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Eastland County Fiesta de Mayo May 6 – 11 am to 4 pm

Eastland County is pleased to announce its first annual Fiesta de Mayo celebration where the communities of Eastland County are "bridging our cultures for a stronger unified people." Amidst today's cultural events, area businesses, churches, and civic leaders have joined with KCER Radio in appreciation of our cultures that make our area unique. This celebration of cultures promises to delight everyone's taste from the young to the old. Eastland County proudly embraces the Latin representation and will celebrate with authentic Mexican food, games for children of all ages and live music. Music will be provided by Jimmy Edward of San Antonio, a Tejano music legend; Marcus Montes of Midland, a veteran singer/song writer; and United 4 One of San Antonio, a popular, contemporary band. To commemorate this special occasion, awards will be presented to area community leaders who have contributed to bridging the cultural gap.

All this will take place on May 6, Saturday, from 11 am to 4 pm at the Hilton Community Center located at 309 Conrad Hilton Avenue in Cisco, Texas. ADMISSION IS FREE! For more information, please feel free to call 254-442-2236. And, remember, Come and Celebrate our Cultures.

Public Hearing - Grant Performance And Closeout

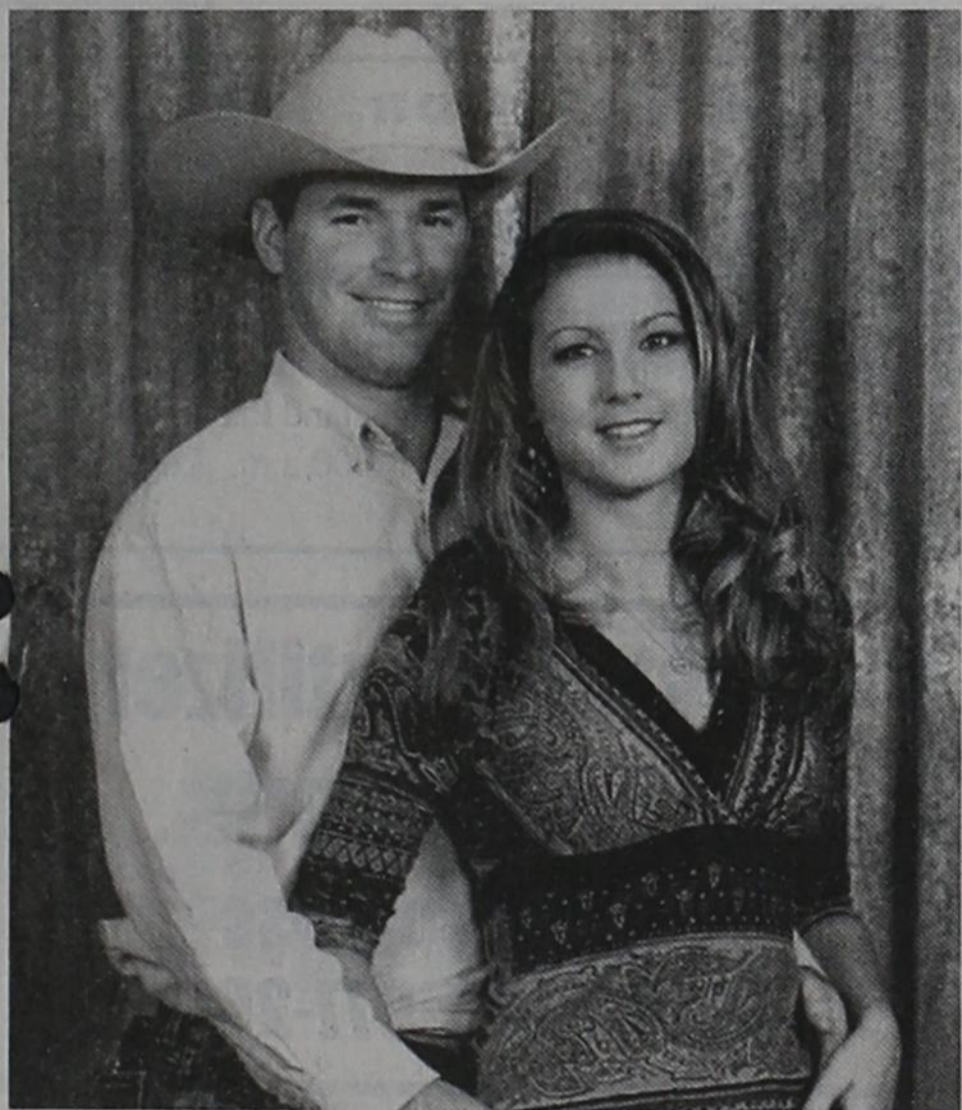
The City of Gorman will hold a Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m., May 18, 2006 at City Hall for the purpose of reviewing its performance on a recently completed TCDP grant, Contract No. 724311. All citizens, particularly low and moderate income residents are invited and encouraged to attend. Individuals with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Written comments will also be accepted at City Hall during regular office hours.

Homecoming and Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Meeting

The annual Homecoming and Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2006. The business meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M. at the tabernacle at the Simpson Cemetery. Everyone is welcome. Bring a lawn chair, and a sack lunch to be eaten at the tabernacle following the meeting. There is no place to have a covered dish lunch as the Community Center was destroyed by the fire that swept through the community on January 1. Bottled water and cold drinks will be furnished.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Womack and Rosborough To Exchange Vows



Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Womack are happy to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Latonya Nicole Womack to Ryan Keith Rosborough of Calallen.

Latonya is the granddaughter of Nathan and Sandy Files and George and Linda Simmons of Gorman, and Larry J. and Lajoice Womack of De Leon. She is also the great granddaughter of George and Nell Mason of Gorman.

After graduating from DeLeon in 2001, Latonya attended Texas A & M University where she earned a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. She is currently teaching kindergarten in Bryan, Texas.

Ryan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rosborough of Calallen. Ryan graduated from Texas A & M University with a degree in Ag Systems Management. He currently works for Anderson Group Construction Management in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Latonya and Ryan plan to have their wedding on July 22nd. After their marriage, the couple plan to live in Calallen.

Local Scholarships To Be Awarded

The local scholarships for Gorman ISD seniors will be presented at the Awards Assembly, May 16th rather than graduation. Local scholarship presentations will be the culminating event of the assembly. The assembly will be held at 10:00 in the high school auditorium with a reception to follow. If you are a scholarship donor, it would be an honor for you to personally present your award. Please contact Mrs. Hampton for more information. Thanks for supporting our students and we hope to have a great turn out for this notable occasion.

Easter Treasure Hunt Another Big Success

The 2006 Easter Treasure Hunt was another BIG success thanks to everyone who help make it possible.

The weather was just right, the hunt field was well prepared, the hunters were ready to hunt and thanks to all the generous donations, lots of treasures were ready to be found. It is hard to mention all those who did help as I am afraid I will leave someone out, we had those who left money at City Gro., Bob's Gro., and Smith's Service Station. I don't know who you are, but each donation was greatly appreciated. Thank You. The donations that I do know who gave were: American State Bank, Antiques From Our Father's House, Birdsong Peanuts, Bob's Gro., Gorman Chamber of Commerce, City Gro., Clark Construction and Building Supply, Country Cuts, Foster Floral, G & H Feed, Hirst Nuts and Produce, Gilmore Auto, City of Gorman, Gold Metal Imports, Gorman Pharmacy and Video, Gorman Progress, Higginbotham Funeral Home, Smith's Service Station, The Hair Shoppe, Gorman Peanut Festival, Gorman Lions Club, Z.J.'s Steak House, Ricon Pharmacy, Simmon's Propane, Nathan's Barber Shop, Gorman Milling, Dr. Dan Brudnak,

James Kinser, Francis Warren, Boliver Bledsoe, and my West Texas Friend, Judy Garrett. If I have left anyone out I apologize, because each and everyone is very important to me, because without you, we would not have been able to have an Easter Treasure Hunt.

Thank you again for another wonderful year,

Mrs. Bunny and Ina Smith

All-Day Singing At Rock Bluff Baptist Church

There will be an All-Day Singing at the Rock Bluff Baptist Church on Sunday, May 7th from 10:00 a.m. til ?? Their will be a Covered Dish Luncheon. Make plans to attend.

Sipe Springs Monthly Musical Set

The Sipe Springs Monthly Musical is slated for Saturday, May 6th starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Sipe Springs Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend especially all musicians.

Thank You From American State Bank, Gorman

All of us at American State Bank, Thank You, our customers, for understanding our "soggy" issues on Friday, April 28th.

A water pipe had broken during the night; when we got to work on Friday morning, there was 3 inches of water throughout the bank.

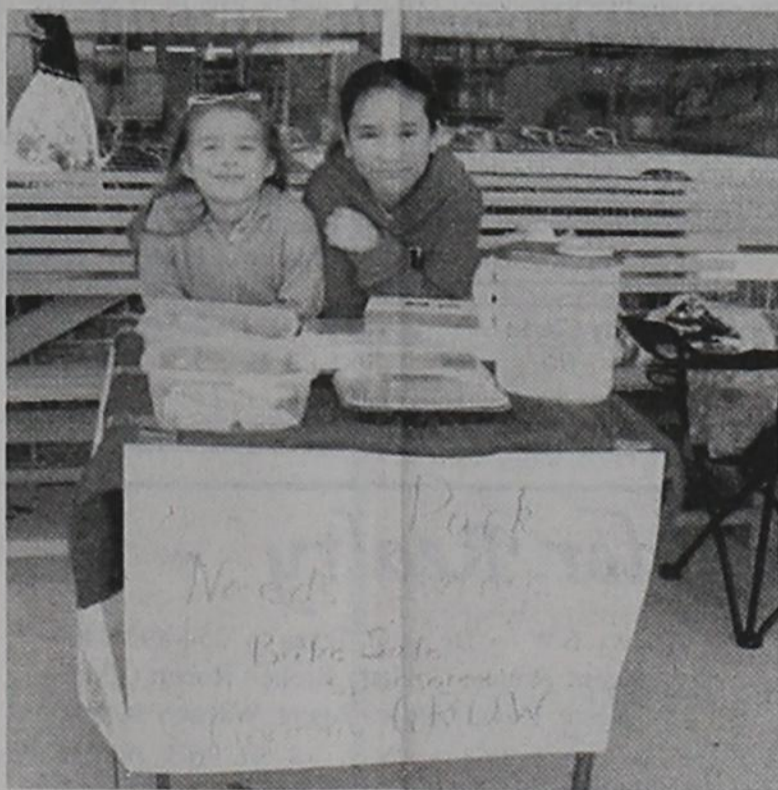
We weren't able to transact business the first portion of the day but by midafternoon, the drive-in was operable.

We certainly understand that when you have banking needs, we need to respond. That is our number one goal. Again thanks for your patience.

CITY WIDE SPRING CLEAN UP MAY 23 & 26

THE CITY WIDE SPRING TIME CLEAN UP DAY (S) WILL BE MAY 23 & 26. IT WILL BE YOUR REGULAR TRASH PICK UP DAY. IT WILL BE CURB SIDE. NO TIRES, NO BATTERIES, NO PAINT, OR REFRIGERANTS, PLEASE. THIS WILL BE A GREAT TIME TO GET YOUR RESIDENCE IN TIP TOP SHAPE. GET RID OF ALL THAT UNSIGHTLY ACCUMULATION OF "EXTRAS" GET OUT THE MOWER AND WEED EATER AND POLISH UP!!

Our Park Needs Swings



Margarita Oronia and Sydney Casey kick-off a fundraising drive for swings in the City Park. Their first effort took place on April 8, in front of City Grocery, they sold homemade baked goods. They will hold another sale this Saturday (May 6), again in front of City Grocery. If anyone is interested in helping with this noble effort, please call Diane Casey at 734-2843.

The Progress Office Will Be Closed Thursday and Friday Due To Surgery Will Open As Usual On Monday

Standing Proud and Strong!!!

The Gorman Lady Panthers spent their weekend in Abilene at ACU for Regionals. The weather was anything but good; with high winds and cold, massive amounts of rain the Gorman Lady Panthers gave everything they had one more time! It is a case where their efforts came up a little short of state but to even make it to the regional level is an achievement most never acquire. I do expect state for these girls and I believe with a little more time that Gorman will proudly celebrate several state appearances from the fire they set on the track. Even though Mary Powell (1600M & 3200M), Crystal Thackerson (3200M), Megan Lewis (100M hurdles & 300M hurdles), and Brandy Carlton (800M run) did not advance to state they have now set their sites on what they can achieve as the future unfolds. "People are constantly spoiling a project when it lacks only a step to completion", said Lao-Tzu (6th cent. BC) and I encourage these girls to never give up, and give it all that they can! George Bernard Shaw wrote, "When I was young I observed that nine out of every ten things I did were failures, so I did ten times more work." He did not always succeed but he strived on as I have reiterated to our girls over the past three years. They are getting better every year, and they are becoming more and more successful, but my hope unto them is that they reach just as high as they can with their dreams and watch them come true!

Remember - Be Victorious!

Peace and grace be with you:
Coach Tooley

Place/ Name:		Time:
11 Mary Powell	1600	6:00.05
8 Brandy Carlton	800	2:35.64
13 Megan Lewis	100M H	21:87 (two falls-wet track)
15 Megan Lewis	300M H	52.92
12 Crystal Thackerson	3200	13:27.16
9 Mary Powell	3200	13:04.79

Special thanks to all came and endured the weather with us:

Mrs. Majors
Mr. and Mrs. Carlton
Coach Tyson
Armando Giles
Mr. and Mrs. Powell - Thanks for being voluntary chaperons!

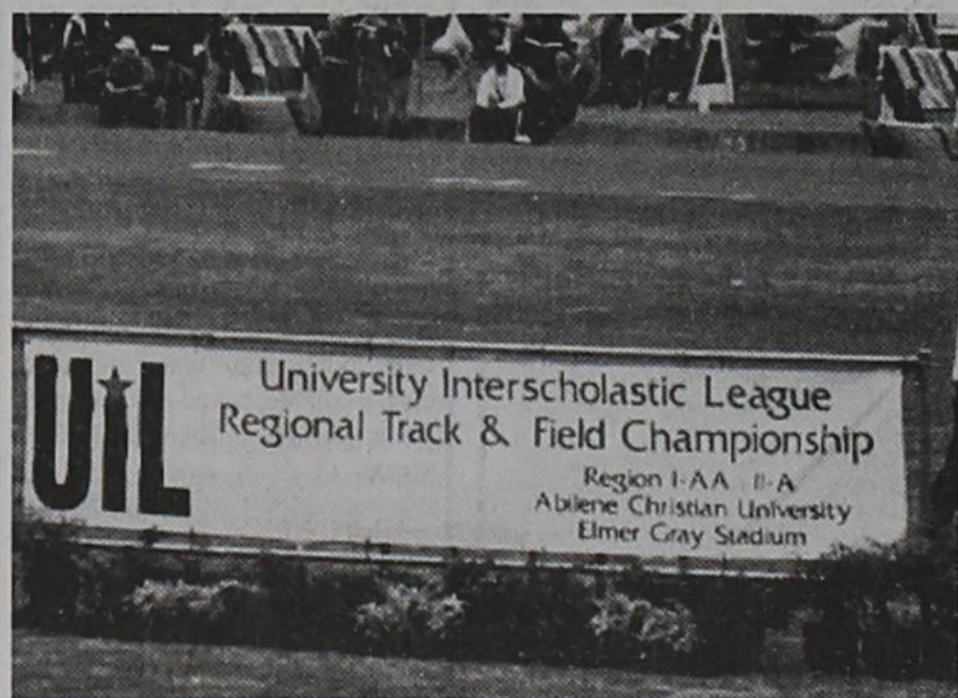
Mr. Lewis
Ms. Thackerson
Coach Cox
Gabe Burt



Mary Powell, running the 1600m with the state champion, and the runner up from last year.



Brandy Carlton running with the State Champion in the 800m. Brandy ran a personal best 2:35; besting her last time by 2 seconds.



The rain made for extremely poor conditions on Friday, as the Panthers and Lady Panthers competed in the regional championship.

Oakland Cemetery Meeting

The Oakland Cemetery Yearly Report. We will be having our meeting at the Cemetery on Saturday, May sixth at ten o'clock.

The Cemetery is in very good shape and is being kept well at all times. We need everyone to come to the meeting that has Loved Ones at this Cemetery.

We need your presence and input. Also your Financial support is very important to the Keeping of The Cemetery.

There is a few things we need to discuss and we need all to do so.

Come One - Come All. We hope to see you there. Opal Burton, Sec.

Winner Of Knife At Nathan's

Marvin Rich was the winner of the knife at Nathan's Barber Shop for the month of April. Thanks for your support.

Nathan

Oliver Springs Cemetery Work Day will be held Saturday, May 6th. Bring Basket Lunch and stay for fellowship on the ground.

I would like to congratulate the Panther and Lady Panther Track Team for an exciting and successful year. You are all truly champions in my eyes. A big thank you goes to Coach Gerick, Coach Tooley, and Coach Scott for preparing our athletes for all they achieved this year. We are very fortunate to have a coaching staff of this supreme quality.

Due to the rain on Friday, I was not able to take many pictures of the regional meet, and for that I am sorry. Lane one looked much like a river during the running events. Conditions were less than perfect, to say the least!

The coaches and athletes are both inspirational to be around. Our athletes have learned much through this season; and to quote Coach Bill Bowerman (and repeated by Coach Tooley) "if you can find meaning in an absurd pastime like running, then maybe you can find meaning in another absurd pastime....called life." I ask that each of you continue to work hard, and live your life with the same intensity that you compete, and god will smile on you!

Sincerely,
(s) Bob Powell

Gorman ISD Reduces Employee Injuries

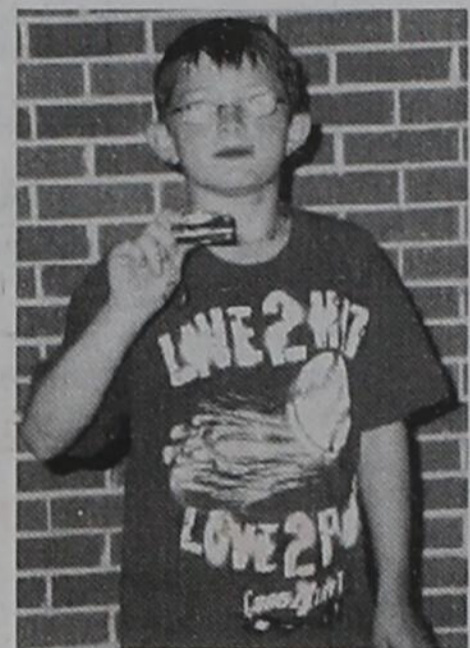
Gorman ISD, one of more than 472 participating schools, received the Diamond Award for significant savings to the district. Gorman ISD, represented by David Perry, Superintendent, was recognized by the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace. The workers' compensation program has assisted Texas Schools in avoiding over 17,778 employee injuries since 1991. Plus, districts have saved over \$213 million dollars through lower cost to the schools.

Mr. Wesley Slade, CEO of CAS, explained, "Our insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the lowest cost for Texas school districts, creating savings of tax dollars while providing safer work environments for employees. Fifteen years of success for this program is proof of the district's and CAS' commitment to providing Texas Schools with the safest working environment for school employees and the lowest cost to the district."

At CAS, our number one priority is providing the safest possible workplace for district employees while keeping costs at a minimum.

Laminack and Childers Place First and Second At Camp-Out

Ryland Laminack was the winner of the obstacle course at the Comanche Crime Scene camp-out last weekend. He ran the course in 22 seconds. Hunter Childers came in second with a time of 23 seconds. Ryland received a multi-



purpose knife tool. Hunter received a knife for his prize. Good job representing Gorman - boys! They competed with children from several counties.

Local Scouts To Hold Drawing



The Local Scouts are selling tickets on this bronzed, ceramic statue. It measures 12" x 12" - retails for \$40.00. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Drawing will be held May 18th. Donation and drawing sponsored by Becky Laminack. Proceeds to benefit the local Scouting program and Relay for Life. Contact Lora Lewis or most any scout to purchase tickets at 254-734-4480 or 734-6701. Thanks for your support!!

LRCC To Host Ranch Heritage Weekend

Leon River Cowboy Church will host a Ranch Heritage Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21. The event will be held at the LRCC Arena at the corner of CR 427 and 1-20 Service Road, one mile east of the Texas Cattle Exchange, Olden.

Beginning at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, several events will kick off the weekend, including a Versatility Ranch Horse Clinic and a Meat and Bean Cook-off. Churches, civic groups, and businesses are invited to participate in the Cook-off. A variety of foods, arts and crafts vendors will be on hand, as well.

The Versatility Ranch Horse Clinic will be instructed by Bozo Rogers, clinician and approved American Quarter Horse Association Versatility Ranch Horse Judge. The clinic is free. It will cover several areas, including halter, trail, reining and working cowhorse. Although space for riders will be limited in the clinic, there is unlimited space for spectators. To follow-up, a Versatility Ranch Horse competition will be held on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

On Sunday, LRCC's worship service will be held under the pavilion at the arena. The day's activities begin at 9:45 a.m. with a Bible study, followed by fellowship and coffee at 10:45. Pastor Paul Howie will lead fellowship at 11:00 a.m. Bring your chairs.

A BBQ brisket lunch will follow at noon, hosted by Leon River Cowboy Church.

The Ranch Horse competition will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Two age groups, 18 and under, 19 and over, will vie for buckles and other prizes. The entry fee of \$20 will be jackpotted, with a 100% payback.

For more information, or to reserve your place in the clinic, contact Kate Caballero at 254-734-4404. For information about the cookoff, or to inquire about free vendor space, contact Francie Robinette at 254-647-0483.

Dalton Murphy Sold Most Tickets

Dalton Murphy is the Cub Scout Winner who sold the most tickets in the Eye Catcher Drawing last Month. He sold 81 tickets and received a knife as a prize. Good job, Dalton. The winner of this drawing was Braylon Laminack, congratulations!



EDC Talk

Good News!! The Gorman Community Technology Center has reopened. There has been a security camera installed and we will initiate a public access policy release. It is a very simple document that will need to be read and signed in order to use the computers from now on. If anyone is under 18, they will need to have a parent sign and approve their use of the computers and Internet access. The Release forms are available in City Hall Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. This applies for any of the public access computers, whether they are at the CTC or Library or Heritage Manor. Thanks to each of you for your patience and cooperation. It is a great opportunity for a town our size to have nice computers and free public access, and each of you have shown a genuine appreciation. Thank you.

Progress continues for the Downtown Revitalization project. There will be a meeting this coming Thursday after the City Commissioners meeting to determine the benches and waste receptacles. You may have already noticed some of the improvements. The Ag Class from school has done a nice job planning flowers in the planters. They look great. All these additions should enhance the downtown appearance. Be watching for more improvements.

A small team of local leaders will be attending a Community Development class in Abilene next month. June 1 and 2, Gorman has been selected as one of twelve communities in the West Central Texas area to participate in this work session offered by the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board. The team will work on developing a project for our community and come back and implement that project. If picked as the best of the 12 communities, there is funding available from the Workforce Dev. Board to go toward the project. Wish us luck!

Reminder that Community Curb-side Clean up is this month. Tuesday May 23 and Friday May 26, 2006. And...ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY groups need to please finish up and report to Keep Gorman Beautiful (734-3933 or gedc@cctc.net) with your amount of trash bags filled. THANK YOU—FOR HELPING KEEP GORMAN BEAUTIFUL!

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Visit a meeting for free. If you decide to join, pay only \$15* includes registration and first meeting fee

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Rising Star Elementary School - Thurs 5:00 pm

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