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● **Colwood has become a rock and roll mecca** this weekend July 13-15. Music lovers from across the West Shore and the broader Victoria region have been looking forward to the return of the three-day Rock the Shores (RTS) music festival, after its 2017 hiatus (Canada 150 events sucked up performers last year).

With a diverse range of bands and performers, RTS this year in particular has succeeded in attracting a diverse music festival audience including families with children, college youth and the older set.

It's the sort of event that people can sometimes find overly compressed or crowded. But the field area behind West Shore Parks & Rec offers ample room for this positive and varied approach to a festival venue. Tents and picnic areas add a relaxing component, so not everyone needs to be crushed up against the loud stage and packed crowd. There are several parking improvements this year too.

The Friday night lineup, featuring Juliette and The Licks and X Ambassadors set up a good tempo. Saturday's lineup includes Corb Lund, Jesse Roper, The Sheepdogs, and Social Distortion. Sunday opens at 12:40 pm with Fox Glove then Chersea, Rising Appalachia, Frazey Ford, Bedouin Soundclash, Allen Stone, Bahamas, and closes at 8:30 pm with Brian Wilson of Beach Boys fame. **WSV**

## Greyhound cancels western Canada service

West Shore  
Voice News

● **Greyhound Canada** announced July 9 they will cease all their bus services in western Canada effective October 31 (affecting Ontario west of Sudbury, and all of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and BC except the Vancouver-Seattle route that is run out of the USA). The announcement came as a surprise to BC Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) Claire Trevena, who the next day announced she would meet with her western provincial counterparts to come up with ways to fill the gap. Partnering with private bus service operators might be part of the solution.

"Greyhound's decision to completely eliminate service in Western Canada is hugely problematic for people who depend on Greyhound in the Interior, Sea-to-Sky, and to get to and from Alberta," said Trevena. "This move will leave people with limited options to get around, and this will likely impact the most vulnerable." Northern communities in particular are likely to be impacted.

Trevena said the announcement came as a surprise, even though Greyhound had pulled out of some northern BC areas earlier this year (after which MOTI stepped in with a daytime service pilot project). Trevena says BC did not want to partner with Greyhound as "their business model wasn't working".

Meanwhile, this week, Transport Canada announced that all medium and large highway buses will require seatbelts by Sept 2020. That may have been a deciding cost factor for Greyhound combined with increasingly decreasing ridership (often single-digit ridership numbers). Greyhound cited cheaper airfare, train, and car travel as competing modes of travel. **WSV**



## RUGBY CANADA: Hand-picked teams head to World Cup in San Francisco

COMMUNITY

by Mary P Brooke  
West Shore Voice News

● A send-off for Canada's men's and women's rugby teams was held July 12 as a gesture of support from about 100 members of the Langford region rugby community.

Held over the noon hour outdoors at the Westin Bear Mountain Resort, the event featured a name-by-name presentation of the men's and women's teams as selected for a trip to San Francisco to play in the Rugby World Cup Sevens 2018, July 20-22.

In a round of 16, the women's first game — Canada vs. Brazil — will start at 11:06 am PDT on Friday July 20 at AT&T Park. The first men's game — Canada vs Papua New Guinea — will be that same day at 1:23 pm PDT. All matches throughout the competition will be streamed live at [www.cbcsports.ca](http://www.cbcsports.ca)

Rugby World Cup Sevens 2018 features the world's top 24 men's and 16 women's teams.

With the recently confirmed innovative 'knock-out' tournament format both the men's and women's teams will have to win every match to be crowned World Cup winners.

Rugby Canada's CEO Allen Vansen and Commercial & Program Relations Director Gareth Rees hosted the send-off, held in partnership with Bear Mountain, Butchart Gardens and the City of Langford. Acknowledged as sponsors: DHL, Canadian Sport Institute Pacific, Velocity Trade, Kubota, Butchart Gardens, Westin Bear Mountain, Ecoasis, City of Langford and Mayor Stew Young.

Canada will be led by Captain Ghislaine Landry, whose 984 points all-time leads all scorers on the HSBC World Rugby Women's Series. "With a knock-out format it's going to take four games for us... four games at 14 minutes, 100%," said Landry to the crowd. She said the team has learned a lot of things this year and that belief in the group is pretty high.

"We know we're capable of doing it. The whole year was important building to the World Cup. We really dialed into the things that we needed to have a hard look at. Going into this World Cup, the biggest thing is the belief," said Landry at the podium.

The women's team lineup heading to San Francisco is comprised of: Olivia Apps, Lindsay RFC (Lindsay, ON) | Britt Benn, Guelph Redcoats (Napane, ON) | Pam Buisa, Ottawa Irish (Gatineau, QC) | Caroline Crossley, Castaway Wanderers (Victoria, BC) | Bianca Farella, Town of Mount Royal RCF (Montreal, QC) |



**Langford Mayor Stew Young shared the podium with Rugby Sevens team captains Ghislaine Landry and Harry Jones, July 12 at Westin Bear Mountain Resort as part of a send-off to the World Cup Rugby Sevens in San Francisco (July 20 to 22).**

Julia Greenshields, Sarnia Saints (Sarnia, ON) | Sara Kaljuvee, Toronto Scottish (Ajax, ON) | Ghislaine Landry, Captain, Toronto Scottish (Toronto, ON) | Kayla Moleschi, Williams Lake Rustlers (Williams Lake, BC) | Breanne Nicholas, London St. Georges RFC (Blenheim, ON) | Natasha Watcham-Roy, Hull Volant (Gatineau, QC) | Charity Williams, Markham Irish (Toronto, ON).

The men's team is headed up by Harry Jones, who at the podium first thanked supporters before saying that this year's slow start for the men's team "obviously got away from what we did best last year". Jones said: "We've fixed up a few of those key things. Just hoping to keep it simple for this next tournament."

Jones said the men's team will do best to not look past the next opponent. "Papau New Guinea is the first team we play... they're a great team, they like throwing the ball around and they get a little bit loose. In Sevens you need to be dialed into that first game," he said.

"Twelve of us are going to the World Cup, but a whole bunch of others helped us get here," said Jones. "I know a few boys are sad about the decision (to not be selected for the World Cup team). Our teammates worked just as hard as us this year." Jones acknowledged the support of Langford, and the physio and conditioning staff to get them ready.

Canada's Men's Roster for Rugby World Cup Sevens: Connor Braid — James Bay AA (Victoria, BC) | Andrew Coe — Markham Irish (Toronto, ON) | Admir Cejvanovic — Burnaby Lake RFC (Burnaby, BC) | Justin Douglas — Abbotsford RFC (Abbotsford, BC) | Mike Fuailefau — Castaway Wanderers (Victoria, BC) | Lucas Hammond — Toronto Nomads (Toronto, ON) | Nathan Hirayama — Unattached (Richmond, BC) | Harry Jones — Captain, Capilano RFC (North Vancouver, BC) | Isaac Kaay — UVIC Vikes (Kamloops, BC) | Pat Kay — Castaway Wanderers (Duncan, BC) | Luke McCloskey — Castaway Wanderers (Victoria, BC) | Matt Mullins — Queen's University (Belleville, ON).

The event in California will be the first-ever Rugby World Cup in any form in USA and only the second in North America after Canada hosted the 2006 Women's Rugby World Cup in Edmonton.

A group of Langford supporters will be heading to San Francisco to cheer on the teams. **WSV**

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WEST SHORE VOICE

Rescue in Thailand saw humanity shine through



Mary P Brooke, B.Sc., Cert PR  
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● The global community became transfixed over the discovery and rescue operation of a boys soccer team and their coach stranded in caves in Thailand. From their June 23 entry into the cave system, five days passed until international rescuers started arriving June 28, helping to shore up local expertise. By July 2, all 13 missing persons had been found alive. The phased rescue began July 7 and the whole group was out from underground and into hospital by July 10. Through international news and social media, people around the world learned about the skills, expertise and equipment used by the diving community, about the complexities of emergency rescue operations, and the various physical and psycho-emotional health concerns that follow from spending over two weeks in a dark dank cave, never fully knowing if they would ever get out.

We can all expect to see a TV movie pretty darn fast about this incredible journey by the Wild Boars and their coach. But while that script is being written, this BBC summary of the operation is recommended for its chronological and technical detail and creative story-telling: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-44791998>

Things that have fascinated people about this story: the participation of Navy Seals, the idea of being stranded in such dire and life-threatening conditions, how the event was so unexpected (set off by spontaneously celebrating a team member's birthday), and the impact on families. Some likely outcomes include: a sudden boost to Thailand's tourism industry; discussion about modern-day loose usage of the term hero (this event was packed with real heroes); more people signing up for diving classes; a contribution to the growing awareness about post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); and in Canada a weird ripple effect about how team sports communities handle and endure a crisis (with the Humboldt Broncos bus crash disaster still only three-months fresh).

The entire rescue scenario is just about the top event that we've seen in a long time that has brought people and nations of the world closer together, by essentially dissolving the boundaries of nationhood as some very powerful and poignant aspects of humanity shone through and beyond the differences.

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The section of Jacklin Road between Jenkins Ave and the new Division Avenue was being readied on July 12 to re-open on July 13 after about four months of various service installations and new base asphalt. All of this alongside the under-construction Belmont Market and Belmont Residences development.

● Road crews were working hard on Thursday July 12 for Jacklin Road at Jenkins Avenue to be opened on schedule at 9am on Friday July 13.

There's still work to do, in phases: installing new sidewalks (brick style on the Belmont Market side, asphalt on the other side), landscaping, signal lights (on Jacklin for Belmont Market access), and 40 mm of top lift asphalt. Therefore some traffic delays can still be expected on Jacklin between Jenkins and Sooke Road in the weeks ahead; motorists may still wish to use Division Avenue through the Belmont Market / Belmont Residences construction site as a detour.

Eventually the Division Avenue exit onto Jenkins/Kelly (alongside the current Belmont Residences sale centre) will have no-left turn signage. That's to direct the traffic flow along Jenkins/Kelly Rd alongside West Shore Town Centre toward Veterans Memorial Parkway. **WSV**

ECONOMY

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Bank of Canada interest rate now 1.5%

● There's been another interest rate hike by the Bank of Canada, bringing the benchmark interest rate up to 1.5%. Commercial banks of course raised their mortgage interest rates in response, and likely other areas of borrowing (such as lines of credit) will become more costly.

The rate increase announced on July 11 was a 0.25% jump up from 1.25%. It was the fourth such rate increase in the last 12 months.

Bank of Canada Governor Stephen Poloz said the rate increase was to keep inflation in check, saying the economy is "operating at capacity" and that the consumer debt ratio is declining (though slightly, from a peak of \$1.70 owed for every dollar earned, down to \$1.68) although consumer debt did still rise in the first quarter of this year, up 0.3%.

Apparently the shrinking debt load has to do with Canadians earning more (disposable incomes up 1.3% Jan-March 2018 according to Stats Canada). But it's unclear how much was factored into the ratio to account for debt that got cleared off by bankruptcies or people having to sell their homes to pay off debt.

Mortgage borrowing dropped by \$2 billion to \$13.7 billion (lowest level since mid 2014), reflecting the new mortgage rules and higher borrowing costs.

Canadians' net worth slipped by 0.2%, the first decrease on record since July-to-September 2015. The dip reflects slow growth in the value of non-financial

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Horgan on housing



Premier John Horgan discussed BC's housing needs at a seniors' housing funding announcement in Nanaimo, July 9.

● "The most important issue which continues to be a pressing issue every single day is building enough housing for the needs of people in BC," said Premier John Horgan in his opening remarks in Nanaimo on July 9.

It was part of announcing \$8.6 million more toward building 75 units, to realize a 159-unit six-storey seniors building over the next few years, in partnership with the City of Nanaimo and The Nanaimo Affordable Housing Society

Horgan said housing was a primary focus in his NDP government's first full budget. BC is set to spend \$1.6 billion in housing strategies over 10 years.

When asked if a closed assets like homes and negative growth in the value of financial assets like stocks and bonds.

Poloz said that tariffs on Canadian-made auto and parts "will have a much greater effect on economy" than the interest rate hike. If the economy holds, the rate will likely keep rising. When inflation rises, there is less consumer purchasing power, demand slows, and companies invest less and become less competitive. There are shocks to both demand and supply.

"There is a two-sided risk to the future of inflation, buffered by any fiscal actions the government might take," said Poloz on Wednesday. **WSV**

school could be converted into a shelter, Horgan replied: "We all need to think outside the box. Government change gives people that chance."

The cost of market housing has increased dramatically in BC since 2001. During that same period, the world economy changed in ways that stymied the growth of average family incomes. Financial systems aided by digital technology left many people behind. And the federal attempt to 'cool the market' with a mortgage stress test announced late summer 2017 (effective January 2018) has deflated the hopes of many first-time buyers while effectively causing loss for many home owners who take a hit when selling.

Now many people in BC cannot afford to buy a house or even to rent suitable accommodation. One-time homeowners who've dropped out of the ownership market are occupying the higher end of the rental market, creating additional pressures for the general renters market. Additions and poor lifestyle choices are frequently tied to insufficient or unavailable housing.

Improvements to housing supply "won't happen overnight", says Horgan. But he's confident about the multi-faceted housing approach as outlined in the 30-Point Plan for a fairer housing market, and continues to mention the need for more child care including the use of "underutilized public spaces". "We need to take our public assets and put them to highest public use," Horgan said in Nanaimo.

While clearly the development community can benefit as more housing project opportunities are rolled out, it's not yet clear how goodwill can be strengthened between that business sector and the Horgan government, so long as opposition to the speculation tax looms large. **WSV**

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## Langford's Planning, Zoning & Affordable Housing Committee: July 9

by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News

In addition to hearing seven reports and receiving public input on most of them, the City of Langford's Planning, Zoning & Affordable Housing Committee chaired on Monday July 9 by Councillor Roger Wade was also an exercise in explaining governance process.

That's a good thing ... outlining how reports (prepared/delivered by staff) about zoning amendments or development permit variance applications are reviewed by the committee, which then makes recommendations to Council, after which Council approves, amends/approves, or rejects. After a couple of readings by council, there is a final point of public input at a formal public hearing. Then Council has the opportunity for final approval.

While public questions and input around some of the applications unleashed a bit of negative audience chatter, chair Councillor Wade kept the discussion rolling and maintained decorum of the room. Some members of the public spoke on behalf of groups of their neighbours.

Langford's infrastructure grows and housing continues to densify as part of the City's plan for building a robust local economy. Infrastructure benefits to the community along with most developments include amenities such as sidewalks and bike lanes, road safety and traffic flow improvements, better lighting and road signalling, and the expansion of sewer services. As well, pretty much every development sees an amount paid into the city's affordable housing fund which is used to offset the costs of providing rental housing at lower-than-market value.

However, overall, most of the public concerns at any public input session are about traffic flow increases, losses of privacy, reduction of greenspace often along with an increase in pavement and parking spaces, and losses of trees or revision/impact to natural vegetation. In any given meeting, people also tend to remark on not getting enough information ahead of time, or not having been notified at all. The City generally responds about following their current policies.

One application reviewed by the Planning committee on Monday night was for adding preschool as a use in M2 General Industrial zoning, where Lion's Pride Gymnastics Academy offers parent-supervised preschool drop-in but would like to do more to help meet child care demand in the west shore.

Wade is the planning committee's vice-chair; committee chair Denise Blackwell was not in attendance that evening. **WSV**

## Keeping a distance from whales: new regulations

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Whales and other marine mammals are the subject of new Canadian regulations (previously recommendations) by which boaters are to maintain certain distances or be faced with hefty fines. The new rules that came into effect July 11 require boaters to maintain a 100-metre buffer zone (200-metres for orcas).

Under the Fisheries Act, penalties range from \$100,000 to \$500,000. Repeat offences could result in a higher fine amount or even imprisonment, according to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

The new rules will impact the on-water tourism industry, particularly whale-watching excursions. Vessels must stay out of the path of oncoming whales out to 400 yards (366 m). Vessels may not intercept a whale or be positioned in the path of a whale.

Among other reasons, the proximity of loud motorized vessels is thought to interfere with the ability of whales to communicate with each other for feeding or maintaining pod cohesion.

In BC, the orca is an iconic aspect of regional arts and culture, tourism, and Indigenous culture. **WSV**



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Councillor Roger Wade chaired the July 9 Planning, Zoning & Affordable Housing Committee.

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by Mary P Brooke ~ West Shore Voice News

For about a year, Evedar's Bistro on Peatt Road in downtown Langford was under new ownership offering French cuisine, with an emphasis on wine and cheese.

Fast-forward to the July 1 changeover this month, new owner Glen Glowinski has re-launched the restaurant as Evedar's Sports Bar featuring five big-screen TVs and live music on Fridays. The Polish lunch and dinner menu includes cabbage rolls, pierogies, potato pancakes, goulash, borscht, and desserts. That's in addition to the traditional Canadian breakfast menu. **WSV**

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**Art in the Park & Classic Car Show.** Sun July 22. 10-2 at Sooke River Campground on Phillips Rd, Sooke. [www.sookecommunityarts.com](http://www.sookecommunityarts.com)

**District of Sooke Regular Council** Mon July 23 7pm, **Special Council** Tues July 24 7 pm. [www.sooke.ca](http://www.sooke.ca)  
**32nd Sooke Fine Arts Show.** Purchaser's Preview July 26, tix \$35. Full show: July 27 to Aug 6 at SEAPARC Leisure Complex, 2168 Phillips Rd, Sooke. [www.sookefinearts.com](http://www.sookefinearts.com)

**Blood donor clinic.** Mon July 30. Sooke Legion 6726 Eustace Rd. 12:30 to 6:30 pm.

**City of Colwood.** Mon July 30. Council meeting 7pm. Amended OCP up for renewed 1st & 2nd readings. [www.colwood.ca](http://www.colwood.ca)

**Sooke Music & Art Festival.** Sat Aug 4. 2197 Otter Pt Rd. [www.sookemusicfestival.com](http://www.sookemusicfestival.com)

**Blood donor clinic.** Mon Aug 13. 12 to 6:45 pm. Church of the Advent, 510 Mount View Ave, Colwood. [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)

**Movies on the Hill.** Thurs Aug 16 behind the JdF library, 1767 Island Hwy. 8:45 pm. [www.westshorerecreation.ca](http://www.westshorerecreation.ca)

**RCMP Musical Ride.** Sat Aug 18 & Sun Aug 19. Hosted by Sooke Lions Club. Matinee on Sat, sunset ride on Sunday. [www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/musical-ride](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/musical-ride)

**Langford Show and Shine.** Sun Aug 19. 10am to 3 pm. Along Goldstream Ave from Peatt Rd to Veterans Memorial Pkwy. [www.langford.ca](http://www.langford.ca)

**Blood donor clinic.** Mon Aug 27. Sooke Legion, 6726 Eustace Rd. 12:30 to 6:30 pm. [www.blood.ca](http://www.blood.ca)

**City of Colwood.** Mon Aug 27. Council meeting 7pm. OCP public hearing, 3rd reading and possible final approval. [www.colwood.ca](http://www.colwood.ca)

**Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament.** Thurs Aug 30. Bear Mountain Golf Course. [www.langford.ca](http://www.langford.ca)

**SD62 Back to School.** Tues Sept 4. [www.sd62.bc.ca](http://www.sd62.bc.ca)

TRAFFIC INFO

LANGFORD ON THE MOVE



**Now to Wed Aug 1.** Intermittent single-lane alternating traffic on Hannington Rd in Bear Mountain, 7 am to 5 pm. For BC Hydro installations & road construction.

**NOW OPEN, Jacklin Rd (Jenkins through to Sooke Rd)** following several months of upgrades. Still some traffic delays for sidewalk, signalized light installations, and final layer of road asphalt. Detour on Division Ave through Belmont Market construction site.

**Current to summer 2018.** Leigh Rd at Langford Pkwy Railway Crossing. Completion of Leigh Rd Railway Crossing over to Langford Pkwy (near the sports fields).

**Current, until mid-summer.** Traffic interruptions for sewer installation along Bray Ave, Carlow Rd, Linda Lane (west of Jacklin Rd & Goldstream Ave).

For other short-term traffic advisories visit [www.langford.ca](http://www.langford.ca)



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West Shore Voice News

**Merry & Bright**

Christmas and Halloween in July Event!  
July 14-21, 2018

Selected Christmas Panels 25% off

Selected Christmas and Halloween Prints up to 30% off

The Cloth Castle  
786 Goldstream Ave  
Victoria BC V9B 2X6 250-478-2112 [clothcastle.com](http://clothcastle.com)

● **Merry and bright!** The Cloth Castle sewing and quilting supply shop is holding a 'Christmas and Halloween in July' event from Saturday July 14 through Saturday July 21.

Customers will get 25% off selected Christmas panels and 30% off selected Christmas and Halloween prints.

The popular fabric activity store is at 786 Goldstream Avenue in the heart of downtown Langford.

Check out more info about sales and summer classes at [www.clothcastle.com](http://www.clothcastle.com) or phone 250-478-2112. **WSV**

Open 7 days a week at West Coast Natural Foods

● **West Coast Natural Foods** in Sooke is now open seven days a week. Their first full Sunday business day was last weekend.

Popular with both locals and tourists at their 5-6716 West Coast Road location (just west of Otter Point Road in the same mall as Pharmasave), West Coast Natural Foods is now in its 15th year.

Store owner Karam feels it's important to serve a full-weekend clientele who enjoy the availability of a wide



**West Coast Natural Foods in Sooke open 7 days a week.**

range of vitamins, minerals, herbal remedies and nutritional supplements as well as the natural foods, cereals, snacks and other items like candles and oils.

The new business hours are 9 am to 6 pm Monday to Saturday, and now Sunday 9 am to 5 pm.

For more info on what products are available at West Coast Natural Foods, phone 250-642-4011. **WSV**

Tugwell fire mop-up began July 9



Photo: Al Wickheim

**Fire retardant being dropped from an aircraft onto the fire near Tugwell Creek, northwest of Sooke, July 4.** [Photo by Al Wickheim, from a distance of about 10 km.]

● **As of Sunday evening July 8** -- after the work of 63 firefighters that day with 2 pieces of heavy equipment, seven water tenders and two helicopters -- the wildfire near Tugwell Creek was reported by the BC Wildfire Service as 100% contained. The fire was first detected at a size of 4 hectares on July 2 and reached 84 hectares at its largest active point.

"Crews are working inward from the perimeter, doing mop-up activities," said Juan de Fuca Emergency Coordinator Jeri Grant on Monday July 9. During that non-active status, ground crews continued looking for hot spots and putting those out. "That process can take one to two weeks with ground crews, heavy equipment and water tenders," says Grant.

Some BC Wildfire information last week showed the burned area to be as much as 100 hectares. "But the area that burned out didn't get beyond 84 hectares," says Grant. "It looked larger than that with all the smoke, but once helicopters got up in the air Friday morning, the 84-hectare area was confirmed."

During this fire, retardant was dropped from water tanker aircraft. Al Wickheim, Community Coordinator of Otter Point - Juan de Fuca Emergency Program, said that variable winds and some fire crowning made it a hazardous fire for air and ground crews.

The active fire that started in loggin debris on private forest industry land was about 16 km northeast from the Sooke town area. Smoke from the fire reached into parts of Greater Victoria for a few days during the most active burning period, contributing to grey skies and some minor air quality issues.

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