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## THURSDAY MORNING CLUB SCHOLARSHIP SOCIAL

The Thursday Morning Club (TMC) held its annual Scholarship Social in January to raise funds for the 2024 Girls' Career Institute (GCI) and Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation (HOBY) scholarships. 60 TMC members attended the Social, enjoying a light lunch while being entertained by Helen Kilman playing the flute.

GCI is an annual program held for three days at Douglass College and sponsored by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) to give high school seniors an opportunity to participate in 'mini' college activities and dorm living. HOBY is an annual three-day leadership seminar of inspiring speakers, skill-building activities, and community service for high school sophomores.

Madison High senior, Camryn Morales, chosen for the TMC sponsored 2023 GCI scholarship, spoke at the Scholarship Social and noted "GCI was a special experience. I found the workshops and lectures very interesting and enjoyed meeting the other GCI recipients and Douglass College campus living". Helen Kilman,

MHS junior, chosen for the 2023 HOBY award, also spoke, noting "The HOBY leadership conference was inspiring. Participating in the programs and activities and getting to know other HOBY scholarship recipients was a great experience". TMC members, Eleanor Flanigan and Aideen O'Donnell, co-chair the Education Committee, which works with the Madison Guidance Department to choose recipients of the GCI and HOBY scholarships and hosts the Scholarship Social.

The Thursday Morning Club, organized in 1896, is a non-profit which provides services for Madison area communities. It owns, operates, and maintains the Madison Community House and is a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's clubs (NJSFWC) and of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC). If you would like to serve the community, make new friends, and enjoy programs and activities, consider joining the Thursday morning Club; for more information, call the community House at 973-377-0244 or visit [www.TMCMCH.org](http://www.TMCMCH.org).



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(above) Eleanor Flanigan (TMC Education Co-chair), Camryn Morales (winner of GCI award), Lynn Webb (District VP NJSFWC Highlands District), Betty Landi (TMC President), Sarah Mazak (MHS Guidance Counselor), Helen Kilman (winner of HOBY award) at the TMC Scholarship Social.

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### CASA of Essex County

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Essex County is thrilled to announce the launch of its "Pinwheels of Possibilities" celebration with a kick-off cocktail party. This special event will take place on March 22nd at the Loop in Montclair, marking the beginning of a month-long campaign in April for Child Abuse Awareness Month. The campaign aims to raise awareness and funds to continue supporting the youth of Essex County in foster care.

"Pinwheels of Possibilities" serves as a beacon of hope and support for the vulnerable children in Essex County, representing the bright future that every child deserves. The event will bring together community leaders, advocates, and supporters for an evening of solidarity, reflection, and action. Guests will enjoy a curated selection of hors d'oeuvres by Skopós Caterers, a dessert spread by The Dessert Ladies and engaging presentations about the impactful work of CASA Essex as well as musical performances by Dawn Patrick, Abraham Burton Trio and the Conrad Herwig Quartet.

Event Details: Date: March 22nd, 7:00 p.m.,  
Location: Loop, 80 Maple Ave.,  
Montclair, NJ.

Purchase Tickets:

[casaessex.org/pinwheelsofpossibilities](https://casaessex.org/pinwheelsofpossibilities)

- or contact: Stephanie Phelan

at [sphelan@casaessex.org](mailto:sphelan@casaessex.org).

Throughout the month of April, CASA of

Essex will lead a series of initiatives to shine a light on the critical issue of child abuse and the vital role that advocacy provided by CASA volunteers plays in the lives of foster children. These efforts include community workshops, educational outreach, and fundraising drives, all designed to mobilize support for children who need it most.

"The 'Pinwheels of Possibilities' event is more than just a celebration; it's a call to action," said Marla Higginbotham, Executive Director of CASA of Essex. "Child Abuse Awareness Month is a crucial time for us to come together as a community to reaffirm our commitment to protect and advocate for the most vulnerable among us. With the support of our community, we can provide a strong voice and a brighter future for every child in foster care."

All proceeds from the event and the month-long campaign will directly support CASA of Essex's ongoing efforts to train and support volunteer advocates who work tirelessly to ensure that children in foster care have the care, support, and opportunities they need to thrive.

CASA of Essex County is a non-profit organization dedicated to advocating for the best interests of children in foster care. Through the efforts of trained volunteer advocates, CASA works to ensure that every child in the foster care system has a safe, permanent, and nurturing home. For more information, please visit [casaessex.org](https://casaessex.org). Together, we can help change a child's story.

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Madison Historical Society Zoom Lecture by Stephen Whitty

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Mr. Whitty is a nationally read, award-winning journalist with more than 35 years' experience. He has published numerous profiles, reviews,

trend pieces, essays and fiction in the Star-Ledger, the New York Daily News, Entertainment Weekly, the Times-Picayune, the Plain Dealer, the San Jose Mercury News, Fortune.com and other publications. He is the author of "The Alfred Hitchcock Encyclopedia" (Rowman & Littlefield). He has been an instructor at NYU and Baruch, lecturer at Montclair State and Rutgers, speaker at the Museum of Modern Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of the Moving

Image. He has hosted Bryant Park and NY Film Critics series and special presentations by the Screen Actors Guild, Writers Guild and New York Film Festival. He reviews 200 movies a year.

This program is free and open to the public. Email the Madison Historical Society at: [historyspeakerseries@gmail.com](mailto:historyspeakerseries@gmail.com) for registration, no later than 2 p.m. on Monday, March 18 in order to receive the link to join the Zoom presentation.



(above) Madison Historical Society Zoom Lecture by Stephen Whitty - Monday, March 18, 2024, 7pm: "The History of New Jersey's Movie Industry"



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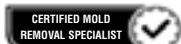
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Please complete the application which can be

found on the TMC Website: [thursdaymorningclub.org](http://thursdaymorningclub.org) and return it and supporting documentation by March 18, 2024 to: TMC/MCH P.O. Box 345, 25 Cook Avenue, Madison, New Jersey 07940. Further information or questions may be directed to the TMC/MCH office at 973-377-0244.

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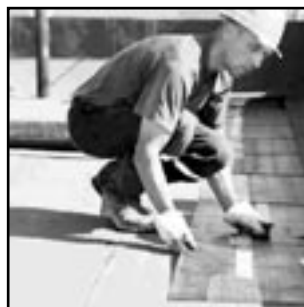
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"Constitutional Controversies" will be taught jointly by Dr Bruce Peabody, Professor of Government and Political Science and Dr Madelyn Ferrans, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Pre-law Program, Fairleigh Dickinson University. Classes will be held Monday afternoons on April 1, 8, 15, (skip 22), 29 and May 6. The schedule is as follows:

- Week 1: Dr Peabody: First Hour-Introduction; Dr Ferrans: Second Hour-topic TBA
- Week 2: Dr Ferrans: "Free Speech"
- Week 3: Dr Ferrans: "The establishment clause and free exercise of religion"
- Week 4: Dr Peabody: a) the Supreme Court confirmation process and who gets selected (first hour, and b) how the Justices decide cases
- Week 5: Dr. Peabody: "The problem of amending the Constitution (and why it will never happen again), and b) the problem of the Supreme Court, the public, and legitimacy"

"Art in the United States from Reconstruction to WWII" by Dr. Kimberly Rhodes, NEH Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Humanities and Professor of Art History, Drew University will be held Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am to 11:50 am on April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1.

This course will cover the development of the visual arts in the United States from reconstruction to the 1930s. Topics will include the discussion of exchange between European and American artists, the education of American artists in Europe and the United States, the relationship between political events and visual culture, and the rise of modernism. We will study the work of such artists as Thomas Eakins, Mary Cassatt, John Singer Sargent, William Merritt Chase, Marsden Hartley, Georgia O'Keeffe, and Thomas Hart Benton.

The tuition for each course is \$95. No refunds or credits will be issued once the course begins. These minicourses are organized by the all-volunteer Friends of the Madison Public Library, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. All proceeds benefit the Madison Public Library.

These non-credit courses are open to the public with no prerequisites or examinations. For more information or to register, please visit [www.friendsmadisonnjlibrary.org/minicourses](http://www.friendsmadisonnjlibrary.org/minicourses). Email: [minicoursesmadisonlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:minicoursesmadisonlibrary@gmail.com).



(above, l-r) Dr. Bruce Peabody, Dr. Madelyn Ferrans, Dr. Kimberly Rhodes

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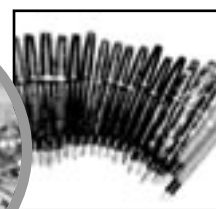


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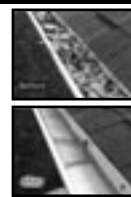
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### Alzheimer's NJ Caregiver Support Group

*Thursday, March 7, 10:30 a.m.*

This support group provides families and caregivers with the support and education they need to better understand Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

### Morris County Division on Aging, Disabilities & Community Programming

*Mon., March 11, Noon*

Representatives will explain the services and resources the division provides for older adults.

### St. Patrick's Spring Concert

*Tues., March 19, Noon.*

Enjoy Irish music played by accordionist, Eric Kerssen. Limited seating; sign-up is required.

### Guatemala: The Land of Eternal Spring

*Wed., March 27, Noon*

Professional travel expert, Chris McCormack, will be sharing his experiences traveling throughout this beautiful country filled with volcanoes and lakes through photos, videos, and personal anecdotes.

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*Sat., April 27, 9 a.m. - Noon*

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*Monday, March 4th 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.*

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### Mary Todd Lincoln:

#### Her Life, Times, and Tragedies

*Tuesday, March 5th @ 7 p.m.*

Join historian Greg Caggiano for an examination of the life, times, and tragedies of Mary Todd Lincoln. Participants will learn about her early life, marriage to Abraham Lincoln and her effects on his presidency, as well as a focus on reevaluating popular misconceptions about her mental health.

### How To Read a Painting

#### with Art Historian Mallory Mortillaro

*Thursday, March 7th @ 7 p.m.*

Have you ever looked at a painting and wished you could understand it more? This lecture serves as a guide to basic visual analysis. This lecture provides examples and practice in visual and contextual analysis while examining a variety of artworks. Join us in unpacking these paintings, improving our visual literacy, and increasing our appreciation of art!

### Empowering Women Through Financial Empowerment

*Thursday, March 14th @ 7 p.m.*

Statistics show that women generally live longer than men, women are more likely than men to live alone and there are more older women than men. What should women be aware of concerning their investments, safe investing and how to avoid fraud? Learn this and much more from Arlene. This talk will be lead by Arlene Ferris-Waks, Director, Complaints and Investor Outreach of the New Jersey Bureau of Securities in the Office of the New Jersey Attorney General.

### New Jersey State Parks

#### with Photographer Kevin Woyce

*Tuesday, March 19th @ 7 p.m.*

Some of New Jersey's most exciting history can be found in our more than two dozen State Parks. Old names such as Wawayanda and Hopatcong remind us of the Lenni Lenape, or "Original People." Historic battlefields recall New Jersey's perilous years as "the Crossroads of the American Revolution." Abandoned forges still speak of our first great industry, and we can trace the beginnings of our transportation network in the paths of the Morris and the Delaware & Raritan Canals. The slide show includes original photographs of many of New Jersey's beautiful state parks, plus vintage images of historic people, places, and events.



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We often struggle to find the words to talk to kids about life changing diagnoses, illness and death. Sometimes, we feel so unsure of what to say that we don’t say anything at all. But our kids need to be given the opportunity to engage in honest conversations about these life changing events.

The staff at Imagine are offering a free webinar to help community members navigate these difficult conversations. On Thursday, March 14th from 7-8:30 p.m., Imagine will offer a webinar on Talking to Kids about Death and Dying. Those attending the webinar will learn to:

- Recognize that grief begins at diagnosis
- Describe how children grieve at different developmental stages
- Develop tools for creating a safe space where children can share their feelings
- Discover ways to navigate conversations about diagnosis, illness and death

If you’d like to join us for this webinar, please visit our website at [imagineinj.org](http://imagineinj.org) or scan the QR code below to register. Once you register, you’ll receive a zoom link to join us on March 14th. Please contact Imagine’s Training and Education Director, Veronica C Ortiz, LPC at [veronica@imagineinj.org](mailto:veronica@imagineinj.org) with any questions.

Because loss is inevitable, it’s so important that we have open conversations with our kids in these difficult moments. We hope that you can join us as we work to create a world where no child grieves alone.



## LOSS OF A CHILD PRAYER SERVICE

Parents who have lost a child at any age, under any circumstances, are invited to a time of prayer and remembrance to be held on Sunday, March 10th at 2 p.m., at Church of the Little Flower, 310 Plainfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ. The program will also be livestreamed at [littleflowerbh.org](http://littleflowerbh.org).

For any questions contact Dan Grossano, Pastoral Associate for Outreach and Ministries at 908-464-1585, [pastoral110.lf@gmail.com](mailto:pastoral110.lf@gmail.com).

## OLD GUARD THE MARCH SPEAKERS PROGRAM

The Summit Area Old Guard is a social, educational, and recreational organization that serves men of retirement age. We meet most Tuesdays at the New Providence Presbyterian Church located at 1307 Springfield Ave. Our dues are minimal, and members manage all aspects of the operation. Our motto is “Come for the Programs. Stay for the Friends.” The organization was founded in 1930.

March speakers include Gregory J. Kaczorowski, PhD., Jessica Arkel, Dr. Dennis Liotta, and Dr. Lenny McDonald. Please join us. Our programs are free to the public, and we welcome you!

Our speaker on Tuesday, March 5th will be Dr. Greg Kaczorowski (ex-Merck) discussing the importance of ion channels vis-a-vis our health. Ion channels are a large family of membrane proteins that are present in all cells of the body. These proteins span the plasma lipid bilayer membrane and contain an internal pore structure which can be opened/closed by various stimuli to allow the gated passage of ions (e.g., sodium, potassium, calcium, or chloride ions) into or out of a cell. Nature has used this rather simple mechanism to modulate all major biological activities, both somatic responses like voluntary muscle movement and autonomic actions like cardiac and respiratory activities. Because of their fundamental importance in systems biology, Greg will discuss how ion channels can be modulated for therapeutic benefit or be targeted to kill an organism.

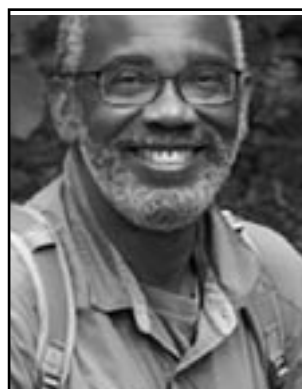
Our speaker on March 12th will be Jessica Arkel, the development officer at Children’s Specialized Hospital Foundation. She will discuss the history of Children’s Specialized Hospital in New Jersey from its early days in 1891 in Westfield to becoming a preeminent provider of pediatric rehabilitation with 15 facilities across New Jersey serving more than 35,000 children annually who are living with a

variety of complex pediatric medical conditions—from chronic illnesses and complex physical disabilities like brain and spinal cord injuries—to a full scope of developmental, behavioral, and mental health concerns.

Our speaker on March 19th will be Prof. Dennis Liotta. Prof. Liotta has led a group of synthetic/medicinal chemists at Emory University for over four decades. He will provide an overview of his research in the antiviral arena, featuring stories of three highly successful antivirals he developed in collaboration with his academic colleagues and biotech partners. Dr. Liotta has contributed to 18 FDA-approved therapies, with perhaps his biggest impact coming in the HIV/AIDS field. He will also highlight recent drug discovery endeavors in various therapeutic areas, including oncology and neurological diseases.

Finally, on March 26th, our speaker will be Dr. Lenny McDonald discussing the importance of experimentation and creativity in photography and sharing his journey from science (ex-Wyeth/Pfizer) to his present avocation. Macro and close-up photography are his favorite styles, and he will discuss the impact of exploiting minute details. He will also show some of his non-macro abstract work. Lastly, he will briefly share his perspective on AI in photography and how it fits into his workflow. Lenny has exhibited his work in various venues across New Jersey, including Reeves-Reed Arboretum, Mayo Performing Arts Center, and the Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion. You can review some of his work on his Instagram page at [instagram.com/lennysfineartphotos/](https://www.instagram.com/lennysfineartphotos/).

Past speakers and much, much more can be viewed at [SummitOldGuard.org](http://SummitOldGuard.org), but we encourage people to drop in on our meetings which take place at the church at 10:00 AM most Tuesdays. “Come for the Speakers. Stay for the Friends.” We look forward to meeting you.



(above, l-r) Prof. Liotta, Dr. McDonald, Ms. Arkel, Dr. Kaczorowski

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## CORNERED BEEF FUND RAISER – MARCH 10

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #43

The ladies of American Legion Auxiliary Unit #43 have completed plans for their Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner held annually for close to 60 years. The Auxiliary will serve a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, and Corned Beef Sandwiches on Sunday, March 10 from 1-5 p.m. at the Madison-Florham Park American Legion Post #43, 20 Ridgedale Avenue in Florham Park. For a complete dinner including "home baked" Irish Soda Bread and dessert a donation of \$15 is suggested. Also available will be a Corned Beef Sandwich and sides at a suggested donation of \$10. For a child under 10 years of age the donation will be \$5. Take-out orders will be available starting at noon.

Unit President Fran Derin of Florham Park invites all residents of the area to join Auxiliary

members for dinner on Sunday, March 10 to show support for the volunteer and financial support they provide to area veterans in need. The annual fundraiser has also made it possible over the years to sponsor the following in our local communities: local high school girls to Girls State, an annual leadership development program; supporting college scholarships at various levels of the organization for children and grandchildren of veterans; donations to Family Promise providing help for the homeless in Morris County; and provide donations at Christmas to Toys for Tots and Special Olympics.

The ladies of Unit #43 look forward to seeing many of their neighbors at this annual event. If further details are needed, please contact Unit President Fran Derin at francesderin@aol.com.

## SUMMIT'S REPAIR CAFÉ EVENT – MARCH 16

Join us at Summit's Repair Cafe event, where we breathe new life into your beloved but broken items, for free. Diverting an average of 421 pounds of items from landfills per event by simply repairing them, this initiative contributes significantly to both the community and the environment.

On Saturday, March 16 we invite you to Barnwell Hall at Christ Church from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., located at 561 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ. Please note that the final items for repair will be accepted at 2:30 p.m.

Our repair services for this event encompass a wide range, including new repair services of sewing machines and watch battery and band replacement as well as sewing/textiles, clocks, woodworking, PC computers, knife sharpening, lamps, electronics, and bicycles. To ensure equal opportunities for everyone, each person may bring a maximum of 2 items for repair.

For lamps, clocks and watch batteries,

replacement parts will be available at a nominal, at-cost fee. Please ensure you can carry your items unassisted when bringing them to the event. No appointments are necessary, although wait times may vary as this event is not a drop-off service.

This impacting event is co-sponsored by the Summit Area Green Faith Circle and Repair Cafe Garden State. For a comprehensive schedule of upcoming Repair Cafe events across New Jersey during the ongoing 2024 repair season, visit [www.repaircafe.org](http://www.repaircafe.org).

Repair and event volunteers are always welcome at this event, as well as all future repair events. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to us via email at [summit@repaircafes.org](mailto:summit@repaircafes.org).

Thank you for being part of this transformative movement that celebrates sustainability and community engagement through repair and restoration!

## REGISTER FOR FAMILY COURSE ON COPING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

The Union County Chapter of The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Union County) is offering its free annual 9-week course targeted towards families coping with mental illness. The course will start on Thursday, March 7, 2024 and meet weekly from 7:00pm – 9:30pm over a consecutive 9-week period. All necessary materials are furnished at no cost. This course is offered specifically to the parents, siblings, spouses, teenage and adult children, and significant others of individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. The program is not appropriate for individuals who, themselves, suffer from one of the major mental disorders.

The course is taught by NAMI members who have completed intensive training. Curriculum topics include schizophrenia, bipolar disorders (manic depression), clinical depression, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, etc., the clinical treatment of these illnesses and how caregivers can learn to cope more effectively. Attendees will learn about new research, medications, skills needed to successfully communicate with a relative, and how to deal with critical periods. Capacity is limited.

To register, or if you have questions, please contact Pat Roman at (732) 397-8123 or email at [patroman2@aol.com](mailto:patroman2@aol.com). Please include "F2F Course" in the subject line. A F2F teacher will contact you with the details.



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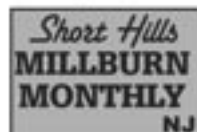
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The Wonder Band is made up of three extremely talented performers who are well known to the Metro NY/NJ area music scene. Ed Alstrom, leader, is the organist for Yankee Stadium, as well as keyboard player for many famous performers such as Bette Midler, Chuck Berry, Leonard Bernstein, Herbie Hancock and others. The list goes on and on.

Accompanying Ed will be guitarist Al Orlo. Al has recorded with the legendary Ben E. King and was his musical director for 25 years. Al also held the #1 chair at Broadway shows, such as Kinky Boots, Carol King Musical, Hairspray and Smokey Joe’s Café, to name a few.

Bobby Deitch on drums rounds out the trio. Bobby has performed on several recordings such as Richard Sorce’s Latin album “A Place I’ve Never Been” and Richie Hart’s “33 1/3” album.

States Ed Alstrom, “Obviously, Stevie’s music is even more fun to play than it is to listen to. This group does a mix of the hits and some lesser-

known things, without the vocals, and it doesn’t hurt the music one bit not to have them, because they’ll be playing in your mind!

Original artwork by local artist James Spath will be on display at the Roadhouse Gallery of Fine Art for all to enjoy before, during and after the show.

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The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many carefully chosen charities. They include: The Presbytery of Elizabeth E-port Center, Center For Hope Hospice, Community Food Bank, Monarch Housing, Angel Paws Animal Rescue, National MS Society, Haiti Disaster Relief, Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, and others. Many thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.



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