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EPIDEMIC OF "NDD" SPREADING RAPIDLY (But not at Cheleu)

For nearly nine decades the Cheley camps have followed Frank Cheley's dream. When Frank was in his 20's he was the first director of Camp Eberhart inThree Rivers Michigan, the South Bend, Indiana, YMCA camp. Then in 1921, at age 31, he started his own camp in Colorado. He learned first the influence that nature has on the development of the whole child. Over the years as young people enjoyed the Cheley Experience they would also get in touch with the power and beauty of nature.

For generations children grew up outside. They walked to school... they rode their bikes around the neighborhood... they splashed around in creeks... they ran barefoot in the grass... they climbed trees... they collected bugs... played in the dirt... ran outside in the rain! Childhood was characterized by innocence, imagination, energy, wonder and laughter. Gosh, that sounds like camp. And the thought of being cooped up inside all day long was unfathomable and torturous. It was punishment.

Much has changed in our world over the last 89 years. As a child I remember walking to school and home, up hill and in the snow both ways. Today children and their parents are not comfortable in letting their children walk alone. And for good reason I might add. We have been bombarded with media about how unsafe the world is. Things like the Columbine shooting and 9/11 have heightened our feeling of being unsafe. Parents rightfully want to have constant contact with their child. Partly because of this, the average child today watches a screen (monitor or TV) an average of 5 ½ hours a day. This is according to a study by the Kaiser Family Foundation. They communicate by cell phone, face book and text. They don't have the chance to walk home from school and communicate face to face with their friends. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has estimated that 22 million of the world's children under the age of five are already considered obese. There is no question that we are seeing the effects of a NATURE-DEFICIT DISORDER EPIDEMIC.

National Parks around the country, Including Rocky Mountain National Park, are seeing a decline in visitors. One of the reasons for this is that the parents of today's child might not have been introduced to the National Park experience when they were young. So they — continued on page 2





It is difficult to keep your mind and mouth open at the same time.



Even easy tasks become difficult when they are done with reluctance

Leaders for Life at Cheley

We are excited to announce that we will offer an intense Leadership Development opportunity this summer at Cheley for high school students.

We have partnered with Teresa Huggins from New York to create a leadership program that will take place August 11th to the 16th with over 100 students from around the country. We will be meeting in January to finalize the curriculum and continue our planning.

This is a great opportunity for campers to spend another week at Chelev or return to Chelev for a five-day experience focused on developing each individual's leadership potential. There is something in the soil at Cheley that inspires people to be their best and we want to utilize this gift.

Please contact the Denver office at 303-377-3616 or email jeffcheley@cheley.com for more information. Make sure to take this opportunity to be a part of the inaugural year of Leaders for Life at Che-





Friendship Candle

Remember during the holidays, Cheley campers, staff, and alumni rekindle their camp memories by lighting a Friendship Candle – or a special candle they keep at home to remember their good times at Cheley



PACK RAT PUT TOGETHER BY

Around the Campfire: Cheley Staff Staff Updates: Paul Weidig Camper Information: Alyse Kenser Staying Together: Alyse Kenser History Snippets, Layout: Pete Gabel Editor: Jeff Chelev

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don't provide it for their children. Who will be the stewards of the environment for the next generation? Who is going to care enough to see that the water and air are clean?

Richard Louv's observations in the Last Child in the Woods on what he calls "Nature Deficit Disorder" (NDD) states the case for action. Most of us who care about our natural heritage are concerned that children today aren't developing the values that would compel them to preserve and protect our heritage, let alone find out who they are as human beings. There is a Children in Nature Network that is working on saving this valuable piece of childhood.

Thanks Frank for having the vision to know how important it is for each of us to connect with our outdoor environment. And for creating a place where we can truly connect with who we are in that environment. Now why would anyone want to stay in the city in the summer time? (Oh by the way, thanks also to Ann Pearce for mentioning her Cheley experience in Richard Louv's book.) ... Don Chelev

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SLIDE SHOW AND CAMPER FAIRS 2009

Tuesday, January 13th, Denver Slide Show, 7:00 pm, First Plymouth Congregational Church, 3501 S Colorado Blvd, Englewood, CO 80113

Thursday, January 15th, Boulder Area Show, 7:00 pm, Home of the Le Jeal Family, 9610 Avocet Lane, Lafayette, CO 80026. RSVP 303-661-9373

Tuesday, January 20th, Amarillo Show, 5:30 pm, Home of the Bivins Family, 3007 South Lipscomb, Amarillo, TX 79109. RSVP 806 372-5640

Wednesday, January 21st, Ft Worth Show, 7:00 pm, Home of the Burk Family, 440 Horseshoe Trail, Aledo, TX 76008. RSVP 817-312-4811.

Thursday, January 22nd, Dallas Show, 7:00 pm, Good Shepard Episcopal School, 11110 Midway Road, (enter off North Haven) Hosted by Tad Long 214-263-4588.

Friday, January 23rd, Houston Show, 7:00 pm, St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3471 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77027.

Saturday, January 24th, Austin Show, 7:00 pm, Home of the Gruber Family, 6625 Dogwood Creek Dr. Austin, TX 78746 (360 and Westlake Drive, between Riverbend Church and St. Stephen's School) RSVP 512-306-9062.

Wednesday, February 11th, Lawrence Slide Show, 7:00 pm, KU Alumni Center, 1266 Oread Ave (parking available in the Alumni Center parking lot), Lawrence KS 66045. Hosted by Lora and Craig Stoppel 785-842-5751.

Thursday, February 12th, Kansas City Slide Show, 7:00 pm, The Hampshire Square Clubhouse, 13000 W 67th St, Shawnee, KS 66216. Hosted by Lou Hopkins 913-707-1514.

Friday, February 13th, St Louis Slide Show, 7:00 pm, Home of the Bingaman Family, 76 Lake Forest Drive, St Louis, MO 63117. RSVP 314-644-2465.

Friday, February 20th, Orlando Show, 7:00 pm, Home of the Sloan Family, 219 E. Copeland Dr., Orlando, FL 32806. RSVP 407-317-9119

Saturday, February 21st, Atlanta Show, 5:00 pm, Home of the Coffman Family, 1110 East Club Lane, Atlanta, GA 30319. RSVP 404-467-4167

Sunday, February 22nd, Winnetka Show, 5:00 pm, Winnetka Community House, Winnetka, IL 60093

Sunday, February 22nd, New Orleans Show, 5:00 pm, Home of the Cheley-Klebe's, 1233 2nd St, New Orleans, LA 70130 RSVP 504-895-2482.

Monday, February 23rd, Cincinnati Show, To be determined.

Tuesday, February 24th, 7:00 pm, Indianapolis Show, Home of the Pettinga Family, 9520 Copley Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46260. RSVP 317-587-1096.



College Tour 2009

Wednesday, February 11th, University of Kansas Career Fair, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Friday, February 13th, University of Missouri interviews, MU Career Center, 11:00 am-1:00 pm.

Wednesday, February 18th, Colorado State University, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Wednesday, February 25th, Indiana University Camp Fair, 11:30 am to 3:00 pm in the Indiana Memorial Union Alumni Hall.

Thursday, February 26th, Purdue Summer Camp Fair, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, Purdue Memorial Union North Ballroom What one does when he has nothing to do is a revelation of his character





The secret of happiness is to limit your desires rather than attempting to satisfy them

A NEW ENROLLMENT MANAGER

After a year with Cheley, **Kelli Kline** chose to return to Michigan to pursue a degree in nuclear medicine. Kelli did a great job of working with our families while she was a part of the Cheley Team. She put her school career on hold to come to work at Cheley and realized she needed to get back on track. We will miss Kelli and wish her the best of luck in her new endeavor.

We are happy to welcome Betty Schacht to the Cheley team as the new Enrollment Manager. Betty is not new to Cheley. She was our outside accountant from 2000 to 2007. She then spent time working as the City Treasurer for Leadville, Colorado. We enjoyed working with Betty so much that when Kelli decided to go back to school, Betty was the first one that we called. After begging and pleading, she gave in and joined the Cheley Family. She brings a vast knowledge of accounting and business management as well as over 28 years of work experience. Betty is the definition of leftbrained. She doesn't doodle in her spare time; she makes up and solves quadratic equations. When she is not enrolling campers and communicating with our



parents, she is taking care of her three Pugs, hiking, and reading. Recently, she has also been busy getting settled in her new home. While she knows the office operations of Cheley, she is still learning to answer the many questions we receive about the Cheley Experience.

Please call her at 303-377-3616 or email at Betty@cheley.com with any enrollment or camper questions. We are happy to have her as a new member of the team.





ANNOUNCING CILTS FOR SUMMER 2008

We are excited to announce the CILTs for the summer of 2009. These campers will have the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills throughout the summer. They will spend time in leadership orientations, consistent follow-up, a week of an exchange to a different unit, and support from Smitty and their assistant director.

The following individuals have been selected based on their past involvement at camp, the quality of their application, the vote of their peers and the staff in the unit, and the recommendation of their director.

Girls' Trail's End 1st Term - Sophie Dorsch, Melissa Ball, Faith Winter, Michaela Lowe, Ashley Huff, and Drew Zeidwig.

Girls' Trail's End 2nd Term – Kelly Binding, Nichole Ewert, Elizabeth Farnham, Emily Field, Mallory Guinee, Katie McFarren, and Kasey Winter.

Senior Chipeta 1st Term – Emily Angel, Kathleen Hooper, Kelly Kern, Austin Powers, Lisa McGrady, and Jacquie Weddell.

Senior Chipeta 2nd Term – Elizabeth Coco, Maggie Flint, Torrey Hayden, Katherine Herzog, Tami Kim, and Kelsie Ward.

Boys' Trail's End 1st Term – **Thomas Sexton**.

Boys' Trail's End 2nd Term – Luke Gentner, Gordon Guild, Parker Schiffer, Val Stutz, and Charles Marquardt.

Haiyaha 1st Term – Lincoln Adams, Andrew Palmquist, Brandon Schorsch, Matthew Summers, and Henry Warrington (deferring to 2010).

Haiyaha 2nd Term – Polo Contreras, Jay Dumanian, Sam Faktorow, and Jack Thomas. Good luck is a lazy man's estimate of a busy man's success

How Is Cheley Doing?

It seems that everyone you talk to these days says, "How is your business doing with this economy?" Well, we are happy to say that Cheley is doing great. We are ahead of last year's enrollment at this time. We feel very fortunate to share this with you. We also realize we have to work very hard to stay ahead. We still have a lot of work to do to prepare for next summer and to fill all the beds at camp. The Cheley Experience is more fulfilling and has more impact if camp is full.

We realize it consistently takes more to improve each year. In the last month, we have spent a full day with Bob Ditter reflecting on last summer and exploring what we can do to communicate better as a team. It is always important for us



to take time to reflect on how we can improve. In early December, we took another day from our busy schedules to complete our Strategic Plan for the next three years. Our year round staff worked together to commit to our goals for the next few years. We reviewed our mission and our purpose and what we have to do to not only be a leader in the camping community but how we can be a leader as a business and as youth development professionals.

I heard a speaker the other day comment that a child develops his adult values between the ages of 12 and 15. It reinforced the importance of Cheley Camps. Our children can't put their development and their childhood on hold during a challenging economy. We need to make sure we are giving them the opportunity to explore their values and create who they are going to be while surrounded by strong role models. Cheley Camps gives children an opportunity to build emotional endurance in a challenging and nurturing environment.

Thank you to all of you for your continued support of Cheley Camps and our mission. It is because of each of you that we continue to thrive over the past 88 years. Please continue to recommend us to people who you know would benefit from the Cheley Experience.

- Jeff Cheley





Around the Campfire

... with Cheley Friends

It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan



1930s

Stephan Hall (1931-1939) is living in Topeka, Kansas. His wife Jean died in 2007. His daughters live in Topeka, Kansas and Cincinnati, Ohio. Steve also has a step-daughter and she lives in Boulder, Colorado – just a short drive to Cheley! Steve would love to hear from fellow campers from the 30s!



1940s

Charles Schaaf (1940-1943) remembers his Cheley days fondly and still loves to hike! In fact, he enjoyed a hiking trip through the Olympic Mountains in Washington State this summer with his kids, grandkids, and wife, Gail (of fifty two years!.) Happy 80th Chuck!



1960s

Marta Constable (1966-1974, 1975-1976) recently moved from Virginia to Colorado Springs, Colorado, and is still getting used to the fluctuating temperatures and incessant wind! But she loves the view of Pikes Peak from the back of her house!



1980s

Donald Newell (1983-87) is happily married and is the father of three future Cheley Campers! He is living in Chicago.

Susan Flamm (1986-87) is living in Pennsylvania where she just completed coursework for her Ph.D. in Psychology.

Dan Lowenberg (1982-8, 1990-91) and his wife, Kelli, welcomed Tairyn Tabitha on May 20, 2008. Tairyn joins her older sister Ella, and they all live in Mon-



trose, Colorado.

Anthony Lowenberg (1985-1992, 1994) and his wife, Sonia, adopted Maya Jini Lowenberg (born on 2/22/07) in Mumbai, India on March 11, 2008. Maya and her big brother Myles, love climbing all over the furniture; their parents are sure they will become great backpackers at Cheley!

Murray Cizon (1985-1992) has been hired as the Assistant Director of Alumni and Parent Programs at Lewis and Clark College in Portland Oregon, and would love to hear from Cheley Alumni who are also LC Alums.

John Deschner (1984-89) his wife Amy, and son Henry just moved to Boulder, Colorado, and he looks forward to showing his son around camp!

Robert Sencenbaugh (1982-1990, 1993) has decided to teach. He earned his teaching certificate for middle school and teaches history in Texas. In reference to Cheley he writes, "...we were not getting away, but getting to who we really are"

Becky (Lindsay) Dunaway (1982-1985) has been married for 22 years now and has two sons. One is eleven and the other is twenty. She works for a real estate broker and volunteers for her church on her free time.

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1990s

Justin Neighbor (1990-2000, 2000-01) now lives in Kansas where he works for a radio station and lives with his two dogs, Lucy and Tulsa.

Kristin Knight (1996-2001, 2004-05) moved to Seattle with her husband where she is the Executive Editor of Sea Kayaker Magazine.

Cara (Summers) Parigi (1986-1993, 1997) got married in October 2007 and is excited to announce that she is expecting a baby this December.



Emily Williams (1998) graduated last June from Chapman University and is now in Grad School in Spokane. Emily is also currently racing a super comp dragster out of Woodville, Washington!



2000s

Mary-Kate Decoursey (2008) was seen hobnobbing with Kirk Herbstreit at a Penn State football game this fall.

Sean Hoban (2006-08) spent three months in Uganda working with a local non profit foundation to develop underground water recourses in the rural areas around JinJa, Uganda.



WEDDING BELLS

Elliot Goldbaum (1998-2001) is currently a senior at the University of Colorado Denver, where he is pursuing a degree in Music Industry Studies with an emphasis in Music Technology. He and his long-time girlfriend, Kate Farrel, married on July 27, 2008 in Golden, Colorado.

Joel Johnston (1990,1995-96) is working as a Project Professional/Geologist for an international environmental consulting firm in Loveland, Colorado. He has also been working as a Professor of Geology at Front Range Community College. What he is most excited about however is his recent marriage (August 31st, 2008) to Jessica Pennebaker.



FUTURE CAMPERS

Christy (Jerden) Curton (1988-1992, 1994-98) and Chris Curton just gave birth to their first baby on February 25, 2008! Kyla Florence is her name and she has been pure joy! She already had her first trip up to camp to visit her cousin Mason. Cody (Jerden) Reyes (1992-96, 1998-2000) and Tony Reyes welcomed their first child, daughter Madelyn Elizabeth, on July 15, 2008. She was 6 lbs and 13 ounces, and is already looking forward to being a Cheley camper!

Ashley (Poole) Freeman (1996-2003) welcomed the birth of her first child on April 10, 2008. His name is Conner Shane, and Ashley and her husband hope he will be a future camper!

Jon Betz (2002) and Lindsey (Schorr) Betz (1990-96, 1998-2000, 02, 04) welcomed their first child on April 21, 2007. Natalie Marie was born on her father's 30th birthday! Jon and Lindsay are extremely happy and enjoying their photography business as well!

Renee (Richard) Riedel (2002-03) and husband Kyle announce the arrival of Madalene Grace (Maggie) on Oct. 2, 2007.

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Hold your head high, but keep your nose at a friendly level



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IN PASSING

Good judgment often comes from experience gained through poor judgment The Honorable **Paul Hyde Buchanan**, Jr. passed away November 6th, 2008. He was a camper with **Jack Cheley** in the late 20s and he has had many family members who have been part of Cheley over the years. He was a very accomplished judge, a former chief judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals, and a member of the court for twenty two years. Judge Buchanan was a very influential man in Indiana, and he will not only be missed there, but here in the mountains as well.

John C Lebor (1950s) was a camper and a counselor at Cheley. He loved Cheley and felt that it truly does kids a world of good, as it did for him so many years ago! His children and his grand-children have all attended Cheley, and his family continues to pass on the camp experience with The John C. Lebor Memorial Campership through the John Austin Cheley Foundation. John earned his Red Kerchief and his Silver Spurs when he was a camper. His legacy will live on through his family and the kids that are able to attend Cheley because of the memorial.

The Honorable **David W. Enoch** (1940s) passed away on June 29th, 2008. Judge Enoch was born in Kansas and

attended Wichita University. He enlisted in the army his sophomore year and served as a sergeant in WWII. Judge Enoch was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, five Combat Stars and numerous Combat Infantryman Badges. He and his wife

Ellen have had many family members who have been part of Cheley over the years. Judge Enoch will be mssed.

Wilbur Brown (1950s) passed away on April 18th, 2008. He was a Charleston, West Virginia native, but was living in Colorado when he passed away. Wilbur could always be found at all of the Cheley reunions wearing his kerchief, and we will miss him at the next.

Mary Louise Akaka (1940s) passed away in September of 2008. She was a counselor at Cheley in the early 1940s were she met her husband, Abraham Akaka. The two lived in Hawaii and raised five children. She was a very supportive woman, and strived to make her community a better place.

David Barclay Hogue passed away on October 8, 2008. He was a counselor in the 60s. His sons Matt and Stuart were both campers and he was the uncle of Scott and Emily Hook.

Anna Belle Kritser from Amarillo passed away on December 6th. She was a camper in the 60s and 70s. She was on Discovery staff and directed Lower Chipeta. She "founded" the LSH and LC Kazoo band and is best known for her love of camp and sense of humor – and her southern drawl as she would be "fixin to do something." A memorial service will be held at camp this summer. Date and time are yet to be determined.







CHELEY WORD SEARCH!

Can You Find These Words?

ARCHERY ... BANQUET ... CAMPFIRE ... CANDLE CATHEDRAL ... CLIMB ... CODE ... COLORADO ... CRAFT FAMILY ... FRIENDSHIP ... HIKE ... HORSESHOW ... KERCHIEF MOUNTAINS ... PLAYDAY ... RAFT ... RIDE ... TRIGGER BILL

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No matter how high a person rises, he needs something to look up to



If you find life empty, try butting something into it

Staying Connected!

In today's world we have the technology to "stay connected" at all times. Facebook, Myspace, IM, text messaging are all easy ways in which we find ourselves keeping in touch with our Cheley family and friends. I often find myself "talking" to my closest friends through a wall post on Facebook.

Recently an email came through the Cheley office that made us all reflect on keeping in touch with close friends. The letter came to us from Mary Jo Jacobs. In the letter she describes a reunion that takes place every year with her Cheley friends.

Reading what Mary Jo had to say about her friends proves that their bonds run deep! The OverThe Hill Gang are a remarkable reminder of how important the friendships that we make at camp are and how valuable it is to keep in touch with our Cheley family and the value of finding ways to spend time together.

This year, as you light your friendship candle, think of how your Cheley friends have helped shape you into the person you are today, and how you will connect with them this year and for the many years to come. Thank you Mary Jo and the OTH Gang for your inspirational story!

We hope you are staying connected to your Cheley friends through meaningful times spent together rather than just quick text messages. - Alyse Kenser

"From June 17-21, 2008 the OTH (Over the Hill) Gang met at the Judy Benfer Phillips cabin in Estes Park.

Shown on the right is a group of us at Bear Lake. Left to right: Ellen Phillips, Judy Benfer Phillips, Ann Root, Doralee Flutcher, Mary Jo (Jake) Jacobs and Pat Touhy. We were all counselors, campers, aides or J. C's. during the late 1940s and early 1950s. (Others attending this summer but not pictured are Mary Lou (Monty) Blair and Mary Ann Touhy Kundot.) Since then we have remained good friends and since 1979 have gotten together on almost an annual basin. Most often we meet in Estes Park, but we have also gone to Steamboat Springs, Santa Fe,



NM, and Mesquite, NV. We also shared lunch one day with Ross Moor, husband of the late Lois (Crainie) Moor, a head wrangler at Cheley for many years. Ross is 101 years old but is sharp as a tack and loves to share camp and other stories with us. You will recognize many of the names in the OTH gang as former John Austin Cheley Foundation board members. Sue Turner Jacobs, deceased, was also a loyal member of the OTH gang. We read about our campers now enjoying making new friends, and we hope your friendships last another 60 years, just as ours have."

HOW COME THIS IS CALLED... THE PACK RAT?!



Newly enrolled campers and their families are frequently puzzled and curious about the origin of the name of our little camp newspaper.

Our newspaper gets its name from one of our furry friends at camp, the pack rat, who has a yearround habit of carrying off bits of foods, sweets, and bright, shiny objects for future enjoyment. In exchange he leaves sticks, stones, and pine cones to avoid the stigma of being a complete thief. Our newspaper is named for him because we want to exchange bits of news and information among members of the camp family.

Pack Rat wants to hear from you with news and information about your friends, reunions, accomplishments, and even chance meetings of Cheley friends. Fill in the form on page 11 and send your news for the next issue.

... AND WHAT ABOUT TRIGGER BILL?



Trigger Bill is the camp philosopher (frequently connected with Granny May, Chief's horse manager). Trigger Bill "cards" were sent with each Pack Rat and were originally printed on "blotter" paper to absorb ink from ink pens (ask your grandparents!). When we stopped printing separate cards, we started including the card as part of our website so you can print your own as desired. To see and print the Fall 2008 card, go to http://www.cheley.com/online-fun/pack-rats/20081028-trigger-bill.pdf

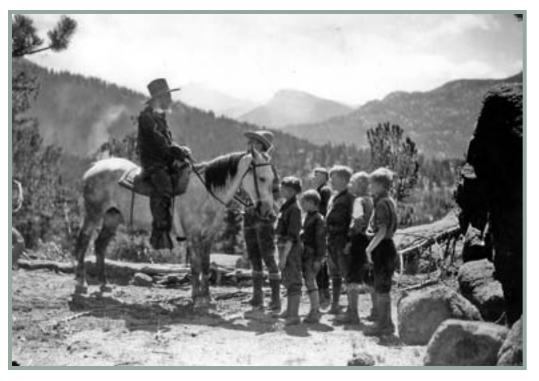
FORMER CAMPERS AND STAFF



We'd like to be able to keep in touch – but we can only if you keep us up-to-date with your address and other information. Please take a minute now to send us an update – you can mail this form, or better yet, send us an email with the information (office@cheley.com) And – we also want to hear from you with news for the next PACK RAT.

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HISTORY SNIPPET



Shortly after camp moved to its existing site in 1926, Col. Dick Rutledge, one of Kit Carson's Indian scouts, visited camp. He told stories about his adventure with Kit Carson. The picture was taken by where Sr. Chipeta Lodge now sits. The person on the far right is Judge Paul Buchanan and to his left is his cabin mate Jack Cheley. If any one can identify other campers, please let us know!



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