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President's Message

I'm a little late writing my president's letter. Last one to send stuff in. I apologize for holding things up a tad.

It's been a busy spring for me. More than usual with the lack of a honey flow down south. Then the long cold spell up here in M. The hives are OK on feed for the most part. They are huge however, and need to be fed and have their second brood chamber added like yesterday. Been a mad rush.

It's been a busy spring legislatively for me. The roadside mowing and baling amendment changes, and the potential threat of reinstating the apiary program, kept me busy writing letters and testimonials for Erin Rupp, to read at committee hearings most of the month of March. Job well done to Erin, and all our MHPA members who wrote letters and contacted their reps and senators to express our viewpoints on these issues. This fall, all the parties that have a dog in the roadside habitat fight, will sit down and work out a solution that works for everyone. We will have a seat at that table. As far as the apiary program goes, unless something gets passed in the dark of night or in the upcoming special session, we should be in the all clear. For 2017. Next year it'll probably be brought up again. I'd be shocked if it didn't. The reason it was brought up this year, was in response to demands that some beekeepers are making in response to the neonic issue. They want to ban all neonics and place heavy regulations governing their use, on the farmers effective immediately. Rightfully so, the farming community is insisting that we be heavily regulated as well. What's good for the goose..... type of thing. Mark Sundberg and I will attend the June 8th governor's pollination panel meeting and talk to the group about ALL the issues facing our industry. Not just neonicotinoids I will once again harp on the need for proper honey bee forage in the CRP mixes, tank mixing of farm chemicals, following the label, the roadside habitat issues,

varroa mite controls that work, and the need for working together with the farming community. Promotion and education about honeybees is one of the missions of the MHPA, and that is what we will do.

Mite control. Hopefully everyone has taken powder sugar rolls or alcohol washes by now. And knows where they sit on the mite load issue. Yes, you should take samples of the packages you installed this spring. They could be loaded. If your mite loads right now (3rd week of May) is over one or two mites per 100 bees, you are trouble. They'll make you honey, but will fizzle out in late August or Sept. I think as beekeepers, we need to start thinking of Minnesota as one giant bee yard. There are beeyards everywhere in this state and they are all inter meshed. Inter meshed by different beekeepers with different management styles and different mite control methods. And that is fine, as long as we are all paying attention to our mite loads and windows of treatment. Beekeeping has always been about timing. It is even more important today. The mite thresholds are 3x smaller than they were 7 years ago, and our medications don't work all that well. Keep your colonies strong and healthy so they don't get robbed out and spread parasites and disease. Just like you wouldn't allow one sick and infested hive to affect the other colonies in your apiary, don't let your apiary or apiaries infect neighboring bee yards. Colonies of bees are expensive. And expensive to maintain. Be mindful of causing harm to others. Try and get your honey stripped by August 15 and get your treatments on ASAP. Labor Day is too late unless you KNOW you have low mite numbers AND you did a couple of mid-summer mite treatments. IF you did, then you've bought yourself a couple of weeks.

This letter is getting lengthier than I had planned.

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Summer Convention

We've got rooms at the casino (\$79/night) <http://www.northernlightscasino.com/hotel.html> and we also have a block booked at Chase on the Lake (\$169/night) <http://www.chaseonthelake.com/lodging/>. Be sure to book early to get a room, Walker is a busy place in the summer. Looking for other things to do here are some suggestions:



Are you a wine enthusiast? Make plans to visit the Forestedge Winery in Laport. <http://www.forestedgewinery.com/> Located on the edge of the Paul Bunyan State Forest, Forestedge Winery and Farm offers it's visitors a peaceful setting in the woods. Enjoy the gardens and cobblestone patio; taste our elegant fruit wines; visit our gallery with art and fine crafts made by MN artisans. Stay for an hour or for the day. Bring a picnic, share wine by the glass or bottle on the patio; and be sure to take some Forestedge wine home with you to share with family and friends.

Feeling creative? Try the new Traveling Art Pub studio right in Walker. Walk in DIY - pick a painting inspiration and create your own masterpiece! <https://www.facebook.com/TravelingArtPubWalker/>

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News From The Ivory Tower

Marla Spivak
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May 2017

Training Veterinarians to Prescribe Antibiotics for Bees

Did you know that from now on, all beekeepers must obtain a prescription to treat bees with antibiotics? This is a federal rule for bees and livestock, with the goal of reducing the antibiotic residues in our food. To get a prescription, you must establish a "Veterinarian Client Patient Relationship" (VCPR). A number of veterinarians have contacted us, wanting training about bees and bee diseases that require antibiotics. On June 6, 2017, on the St Paul campus, we are offering a 7-hour course for veterinarians. We will spend the morning in the classroom talking about honey bee biology and diseases. In the afternoon we will have field demonstrations with live colonies. When the course is completed, the veterinarians can post their names and be available to beekeepers. We will encourage them to post their names and contact information on the MHPA website.

Registration for the course is open through our web site: Beelab.umn.edu

Depending on the response we receive, we may want to open up an additional class later in the season. For more information on the role veterinarians will play in beekeepers obtaining antibiotics for honey bee colonies, see www.beevets.com.

Tech Transfer Teams

Tech-Transfer Teams are part of a national program called the Bee Informed Partnership. The teams are composed of highly trained beekeepers who evaluate, sample, and inspect honey bee colonies for commercial beekeeping operations. The

short-term goal is to sample commercial colonies, providing beekeepers with the data they need to make informed management decisions. While sampling, Bee Informed collects valuable data that will be analyzed to look for trends in colony health, with the goal of reduce overall losses of colonies in the long term. The Tech-Transfer Teams interact with commercial queen breeders, large honey producers, and commercial operations specializing in pollination services for our food system. The teams conduct and demonstrate the importance of monitoring disease and parasite management while working with beekeepers in the field to collect samples, offer support, and analyze results. Together, beekeepers and Tech-Transfer Teams interpret real world disease levels to make informed decisions about future treatments and hive management decisions.

Katie Lee used to be the Tech-Transfer Team for the Upper Midwest, but she is currently analyzing all the good data she collected so she can complete her PhD degree. We have hired two new people: the lead team member is Phoebe Koenig. Phoebe writes: "I first worked with bees as an assistant in Tom Seeley's lab at Cornell University. I loved observing bee behaviors and enjoyed the physical labor of managing hives. After receiving my B.S. in entomology, I worked in Marla Spivak's lab at the University of Minnesota, helping to manage lab colonies. I love working with commercial beekeepers to monitor colonies for diseases and to contribute to a greater research project. I am happy to be a part of this important organization, helping to bridge the gap between beekeepers and the scientific community."

We just hired our newest team member, Garrett Slater, who writes: " I developed an interest

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Minnesota Honey Producers 2017 Summer Convention July 13th - 15th, 2017 Annual Membership Dues & Registration Form

Northern Lights Casino
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Friday @ 2 pm Mann Lake will host a dinner and Raptor Center presentation. If you would like to attend this FREE event please e-mail events@mannlakeltd.com with the names of those who will attend.



Bee Kills

Steve Ellis

It is a beautiful calm 70 degree sunny day and my wife Karen and I were enjoying a quiet day of gardening. I went down to my home bee yard to watch them working the wild plum and dandelions.

As I looked around the bee yard it became apparent to me that bees were dying from what I have come to recognize as neonicotinoid poisoning from corn planting. Twitching bees on their backs, dead bees being carried out the front entrances, larval brood being pulled from the hive and laying on the grass, and a queen dying next to the hive. Since this has happened to me before, I fully recognize the symptoms of neonicotinoid poisoning. I watched my neighbor planting his field yesterday to a row crop, I assume that it was corn he was seeding.

So what is a beekeeper to do?

1. Took videos



2. Called MDA Pesticide Division. I got a recorded message so I left my cell phone #, details of the incident, and requested a return call to do a pesticide kill investigation.

3. I called the U of M Bee Squad, and left a message detailing the bee kill incident and requesting an investigation. Left my cell phone # on the answering machine. They called back and indicated that they do not do bee kill investigations.

4. Called the Pollinator Stewardship Council, and spoke to Michelle Colopy. She took down the relevant information, and offered that she would contact US EPA Bob Miller and file an official bee kill incident.

5. I notified Syngenta and Bayer that there was an incident which possibly involved a registered product of theirs and requested an investigation.

I first noticed this at 1:00 pm this afternoon, and time will tell how extensive the damage is.

This incident is fully reported, we will see how the investigation progresses. Most bee kill incidents go unreported. Paul Haiker 651-201-6247 or 24/7 800-201-6247



Sick Bees Explode Across The Landscape

Catch The Buzz - Bee Culture Magazine

The importance of controlling varroa populations especially in areas of relatively dense bee colonies was stressed by Dr Dennis vanEngelsdorp at the BBKA Spring Convention earlier this month.

A sick colony explodes into the landscape and infiltrates surrounding apiaries, he said.

He identified the three key risk factors to bee health as varroa mites and associated viruses; pesticides in the field and in the hive; and poor nutrition.

Of these varroa is the biggest threat – and he and a research student soon expect to publish a paper showing that varroa mites feed off the fat rather than the haemolymph of honeybees – a factor that is of considerable importance for bees going into winter.

In a sample survey, he found that 56% of beekeepers had not used varroa-control products in the previous twelve months. For some hobbyists, not treating for varroa and losing, say, nine of ten colonies doesn't matter too much. However, the impact does not stop at their own apiary.

In another study, he and his team marked bees in an apiary either yellow or blue. Yellow indicated that the colony was collapsing, blue that the colony was healthy. The collapsing colonies duly died out, but their surviving yellow-marked bees exploded like a bomb in the landscape. Those yellow bees were found in almost every apiary in a two-to-three-kilometer radius!

The implications are clear. You are treating for varroa not just to keep your own bees healthy, but also those of your neighbors in the surrounding landscape.

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Vendor Exhibits

Thursday, July 13, 2017		Saturday, July 15, 2017	
Time	Session/Event	Time	Session/Event
1:00 PM 2:30 PM	MHPA Board Meeting	8:15 AM	Opening Announcements Dan Whitney
6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Almond Broker	8:30 AM	Honey Queen Marketing Presentations
7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Darrel Rufer	9:00 AM	Dr. Marla Spivak University of Minnesota
8:00 PM 9:00 PM	Crop Report	10:00 AM	State Fair Update
Friday, July 14, 2017		10:15 AM	BREAK
Time	Session/Event	10:30 AM	Megan Milbrath Michigan State University
8:00 AM 8:15 AM	Plenary Session Dan Whitney	11:30 AM	Erin Rupp Pollinate Minnesota
8:15 AM 8:30 AM	Honey Queen Introduction Emily Campbell	12:00 PM 12:30 PM	LUNCH BREAK On Your Own
8:30 AM 9:30 AM	Keynote Speaker Megan Milbrath Michigan State University	1:00 PM 1:15 PM	Darrell Rufer ABF
9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Bee & Butterfly People	1:15 PM 2:30 PM	Queen Rearing Panel
10:15 AM 10:30 AM	BREAK	2:30 PM 3:00 PM	Crowning of the Honey Queen Raffle Drawing
10:30 AM 11:00 AM	HopGuard	<p>Thank you for attending the Minnesota Honey Producers 2017 Summer Convention. Have a safe journey home and we will see you next year!</p>	
11:00 AM 11:30 AM	Kevin Rader Beekeeping Insurance Services		
11:30 AM 12:00 PM	Bret Bartman Barkman Honey		
12:00 PM 1:00 PM	SPONSORED LUNCH Barkmans Honey		
1:00 PM	MHPA Business Meeting		
2:00 PM	Out to the Tent - Mann Lake		



Joel Dwight Hull Jr

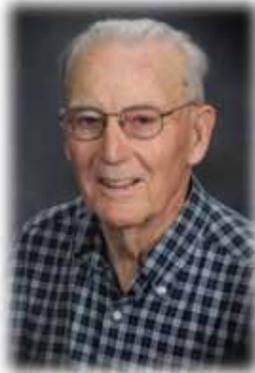
Joel Dwight Hull Jr. AKA "Papa" was born April 22, 1924 at Honesdale, PA to Joel Dwight Hull Sr. and Wanda Hull. He graduated from Park Rapids High School in Park Rapids, MN in 1942. For eleven years he traveled back and forth between Minnesota and Pennsylvania while attending school in both states. His senior year was the only year he attended full time in Park Rapids, MN.

After graduation Dwight helped his father, who was a full time beekeeper. In 1944 Dwight was drafted into the Army. He served in the 11th Armored Division in Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg and Austria.

On January 11, 1947, he was united in marriage to Ruth Jane Pentecost at the Methodist Church in Forest City, Pennsylvania. He then continued in the Bee Business with his father in Park Rapids, MN. In 1958 Dwight and his family moved to the house on West Battle Lake, MN.

He served as the President of the Louisiana State Progressive Beekeepers Association in 1965 and was President of the Minnesota Honey Producers from 1983-1985.

Dwight has been a beekeeper and honey producer all of his life. Operating apiaries in both Minnesota and Louisiana. He and his family established a home in Monroe, LA in 1954. While traveling back and forth several times each year to take care of the bees in both states.



Since 1940, Dwight has been a member of the Sioux Honey Association.

He is survived by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His daughter, Rebecca Cox (Dale Cox); daughter, Linda Monroe; son, Jeffrey Hull (Vicki Hull) and son, Wesley Hull (Heidi Hull). Grandchildren: Andrew Cox (Yvonna Cox), Elisabeth Eisenhart (Andrew Eisenhart), Allison Anderson (Cody Anderson), Zachary Hull (Jessica Peyerl), Brandon Hull (Katrina Kuchta), Abbigail Hull, Tori Hull, Olivia Hull and Maleah Hull. Great Grandchildren: Sebastain Cox, Alexander Cox, Addyson Hull-Stevens and Owen Anderson.

Proceeding him was his wife Ruth Hull, parents Joel Dwight Hull Sr. and Wanda Hull, sister Shirley (Hull) Jones.



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From The Editor

Quite a bit went down this spring in Minnesota with beekeeping and the Minnesota legislature. Or should I say, tried to go down. There seemed to be an unusually aggressive effort at passing laws that affect our industry.

The first one that did get through basically makes the Minnesota road ditches fair game for anyone who wants to cut hay whenever they want for the coming summer. Not good for bees or birds. This is supposedly temporary and will be revisited this winter and we have been promised a seat at the table for negotiating the new regulations. Better hope basswood blooms this summer because you might not get much from the road ditches.

Another attempt to reinstate the apiary law was set into motion but failed. This seems to be an ill effort to "punish" beekeepers for pushing regulations on neonics. This is something we will have to take up this summer at the meeting and craft a written policy on what our organization believes

If you are seeing dead and twitching bees this spring take a look at the letter Steve Ellis wrote and follow the link to watch the twitching bees. Then report this to the MDA. All contact info is in Steve's letter.

The early on and off again spring seems to be OK for the bees so far. I have seen great dandelion flows along with great build-up and of course plenty of swarm calls! So bees are growing nicely so far. Basswood in the Fergus Falls area looks to be healing form the past years frost and tent caterpillar infestations. We have fingers crossed that weather will cooperate this summer.

See you in Walker! Mark Sundberg, Editor

President's Message

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Please plan on attending the summer meeting in Walker MN at the Northern Lights Casino. Liz has put together a great program. Definitely something for all levels of beekeeping size of operation and experience levels. I am really looking forward to the annual crop report/Liars and Braggers meeting. If you've never been to one before, show up on Thursday evening. This one will be a good one. Darrel Rufer is doing a presentation on his bee business. After that, we will go around the room and people will talk about their "potential" crop and other observations. This is the perfect place and time for less experienced beekeepers to ask questions. There will be many commercial beekeepers in attendance to help answer them. Sometimes commercial beekeepers get a bad rap for not being "friendly" to the little

guy or the new guy. It's just that commercial beeks get bombarded with beekeeping questions constantly. In restaurants, hardware stores, at church, at the gas pump. New beekeepers and news reporters will e-mail, and call you on the phone with questions, a lot. Several times a week or daily at times. It gets annoying and overwhelming That's why we try and duck out or make a smart butt comment. Butt anyways, the Liar's and Braggers meeting is the time and place for all your questions. You will be given answers. Good ones too. This year we have a cash bar.

See y'all this summer. God Bless

Dan Whitney
Pres. MHPA



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Carol Waldorf



Carol Waldorf, 68, Barnum, died suddenly and peacefully at her home on Saturday, May 6, 2017. She was born on September 9, 1948 to Raymond and Mabel Pilarski. Carol grew up in Barnum and graduated from Barnum High School in 1966. She then attended Duluth Business University and upon graduation began working at Minnesota Power and Light. Carol held various positions with them in the Duluth, Sandstone, Cloquet, and lastly in Duluth before retiring after 40 years with the company. On June 9, 1973, Carol married Frank "Butch" Waldorf in Barnum. Carol was such a hard worker and so dedicated to her employer that she refused to move into the house Butch wanted to buy simply because it was on REA power! Carol helped Butch with their family dairy operation from the late 70's to early 80's. Her unmistakable smile helped Butch operate Butch's Cat Shack, the friendliest snowmobile dealership in Minnesota from 1989-1996.



Carol loved to start hobbies and gather as much incredible knowledge as she could so she could help others. She was always busy learning and had a lifetime involvement and love for 4-H. She loved gardening, snowmobiling, working on her blossoming apple orchard, sewing, and in her last seven years became one of the most knowledgeable and helpful beekeepers around. Carol helped many people in surrounding areas raise bees by sharing tips and answering questions. She also hunted and this past fall was lucky enough to harvest the biggest buck of her life!

Carol was also a member of the Barnum Community Club and was well-known for her cinnamon rolls.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Mabel Pilarski.

Carol will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 43 years, Butch; two sons: Scott (Erin) Waldorf of Finland, MN and Dustin Waldorf of Buffalo, WY; step-son: Chris (Fiona) Waldorf of Cloquet; step-daughter: Stephanie Thomas of Hampton, VA; brother: Richard (Bonnie) Pilarski of Barnum; sister: Patricia Nelson of Barnum; two grandchildren: Isaak (Elizabeth) Waldorf of Cloquet and Norah Waldorf of Cloquet; and a very special friend, Donna

Carlson of Duluth. Carol was the greatest Mom ever whom loved to do anything for anybody. Blessed be her memory.

There will be no services per Carol's wishes. Memorials can be made in her memory to the NE MN Beekeepers Association, PO Box 16272, Duluth, MN 55816.

Arrangements by Hamlin-Hansen-Kosloski Funeral Home, Moose Lake.

Ivory Tower

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beekeeping when I found a position working for a commercial beekeeper in North Dakota. For the next 8 years, I helped maintain over 2000 hives. I decided to attend North Dakota State University to pursue my research interests in honey bees, and ultimately gained a B.S. and M.S. Degree in Biology with a research focus on how nutrition influences queen bee quality. Now as a Tech Transfer Team member, I have the opportunity to work closely with beekeepers. I am excited to be part of an organization that assists beekeepers, helps them maintain healthy colonies, and includes a collaborative effort with the academic community."

This summer, the Midwest team will be working out of North Dakota and Minnesota. Typically, the team samples colonies to assess Varroa and Nosema loads in late May or June, to make sure colonies are ready to produce honey. They sample colonies again in August, between the two honey flows in the Dakotas. They sample one last time in the fall, to make sure mite treatments were effective before the colonies are sent off to their next location- typically Idaho, California, or Texas.

The Tech-Transfer Teams are independent, non regulatory agents. They keep all information about your operation confidential, and the data that is collected is anonymized. The Tech-Transfer Teams have a paid membership program, where they sample your colonies regularly throughout the year for a membership fee plus a fee per sample. Bee Informed Partnership also has Emergency Response Kits, where they send you the supplies to sample for Varroa, Nosema and Viruses (and optionally pesticides) if you are experiencing a honey bee emergency.

You can find more information about these Bee Informed services from the website links below. If you are interested in participating in the Tech-Transfer Team Program or would like an Emergency Response Kit, you can call and leave a message at (443) 296-2470.

More info: Tech Teams

<https://beeinformed.org/programs/tech-teams/><https://beeinformed.org/programs/emergency-response-kits-2/>

I hope all your bees, and all of you, are healthy. This feels like a good honey production year so far! As always, THANK YOU for your financial and moral support of our research!

Warm regards,
Marla Spivak

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Vice-President's Message

As I write this we just survived the monsoon that hit the last couple of days, and now we're suppose to get more rain. Summer was here!! And now we're under a frost advisory until Saturday...The lilacs are still blooming and I saw the "sea of yellow" in the fields on the way to the bee yards. Summer also means its time to start thinking about the annual convention and making plans. The schedule is tightened up and we're gonna have a packed schedule.

We're starting a little early this year. We've got a couple speakers speaking Thursday evening, with our annual crop report. Some people don't come until Thursday evening, and skip the crop report...might want to rethink that! Rufer is speaking Thursday evening. Friday we'll hit the ground running. Our keynote Megan Milbrath will get us going on Friday morning and we'll be cruising along to get to the tent for the Mann Lake event in the afternoon/evening. Don't forget, we present the Beekeeper of the Year award then too. Saturday morning we'll hear from Marla and her crew, Megan Milbrath again and get some updates what else is going on in the bee world. In the afternoon we'll be having the Good Ole Boys talking about queen rearing. It should be an interesting panel, we're still working on the key players, but should be very informative. Bring the pen and paper to take notes.

The schedule's on the website. The hotel block is up and running, and we have a small block at Chase on the Lake as well. Book early!! The registration form is on the website as well. Get that in early, along with your dues. Don't forget to bring items for the silent auction.

We'll see you in Walker!

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Minnesota State Fair

Hello fellow bee enthusiasts! The MN Honey Producers Association's annual State Fair fundraiser is just around the corner and we have some exciting updates for you.

Two seasons ago, we were caught off guard when Kemps informed us during the fair that they would no longer be making what has become a long-standing and well-loved State Fair tradition; the honey ice cream! We scrambled to find a producer and the University of Minnesota stepped in to make the Honey Sunflower Ice Cream for us last year. We had enough of the Honey Nut Fudge to get us through last season. What we discovered was that there was just no replacement for the previous Honey Sunflower ice cream people had grown to love. In addition, the new price for this product was not cost effective for us.

After quite a bit of research, we've found a new honey ice cream producer and instead of trying to recreate an old time favorite, we'll begin a new tradition and offer THREE new flavors of honey ice cream this season. Drum roll please.....

Honey Vanilla Swirl – This should prove to be a staple for visitors to our booth. Simply honey.

Honey Raspberry Swirl – Fruit and honey; what could be better?

Honey Peanut Butter Crunch (Butterfinger) – Who

doesn't love a honey peanut butter sandwich? We think this new flavor will be a big hit. In addition to our new honey ice cream flavors, we'll be striving to provide you with all of the Minnesota honey varieties and products that our producers provide and, as usual, we'll be trying to find really interesting and exotic honey and bee products for those honey lovers that come each year for the Minnesota honey that also like to try something new. We're not just about selling honey but also about educating the public on all of the amazing things honey bees produce.

Would you like to be part of the MHPA MN State Fair Fundraiser team? We would love to have you! You're welcome to join us full time or part time. Want to donate your time? Feel free to just show up when your schedule permits and sit at the tasting table to help our customers decide which honey they love best or talk with Linda about some scheduled times that you are available.

Producers – We love new products and the State Fair is the very best testing ground for those new products. New products may require approval so please get those to us very soon.

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