



JA president Michael Moore, Lois Cohen, Nancy Laramore, and Bill Enslen (left to right) reflect on their companies' achievements this past year. Photo By Kathleen Dryden.

## Four Conradians Run JA Companies

Senior Bill Enslen is one of five finalists in this year's Junior Achievement sales contest. Bill and three other Conradians—Michael Moore, Lois Cohen, and Nancy Laramore—are presidents of J A companies this year.

Bill's company, Alpham, manufactures photo albums and place mats and is sponsored by DuPont Elastomer Chemicals.

Michael is president of the Bucketeers, which produces ice buckets and is sponsored by the National Vulcanized Fiber Company.

The Caprices, Lois's company, manufactures trivets and trunk-lid holders and is sponsored by the General Motors Assembly Division.

## Seniors Take Over School

Jay Peacock, Jim Trost, and Robert Riley took over as Conrad's administrative team on the FTA's Student Teacher Day April 5.

Student teachers were allowed the use of the second floor faculty room during the day. The office secretaries were Joann Panico and Susan Rodchok.

Anita Globbe, Joyce Mirto, and Christine Bishop served as guidance counselors, while Janet McGhee, June Abrams, and Gayle Ross assumed library duties.

The FTA held a car wash April 6 to raise money for their annual scholarship fund, to be awarded to a senior FTA member who wishes to become a teacher.

## Luoma Heads New Staff As Smoke Signal Editor

Junior Ellen Luoma has assumed the position of editor-in-chief, formerly held by Julie Martin, in the Smoke Signal's annual change-over.

Other juniors promoted to editors' positions include Kathy Neill, associate editor; Linda Rink, news editor; Mary Jo DiAngelo, feature editor; Peggy Leach, activities editor; Patty Craig, copy editor; Anne O'Donnell, assistant editor and business manager; Diane Johnson, assistant editor; and Jim Burdett, sports editor.

The highest rating given by the National Scholastic Press Association, that of All-American, was awarded to the Smoke Signal for the second consecutive semester.

Nancy is president of the Moonshiners, a Pepsi-Cola sponsored company which produces candles and holders. This has been one of the most successful companies, having earned \$1,113.55 at the end of February.

Contest judging was finished March 27 for Best Sales Person, Best President, Best Secretary, Best Treasurer, Best Manufacturing Executive, Best Annual Report, Company of the Year, and Miss J.A. Scholarships totaling \$2,000 will be given away.

Contest winners will be announced at a "Future Unlimited" awards assembly May 6 at the Playhouse. A talent show will also be given there.

These winners will then attend the national J A conference in August at the University of Indiana, where they will compete on a national level.

## Six Piece Brass Choir Is High Point Of Concert

An antiphonal brass choir consisting of six boys was featured in "Estample" by Vaclav Nelhybel at the annual spring band concert April 4. The six boys were Bob Oat, Paul Cronney, and David Thorpe on trombone; and Jon Fletcher, Fred Martin, and George Charnik on trumpet.

Featured songs were selections from "The Sound of Music," "First Suite in E b for Military Band," "Lara's Theme" from Dr. Zhivago, "Psalm for Band," "Folk

"The Sisters' Tragedy," a one-act drama by Richard Hughes, has been chosen as Conrad's twenty-sixth consecutive entry in the Delaware Play Festival May 9 and 10.

## The play, with its Early Seven Go To Dover

Seven Conradians attended the Student Leadership Conference at Delaware State College, Dover, March 22. These students were seniors Bill Chacon, Emile Gardner, and Dave Dunbar; juniors Ellen Luoma and Ken Piech; and sophomore Jimmy Dykes.

Racial problems in relation with school life was the main topic of discussion. The students found the workshop sessions "stimulating."

"It was an enriching experience for the kids," commented match teacher Mr. Louis Ott, who supervised the trip.

Legend," and several march tunes.

The Grammy Award winning song "Up, Up, and Away" and various Latin American and Count Basie numbers will be performed at the Studio Band concert April 30.

Several solos, featuring members of the various instrumental sections, will highlight the evening's performance.

This is the first year the Studio Band has been scheduled into the regular school day. However, only about 13 members could arrange their schedule to participate.

Victorian atmosphere, is about three sisters and their blind, deaf-mute brother. They are the last of an old, fanatically religious family.

Lowrie, the youngest sister, is tender and passionate. During the course of the play, she is under great emotional stress. She wants to relieve her sisters, Philippa and Charlotte, of the burden of caring for their blind brother, Owen. At the same time she wants to insure his happiness. After much inner conflict, Lowrie takes it upon her young self to get rid of him.

Sophomore Jayne Stoneberger will star as Lowrie, senior Bob Rathmanner will assume the role of Owen, junior Pauline Betty will play Philippa, junior Janice Martin will act the part of Charlotte, and junior Jim Mac-

Micking will portray John, Charlotte's boyfriend.

For the first time Conrad will have to enter the regionals before being eligible to participate in the festival. The regionals will be held at Central Junior High School in Newark April 27.

The critic judge, who will be Davey-Marlin Jones, may give awards to students for any reason. Last year at Conrad's presentation of Moliere's "School For Husbands," the critic judge was Theresa Hayden. She awarded Bob Russell best actor in the entire festival. Conrad, in past years, has won many all-cast and individual awards.

A performance for all Conradians will be given April 26 at 8 p.m. without charge.

## DECA Award Winners To Attend Conference

Four Conrad DECA students, DECA award winners at the State Leadership Conference, were chosen to attend the National Leadership Conference to be held May 1-4 in Houston, Texas.

The four DE students are raising money to help finance their trip to the conference. They are also preparing for the various contests they plan to enter.

Junior Joe Benson will be reporting the current events from the National Conference to WAMS News Radio. These reports will be a part of the regular news casts on WAMS.

The ten awards presented to Conrad's DE Chapter's students at the conference are:

second place Student of the Year and first place market research, Joe Benson; first place market research, Frank Hughto; three third place market research awards, Diane Taylor, Tracy Kilby, and Betty Ciccone; third place display, Carm Adessi; and third place market research, Joe Hickman.

The club also took second place for the Chapter's creative marketing project, represented by Sue Wayne, and state-wide third place for Chapter of the Year, represented by Denise Barone. Second place award for Chapter of the Year was given to Newark's chapter and first place was given to Dover High School's chapter.



Editor-in-chief Ellen Luoma discusses news story with new editors (from left) Mary Jo DiAngelo, Patty Craig, Linda Rink, and Kathy Neill. Photo By Janice Martin.

## Activity Clubs Lack Action

"Today morning activities will be held. . ." A chorus of groans goes up in the classroom from those who would openly express their discontent. Others simply bear a look of pained resignation.

Why is the activities period regarded with such disdain? According to a recent Smoke Signal survey, the major obstacles to lively activity are as follows: (1) lack of continuity produced by meetings that are few and far between; (2) overflow of students in one club and a pitiful lack of them in another; (3) a heap of deadwood who hate activities a little less than study hall.

While there is no sure-fire way to eliminate these problems, we offer suggestions to effect improvement.

Lack of continuity can be alleviated by more meetings — having activities weekly. If activities were held in the afternoon, deadwood and club overflow could go home. However, some clubs who invite speakers do not want their programs to vie members homing instincts.

Therefore, we offer a compromise: let activities alternate morning and afternoon. This way clubs not needing to meet more often than monthly can adjourn, and other more active groups can prolong their period after school. To encourage students to stay at afternoon activities, however, trips or parties should be arranged for active members.

Also, a late bus should be provided for club enthusiasts.

## New Editors Pledge Effort

The annual changeover of editors brings with it the confusion and feelings of inadequacy that come with new people filling new jobs. But last year and the year before that, the staff managed to perform with flying colors. We too hope to follow our predecessors' footsteps by exerting our greatest efforts toward the production of a fine paper.

# High School Principals Tackle Smoking Problem

By MARY JO LIANGELO

The smoking problem has plagued Conrad for a number of years. The administration is in a deadlock: either sanction student smoking, thereby breaking a law, or prohibit smoking and attempt to enforce the anti-cigarette rules.

Conrad, it seems, is not alone with its problem. Concerned principals from Delaware high schools have formed a committee, headed by Mr. Malcolm Baird, head principal at McKean, to study the problem of student smoking.

Mr. Baird cites his own school as an example. "No more than one quarter of the students smoke," he states, "but that makes it bad for the non-smokers." "State law forbids us to open a smoking lounge, so students smoke in the lavatories."

According to Mr. Baird, students who break the no-smoking rule will continue to break others, often defacing and damaging the lavatories. "State law compels us to punish the offenders, so we sus-

pend them," he elaborates, "but many parents allow teenagers to smoke at home. They become furious when their children are suspended."

Teachers' smoking in the faculty lounges triples the trouble, Mr. Baird believes. "Students assume 'If they can do it why can't we' attitude," he says.

Mr. Baird's committee has compiled a questionnaire to be sent to high school principals all over the state.

The questions include:

"In your opinion, would it be better to permit a regulated smoking area than to stop student smoking?"

"Do you think that the individual school districts should be permitted to make their own decisions relative to smoking?"

"Should the overall state ruling forbidding it be rescinded?"

The committee will review the questionnaire and suggest a plan of action to the school board.

Mr. Baird hopes for a more



Mrs. Sandra Garvick contemplates her future home in Indiana. Photo By Janice Martin.

## Psychedelic Rage Hits Wilmington

By LINDA RINK

With flashing lights, psychedelic posters, "guru" music, and incense, the newest rage has hit Wilmington.

Three psychedelic shops — the Underground, the Banana Joint, and the Village Gate — are now catering to the tastes of the 16-20 year-old-crowd, offering such "in" wares as beads, records, fluorescent posters, cigarette papers, incense, slogan buttons, and zodiac jewelry.

The shops aren't difficult to recognize. For example, the

## English Teacher Leads Nomadic Life

By ELLEN LUOMA

Hark. What sound doth yonder window break? 'Tis Mrs. Sandra Garvick, a pretty, pert English teacher turned fledgling violinist.

Perhaps the ten month old study of the violin is evidence of the invisible gypsy blood in her veins; the nomadic Mrs. Garvick has traveled through Europe twice within the last four years. Spain was her favo-

rite country because of "the friendliness and dignity of the people."

Classical music, flavored with a spurt of jazz, is her cup of tea. A game of chess and a good book (her pet novels vary from time to time,) are also among her favorite things.

"I believe that a student should expand his mind to its limit," says Mrs. Garvick. In accordance with this belief and the conviction that "English class is as good a place as any to introduce other art forms," Mrs. Garvick loads her classes with mind vulcanizers.

Recently, classes studying "Passage to India" by E.M. Forster were treated to a record of Raga sitar music like that of Ravi Shankar, the Beatles' famous spiritual leader.

Candor, a trait most characteristic of Mrs. Garvick, is a combination vice-virtue; it indiscriminately totes a harp or pitch fork.

Conrad's nomadic violinist will end her five years of teaching here this year, so that she and her husband may pursue their respective careers in South Bend, Indiana, where Mr. Garvick has accepted a position as an assistant professor of English. Here she will stretch the limits of her mind even farther in quest of a doctorate.

The Garvicks also plan to own several dogs and cats, and a goat.

During her stay at Conrad, Mrs. Garvick has served a term as secretary of the Faculty Association and has been a sponsor of both the Novel and the Bridge Clubs.

lient state law on smoking in high schools.

"Perhaps," he remarks optimistically, "schools will be able to decide for themselves whether to prohibit or sanction student smoking."

## McCool Loses His Cool

By KATHY NEILL

Everything comes in cans today — onion rings, "fresh-baked" biscuits, even blarney (or so junior Colin McCool thought after accepting a St. Patti's day challenge from Mr. Palermo first period). Needless to say, the leprechauns let him down and he returned befuddled and empty-handed!

Ever notice how some people have an insatiable urge to nibble? Rich Lipinski was quite overcome one night during play practice. His act went unnoticed until Mr. Morgan proclaimed, "Will Rich Lipinski please refrain from eating the fairy wands!" After all, who ever heard of a two-cornered star?

For those of us who shy away from fairy wands and the like, Girl Scout cookies can be the spice of life.

For some, these tasty morsels never reach the owner's mouth as Ken Piech discovered upon entering Mr. Work's fourth period English class. Is it "better to give than to receive," Ken?

Another cookie purchaser, Louise Rushie, jokingly offered a cookie to Ruth Benson. Holding to the bargain, Ruth showed

up half a period later to demand the payoff, right in the middle of Mrs. Richardson's sixth period Latin class!

With everybody eating Girl Scout cookies, there is a surplus of surgary energy. This excess works strange effects upon Jon Fletcher and Danny Dombrowski who find themselves uncontrollably resigned to singing the W.I.M.S top 40 before an audience made up of Mr. Maurer's chem class (minus Mr. Maurer).

The chem duo's interest in

song parallels that of choir members Roger Campbell and Kip Myers. These two song birds also vie in a race to accumulate the most demerits. So far, Campbell is your best bet!

Competition in Miss Eipper's second period class is also "live-wire" as Barb Hanna's squad consisting of Nancy Laramore, Brenda Maddox, Shelia Keith, and Debbie Green announce their goal to reach the Olympics via the apparatus "horse," their specialty.

## Science Buffs Work On Lab Projects

By JEAN SANNER

While most Conradians spend their free time engaged in the humdrum of daily living, members of the Bio-Chem Club (future mad scientists?) are busy at work in the biology or chemistry labs.

Pam Casey and Pauline Betty, juniors, have recently completed a project which dealt with perfusion. They took kidneys out of rabbits (Pauline was the surgeon) and kept them functioning for as

long as 3 hours with apparatus that pumped blood and oxygen through them.

"A bloody mess," was Pam's view on the project.

Pam and Pauline are members of the Bio-Chem club, which meets during activities. Mr. Edward Malin is the advisor and assists the members in their projects.

Keith Haden, senior, studied the effects of acetylcholine and adrenalin on the heart of a turtle.

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# Matmen Win Top Honors In Delaware Tournament



Terry Doran receives the first annual Donald E. Dawson award from 1966 Conrad graduate Buck Simpser. Photo By Bill Enslin.

Conrad's wrestlers and wrestling coach took the state by surprise, winning three first, one second, and one fourth places at Delaware State Wrestling Meet March 8 and 9.

Bruce Arterbridge started it off with a first in the 95-pound class, Paul Kempisk, in the 127-pound class, and Jeff Damback, representing the 180-pound class, also won first place honors. Terry Doran was the runner-up in the 154-pound class, and Tom Darrah took a fourth in the unlimited class.

Coach Ed Baker also received top honors by being chosen "Wrestling Coach of the Year" by the high school wrestling coaches of the state.

Terry Doran received the Donald E. Dawson award for the most outstanding wrestler March 25.

Don Dawson, a '66 graduate and wrestler at Conrad, was killed in action in Vietnam last month. The money he sent home for college has been given by his parents to perpetuate the award.

# Track Squad Opens Season With Hopes For Good Record

Conrad's track team opened its 1968 season with two practice meets, one with Wilmington yesterday and one with Salesianum tomorrow.

The regular season will open with a conference match against Christiana, April 24.

"This year's team," says Coach Tom Coder, "has a good chance in the conference." But the team, with only five returning lettermen, "will have to do a lot of hard work and practice, practice, practice."

The only returning letterwinners are seniors Larry Thomas, pole vault; Emile Gardner, mile run; Clarence Helm, 100-, 220-, and 440-yard dashes; Gordon Croom,

high jump; and Jack Keller, 880-yard run.

Also returning are seniors Jack Smiley, shot put and discus; and Dave Brown, discus; juniors: Elwood Black and Walter Johnson, long jump; and Jim Burdett, shot put and discus.

Coming from winter track are senior John Glenn, junior Jim Carson and sophomores Steve Mashington, Steve Ammerman, Ed Jackson, Smith Simpkins, Steve Simeone, and Jim Reilly.

The team will have nine conference meets and will participate in the Peninsula Relays, New Castle County meet, and the Delaware State meet.

# Golf Team Begins Full 13-Match Season

Hosted by Brown Technical High School, the Redskin golf team opens its '68 season April 11. Under the guidance of Coach Earl Reist, the squad has increased its schedule to 13 matches.

Stiff competition is anticipated from A. I. du Pont, Mt. Pleasant, and Brandywine. The team will again have use of the Hercules Country Club's course for practices and for home contests.

John Capuano, Mike Keogh, and Jim Trost are the only seniors returning from last year's squad. Junior comebacks are George Davis, Fran Maloney, and Gary Muterspaw. Coach Reist also has the services of a transfer student from Kentucky, Jim Lillie.

# Boys' Tennis Starts; Drandakis Heads Girls

The Conrad boys' tennis team began their '68 season with an away match against P. S. Du Pont April 5.

Fourteen conference matches are scheduled for this season with five away matches at P. S., Wilmington, Christiana, Newark, and McKean. Jack Minker, Evan Ritchie and Jay Peacock are the returning starters.

The team turned in an impressive record last year, and according to Coach Arthur Craig, "This year's record will be as good, if not better."

The girls' tennis team, un-

der the direction of special education teacher Mrs. Teresa Drandakis, will meet its first opposition, Alexis I. duPont, on April 22. Eight conference meets and one non-conference meet constitute the season's schedule.

Outstanding players who captured letters last year are Ann Kolv, Rosanna Palermo, Ellen Prestowitz, and Carol Prestowitz.

# Redskin Nine Take Field At Wilmington High Today

The Conrad High baseball team opens their 1968 season today at Wilmington High School with high hopes of improving on last year's record of seven wins and seven losses.

According to Coach Joe Palermo, "This season will

be more or less of a building year, but I am very optimistic about our chances of going all the way." Coach Palermo bases his optimism on five returning lettermen, many boys from last year's squad, and a promising crop of sophomores.

The five returning lettermen are catcher Bob Scott, infielder Bob Riley, pitchers Sam Womer and Don Henry, and first basemen Dick Allen, Scott, last year's leading hitter, agrees to the consensus of opinion that defending champion Dickinson will again be the team to beat. William Penn and Mt. Pleasant also figure to be tough.

# Gymnasts Win Medals; Conner, Mulhern Star

Conrad's gymnasts claimed seven medals at the Delaware State Gymnastic Meet held here March 22.

Junior Dan Conner, winning the state all-around plaque with a score of 37.0, also won a first in vaulting, seconds in high bar and in parallel bars, and a third in rings.

Ron Mulhern, a late entry to the gymnastics squad, won a second place medal in tumbling and a third in vaulting.

"I thought the meet was successful," stated Coach Kasner, "but next year I hope we have more schools participating."

# Skiers Replace Modern Dance

Modern Dance Club will be disbanded next year so that its sponsor, Miss Marie Christiansen, will be free to sponsor the Conrad Ski Club along with Mr. Ned Landis.

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## What's Going On?

# Choir Ushers In Spring

THE CHOIR WILL present programs at Krebs, Richardson Park, and Oak Grove Junior High Schools for its annual tour on Thursday.

The 40-minute program will contain six numbers by the entire choir, two girls' chorus songs, one piece by a brass sextet, and two songs by a 6-member folk-group.

Choir members Barbara Borders and Suzanne Watson were Conrad's participants in last week's All-State Chorus.

MRS. WALTER FROM, president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW post number 3420, presented Conrad with a flag given to the Post by Congressman Roth March 28.

The flag, which had been flown over the White House, will be used for outside display.

THE TRI-HI-Y is sponsoring a Big Sister program for approximately twelve third

and fourth graders. The members take the underprivileged children on recreational excursions, thus enabling them to have varied activities and a chance for the friendship of an older girl.

AFS MEMBERS ARE planning a program for forty exchange students who will be visiting Wilmington July 7, 8, and 9. Homes must be found for the students.

AFS began its Penny Wednesday drive April 3 in senior homerooms. Tomorrow they collect from the juniors; and next week they will solicit from sophomore homerooms.

The money is part of a fund for next year's exchange student at Conrad.

HARRY FURNESS, sophomore, will be Conrad's participant in the 1968 Optimist International Boys' Ora-

torical Contest. Harry's topic will be "The Golden Opportunities of Youth."

Participants must first compete in the district contest. The winner will go to Louisville, Kentucky, to compete in the International Grand Finals June 16 to 20.

First prize will be a \$2,000 scholarship and a trophy.

A TOUR of the offices and data processing center of the Newark Avon plant will highlight the Business Ed. Club's May meeting.

An insight into the business world was given by four former Conradians at the last meeting. They were Rosa Koppinko from the Dupont patent division legal department; Linda Gill of the Connelly, Bove and Lodge Law Firm; Carol Brown of Wilmington Trust Co. and Kathy Laramore from the Bank of Delaware travel department.

ART CLUB MEMBERS and guests traveled to New York April 5, visiting galleries, museums, and Greenwich Village. Mrs. Ethelbert Ott and Mr. Vincent Scott chaperoned.

A MOVIE illustrating the cultural life of Spain highlighted the Spanish Club meeting on March 29. At the next meeting, an original play will be presented in Spanish.

## Junior Dewey To Visit Rome During Holidays

Junior Anne Dewey will participate in the Delaware Junior Classical League's annual trip to Italy during spring vacation.

Leaving from the Kennedy International Airport April 10, the group will arrive in Rome late in the morning.

Besides seeing the various ruins of Rome, the JCL will visit other well-known cities of Italy, including Sorrento, Pom-

peii, Tivoli, and Naples.

A few of the places on the sightseeing itinerary are the Isle of Capri, the buried city of Pompeii, a cameo factory, Colosseum, Temple of Saturn, Vatican Museum, Villa D'Este, and Catacombs of San Sebastiano.

Their return flight will probably leave Rome in the early afternoon April 20.

## Computer How And Why Offered To Seniors

A computer knowledge course will be offered next year for seniors only.

The course, to be taught by Mr. Dwayne Morningred, will consist of a brief history of the computer, its components, programming of the computer, electronics of the computer, and the math involved in computer work.

The course will work in cooperation with the Delaware Scholastic Auxiliary Association, which conducts experiments similar to this class. The students will then be able to make use of the larger computers at the University of Delaware.

Qualifications for the course include a satisfactory score on the Programmer Aptitude Test given at Conrad several weeks ago. An applicant must also be recommended by his

present math teacher.

Other considerations are the student's interest in computers; his willingness to do a lot of work, the ability to schedule the class five days a week, without interfering with courses required for graduation or entrance into higher institutions; and the applicant's intention to continue his education beyond high school or to use this computer knowledge in his work.

## Class of '68 To Hear Terry

Governor Charles L. Terry will speak at the graduation exercises of the Class of 1968.

As its gift to the school, the Class of '68 has decided to give a plaque to be placed at the corner of Jackson Avenue and Boxwood Road. The plaque will read: "Henry C. Conrad High School Class of '68."

## Aids Give Away Donkey

The huge, fuzzy, friendly-looking brown donkey sitting forlornly in the DECA show window will be given a home by a Conradian in a drawing shortly before Easter Vacation. Junior Tom Bullen will do the honors for the library aides.

National Library Week will run from April 21 to 27. Many of the library's new books will be displayed then.

"Every student at Conrad should be able to find at least one new book to interest him," states Miss Miriam Swayze, librarian.



Senior Keith Haden peers eagerly into the spectroscope. Photo By Lorraine Bloch.

## Haden Selected To Join Top Forty

Senior Keith Haden was one of forty American science students chosen by the Westinghouse Foundation to spend six days in Washington, D.C., starting February 28.

He is also one of 14,000 finalists in the National Merit

Scholarship Test. Twenty nine hundred of these finalists will receive scholarships.

Keith has recently been accepted into the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. "I'm still waiting to hear from Dartmouth" he says.

### School Board News

## Football Costs To Lessen

Football is the only sport in which a boy must pay to participate. Costs include a physical examination, a mouthpiece, and part of the insurance expenses. The board is now at-

tempting to find a way to lessen these expenses.

A second refreshment stand having three serving sides will be built on the Victoria Avenue side of the football field for next season.

The board and the administration will soon screen applicants for the four teacher vacancies at Conrad. These vacancies are as follows: social studies, English and debate, French and Spanish, and Latin and English.

Mr. John Lacek, supervising principal, together with board members Mr. John Dillman and Mr. George Haney, attended the National Schoolboards' Convention in Chicago, March 29 to April 2.

## Council Aids In Parking

The Student Council will don work clothes and brandish paint brushes to begin numbering parking spaces to facilitate parking regulation.

Under Keith Haden's direction, the Council will use the parking sticker money to purchase supplies so that students desiring permanent spaces will have them.

The Council Constitution, currently being revised, will be changed on four basic points: grading, election qualifications, standing committees, and by-laws.

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