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Fall Festivals with Food, Music, and Fun Every Weekend



Pumpkin and Fall Festivals fill October every weekend.

Fall is here and there is a crisp chill in the air. A light jacket or sweater is all that's needed so far. This is the perfect weather to head outside to a fall festival or to do some apple picking. The leaves will be changing soon, making a kaleidoscope of colors around the area. This short lived beauty is certainly worthy of a walk or car ride to take it all in.

As always, the Pittsburgh area doesn't disappoint when it comes to celebrating the season with festivals.

The Monster Pumpkin Festival is bringing more "Hip" to the strip. It will be held at The Stacks at 3 Crossings Campus between 28th and 29th streets on Oct. 15-16, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. This is a free family friendly event. There will be horse drawn carriages, GIANT pumpkin display, amazing carved pumpkins, hand blown glass, pie eating contests, pumpkin pool drop, games, food, music and so much more! Info at monsterpumpkin.com.

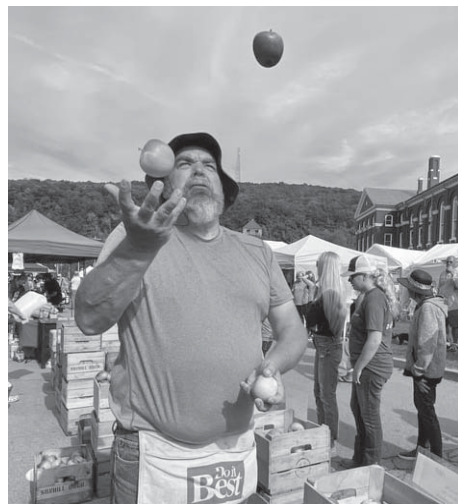
Janoski's Pumpkinland in Clinton is held each weekend and features a corn maze, straw jump, pony rides, pumpkin patch, painting, food, garden and more. Info at janoskis.com.

The Houston Pumpkin Festival will be going strong on Oct. 7-9 with fall fun, food, games, a parade, music and entertainment and pumpkin activities.

Info houstonpumpkinfestival.net.

Trax Farms, in the South Hills area, is having a fall festival that is full of activities for the entire family including live music, food, games, hay rides and it's free admission. The festival is every Sat. and Sun. until Oct. 23. Info at traxfarms.com.

An hour and a half away, you could enjoy Franklin's Applefest on Oct. 7-9 with over 350 vendors, antique and classic cars, apple pie baking contests, delicious food, music, and entertainment. Info at franklinapplefest.com.



Juggling apples at Franklin's Applefest,
~photo courtesy of 8and322.com

The Spring House in Eighty Four, PA is having pumpkin patch fun every weekend throughout October including hayrides, corn maze, Zippy

Tube Slide, yummy food and fun games! More information at springhousemarket.com.

Simmons Farm in McMurray is having fun daily in October and will feature hayrides, rubber duck races, hay maze and corn maze, butterfly house, apple picking, flower picking, Human Hamster Wheel, apple sling shot and more! Info at simmonsfarm.com.

Not far from Pittsburgh, Seven Springs has a variety of weekend activities at Autumnfest. Each weekend has a different theme. There will be great food, music, artisan's and crafts, and novelty acts. Info at 7springs.com.

Some other festivals include Soergel Orchards, Conneaut Lake Fall Pumpkin Fest, Triple B Farms, Lonesome Valley Farms, and Hozak Farms.

One of the greatest things about October is the colorful leaves as we transition to winter. There are many parks to visit to see the foliage such as Raccoon Creek State Park, Hillman State Park, Point State Park, Allegheny Islands State Park Moraine State Park, McConnells Mill State Park, and Ohiopyle State Park. There are walking trails at the parks to allow for a stroll or hike while enjoying the colors! You could also just drive or walk around your local neighborhoods.

View the beautiful leaves on the Gateway Clipper. On Oct. 8,9,14 and 15, at 11:30 a.m. you can enjoy an Autumn Serenade Luncheon Cruise with views of the fall leaves from the upper deck, a luncheon and a special show. Info at gatewayclipper.com.

This is the last month to catch most of the farmers markets around the area, so be sure to make a stop before the weather changes.

The Fall Flower Show: Blooms Under the Big Top begins on Oct. 8 at Phipp's Conservatory and will run for only three weeks until Oct. 30. This display will feature a carnival of chrysanthemums in this circus themed exhibit. Interact with funhouse mirrors, enjoy the larger than life lady bugs, the fun pinwheels and topiary animals. Also, the Garden Railroad: Our National Parks

opens on the 8th as well. Info at phipps.conservatory.org.

The Carnegie Crawl's last event for the season is Oct. 14 and begins



The new Sugar Butter Bakery at Carnegie Crawl. Try some delicious samples at their Ribbon Cutting Grand Opening on Oct. 8 at 10:30 a.m.

at 5 p.m. Participating businesses stay open until 10 p.m. and offer special deals and treats. Restaurants offer happy hours or dinner specials. After 9 p.m., many stay and listen to live music at Riley's Pour House.

Trick or Treaters will be coming before you know it, so be prepared with some treats! It also means there



Have the treats ready!

are some scary, haunted trails and houses to check out, if you dare. Close by, Carnegie has the Trail of Terror and there are so many more.

I'm adapting to the season change slowly but surely. I am looking forward to going to some fun festivals and getting creative with some pumpkin carving later in the month. Enjoy the fresh air, cooler temperatures and all that there is to do this season in our area. There's something for everyone!

MUSINGS...GET CURIOUS ABOUT DIFFERENCES



It may be a fact that the sky seems blue to you.

Even so, that does not mean that the sky is blue.

~Wayne Gerard Trotman

Differences

People are amazingly different from each other. This is so obvious it is a cliché. Still, the simple notion is profound. People ARE different. And while it's true our differences lead to learning and delight, they also lead to frustration and fighting and divorce and war.

Differences come in many forms. Here are a few:

- Age
- Gender identity
- Race/ethnicity
- Personal history
- Beliefs
- Assumptions
- Values
- Response to stress
- Sense of humor
- Learning style

Curiosity

Instead of getting mad at differences, get curious. Whether the

difference is with a single loved one or a group, see it as a puzzle and investigate. Research, reading things you wouldn't usually read. Question yourself and the other about assumptions, history, how the world looks from that other vantage point. And listen. Listen not to formulate your response, but to hear something new, to learn, to find points of resonance. (For a brilliant example of this, check out Simon Sinek's podcast on Extreme Listening with Deeyah Khan, about how a Muslim woman listened to, and really heard, white nationalist men. The video is at www.youtube.com/watch?v=kunkEfHiLI&ab_channel=SimonSinek)

Then, use your findings to do one of these:

Honor the difference. Accept that people are different and it makes the world more interesting.

Use the difference:

Hire people who like to do what you don't like doing.

Oppose a position effectively by understanding it.

• Celebrate the difference. Life is richer because of differences. Solu-

tions are stronger when they embrace differences.

Powerful Coaching Tip

When we accept our differences, we can appreciate how similar we are.

COACHING QUESTIONS

1. With whom do you have differences that upset you?
2. How might you see those differences with new eyes?
3. When can you practice listening to learn?

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The Fishin' Hole



Sam Hall

When things just fit together nicely, it makes it seem like all is right with the world. Do you agree? I think this fits very nicely into this month's Fishin' Hole.

In football, offensive linemen are often referred to as "hogs" because they are very large players, attempting to move other very large players against their will. In bass fishing, when a Largemouth Bass is big enough, it also earns the nickname of "Hog." Riley Kemper has been proud to be a "hog" since his days playing high school football for Burgettstown. At 6'5" tall and,

weighing in at 290 pounds, he is now pushing people around on the football field for Robert Morris University as an offensive lineman. "Hog" certainly fits. Riley caught this beautiful Largemouth Bass while pond fishing this summer down in Washington County. Knowing he is 6'5" and pushing three bills, helps you realize just how big the fish in the picture is as well! Congrats Riley! Keep that line tight, both your fishing line and the Colonials offensive line!

October brings the inevitable questions about Erie and steelhead fishing that I normally dread. In fact, I usually spend the entire month of October telling everyone who asks, that it is too early for the steelhead. But this year, I have great news. The very cool, wet September we have had means that indeed there are already fish in the tributaries of Lake Erie and at the mouths of those tributaries. It also means the crowds will be exceptionally large. Pack your patience if you are thinking of heading up north this month.

The Smallmouth Bass bite is picking up on local streams and rivers as

the days get shorter. October is really one of the best months of the year for all fishing in our region.

In October almost all the major trout lakes will be stocked. Canonsburg Dam, Dutch Fork Lake and Raccoon Lake are all slated for October stocking. Pine Creek and Deer Creeks in Allegheny County will be getting fish as well.

I am thinking of taking the Fishin' Hole online and including some videos of fishing and tutorials, and a picture gallery, along with guest anglers and possibly a discussion format as well. I might even go podcast. I'm feeling adventurous. Before I do that; I need to know if you want to be a part of it and what you think you would value the most from an online version of the Fishin' Hole. In **addition** to print - we're not going anywhere.

So, with that in mind please take a minute and email your thoughts to samdhall@comcast.net. What would you like to see or hear? Any specific area you want covered? Do you like humor or want it to be more serious? How about interviews? If you send

me some tips, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card to Dick's Sporting Goods, to help with some fishing gear. Looking forward to your feedback! Until next month, keep those lines tight, send those emails, and get fishing!



Riley with his "hog!"

~photo courtesy of Riley Kemper

Community News and Events

"What's Wrong With My Plant?" and Crocktober are the themes of the October **Green Tree Garden Club** Meeting on Thurs., Oct. 13, at the Carlisle Social Hall, Green Tree Fire Hall. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and the special crock lunch will be served at 11 a.m. In addition to members and their guests, the Garden Club will also host the Municipal workers as a special thank you and recognition for their partnership and hard work with our club. A Chili and Soup cook off will take place, with the municipal workers as our judges. Following the luncheon, there will be a business meeting, and the presentation, "What's Wrong With My Plant?" This presentation will be given by Dr. Silloo Kapadia, Master Gardener from the Penn State Extension. Reservations are required to participate in this fun and informative event. Please call President Kevin Maurer at 412-922-8816 by Oct. 6 to save your spot.

SOUTH PARK WOMEN'S CLUB 28TH ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW (SPWC) craft show will be held Sat., Oct. 8, 10-3 p.m. in the Broughton Fire Hall, 1030 Cochran's Mill Rd., South Park Township. Plenty of parking at fire hall and Nativity Church parking lots on Brownsville Rd. Shuttle ride from Nativity is available for crafters. 60 Crafters will be available. At this special event, there'll be Chance Auction, Bake Sale, Raffles, Refreshments.

Have fun checking out all craft tables, have lunch and or bring dinner home with you along with some delicious baked goods. By the way, not too early for Christmas shopping! Get a jump on your holiday shopping that day.

St. Raphael the Archangel Holiday Craft Show, Sat., Nov. 12, 9-3 p.m. - See Notice on Church Directory page 7.

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Antibiotic Resistance: Dangers and Prevention



Jayesh Gosai, M.D.

With cold and flu season soon upon us, it is a good time to consider the responsibility doctors and patients have in evaluating the impact of antibiotics, a common treatment for so many conditions. While antibiotics can save lives and cure infections, misuse can cause life-threatening illness by increasing the growth of drug-resistant germs.

"Antibiotic resistance" is a term that describes the dangerous side-effect of antibiotic overuse. Drugs that were once effective medication for bacterial infections are now becoming increasingly less effective or don't work at all. When an antibiotic drug no longer works on a

strain of bacteria, those bacteria are said to be "antibiotic resistant."

According to the CDC "bacterium is resistant to a drug when it has changed in some way that either protects it from the action of the drug or neutralizes the drug." After antibiotic treatment, surviving bacteria can multiply and pass on resistant properties. Some bacteria can even transfer their drug-resistant properties to other bacteria which can help more bacterial strains to survive. Patients, doctors and hospitals all play a role in ensuring proper use of antibiotics to minimize the development of antibiotic resistance.

Antibiotics are not effective on viral infections. If you take an antibiotic when you actually have a viral infection, the antibiotic is still attacking bacteria in your body — bacteria that are beneficial. This misdirected treatment can then promote antibiotic-resistant properties in harmless bacteria that can be shared with other bacteria. Antibiotics are ineffective against COVID 19, therefore it is a good idea to keep testing this winter if you have symptoms to be sure you have a correct diagnosis (and to not spread the virus to others). Other common viral infections that do not benefit

from antibiotic treatment include colds and flu; bronchitis, some ear and sinus conditions, some sore throats and viral gastroenteritis (stomach flu).

Despite growing awareness of antibiotic resistance in recent years, overuse still occurs for a number of other reasons:

-People who want quick relief may pressure doctors for antibiotic prescriptions.

-People may take antibiotics purchased abroad or via the Internet for self-diagnosed illnesses.

-People may take antibiotics that are left-overs from a previous prescription.

-Patients fail to take antibiotics as prescribed or do not take the full treatment. Many hospitals and medical associations have implemented new diagnostic and treatment guidelines. You can help reduce the development of antibiotic resistance by taking the following steps:

-Use antibiotics only as prescribed by your doctor.

-Take the appropriate daily dosage and complete the entire course of treatment.

-If you have an antibiotic prescription, ask your doctor what you should do if you forget to take a dose.

-If for some reason you have left-over antibiotics, throw them away. Never take leftover antibiotics for a later illness. They may not be the cor-

rect antibiotic and would not be a full course of treatment.

-Never take antibiotics prescribed for another person.

-Don't pressure your doctor to give you an antibiotic prescription. Ask your doctor for advice on how to treat symptoms.

-Make sure you or your children receive recommended vaccinations.

-If you think you may have penicillin allergy, talk to your doctor about getting an allergy skin test. Research has shown that penicillin or other antibiotic allergies may be over reported. Ruling out an antibiotic allergy can help your doctor prescribe the most appropriate antibiotic when it's needed.

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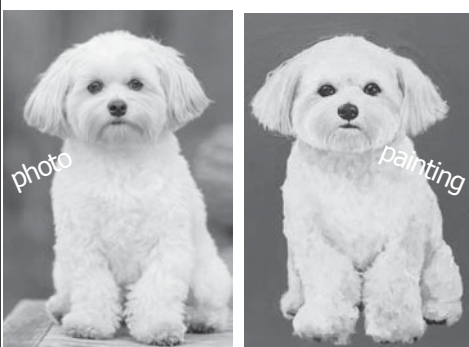


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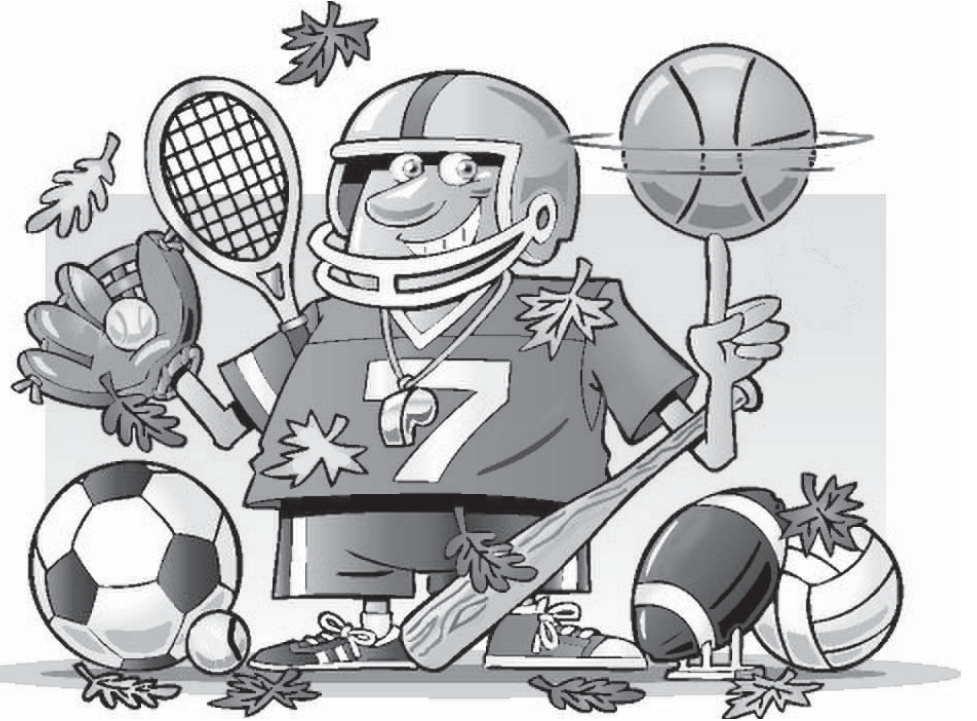
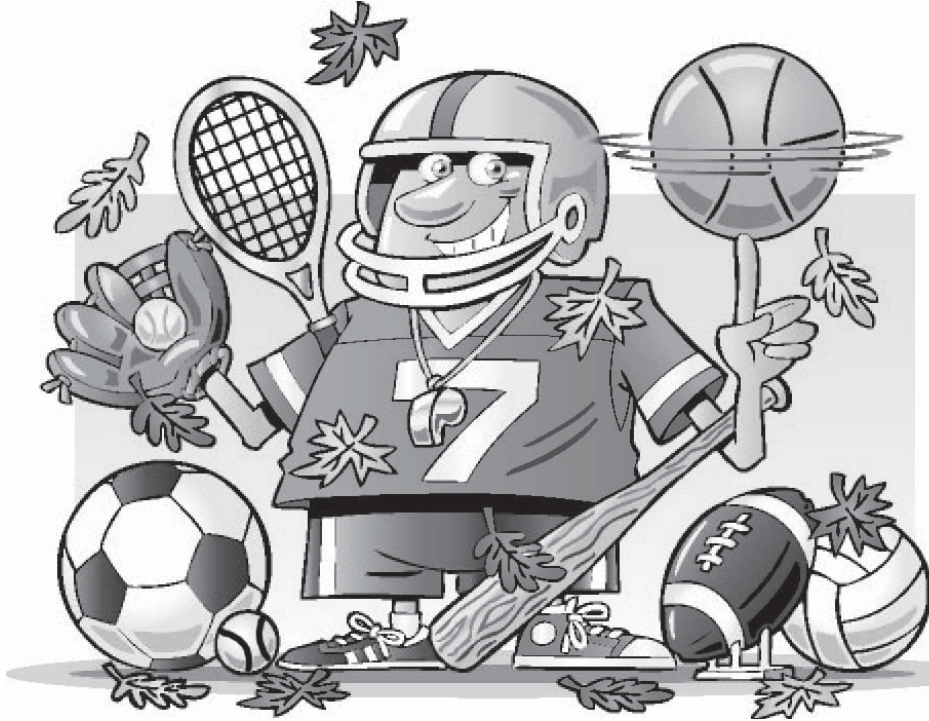


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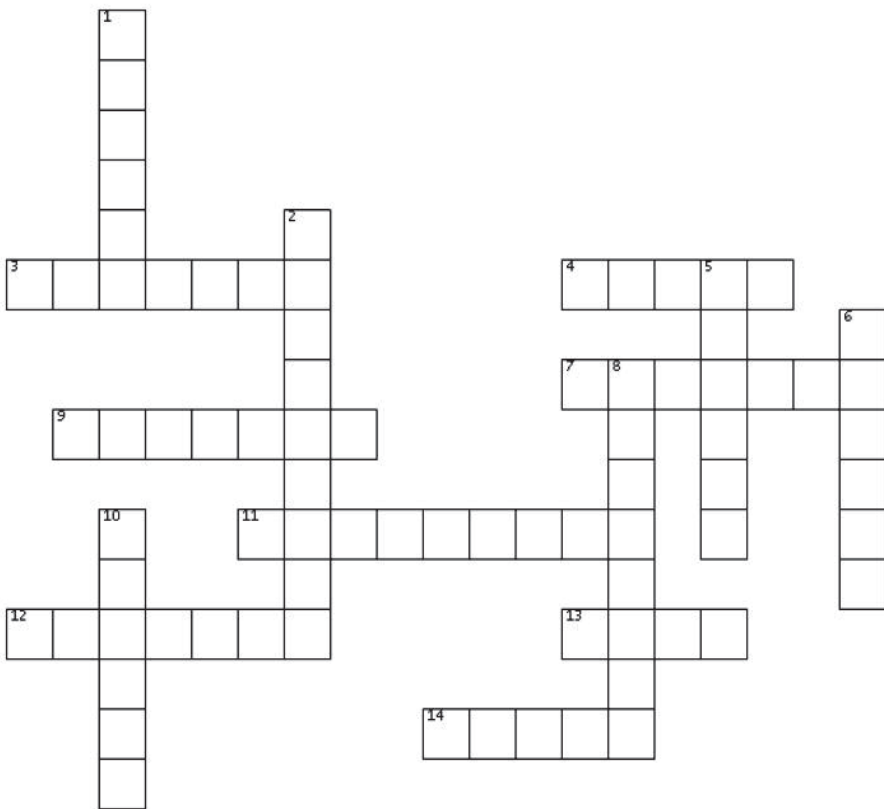
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Fall Crossword Puzzle



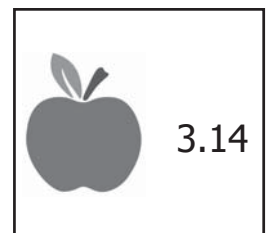
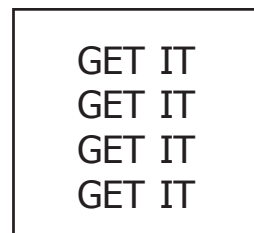
ACROSS

3. This disguises you and can be cute, funny, scary and more.
4. You will get this by asking and not tricking.
7. There are 31 days in this month.
9. They grow in all sizes big and small but the faces we give them are the best of all.
11. This holiday is lots of fun but sure to scare some.
12. They are pretty popular one day this month with their magic and brooms.
13. Clean up your yard and make a pile of fun with this tool.
14. This fruit can be green or red but either way, delicious

DOWN

1. They turn beautiful colors in the fall.
2. There are many of these fun events with corn mazes and hay rides.
5. Squirrels stock up on these for the winter.
6. One of the most popular colors of this time of year.
8. You could wander through one of these to try to find your way out.
10. The official name of this season.

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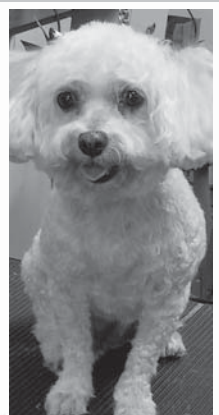
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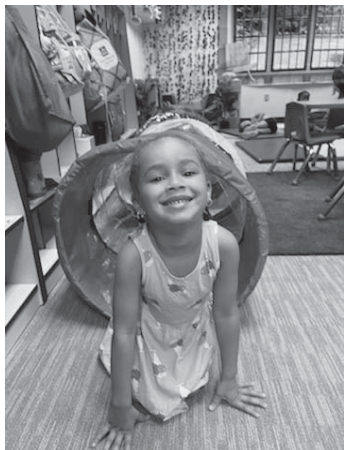
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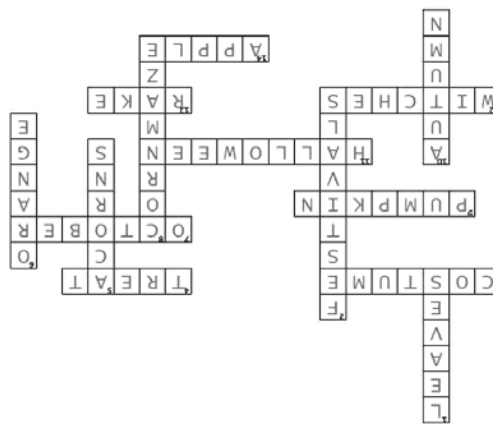
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