Police claim gangs becoming problem

Sheriff's dept. verifies 13 local criminal groups

By Aaron Nix

To many people, San Luis Obispo County is the perfect alternative to busy urban living. The air is clear, the people are friendly and the streets are quiet and safe. It seems like the place anyone would choose to raise a family, away from the congestion and crime of city living.

But the problems of the city are not as far away as some people would like to think.

The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department said Monday that 13 criminal gangs have been positively identified in the area and estimated local gang membership is at more than 800.

Sheriff's Deputy Ken Conway said a gang is defined as "any loose-knit organization of individuals, possessing a commonly accepted name, together with the specific intent of being involved in criminal activity."

He said the average member ranged in age from 12 to adult, with involvement in the gang and its activities varying from casual to very serious.

Sheriff Ed Williams said that white area gangs were still basically local in origin, the crimes committed by members of these groups rivaled those of any big city.

His department has taken reports on activity ranging from minor vandalism to stabbings and a drive-by shooting in the north county.

In response to this growing problem, Sheriff's Lt. Pete Koob, vice president for academic affairs, said the ranking was good news.

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Survey ranks Poly 12th

Magazine says school among best in West

By Mary Frederisy

Cal Poly was ranked the best regional public school in the West by a U.S. News and World Report survey last week.

The magazine's latest special edition "America's Best Colleges" ranked Cal Poly 121st overall in the Western region. The survey divided 561 comprehensive colleges and universities into four regions: North, South, Midwest and West.

The survey's top five in the West region were Trinity University (Texas), Santa Clara University, University of Puget Sound (Washington), University of San Diego and Loyola Marymount University.

Two other California State University schools also made the West's top 15. Humboldt State and Fresno State were ranked 13th and 14th, respectively.

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Letters to the Editor

Job testing can be a useful tool

This letter is in regards to Dan Murphy's opinion about employment psychological tests not being used for hiring. (Oct. 16).

Of most tests are developed by psychologists. Dan targeted personality tests used in employment selection procedures. These are usually divided into two types: general personality tests and questionnaires which are more employable and the latter, by far, are the most widely used. These tests are designed to help select employees better suited to the company. For example, if the test indicates the individual is not suited for a particular job, he should not be hired. This leads to a better suited employee working in the company. The test results might be used in conjunction with an interview to evaluate the candidate’s abilities. However, persons with major psychiatric disorders which do not interfere with employment functioning cannot be denied employment.

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By David Holbrook

Opinion

Israel should act as a democracy

They will come by the thousands. Strangers moving into land annexed through aggression and then declared sovereign by a nation that must repudiate the region in a spurrious attempt to justify their actions. Egyptians pouring into a ravaged Sinai, roused by rhetoric and promises of this future migration, while political and cultural rivalries are rekindled. In southern Lebanon, pressure on Israel to curb its belligerent territorial expansion.

The thousands of strangers will be Jewish settlers, and the land is East Jerusalem. In an announcement this week reasserting his country's claim to the holy city, Ariel Sharon, Israel's right-wing minister of housing, declared that as many as 15,000 apartment complexes will be built in Jerusalem, most of them in the Arab-dominated eastern section of the city.

The announcement was a stubborn and arrogant response to the United Nation's condemnation of Israel's Oct. 4 killing of 19 Palestinians on the Temple Mount in East Jerusalem. Israel security forces opened fire on Palestinians who were hurling rocks at Jews praying at the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site.

The United States joined the U.N. Security Council this week in calling for the immediate withdrawal of Israeli troops from the West Bank, a demand that Israel has ignored since the Israeli occupation of East Jerusalem in 1967.

The United States is correct in siding with the Security Council's condemnations. But it must challenge its closest ally in the Middle East to resolve the Palestinian problem, for reasons both of its own good and to maintain the peace process.

Israel's annexation of East Jerusalem or its occupation of other territories that it took in the Six-Day War is illegal. A change is needed in the Middle East, which is part of the UN scale. The MF scale, not a psychological scale, is not used to determine sexual orientation. This letter is in regards to Dan Murphy's opinion about employment psychological tests not being used for hiring. It is important to consider the mental health of employees and the impact it can have on the company. Psychological testing is a necessary tool for evaluating employees.

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This is David Holbrook's second quarter reporting for Mustang Daily.

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Italy considers new crackdown on mafia

ROME (AP) — The Italian government is considering barring parole for organized crime figures and heavy penalties for those who lead children into crime, newspaper reports said Wednesday.

The Cabinet met in special session Tuesday night to discuss a crackdown on organized crime but did not immediately announce its decisions.

Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti presented statistics on the growth of activity by the Sicilian Mafia and crime syndicates in Naples and southern Calabria. The report said the number of crimes attributed to the mobs has tripled over the past decade, rising from 740,000 in 1980 to more than 2 million last year.

Andreotti's report said around 15,000 people have direct links with the Mafia, the Camorra in Naples and the 'ndrangheta in Calabria.

Sumitomo Bank hit hard in loan scandal

TOKYO (AP) — Sumitomo Bank, one of the world's largest banks, said Wednesday a vice president was resigning, and it has cut pay for 24 other top executives after illegal loans were allegedly arranged by a branch manager.

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Meanwhile, the Japanese branch of Sumitomo vice president Teizaburo Nishi resigned to take responsibility for not being aware of a former branch manager's illegal conduct, the bank said.

It added that it is cutting the salaries of 24 top executives by as much as 50 percent for not moving more quickly to make them standard equipment for front-seat passengers in cars.

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Baker: Congress does not need big Gulf role

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III said today Congress should not be given a larger role in determining whether U.S. troops are sent in

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Auto insurance fraud rings that cost policyholders an estimated $45 million were smashed by a government sting that resulted in charges against 51 people, the district attorney said Wednesday.

All but four of the 51 were arrested or surrendered in what District Attorney Irina Reiner called the nation's biggest auto insurance scam round-up.

Two doctors and a lawyer were among those charged with manufacturing phony injury claims after accidents staged according to scripts provided by ring leaders.

The arrests broke up two insurance fraud rings which Reiner estimated had cost Los Angeles insurance policy holders $46 million. One ring had been in business for 10 years, she said.

Undercover agents found that two major rings, the Crenshaw Cafe Ring and the Eighth Street Gang, were staging phony accidents and filing false insurance claims.

"Auto insurance fraud is a billion-dollar underground industry," Reiner said and warned consumers that they are paying for the phony claims.

"In Los Angeles, we pay 50 cents on every dollar of insurance premiums for fraud," she said. "If your auto insurance rates are too high, half of them are going to scam artists."

Drug-skimming case reveals rich lifestyles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Federal agents testified Wednesday that raids on homes of sheriff's deputies accused of skimming drug money revealed free-spending lifestyles of luxury cars, motorcycles, vacations and for not moving more quickly to make them standard equipment for front-seat passengers in cars.

Voters, noted that many automakers equip their luxury vehicles with air bags, but not their low-priced ones, claiming the $320 devices would drive away bargain hunters.

But even Chrysler was faulted for not accounting for the popular minivans with air bags and for not moving more quickly to make them standard equipment for front-seat passengers in cars.

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Williams' sentiments. "We are very pleased to be working with the sheriff's department in this program." Munoz said. "We have always had a strong tradition of working together. On our end, we will be providing close supervision of those gang members on probation in an effort to keep them from returning to the streets. We will also be operating in close collaboration with area juvenile officers dealing with underage gang members."

Munoz said the problem with children joining gangs is at least as great as with the adults. Juveniles are recruited by gangs because the courts are traditionally much easier on them for committing serious crimes, making the fear of getting caught much less.

"I would say the underage gang members are every bit as serious as the adults," Munoz said. "We have 80 juveniles on probation for gang-related charges, compared to 20 adults. They know the court system is much more forgiving where they are concerned, so they usually won't do major time for committing major crimes."

The sheriff's department said the task force team would consist of a deputy sheriff and a probation officer, operating throughout the county in both plain clothes and uniformed patrol. The officers appointed to the team are deputy Conway and Jim Whelpley, deputy officer for the probation department. The team members will concentrate their efforts in those areas where gang activity is most prevalent, particularly the Nipomo, Paso Robles and Five Cities areas.

Williams denied suggestions that the team could be targeting area residents of specific ethnic groups. "It is my experience that gangs come in all forms," Williams said. "They may happen to be black, Hispanic or white. We aren't singling out specific gangs, we're going after them all."

Munoz pointed out a recent phenomenon occurring in the membership of some local gangs. Groups from different ethnic backgrounds have begun mixing their membership, combining old gangs into larger, multi-race crime organizations, he said.

Williams said narcotics trafficking also would bring gangs from larger cities into the San Luis Obispo area. At this point the gangs are still largely local, but Los Angeles-based gangs are always searching for new drug markets, he added.

"If we don't get a good grip on the local gangs now," Williams said, "we are going to see big city gangs establishing strong footholds in this area."

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U.U. Galerie hosts exhibit of Georgia O'Keeffe lithographs

By Mara Wildfeuer

U.S. Galerie hosts exhibit of Georgia O'Keeffe lithographs. The austere simplicity of Georgia O'Keeffe's early sketches combined with American Indian crafts create a serene atmosphere to the latest exhibition in the U.U. Galerie. The exhibition has a guest curator who is a Cal Poly graduate. Karen Okner is a 1985 applied art and design graduate who is now an art broker. Okner was the first art and design graduate whose senior project was an exhibition in the U.U. Galerie. Since her graduation, Okner has returned to Cal Poly bringing shows with her. Her latest show, which opens Oct. 21, is an exhibition and sale of a collection of signed Georgia O'Keeffe lithographs. The collection is the only series of lithographs American artist O'Keeffe ever produced. Each portfolio contains 10 lithographs of sketches O'Keeffe made between 1915 and 1949. Okner brought the collection to Cal Poly on Tuesday from her business, The Rosenthal Collection, in Los Angeles. Okner estimated that the originals would cost $250,000 if they were for sale. Galerie Director Jeanne LaBarbera said it was an honor not only to have works by O'Keeffe displayed but also to have a graduate take the time to be a guest curator.

The idea of the lithographs is to make them more accessible, LaBarbera said. "It enables... See O'KEEFE, page 6

Works by Native American artist Georgia O'Keeffe will be shown in the U.U. Galerie from Oct. 21 until Dec. 2. Native American artifacts are also on display with the lithographs.

New major is music to Poly's ears

Department hopes change will add diversity next fall

By Mara Wildfeuer

A new major will bring more diversity to Cal Poly next fall. The music department is accepting applications for the newly approved music major, Music Department Head Paul Osker said Monday.

For Swanson, who came to Cal Poly from UC Berkeley in 1986, "it would take five to 10 years," Swan son said. "So, in 20 or 30 years when the university is enormous, the program will be strong and flourishing." The Academic Senate (the faculty government) approved the major last May, and the department was notified last June. "By then the professors had left for the summer, and it was too late to implement the major for this fall," Swanson said.

The music major is part of the School of Liberal Arts. The music minor will continue to be offered. Swanson expects 20 to 30 students in the fall. The major will have a 120- student limit.

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taken nine years of private piano lessons. "I enjoy all aspects of music like choral, electronic and composition," Min said Monday. She is a member of the women's chorus and taken piano lessons from John Russell, a professor in the music department. Min said she could see combining the two majors into a career in the future.

Steven Urrutia, a third-year architecture major, is planning on changing his major to music next fall. Urrutia's speciality is the guitar. "It's the one thing I've been really into for the past four years," Urrutia said Monday. He said he considered changing schools before learning about the music major. The most appealing things about the major, Urrutia said, are the flexibility and the freedom of the new major. "I'll be able to tailor the major to the guitar," Urrutia said.

In addition to the lithographs, the exhibit will feature native American blankets, rugs, jewelry and pottery. Okner considers these items along with a Chero-kehe headdress.

**Georgia O'Keeffe...**

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**Former-manager sues Arsenio**

Los Angeles (AP) - Late-night talk show host Arsenio Hall was sued Wednesday by his former manager, who claims he made Hall a superstar and deserves a 50 percent of Hall's profits from the show in damages.

Wachs said in the lawsuit that he was an "unknown, unproven and raw picture superstar," the suit says.

**Wachs** said in the complaint that his management company should be paid a promised 50 percent of Hall's profits from the show in damages.

The suit says that Hall will collect an additional $500,000.

**Patricia Mckean/Mustang Daily**

**O'Keeffe**

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We expand our program when graduates do things like Karen." O'Keeffe, who died in 1986, chose the charcoal, watercolor and pencil images to be transferred to lithographs in 1968. This collection is the only series O'Keeffe signed. Two-hundred and fifty plates were produced, 230 are signed. Okner said the signed portfolios are definitely more valuable than the unsigned.

The lithographs cover subjects as broad as stills, the desert as seen from an airplane and O'Keeffe's favorite objects and bones.

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口 Rock and blues band Little Charlie and the Nightcats will perform at D.K.'s West Indies Bar at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 and are available at Boo Boo's, Big atoms, Doc & Del and the Cuesta Bookstore. For more information, call 543-9225.

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order to lower its rating for Sumitomo's securities because of concern over the bank's heavy concentration of real estate loans, said an analyst with Moody's Japan, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Nagai's resignation followed that of Sumitomo chairman vlauko Ida, also in connection with the arrest 10 days ago of Akonori Yamashita, a former manager of Sumitomo's Yokohama branch.

Yamashita was arrested on suspicion of having arranged 22.9 billion yen, or $182 million, in illegal loans to two groups allegedly involved in stock manipulation.

Mitsubishi Kotsani, head of Koshi, one of the two groups that received illegal loans through Yamashita, has been in
dicted on charges of manipulating stocks in violation of the Securities and Exchange Law.

Japan's Financing Law pro
hibits bank employees from engaging in loan transactions outside normal bank operations.

This year, Moody's has lowered its ratings for six Japan
estate banks, including Sumitomo Trust Bank, Mitsubishi Bank and Mitsui Bank, for their number of real estate loans.

The stock scandal did not directly cause the review of Sumitomo's AAA rating, Moody's highest, the analyst added.

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I
cision against Iraq.
Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, suggested that President Bush consult with a congressional group on any ac
tion taken during the upcoming legislative recess.

Baker, testifying before the committee, said Bush was com
tinued to considering such consul
tation, even during a recess. "We would have a little bit of res
eration about a formal mecha
ism," he said.

Baker's comments came after Sen. Jesse Helms accused the State Department of abandoning Christians in Lebanon and allow
ing the United Nations to infringe on Israel's sovereignty.

"What kind of policy do we have when we turn anti-Christian and anti-Jewish in one week," Helms thundered as Baker settled
into the witness chair.

Baker made no immediate response to Helms' charges. In a
10-page prepared statement, he said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein "must fail if peace is to
success."

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., said military action against Iraq was more likely now, and that Congress should come back into session to authorize a declaration of war if one is needed.

But Baker said U.S. military actions to protect Americans in the region should not be limited.

Helms, a North Carolina Repub

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a target of Special Investigation.

Huge amounts of cash were
found in the home of Deputy Nancy Brown while an expensive Harley-Davidson motorcycle, a $23,000 Chevrolet Suburban, a big-screen TV and a jukebox were confiscated at the home of Deputy Francisco Cortez, agents testified.

At Deputy Ronald E. Daub's home, nearly $13,000, receipts for a $3,000 Maui holiday, a $4,100 big-screen TV and thousands of dollars in cash were seized. The two deputies were arrested.

An Angeles County grand jury indicted the six-man, six-woman U.S. District Court jury already has seen an videotape of the FBI sting. Prosecutors maintain the tape shows two members of a sheriff's elite nar

otties squad pocketing $30,000.
In a scandal that has embar

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Community News

Stress-reducing classes offered

The San Luis Medical Clinic is offering two free classes during November, dealing with problems faced during the holiday season. "Stress During the Holidays" will be held Wednesday, Nov. 14 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. "Holiday Dining" will be held Thursday, Nov. 15 from 6 to 7:30. Both classes are at the San Luis Clinic at 1235 Osos St. Pre-registration is required because of limited class sizes. For info call 546-5737 or 546-5841.

RANKING

From page 1 prestigious," said Jinky Rapiz, a business junior. "It is an honor to be part of the cream of the crop." Rapiz said ranking might have an effect on people when they decide to apply to Poly. "It might make Poly a more competitive school," she said. "Potential students will know where we stand." Last year, the survey used different criteria, ranking Poly ninth. U.S. News and World Report ranked this year on five areas. They were reputation, the quality of the student body (based on the school's selectivity), faculty resources, financial resources and student satisfaction (which includes the ability to retain undergraduates and to graduate students.) The 1990 survey used five categories to separate 1,374 four-year institutions. The categories were national universities, national liberal arts colleges, regional colleges and universities, regional liberal arts colleges and specialized institutions.

COUNCIL

From page 1 surrounding neighborhood and will not add much traffic. Retail stores, particularly franchises, that attempt to open outlets at intersections because of access to traffic will have difficulty getting a permit from the council, Pinard said. Mayor Ron Dunin successfully proposed a revision to the original draft that would decrease the maximum size of the stores from 2,500 to 2,000 square feet. Signs could be no larger than 24 square feet, reduced from an original proposal of 200 square feet.

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TRAVEL

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upgraded to first class on a space-available basis. Worst yet, it could be another student who purchased a cheap ticket from a disreputable company.

Sometimes, a ticket for travel will be issued for which the flight is not confirmed, just so the agent will make a sale. This practice is rare, but it does happen. That is why it is always wise to call the airline you are on to reconfirm your reservations.

Sometimes an agent will even book you a reservation in their computer, but the airline will not receive the message and won't know you exist. YIPES!

Then, you got to the airport to check in, but the gate agent can't find your reservation. So he says, "please have a seat in the lobby, and I'll try to get you on."

You are now a "standby."

The gate personnel will then call for people to board the flight, and, if there is room after everyone gets on, they will put you on.

As you can see, there really is no standby price, but sometimes circumstances require you to "stand by."

If you do have to standby because there has been some screw-up or a flight has been "overbooked" (i.e., they sold 500 tickets for a plane with 400 seats), the best way to get on board is to be nice to the gate attendant and follow instructions.

If you need advice dealing with a situation like this, there are two ASI student travel counselors ready and willing to help you at the Traveltime agency on campus. Both counselors have a lot of travel experience, including dealing with airport personnel and the "standby" situation. Talking to someone who has been on "standby" can be reassuring.

Actually, it can be a nerve wracking experience and is not some mysterious bargain. The ASI travel counselors are available for consultation each weekday. For details, call Traveltime at 544-9442 or stop by the office in the University Union.

Fairman is manager of student travel at Traveltime.

NATION

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Republican and a persistent critic of the State Department, began his comments by praising Bush for taking a strong stand against Saddam's occupation and annexation of Kuwait, its oil-rich neighbor in the gulf.

But the praise soured as Helms denounced the State Department, saying the agency had supported Iraq until just before the Aug. 2 invasion.

"Only the State Department could not see that he is a roller, torturer and assasin," Helms said of Saddam.

Helms then called Syria's President Hafez Assad "an international gangster."

Assad, whom the administration has enlisted in its anti-Iraqi coalition, "has just completed the liquidation of another Middle Eastern state," Helms said, referring to the ouster of Michel Aoun, the last prominent Christian Maronite holdout.

"What happened to our principles?" Helms asked. "Isn't the sovereignty of Lebanon just as important as the sovereignty of Kuwait?"
MEAL PLAN

From page 1, Cushman said that a service change has been made to account for this, so it is best to plan ahead and simply use all of the money in the account.

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POLY PREPARED FOR ROSE PARADE

SLO, Pomona join forces for animated float

By Alison Sherrill

One of Cal Poly's largest sources of publicity is the Annual Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. The Rose Float Clubs from Cal Poly SLO and Cal Poly Pomona together have brought a float to the New Year's Day parade in Southern California for the past 43 years.

Cal Poly SLO produces half of the float, and the Pomona campus constructs the other half. The two campuses join their floats about a month before the parade. This year's parade is the 102nd for the Tournament of Roses. The parade's theme is "Fun and Games." The theme for Cal Poly's float is "Tickle Attack."

Kim Allen, an industrial technology senior and vice chair of the SLO Float Club, said the event draws about 800 million viewers worldwide television coverage. The parade begins at 8 a.m. New Year's Day in Pasadena. By the day of the parade, Allen said, the float will have received about 800 hours of labor.

The club begins planning for each year's float in February of the previous year, said business technology senior James Green, a materials chairman. The club draws up a budget and receives funds from Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) in March. This year the club received a total of $14,000 for the float from ASI. The club then works continuously on the float between February and the day of the parade. Weerts said that fall quarter becomes the busiest preparation time, as parade deadlines approach.

Weerts said this fall presented more pressure than usual because of new float regulations. This year the float must have separate power sources for the moving and animation parts of the float. "This creates a minimal chance of failure," Weerts said.

If the animation engine breaks down, the vehicle itself can move, he said. Or, if the vehicle engine breaks down, the animation part still can operate while the vehicle is towed through the parade, he said.

The animation engine controls the movement of the float's decorations and props. These new regulations, Weerts said, required $750 in additional funds from ASI. He said the need for these funds was an "unforeseen expenditure" because the club plans the float budget in March, and the new regulations were announced in June. ASI approved the additional funds last Wednesday.

The club already has one engine from the 1990 parade and an additional engine worth $3,000 was donated by an Atascadero truck-dismantling company, Weerts said. The newly-approved funds will be used to buy parts to complete the new engine.

The majority of the club's expenses are covered by donated material, by various industrial companies. Remaining funds come from ASI, club dues, and fundraising. Nearly all labor is done by club members. The club members take on a variety of tasks, said club president James Green, a materials engineering senior.

Green said club members come from all majors. As well as being indispensable to the club as far as contributing labor and time, he said the club has a lot to offer its members.

"Once you start getting into it," Green said, "it becomes very social. Members come back year after year. It's not all work, a lot of fun."

Douglas Kaden, a computer engineering senior, said in his seventh Cal Poly float he has worked on.

Members show a tremendous amount of dedication, Weerts said. Many spend a good part of their Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks working on the final stages of the float and moving it to Pasadena for New Year's Day.

Those interested in working on the float or joining the Rose Float Club, Weerts said, are encouraged to come either to the meetings Thursday at 8 p.m. in University Union Room 226 or to the workshops Saturdays at 10 a.m. in building 78 next to the feed mill.

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