated four times for additional credit. Preparation between classes is minimal. Singers generally explore a variety of styles of music and perform at the end of the semester. If you are interested or have questions contact Steve Hofeldt, music adjunct, through DMACC’s Webmail at 515-232-5545.

CONCERT CHOIR

Get involved at DMACC. There are many organizations from which to choose. One is PBL, the student-run business organization. PBL stands for Phi Beta Lambda, which is the college division of Future Business Leaders of America. PBL helps students bridge the gap between the classroom and the business world by giving them the opportunity to learn firsthand about the business community.

The organization meets twice a month usually during the lunch hour in the Courter Center. Look for signs posted around campus for meetings.

There is no cost to join PBL for DMACC students. Just contact Linda Plueger, PBL Adviser, Room 201, (515) 433-5080 Ext. 5080, lplueger@dmacc.edu.

Auditions Sept. 11

Actors and techies the DMACC drama club wants you. Auditions for the fall play will be held on Mon., Sept. 11 at 3 p.m. in the theatre. Depending on students’ schedules, rehearsals are usually in the late afternoon hours.

For more information, please see Kay Mueller, the director. Stop by her office #112 in the next couple of weeks and fill out an interest/information sheet. College credit can be earned for participating in the production process by signing up for DRA 945, 946 or 948. An additional benefit of participating in drama classes is taking a field trip to see a production paid for by drama club.
Gas Saving Tips

Follow the specifications in your owner’s manual because low pressure reduces your gas mileage by four to ten percent.

The host of the TV show “American Hot Rod,” Boyd Coddington, says to use regular instead of premium but that high-performance engines may need higher-octane fuel.

Try to avoid unnecessary idling but don’t hit the gas to get through a yellow light because that actually wastes more gas than sitting at a red light.

Keep your vehicle tuned up and it will use less gas. Also try putting fuel-injector cleaner in your gas tank every six months.

Check your air filters once a year and change them every 18 months to help your engine “breathe.”

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Saige Heyer

Editor

“Gas mileage decreases rapidly at speeds above 55 miles per hour,” says the Director of Media and Marketing Services for the Iowa Department of Transportation, Dena Gray-Fisher.

“The magazine “Popular Mechanics” conducted a study in their September 2005 issue to determine the effects of various gas-saving gadgets on pickup trucks. Three of the devices that were tested were the Fuel Saver and the Fuel OptMiser, two magnets that were applied to the fuel line, and the TornadoFuelSaver, which modifies the air intake. They discovered that none of these devices affected the gas mileage.

CBS News also suggests that you do your homework before selecting a hybrid car over anything else because they’re not always the most efficient. The Service Manager of Jordan Honda of Ames, Mel Gawley, said that close to half the customers who come in have not done any homework about hybrid cars. It’s asked why people tend to buy hybrid cars, he said it was because “they want to help the environment.”

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**Movie Guys Reviews**

"Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby"

Moses Powell Eckstein  
Banner Staff Writer

Welcome Des Moines Area Community College returning students, new students, and faculty. I am a movie reviewer for the Banner Newspaper, and I plan to recommend the movies you really want to see and attempt to discourage you from seeing the ones that just plain stink.

Adam McKay, the director of “Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy,” returns to spread laughter across the masses in “Talladega Nights,” but does it live up to the hype?

Fans of Will Ferrell will rejoice as he brings it as Ricky Bobby with his usual over-the-top comedy. Ricky (Ferrell) is the unfortunate son of a drunken father who just wants to go fast. Years later while working for NASCAR, he finally gets the chance to race. As it turns out, he is unstoppable and keeps placing first while his friend, Cal (John C. Reilly), always places second.

After some time, the great Formula One racer, Frenchman Jean Girard (Sacha Baron Cohen), looks to Bobby for competition. Will Bobby lose it when it counts most? Find out in "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby".

**Letter from the Editor**

Welcome back! I hope everybody had a great summer! My name is Saige Heyer and I am the new editor-in-chief of the Boone Banner. I’m definitely excited for the new school year and working with the Banner staff! This is my first year at DMACC but my first year working for the Banner.

As most of you have noticed, the administrative offices are now back in order and ready to take on the masses after being under construction over the summer. There are two new offices in Room 127 for Travis Wyckoff, new head baseball coach, and Patty Harrison, assistant athletic director and educational advisor.

We’d like to give a shout out to all the returning staff and welcome the new staff to DMACC. We’re very lucky to have them all here. Good luck and have fun this year!

I had the honor of attending a conference in Washington, D.C. this summer. The conference was sponsored by the Collegiate Media Association and the Associated Collegiate Press. Our adviser, Jan LaVille, two students from the Ankeny Campus, Kelly Cheney and Jeremy Harmesen, also attended the conference. We enjoyed ourselves and learned a lot about writing for a two-year campus and being editors.

**INSINCERITY**

Tim Larson  
Banner Staff Writer

At what point in our lives do we decide that insincerity is appropriate? When children first learn to speak they often ask for what they want by whimpering, whining or pointing. The parents respond by admonishing their children to “say what you want.” From this we learn that we must ask, specifically, for what we want. We learn that we must say, specifically, what we mean. We will spend the next several years of our lives being quite unambiguous in our speech and action. We speak our minds with no thought to what people perceive as an insult. We give no thought to manipulating people with our words (usually we just cry to get our way).

It seems to me that sincerity in our speech and interaction begins to wane as we get older. We get lazy about it or we become too worried about hurting people’s feelings or maybe we just become outright deceptive. Whatever the reason it is the odd person who is genuinely up front and direct in their interactions.

Thomas Jefferson said “Honesty is the first chapter of the book of wisdom.” I think it would be fair to say that no one seeks to be a fool, that in mind why do we so easily abandon honesty? We base our lives around deception. Women wear padded bras to look like they have big breasts, men learn to act charming so you don’t notice that they’re really just pigs. We get upset when our politicians lie at George W, can you say that they are honest? Will you be willing to believe one lie causes your every word, every action and every gesture to be scrutinized. Look at Nixon, look at Clinton, look at George W, can you say that they are honest? Will you be willing to believe what they say with out some level of skepticism? No, you won’t. All of them have looked into the camera and lied (I am not a crook, I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, etc.) Why then do we continue to be insincere knowing full well that we ourselves refuse to meet?

I’m sure you’re all familiar with Sir Walter Scott’s famous line “Oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive.” Getting caught in one lie causes your every word, every action and every gesture to be scrutinized. Look at Nixon, look at Clinton, look at George W, can you say that they are honest? Why do we hold others to standards we ourselves refuse to meet?

**Horoscopes**

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Happy Birthday!! You’re amazing, friendly and intelligent. This will make others angry, avoid girls wearing pink!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Don’t forget to buy your books early, otherwise this will cost you $$$!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) - Keep your hands on the only true side effects to sex are STD’s and babies!

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Remember your mouth can affect your grade, shut your pit hole!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Thank those who help you in life, before all help gets lost.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Keep smiling, you’ll attract a partner to do your work in no time.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Check, then recheck, your schedule or you will end up in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - It’s time for a lifestyle change!! Waking up before noon could bring about positive changes this semester. I can see A’s in your future.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - The extra dose of charisma this week keeps the boys at your feet. Step on them!!

Gemini (May 21- June 21) - Ask and you shall receive, ask again and you’ll get more than you bargained for.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Change has come again! You could flow through this transition smoothly if you can manage to keep your feet from smelly!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - You are the king of the party. CAUTION: Your yearning for attention can lead you to a DUI. Practice walking!!

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