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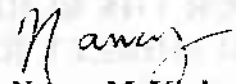
Fellow PVSers:

It's October of the year before the Big Year and I'm lining up my New Year-New Century-*New Millennium* plans. I've bought extra bottled water, hidden my money under my mattress, and brought out the flashlight batteries. Now I can look up and think about what I want to do to celebrate all this New-ness. Well, I'm sure not going to begin the *New Century/Millennium* sitting around my house on the Big Day! And I don't have to because PVS's party of the *Millennium* is prepped and ready to pull out all the stops!

Join us at the gorgeous home of Charlotte and Jim Kline for a truly elegant day on Saturday, January 1, 2000. We know PVS knows how to party but this *Millennium* event will top them all! A catered extravaganza with flowing champagne, trays of mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres, and a memorable dinner all served on china and crisp linens. There you'll be in your best duds being treated to surprise events and favors so you can party away the afternoon and into the evening. What tiny piece of PVS memorabilia do you want to place in the Official PVS *Millennium* Time Capsule for future PVS generations to uncover?

I think it's safe to say, you'll never have another opportunity to celebrate a day like this one! Contact Marty McNeill today to sign up for this spectacular *Millennium* Bash. More information can be found in this issue of TOOT. Don't miss it!

See you at the next meeting,

  
Nancy McKinley  
President



## OCTOBER MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 1999, 7:30 p.m.

HOME OF JUNE AND JACK MARTIN  
11004 Powder Horn Drive  
Potomac, Maryland 20854

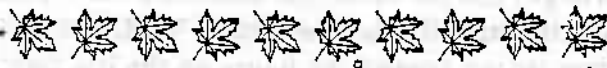


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FROM VIRGINIA-- North on 495. Bear left onto 270. Take 2nd Democracy Blvd. exit. Follow Democracy west. Right onto Gainsborough Rd (light). Left onto Powder Horn Dr. to 11004 2nd house on the left.

FROM THE NORTH -- South on 270 . Exit onto Montrose Rd. west. Left on Seven Locks Rd. Right on Tuckerman Ln. Left onto Gainsborough Rd. Right onto Powder Horn Dr. to 11004 . 2nd house on the left.

FROM THE EAST-- West on 495, Take 270 off 495, Exit onto Old Georgetown Rd. Immediately, get into Left Ln. Turn left on Tuckerman Ln. , Travel 3 traffic lights and at the 4th light, turn Left onto Gainsborough Rd., Right onto Powder Horn Ln. to 11004 , 2nd house on the left.



4th ANNUAL FALL FOLIAGE WEEKEND - BLUE KNOB SKI AREA

October 10 - 12. \$10 per night, PP, 2 nights minimum. Continental Breakfast. Hiking, Golf, Flea Markets, RR Museum, SPA, Skiing (weather permitting??). Be the first to venture to the ski slopes. Call Betty Lawrence (703) 759-0471. Accommodations limited.

**OCT 12 TOUR THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING & HIKE WITH SHIRLEY RETTIG TO GEORGETOWN FOR LUNCH**

We will tour the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at 14th & C streets N.W. Washington, D.C. PVSers should plan to arrive shortly before 10:30a.m. and purchase free tour tickets at street booth. Street booth is on 15th street facing the Tidal Basin. Limited free parking is available at the Tidal Basin if you turn off Independence Ave. onto Maine Ave. and then turn right into the parking lot. Metro to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing using the Smithsonian Station is recommended as Shirley will lead us to the nearest Metro Station after lunch in Georgetown.

PVSers making the tour should contact Charles or Sara Huggins (301)424-5725.

## **A Taste of India - Cooking Demonstration and Dinner**

On October 16, 1999 at 6:00 p.m., there will be a different kind of get-together at the Klines. Manju Singh, a native of Jaipur, India and an accomplished chef and author of cookbooks on Indian cuisine, will give a presentation of Indian cooking and culture. She will prepare a typical Indian dinner in Charlotte's kitchen and answer your questions. Then we all will eat the results at a sit-down dinner. Following dinner, she will give a slide presentation on Indian culture with an emphasis on Jaipur. This will be a reprise of her lecture given to the Smithsonian Associates last spring.

The cost is \$15.00, a bargain considering that the Smithsonian lecture was \$25.00 and didn't include eating dinner -- only finger food nibbles.

Currently the program is wait-listed based on sign-up from the last Monthly meeting. Call Charlotte for further information. (703) 821-9288

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A Day in Annapolis  
Friday, October 22 from 10AM to 5PM

No limit to participants, but call Sheldon Drews at (703) 521-5167 to sign on and to arrange carpooling. The following schedule is what I will be following, but the accompanying directions are to enable all participants to pick all or any number of the events they choose.

Directions to parking: Take 50 to Annapolis for Exit 24, Rowe Blvd. Proceed past Navy-Marine Corps Stadium on right and take right at Taylor Ave. for pay parking at stadium (about \$4). Allow 15-20 minutes for shuttle bus. There is free, but limited parking at the Naval Academy through Gate 1 on King George St.

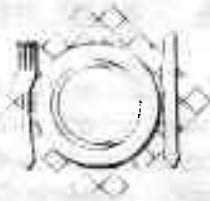
- 10 AM- Hammond Harwood House (\$5 fee, but AAA card provides reduction) at corner of Maryland Ave. and King George St. Tours hourly.
- 11 AM- Maryland State House. On State Circle two blocks up Maryland Ave. Tours at 11 & 3.
- 12:05 PM- Midshipmen Noon Meal Formation. At Tecumseh Court in front of Bancroft Hall, three blocks down Maryland Ave. Through Gate 3 and right at Stribling Walk.
- 12:30 PM (about)- Lunch in Drydock Restaurant (caterina) in Dahlgren Hall, first building SW of Bancroft Hall (attached by walkway).
- 1:15 PM- Arner-Letwich Visitor Center. About two blocks south on the waterfront.
- 2:15 PM (about)- Guided walking tour of USNA (\$5 fee, but reduction for seniors). End up in the vicinity of parade grounds with possibly some extra time for USNA Museum.
- 4:00 PM- Midshipmen Parade on Worden Field.



### MIDWEEK BIKE 'N LUNCH

W&OD Trail -- Ashburn to Leesburg

Thursday, October 21, 1999 10:30 AM



**Starting Point:** VA Rte. 28 & W&OD Trail Parking Lot.

**Route:** 20 mile round trip ride on flat W&OD trail to Leesburg and return with short detour near end to the Old Dominion BrewPub for lunch. Call leaders if you need specific directions to starting point.

**Leaders:** Marvin Hass (703) 751-4737 and Betty Byrne (202) 483-4048

**ANNUAL CHILI HIKE** will take place on Saturday, November 6. This is a limited event for dinner. All are welcome to hike. So call the McKinleys now: 703-527-7126.



BECOME PART OF THE TRADITION BY  
ATTENDING THE NINTH ANNUAL AUTUMN DINNER  
AT THE ARTS CLUB OF WASHINGTON

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1999  
SEVEN O'CLOCK

\$60.00 PER PERSON

MAIL CHECK PAYABLE TO W. L. ANDERSON  
4711 DE RUSSEY PARKWAY  
CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND 20815

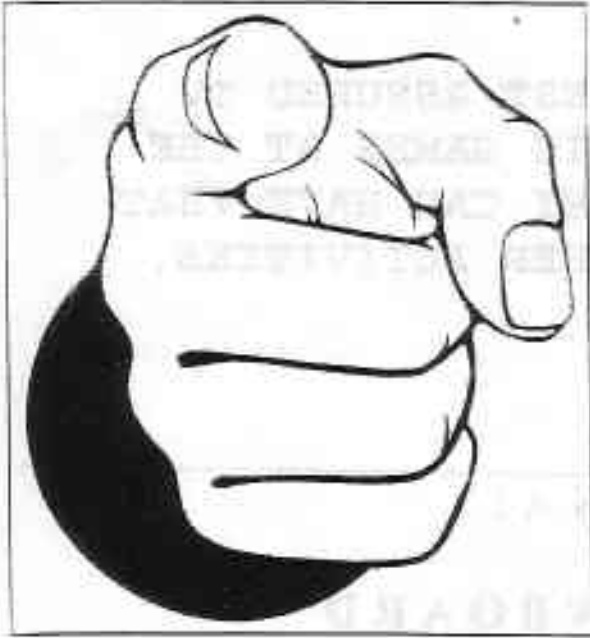
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ARTS CLUB  
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WASHINGTON

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2017 I Street, Northwest  
Washington, D.C.  
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**DO IT NOW!!!**

**PVS MILLENNIUM PARTY**

*January 1, 2000 1:30 pm to ???*

*Good Times, Libations, Complete Catered  
Dinner, Champagne, Fun, Entertainment*

*Sign up now, it's almost too late.*

*R&VP: Marty McNeill (301) 887-6658*

*Send your check for only \$45 per person (payable to Martha McNeill)  
to the McNeills, 2 Hitching Post Place, Rockville, MD 20852*

**PVS MILLENNIUM PARTY**

**NOTE: FOOTBALL FANS CAN REST ASSURED TV WILL BE TUNED IN TO THE BIG GAMES AT THE MILLENNIUM PARTY -- SO THEY CAN HAVE THAT FUN ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER ACTIVITIES. AVAILABLE.**

**NATIONAL  
SKI & SNOWBOARD  
EXPO**

**NOVEMBER 5, 6, 7, 1999**

**Ballston Common Mall in Arlington, VA - Glebe Road & Wilson Blvd.**

**PVS SCHEDULED TRIPS FOR 1999-2000 SKI SEASON**

(Revised 10/99)

<b>PLACE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TRIP LEADERS</b>
Steamboat	12/9/99 thru 12/16/99	Ned & Jaclyn Flaherty (Ray Mckinley trip accountant)
Snowmass	1/22/00 thru 1/29/00	Barbara Leonhardt & Nat Seeman
Tahoe & SF	2/5/00 thru 2/15/00	Cancelled
Kitzbuhel, Austria (& Salzburg)	2/18/00 thru 2/29/00	John Smith & Pat Tengel
Big Sky	3/5/00 thru 3/12/00	Nancy & Ray McKinley
Argentina: Buenos Aires	8/15/00 thru 8/30/00	Nancy & Ray McKinley

STEAMBOAT 1999 IS READY TO GO! To whet anticipation, the pre-trip party will be held on Sunday, October 24 at 4 p.m. at the home of our peerless leaders, Jackie and Ned Flaherty. Address 15305 Narcissus Way, Rockville, Md. Please call in regrets only to 301-9219-9664.

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**PVS - SNOWMASS - 2000**

**Sat. Jan. 22 - Sat. Jan. 29, 2000**

**Final payment is due by November 1.** Information will be mailed out soon. All aspects of the trip are set. If you wish to opt for trip insurance or need other information, please call Barbara Leonhardt at 301-963-8111 eve. or Nat Seeman at 703-461-0859. Make last check payable to Barbara A. Leonhardt and put PVS-Snowmass 2000 on the memo line. Send to Barbara at 606 Firehouse Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. **Plan ahead: Pre-trip party/dinner will be January 9, 2000 at the Leonhardts.**

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*August 12 - 26, 2000, join Nancy & Ray McKinley*

## See & Ski in Argentina

*Get ready to ski South America as we firm up plans to take you on a See and Ski trip that you'll always remember. Next August we'll fly to **Bariloche** in the magnificent Patagonian Andes region of **Argentina** - a land of mountains, lakes, tundra, and fabulous skiing. We'll stay six nights in a five star hotel in the town of Bariloche overlooking gorgeous **Lake Nahuel Huapi** and ski for five days at **Cerro Catedral** with 25,000 glorious acres of skiing. Then on to beautiful **Buenos Aires** where we've lined up a city tour, a tango show (not to be missed!) and a day on a gaucho ranch. An optional two days in **Iguazu Falls**, one of the natural wonders of the world, and a side trip to a tiny quaint colonial town in **Uruguay** rounds out our South American Odyssey.*

*Prices are looking good - coming in at the same or a little less than our slightly shorter 1998 trip to Chile. More info is coming soon. Contact us now to express your interest and hold your spot with a \$200 refundable deposit. Ray and Nancy McKinley at 703-527-7126.*

CRABFEAST: BOUNTY! SATIATION! CELEBRATION!

Forty-two PVSrs fled from Dennis to Betty Lawrence's home in Great Falls for shelter and more, and we had it all ways. The crabbing in the rain in our hospitality-plus hostess Betty's gracious home was an all weather shelter and treat. The spirits of togetherness and binding together created in response to Dennis' threats was a great level of PVS sharing enhanced through the protectiveness of Lawrence's multi-level decks and sheltering awnings and overhangs. These features of the gathering were richly enhanced by the bountifully varied, delectably tasteful appetizers, many salads and Cannon Seafood's delicious crabs, plus a creative array of desserts, of course. Discussion: Note for future activities: Any PVS public debate challenges should be met by our articulately jaunting team of Lu Beale, Anne Marie Black, Sheldon Drews, and Jack Peoples. Listening to them serves up a formidable and impressive coverage on any topic. That combination will crack any shells!!!

P.S. Betty--can we come back during future hurricanes for shelter and more of this memorable fun? Thanks a lot!!! .. Ned Flaherty



### NATIONAL AQUARIUM IN BALTIMORE

Ruth Powers

The bad news was there was a light drizzle most of the day and our reservations at Haussner's Restaurant were canceled due to the pending closing. We decided to skip Haussner's to avoid a wait of several hours in line. The good news was that we were a day ahead of Floyd, and Carol Parmenter selected a fine substitute restaurant, Victor's Cafe, on the waterfront. (The most popular menu item was the crab cake sandwich.) Our group of ten included Frank Shelburne, who passed away only a couple of days later.

The visit to the aquarium was enjoyed by all. The dolphin show was the favorite attraction, with several of us amazed at the human-animal communication required to signal what trick should be performed, and then the dolphin's ability to perform each trick so beautifully. Other highlights included the large display of rays and small sharks, the Atlantic Coral Reef, the Pacific Reef, the Venom display (snakes, spiders, frogs, etc.), and the Rain Forest. Thanks again to Carol for arranging such a special event.



SEPTEMBER MEETING.....

Over the meadows and through the woods, the merry club did go....to the home of Nancy and Ron Ewing deep in the heart of Virginia. There they were greeted by a glorious feast of barbecue, beans and all the trimmings (and the best cole slaw ever tasted! ).

The stuffed PUSers then gathered for the first meeting of the season to hear of the upcoming ski trips and many other events. Prexy McKinley then had the unwelcome task of bidding farewell to some very active members--Irene and Jack Ragen and Sue Walsh, all deserting the east for Arizona. Irene was saluted for her many years as secretary, and Sue thanked for her work on the Millennium Party which she will continue (and even return for the big event).

Even the far-off Marylanders agreed it was an evening well worth traveling through the rain for. Thanks, thanks to the gracious Ewings.

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The Civil War at Gettysburg.....by Liz Triau

How lucky we were to have another sunny, perfect day for another wonderful PVS event! On Saturday, September 25, twelve PVSers, including Civil War buffs John Burgess, Shirley Rettig, Serge Triau, Sheldon Drews and others met at the Visitor Center for our tour of the Gettysburg Battlefields. Once again, our very knowledgeable guide was Gary Delphey, a volunteer at the Antietam Battlefield who had led us on a tour of Antietam a few months ago.

We began our tour at the cemetery where we stood under an ancient Honey Locust tree which was there at the time of Lincoln's Address and Gary began to weave the story of the battles. We strolled through the cemetery, reading the many grave markers and Gary pointed out the spot where Lincoln gave his famous Gettysburg Address.

Due to logistics, we walked the Union Line first, though that would have been the third day of battle. We viewed the many monuments while Gary wove the story of the events of those days and as we gazed across the peaceful fields, we imagined the horror of the cannons and gunfire.

We had our picnic lunch at one of the monuments, returned to our cars and drove to Seminary Ridge to walk the Confederate line. Most of us made the climb up a high tower to a viewing platform where we had a wide view of the battlefields.

We ended our tour in midafternoon, wishing we could plan another event like this with our so competent guide. Many thanks to Gary Delphey for leading us and to Irene Ragan for organizing this very interesting event.

## POTOMAC VALLEY SKIERS, INC

July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1999

June 30, 1999

INCOME

Dues		7,310.00
Interest from Bank		134.28
Interest from CD's		162.88
Sale of Articles		62.00
Anniversary Flutes	32.00	
Polo Shirts	30.00	
Miscellaneous		30.00
6-Month Toot Sub		
<b>Total Income</b>		<b><u>7,699.16</u></b>

EXPENSES

TOOT		2,490.42
Monthly Meetings		1,231.15
EXCOM		1,956.09
Miscellaneous		625.11
BRSC	154.40	
DC Treasurer	75.00	
Treasurer Expenses	45.90	
Membership Expenses	62.32	
Secretary Expenses	18.74	
Arts Club Dinner Deficit	136.10	
PA System	89.33	
Gifts/Awards	43.32	
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b><u>6,302.77</u></b>
<b>Other Income - Arts Club Refund (Offset Against Expenses)</b>		<b>600.00</b>
<b>Other Outlays - Y2K Party</b>		<b>1,025.34</b>
<b>True Gain (Loss)</b>		<b>1,396.39</b>
<b>Gain (Loss) with offsets</b>		<b>(425.34)</b>
<b>Beginning Balance - 7/1/97</b>		<b>2,757.33</b>
<b>Gain (Loss)</b>		<b>1,396.39</b>
<b>Effect of Offsets</b>		<b>(425.34)</b>
<b>Cash On Hand - 6/30/99</b>		<b><u>3,728.38</u></b>
<b>Other Assets - CD</b>		<b>2,875.18</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u>6,603.56</u></b>

## IV MEMORIUM

Frank Shelburne 1913-1990

Frank grew up in Bristol, VA. He came to Washington in the 1930's and worked as a court reporter on Capitol Hill. He spent the rest of his life in Washington, leaving only during WW II when he served in the US Army in Karachi, India.

Frank discovered organized hiking about 1960 when he joined the Wanderbirds Hiking Club. He became a very active member of the club, serving as president and leading many hikes, usually the longer and tougher ones. He liked to pioneer new hikes and popularized hiking on Great North Mt. on the border of VA and WV. He was also active in the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, maintaining a section of trail for many years.

Frank took up skiing in the 1960's when he and fellow hiker Svava Vernhards (also a PVSer) would drive up to Braddock Heights west of Frederick for night skiing. Since he was pretty much self-taught, his skiing style was never polished, but he was a very strong skier and absolutely fearless. His preferred method of attacking a ski area was to start at one side and go down every trail in turn. During many years of skiing with Frank, I made too many terrifying runs down black trails, but somehow we always survived. Only several years ago, Frank decided to bash the moguls on Rolex at Steamboat. I waited at the bottom to pick up the pieces, but he made it unscathed. He was planning to ski at Snowmass this winter and was going to buy himself a pair of the new shaped skis.

Frank professed a belief in reincarnation. Given the good and meritorious life he led this time around, one can hope that in his next life he will come back as a climber of Mt. Everest or a member of the US ski team.

Shirley Rettig

PVS BOARD

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

--Many thanks to Irene Farrell who took over the TOOT for the September issue. She outdid herself.!

--Assorted technical issues created some oddnesses in this issue of the TOOT. I tried to shoot the computer but that didn't help!



## THE KNEE

by  
Ray McKinley

Well, I did it. After more than a little thought, the Knee has rejoined PVS.

The reason for my delay? It's not the trips nor is it the events. It's the membership cards. Time was that a highlight of my PVS biennial (note Marilyn and Lu, the Knee can learn from the disgrace of others) ritual was when the new, clean PVS membership cards arrived. (The Knee, admittedly, leads a somewhat sheltered life.) I'd eagerly sign the new card and search through my wallet to find the old soldier, now wrinkled and limp from two years of nearly constant sitting. Then it was out with the old and in with the new. But now, for the millennium, no more membership cards, ever. You simply can't go home again. Nonetheless, I rejoined. Because if I didn't, my spouse threatened to kick me in the knee.

A huge tip of the ol' Knee cap to Jack Ragen and Irene Farrell. They just got hitched, and it's now officially Irene Ragen. The bad news is that Irene and Jack will soon be moving to Arizona. On finding out, Serge Triau asked if Arizona was really that much farther than Frederick. Unfortunately, it is, Serge, and it's a huge loss for PVS. Their frequent presence and exuberance will certainly be missed by all of us.

And another tip of the cap to Bob and Jan Marx. They recently became grandparents. And it was on the same day as the parents (i.e. Jan and Bob's son and daughter-in-law) moved into a new abode. You can bet that was one exciting day!

And a third tip of the cap to Suzanne Boisclair. With a scant week's notice she volunteered to hold the September ExCom. when Bob Marx's mother was moved into a Florida hospice, and a shift in venue was necessary. Suzanne even managed to provide a special cake for Jack and Irene Ragen's going away. Right on!

And a final cap tip to Charles Huggins. As mid-week program chairman, he had 37 people attend the Eastern Shore hike and lunch at Lee and

Sal Mahallati's. A record high. Only Charles' unflagging work has made weekday events a hit.

It's the rise of fall. And just in the nick of time as summer was really getting a bit old. Just too many nasty old man-named hurricanes--or perhaps they were his-icanes.

The Knee received a postcard from Jim Slack and Mary Ward who were nonskiing in Knebraska. Mary found some cow poknees to ride, but no snow and no hills.

Jackie Wilson and Mary Riley are now in the Northwest, duplicating the trail of Lewis and Clark. The Knee thought that the trail was in Las Vegas, where Jerry and Dino did their act.

Several of us had a great tour of the Gettysburg Civil War (a strange mix of words) Battlefields. In several areas, Sheldon Drews and Jessma Blockwick knew more about the history than our guide. But they were civil about it.

Ski news: Charlie Smoot, one of the SCWDC founders, recently died at age 93. After several much milder than normal winters, Whitetail is in bankruptcy. As of now, with no buyers on the scene, they will not open this season. That would be a pity. Nearer to home, after years of declining interest, the Arlington Hall Ski Club has gone under. Keep this in mind and volunteer for PVS! Run an event, host a meeting, lead a ski trip. If asked, please help. Without YOU, we ain't.

John and Ellen Burgess had to cancel out of Oktoberfest. They were volunteered to go to NYC and baby sit while their daughter directed a TV production. At least it wasn't ski season.

Recently, Frank Shelburne passed away--peacefully. Frank was a credit to everything he touched. There are wonderful words about him elsewhere in TOOT. However, I must share my most vivid memory. A decade ago, PVS did more hiking. Frank was an enthusiast, and a charger. On one hike there was a 5 and 10 mile choice. Frank was leading at least Ray Garrett, Chris Wain and the Knee on the 10 miler. It was a forced march. We didn't stop once, and finished well before the 5 milers! Going 110 mph straight ahead, that's how I'll remember Frank Shelburne.

CALENDAR

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- Nov. 18 ... Bike Ride, Capital Crescent Trail
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- Nov. 23 ... ExCom at Bill Anderson's
- Jan. 1 ... Millennium Party at the Klines'
- Nov. ... PVS 35th Anniversary Party

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