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As I write this, the leaves are just beginning to turn and fall – the first indication that the Holidays are just around the corner. There are a host of wonderful holiday events in our calendars: parades, tree lightings, holiday markets, festivals, art shows, book signings, tours of homes, road trips, and gallery shows.

Don't spend your shopping time sitting in traffic and hunting for a parking place in a crowded mall where all the stores look the same and the merchandise is all imported. Spend quality time in all the wonderful shops and galleries in this issue. Take a road trip to the small towns we highlight and do your shopping in unique shops and galleries with one of a kind items made by Georgia artisans. Check out the 350 Project info on page 7 – it just makes sense.

Make sure you see page 8 for all the information about our first ever **Country Register Online Christmas Cookie Countdown**. Starting December 1st, visit our national website at www.countryregister.com and click on the "Christmas Cookie Countdown" link where we will announce the cookie recipe of the day.

Linda Parish

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Diana Smith

A couple of years ago I came up with the notion of making "Gouradian Angels" for Christmas gifts and had so much fun that I just never stopped. I have expanded my subject matter to include elves, fairy tale characters, mermaids, Santas, Noahs and pretty much anything I can think of that fits the shape of the various gourds or gourd fragments I find to work with.

My gourds are decorated with a combination of permanent markers, metallic leafing pens, wood stains and acrylic paint, and I use aluminum sheet metal to make wings, halos, elf ears, mermaid and whale tails, etc..

I'm currently doing some smaller things like jewelry and ornaments. You can see more of my work in The Connely Gallery on The Square, 7 East Public Square; Washington, GA, and online at dVINEart.etsy.com. My husband and I also have a decorative screen door company that specializes in themed screen doors, gates, and brackets. If you want to add distinctive touch to your home, check out our Website at funhousedesign.com.

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- Nov 12..... **3rd Annual Chili Challenge and British Car and Bike Show, Monroe, www.saint-albans.org 770-267-2893, p. 7**
- Nov 12..... 35th Old South Day Festival in Ochlocknee 229-574-5375.
- Nov 18-20 Georgia Gourd Festival, Perry, GA National Fairground
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- Dec 3-4..... **Christkindlmarket, Helen, p. 6**
- Dec 8-9..... Victorian Christmas in Downtown Thomasville, www.thomasvillega.com
- Dec 9-10..... Monroe Art Guild Tour of Homes, www.monroeartguild.org
- Dec 10 Nacoochee Village Christmas, Nacoochee Village
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve Party, Sautee-Nacoochee Center, www.snca.com

Ongoing Events

- 2nd Weekend Scott Antique Market, p. 5**
- 3rd Weekend Lakewood 400 Antique Show, www.lakewoodantiques.com
- Every Weekend Silver City Marketplace, 7645 Bannister Road, Cumming, 770-845-5728, www.georgiafarmgirl.org
- Saturday Evening Music Concert Series, every Saturday at 8pm until mid-November Unicoi State Park 800-573-9659x305
- Every Saturday "The Between Flea Market", 8-3, Call ahead to rent tables 770-905-7969

Crawford W. Long Museum, in Jefferson, will have their Civil War Medical Exhibit mounted thru the Sesquicentennial, 706-367-5307, 28 College Street, www.crawfordlong.org.

Christy Parker Photography

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To see examples of my work, please visit my web site at:

www.christyparkerphotography.com

Art Happenings in Georgia

- Thru-Jan 2 Gallery Exhibit "Holiday Treasures", Helen Arts &
- Nov 11-13 NE GA Arts Tour Holiday Road Open House, www.artstour.org
- Nov 19 **Tellabration!**, Storytelling Event, SNCA, Sautee-Nacoochee, www.snca.org, 706-878-3300
- Nov 19-20 Heartscapes Gallery Holiday Market**, Covington, p. 7
- Nov 19-20 Plantation Wildlife Arts Festival, Thomasville, www.pwaf.org
- Dec 8 Vince Dooley Book Signing, 4 to 6, Front Porch Book Store, Winterville, 706-372-1236
- Nov 25-Dec 24 Holiday Market, Oglethorpe Fresh, on the square, Lexington
- Dec 2-4 Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation Holiday Market, 706 769-4565, www.myocaf.com

Ongoing Art Activities

- Art Classes The Connely Gallery, Washington, 706-678-5638 or connely@washingtontwilkes.org
- Monthly Newnan Community Theater productions, 770-683-6282 www.newnantheater.org
- First Friday Art Walk, 6 to 9, **Marietta Square**, www.artwalkmarietta.com
- First Friday Canton Mainstreet, 6-9, music, car show, artists and artisans, www.cantonhdl.com
- 1st Fridays **Thomasville**, shopping, dining, deals, treats, and entertainment. 229-227-7020, www.thomasvillega.com
- Fri & Sat Evening concerts at the old courthouse on the square in **Blairsville**; www.unioncountryhistory.org
- Weekends Unicoi State Park, Visiting Artists Series, Every weekend until mid-November 800-573-9659 X305

November 5, November 12 and December 3 – 10AM-Noon

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www.GeorgiaPiedmontArtsCenter.com

Thomasville Cultural Center, www.thomasvilleculturalcenter.com.

229-226-0588, has many events throughout the year.

Southern Artists Cooperative, southernartistscoop@bravehost.com Bainbridge, has ongoing shows and events.



Special Cruise-Ins

- Nov. 12 **Monroe**, St. Albans Church Chili Cook-off and Car Show www.saint-albans.org
- Nov. 12 **Warrenton Sportsman's Festival Car Show and Cruise-In** on the Square, 10 AM to 2:30 PM
- First Friday **Canton Main Street**, – year round, 6-9, www.cantonhdl.com

A Cruise-in is a great place to take the whole family. Kids love the cars and music and you can connect with them as you reminisce about the antique cars. It's a wonderful reason to spend time enjoying the outdoors and each other.

Christmas in Oglethorpe

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It encompasses two huge buildings on both sides of Interstate 285 at Jonesboro Road, southeast of the Atlanta Airport. There are also vendors outside both buildings with garden, architectural antiques, and other decorative items on display. It is a gardeners or landscapers dream place for finding just the right unusual pieces to accent or compliment outdoor living spaces.

The interiors of the buildings are filled with antiques and collectibles of all types – a collector’s paradise. Interior designers and homeowners flock to the market to find unique items to complete home décor projects or find unusual pieces to become the focal point of a design project.

Many of the vendors have been showing at these shows for years and are always in the same space. They will be glad to help you locate special items for your collections or decorating needs.

For more info: www.scottantiquemarket.com or follow them on Facebook.

Scott Antique Markets

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brings peace for today,
and creates a vision
for tomorrow.*



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and the
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Arrival

By Maranda K. Jones

Christmas is arriving!
Let's meet it at the gate!
Rush through security,
We know it won't be late!
Rolling down the runway,
Glistening sparkles in its tracks.
It's almost to the jet way,
And a familiar feeling's back.
The anticipation of that moment,
When all is calm and all is right,
Landing here from heaven,
Packing peace on earth tonight.



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of the Northeast Georgia Mountains.



November

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- 19 – Appalachian Christmas, Babyland General Hospital, 706-865-2171
- 19 – Tellabration! Storytelling event, SNCA, 706-878-3300
- 23-December 10 – Festival of Trees (Ends at 2PM on Dec. 10), Unicoi State Park, 706-865-5356
- 25-27 – 4th Annual Christkindlmarkt - Downtown Helen, 706-878-1908
- 25 – Annual Lighting of the Village, 6PM - Downtown Helen, 706-878-2181

December

- 1-10 – Festival of Trees (Ends at 2PM on Dec. 10), Unicoi State Park, 706-865-5356
- 3 – Deck the Halls, Unicoi State Park, 800-573-9650 x 300
- 3 – Annual Christmas Parade - Downtown Helen, 2PM, 706-878-2181
- 3 – 12th Annual Christmas in the Mountains Celebration - Downtown Cleveland, 706-865-5356
- 3 – Lighted Christmas Parade - Downtown Cleveland, 7PM, 706-865-5356
- 3 & 4 – 4th Annual Christkindlmarkt - Downtown Helen, 706-878-1908
- 10 – Nacoochee Village Christmas - Nacoochee Village, 706-878-2181
- 31 – New Year's Eve Party, SNCA, 706-878-3300

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St. Alban's Episcopal Church
 Monroe, Georgia

St. Albans Annual Chili Cook-Off and Car Show

The 1st Responders (Fire-Police-Sheriff-EMS Departments) of Walton County are preparing their chili and competing for the Trophy for the Best Recipe! Judges Trophy and Peoples Choice Trophy will both be awarded!
 Who will win this year?
 LIVE Music, Hook and Ladder Fire Truck, Bake Sale, Bruster's Ice Cream, and many Children's Activities included.

Plus you get to see the British Car and Bike Show!

Georgia Triumph Association member, Reverend Brent Owens (Rector of Saint Alban's and owner of 2 Triumphs - TR7 and Herald) thought, "Why not invite a bunch of British car and bike folks to show their rides and eat some chili with us?" Just because we're a Church doesn't mean we don't know how to have FUN!. This year we are inviting British Cars and Motorcycles to join in at the annual Chili Challenge Event! We expect an even bigger turnout of participants than last year. Come join us

First Annual Heartscapes Holiday Market

Heartscapes Art Gallery & Custom Framing was opened 10 years ago by owner/artists Kathy and Nick Cuiffi. Kathy is a well-known portrait artist and instructor in the Conyers - Covington area. Nick does beautiful framing and frame restoration. They also repair and restore paintings.

Kathy has open studio classes on Tuesdays (watercolor batik), Wednesdays and Thursdays each week, and she frequently offers portraiture classes on Fridays. Beverly Smith and Jan Jentzen teach weekly children's classes. Kathy, Beverly, Jan and Sharon Chandler are represented by **Van Go's Gallery** on Floyd Street in Covington.

The Heartscape Holiday Market will feature handmade gift items made by approximately 15 local artisans, and will include metal yard art, jewelry, soaps, scarves, jellies, children's art, serving pieces, folk art and much more.

Come be a part of our holiday celebration, and enjoy delicious refreshments and beverages while you select the perfect gift for those on your Christmas shopping list.

Dates: Saturday & Sunday, November 19 & 20, 2011

Time: 10am - 5pm each day

Location: 3400 Highway 212, Covington, GA 30016 - between Highways 81 and 162

Contacts: Heartscapes 770-385-5834, Sharon 404-992-9336, Jan 770-377-6455 or email janjentzen@bellsouth.net

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24 Days of Cookies

by Susan Tipsord

Holiday greetings from the test kitchen here at The Country Register! My loyal readers will remember that the test kitchen here consists of me, my loyal Kitchen Aid mixers, and a husband, daughter, son, and a bevy of willing teenage tasters. I must share that my kitchen has been blessed this season with a file of delicious new cookie recipes from our readers!

When we announced our 2011 Christmas Cookie Countdown Contest last winter, we had no idea how many scrumptious recipes would come our way. Sugar cookies, cookies with chocolate, cut-out cookies, and spice cookies - there was no end to the wonderful recipes that poured in. We've measured, mixed, rolled, dropped and baked just for you, and we found 24 days worth of unbelievably decadent Christmas cookies for our first ever **Country Register Online Christmas Cookie Countdown**. Starting December 1st, visit our national website at www.countryregister.com and click on the "**Christmas Cookie Countdown**" link where we will announce the cookie recipe of the day. Come back every day to see if your recipe wins or if it might be from someone you know. We know you'll find a new favorite!

While you patiently wait for our countdown to start, try this absolutely delicious prize-winning chocolate chip cookie recipe sent to us by Shirley Donovan of Troy, MO. She shared with me that she originally got the recipe from the Saco chocolate chunk package about 30 years ago. The recipe makes a LOT of cookies (a much bigger batch than my mixer can handle), but she let me in on her secret of mixing in the dry ingredients with her hands. One of the things she likes best about this recipe is that she can make a big batch and keep the dough in her freezer so that she always has fresh-baked cookies for the sewing retreats she holds in her home. I have eaten a lot of chocolate chip cookies, but this is by far the best one I've had in a long time. Try it - you'll love it, too!

Shirley's Chocolate Chip Cookies

8 c. flour 2 t. salt 4 t. baking soda

Sift together and set aside.

2 c. butter - no substitutes 2 c. Crisco - no substitutes

2 c. sugar 3 c. brown sugar 4 t. vanilla

Cream together and add: 4 eggs

Gradually add in flour mixture and mix well. Stir in:

4 pkg. (12 oz. each) chocolate chips (I used Ghirardelli 60% cacao)

2 c. chopped walnuts or pecans - **must use nuts for recipe to work**

Drop on ungreased cookie sheet and bake 8-10 minutes at 375°.

*Author's Note: Shirley shared that the recipe will not work for her if she halves it. I divided the recipe by 4, but otherwise followed Shirley's recipe to the letter, and it turned out perfectly. 1/4 recipe makes about 5 dozen.

Susan Tipsord writes from her home in Maryland where she lives with her husband Dan, daughter Allison and son Ryan. She can be reached at susan@countryregisteronline.com.



Hidden Treasures has been stopping traffic with a vintage Chevy Coke truck since it was opened in the fall of 2010. The location was formally the Between Nursery.

Today you have only to stop at the Between light to see this inviting store. The business is a small mall of dealers from the surrounding communities.

The store has a variety of vintage and decorative pieces at affordable prices. The outside features concrete and iron garden items. There are many custom planters ready to purchase.

The Country Store is a second building featuring Hidden Treasure's own label of jellies, preserves, sauces, chow chows, dressings and pickled vegetables. Many of these items are hard to find except in specialty shops, such as Georgia Peach Butter and Peach Pecan Amaretto preserves.

The Between Flea Market is also open for business every Saturday for locals to sell their own special pieces in a market atmosphere. At Hidden Treasures, friendly service is our goal.

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Ideas for Enjoying a Tea Party

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If you have a favorite tearoom in Georgia, please send us an email with information about it.

From Lydia’s Recipe File: Clara’s Gumdrops

Crisp and delightful.

- Cream together:
- ½ cup brown sugar, firmly packed
 - ½ cup granulated sugar
 - ¼ cup shortening
 - ¼ cup butter
- Add and mix:
- 1 egg
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Add and mix:
- 1 cup flour
 - 1/8 teaspoon salt
 - ½ teaspoon baking powder
 - ½ teaspoon baking soda
- Add and stir until blended:
- 1 ½ cups Rice Krispies cereal
 - 1 cup flaked coconut
 - 1 cup gumdrops, snipped (regular, not spicy; omit black)
 - 1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Roll into walnut-sized balls. Place two inches apart on greased cookie sheet. Flatten with fork or the bottom of a glass dipped in sugar. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven for 12 to 15 minutes, until golden brown. Cool on cookie sheet for one minute. Carefully remove to cooling rack, and cool completely. Makes 2 ½ to 3 dozen cookies. Double or triple recipe for a larger batch.

A Cup of Tea with Lydia

By Lydia Harris

An Enchanting Nutcracker-Themed Par-TEA

Each year my granddaughter Clara dances in the local *Nutcracker* ballet. Last year she performed in the doll dance, so I sewed a matching dress for her American Girl doll. Our family attended her performance, and afterwards we celebrated with a little party.



The story of the nutcracker enchants all ages. So why not plan a nutcracker-themed par-TEA around this holiday classic? Use your imagination and these ideas to stir up a magical teatime for children and those who are children at heart.

Decorations—whimsical or traditional

To decorate our front door, I started with a grapevine wreath, added a cheerful bow, and hung small nutcracker ornaments on it. The ornaments were favors for the grandkids to take when they left. And in the entry, the two-foot-tall nutcracker I found at a rummage sale welcomed them. Nutcrackers of all sizes make perfect decorations.

In addition, anything from a whimsical, sugarplum-fairy theme to a traditional red-and-green theme works. Or create a winter wonderland to complement the “Dance of the Snowflakes.” Paper snowflakes make economical decorations, and kids might enjoy making some. If you sew, visit fabric stores and look for festive prints with a nutcracker theme. Also, craft stores may inspire you and sell inexpensive nutcrackers.

Foods—festive and sweet

Considering Tchaikovsky’s, “The Nutcracker Suite,” serve nuts, crackers, and sweets! Children would enjoy crackers spread with peanut butter. For adults, consider cashew butter or almond butter. Also, spread some crackers with cream cheese and decorate them with raisins or bits of colorful chopped veggies. Sliced cheeses and meats also go well with crackers or cocktail-sized slices of bread. Serve the food buffet style so guests can select their favorites.

To make the nutcracker theme nuttier, set out a bowl of unshelled nuts with a nutcracker or two (not the decorative ones). My grandkids enjoy cracking nuts with my wooden nutcracker that screws in to crush them.

In the *Nutcracker* story, Clara dreams about the Land of Sweets. Perhaps your guests have sugarplums dancing in their heads as well. Serve favorite sweets, such as cookies, cakes, or candy. My soldier cookie cutter fits the theme, and the cut-out gingerbread and sugar cookies quickly march into the mouths of munching grandkids. Or try my recipe for Clara’s Gumdrops. Pecan tarts and miniature cupcakes will also satisfy anyone with a sweet tooth.

In the *Nutcracker* ballet we’ve seen, Mother Gigogne wears a red-and-white striped dress with an enormous skirt. Children hide beneath it and then emerge to dance. Like her candy-cane striped costume, anything peppermint makes a sweet treat. Peppermint bark is easy to make from melted white chocolate and crushed candy canes. Or dip pretzel rods into melted chocolate chips and sprinkle with crushed candy canes. Big and little kids will love them.

For beverages, offer hot chocolate, spiced cider, or tea. Celestial Seasonings makes two blends based on this theme. “Nutcracker Sweet” was named by an aspiring 11-year-old ballerina and combines black tea with vanilla, nutty flavors, and cinnamon. “Sugar Plum Spice” is an herbal blend with flavors of plum and spices. But any tea served with sugar cubes will create a sweet time. Whatever your beverage, pour it from a teapot with jingle bells tied on the handle to create a merry sound.

Entertainment—magical and memorable

Perhaps you and your guests will attend the *Nutcracker* ballet together and return to your home for a lovely tea. Or consider watching a recording of the ballet in your home while sipping tea. Another idea: Have someone dress like the Sugarplum Fairy and read the *Nutcracker* story as you gather around the fireplace. Or simply play Tchaikovsky’s *Nutcracker Suite* as background music while you share tea.

As the teatime ends, thank guests for coming with a small gift. Consider a fresh flower to remind them of the “Waltz of the Flowers,” a snowflake cookie cutter to reflect the “Dance of the Snowflakes,” or a few wrapped candies to place under their pillows for sweet dreams.

It’s almost time for another ballet season. I’m ready to plan a nutcracker par-TEA to create magical memories. Won’t you join me?

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Shopping in Lexington

Historic Lexington

Located just 90 minutes from both of Georgia's largest cities, Atlanta and Augusta, Lexington is a great place for a day trip or a weekend getaway spot. There are several antique and 'junque' shops in the downtown area, **Main Street Treasures**, **Lexington Antique Mall**, **Spirit Mountain Antiques**, **Sisters Two Antiques**, **Century House Antiques**, and a couple of others nearby. **Oglethorpe Fresh**, across from the courthouse, is a very unique shop that showcases local artists, craftsmen, and growers - everything is handmade, homemade or home grown. You never know what treasure you might find tucked away in one of these interesting shops. Some are open daily but most are open on Fridays, Saturdays, or by chance or appointment - so plan accordingly.

Custom Artisan Carpentry, on West Main Street, is artisan Drew Craver's workshop for his beautiful custom furniture designs and masterful restorations (www.customartisancarpentry.com). Also at 202 West Main Street is **Main Street Treasures** (antiques and collectibles), **JT Designs** (an interior design firm specializing in custom window and bed treatments) and **Local Color** (regional art, Georgia made crafts, and antiques).

Just 3 miles away, in Crawford, is **The Chicken Coop B&B**, and **Fair Havens B&B**, a beautifully decorated plantation house with extensive grounds, is 10 minutes away in Arnoldsville. Both are listed on www.bedandbreakfast.com. There is also **Doggie Bed and Breakfast** in downtown Lexington where you can safely leave your favorite pet with Gramma Sheri for the best of care and a lot of TLC! Plan a weekend stay.

On many Saturday evenings from April to October, there is a **free concert in Meson Park** on Church Street. Music varies from Jazz to Blues, Country to Contemporary. Food and drinks are available for purchase and some chairs and tables are available - or you can bring your own. A real old-fashioned family evening - small town living at it's best. All proceeds and donations go toward further improvements to the park.

Just down Hwy. 77N, a block and a half off Main Street/Hwy. 78, is the world renowned **Goodness Grows Perennial Nursery**, with its marvelous gardens and gift shop for your browsing and shopping pleasure. Strolling around the historic district (there is a self-guided walking tour brochure available) or down to historic **Shaking Rock Park** with its monolithic rock formations and beaver pond, just outside of the district, makes for a wonderful experience in this small but unique city.

For your dining pleasure, **Mama D's Bakery**, on the Square, has delicious breakfast and lunch items available for your enjoyment. The world famous, **Paul's BBQ** has been serving lunch (only on Saturday and the Fourth of July!) for three generations and is located on East Main Street.

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Christmas in Oglethorpe
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The Fabric of Friendship

Rebecca Grace Collins,
Author of the book *Diary of a Mad Caregiver*. www.diaryofamadcaregiver.com

November is National Caregiver Month. It is a time to reach out to our caregiver friends. And what a wonderful gift friendship is to the caregiver! When I was a caregiver, I had some very loyal comrades that came along side me with prayers, encouragement, and loving help. Some sat and held my mother's hand. They spoke or sang encouraging words to us. They lent a listening ear.

Then, we had friends who loved to take pictures. What wonderful treasures they gave us... those memories locked in time! Also, there were friends bearing gifts for mother which made her feel special and loved. I could not have made it without the helping hands and the love of my dear friends.


This month seek your own unique way to show your caregiver friend how much you love them. They are doing the most difficult task on earth and could use a helping hand or an encouraging word.

Sometimes it is hard for us as caregivers to accept help from others. We think we can manage it by ourselves. We often think: *why bother any one else with my problems?* Or we may resent others for not helping us at all.

As caregivers, we need to realize it is not a weakness to need help. It will provide a joyful opportunity for someone else to do something loving for us.

Now, let's take that hand of our friend that is stretching out to us.... and be blessed!

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Christmas Mouse

Designed by
Judy Zarlenga

This pattern is free for you to use. Please give the artist credit. Not for commercial use. Enlarge this pattern to your desired size. It can be applied on wool, felt or cotton with embroidered details. If you're a painter, create this design with acrylic paints on canvas and varnish to protect. You can also make this with a punchneedle and embroidery thread or maybe as a hooked rug. Have fun creating this pattern in whatever medium you choose!

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