Carbondale business booming

OVERFLOW: With metropolitan markets saturated, businesses seek expansion locally.

JASON FREUND
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Driving through Carbondale, one can see many changes taking place. One of the most noticeable is the number of new businesses being constructed, which city officials say is a sign of a good national economy and various other factors.

Tom Redmond, Carbondale Planning Services director, said a good economic climate for the past few years has helped bring new businesses to the city. Nine new businesses are under construction.

"There's been a good climate for quite awhile," he said, "and they (businesses) see Carbondale as another possibility to expand their businesses."

Don Monty, Carbondale Community Service director and assistant city manager, said the good national market is not the only reason for the number of new businesses in Carbondale.

"In part, with national stores, they've pretty well saturated the metropolitan markets," he said. "If they want to continue to grow, they need to look at the local market, (like Carbondale)."

Both Monty and Redmond said that such a situation does not concern them.

"It's not normally a municipal role to say who can do business and who can't," Redmond said. "If someone wants to take a chance and compete in the market, they can."

The number of new businesses being built this year is somewhat above average, but not incredibly high, Monty said. "Looking over the past 20 years, I would not say it is an unusual year," he said. "It's not a typical year, but it's not way out of line."

Redmond said the construction being seen now is the result of several months of work.

"Most of what is being seen now," he said, "was approved six months to a year ago."

Many of the new businesses are still being constructed, including the following:

- Lone Star Steakhouse and Saloon is renovating the old Shoney's restaurant at 150 E. Main St. Its owners hope to open early next year.
- Denny's is in the process of being constructed behind Applebee's Grill & Bar, 1125 E. Main St.
- Hollywood Video is taking root at the corner of Main Street and Oakland Avenue.
- Ramada Limited is being built.

Saluki Express collides with pedestrian near campus

AFTERMATH: Saluki Express bus driver Steven J. Seibert, left, of Carbondale, speaks to a Carbondale Police officer Wednesday afternoon after the bus hit Lawrence W. Nalsi, also of Carbondale, as Nalsi was crossing South Illinois Avenue.

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A Saluki Express bus struck a Carbondale man at 2:45 p.m. Wednesday at the intersection of Grand Avenue and South Illinois Avenue, injuring the pedestrian.

The bus, driven by Steven J. Seibert, 30, of Carbondale, struck Lawrence W. Nalsi, 45, also of Carbondale. Nalsi was taken to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, 405 W. Jackson St., where he was listed in satisfactory condition as of press time Wednesday.

Seibert was driving westbound on Grand Avenue turning left to head southbound on South Illinois Avenue when he struck Nalsi, who was headed eastbound in the crosswalk.

Hospital officials would not comment on the extent of Nalsi's injuries, though he appeared to be bleeding from his head before he was treated by emergency workers.

Carbondale Police Sgt. Dan Stearns said fault had not been determined, and no tickets had been issued as of press time.

Seibert, who appeared slightly shaken by the incident, said he did not see Nalsi in the crosswalk.

"He was covered by the left-hand mirror," Seibert said. "There's a blind spot there."

Seung Hwan Kim, a passenger on the bus, said he did not see Nalsi either.

Edie Carter, a Saluki Express Co. spokesperson, said the company would handle the matter internally. No further comment was available Wednesday.
Wednesday's story "Controversy follows North to SIUC" should be read as: On Wednesday, "Controversy follows North to SIUC."
Russian pianist to play at Shryock Friday

CONCERTS

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Gus Bode

Gus says: Seems to me I live my life like I'm two sheets to the wind.

FESTIVAL: Recital to be part of 14th annual Beethoven celebration.

JASON ADRIAN

DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The essence of live music will flow through Shryock Auditorium at 8 p.m. Friday when famed Russian pianist Mykola Suk tickles the ebony and ivory for a recital. "There is a mission to live music. It brings people together in a very positive way," Donald Beattie, founder of the Beethoven Society for Pianists, said. "There is a certain spiritual energy that is present in a concert hall that is not present on disc.

The recital is one of the 14th Annual November Beethoven Festival going on this weekend and sponsored by the Beethoven Society for Pianists. Beattie said Suk's amazing piano playing skills is what allows him to captivate the audience with so much spiritual energy.

Mykola has complete piano technique, and he's better than anyone I've ever heard," Beattie said. "There is nothing he can't play. Just watching and listening to Suk plays the keys of the piano, Beattie said, can be a great source for artistic stimulation because of Suk's ability to command the instrument. "It's able to achieve things with the instrument that I've never heard or thought of, and I've been playing for 40 years," he said. "This can be enough inspiration for six months. You'll never forget the performance. I've heard him three times before, and I can still easily pull his performance up in my head."

Though the recital is part of the November Beethoven Festival, Suk will not be performing any music composed by Beethoven.

Suk is scheduled to perform, among other composers, music by Franz Liszt, who has been regarded as one of the best pianists of all time. Beattie said that because of the complexity of Liszt's music, people are lucky if they hear just one of his compositions at a recital.

"By all accounts, there was just no one that played as well as Liszt did," he said. "Most agree that (Liszt) is the greatest pianist that ever lived. His music is the most difficult to play, and Mykola makes it look like child's play."

The Liszt Hungarian Rhapsodies No.10, 11 and 12 that close the recital program are what Beattie said will be the highlight of the night. "No one in the world can play Liszt's music like (Suk) can because he carries on the tradition of how poetically, how fast and how beautifully Liszt could play," he said.

Suk was awarded in 1971 with first prize in the highly prestigious International Liszt and Bartok piano competition.

Woman, 29, gives birth to septuplets by caesarean

An Iowa woman has given birth to the world's first surviving septuplets. It happened Wednesday in Des Moines, with doctors saying the seven babies are in serious condition.

However, they were all at least two pounds when removed from their mother during a Caesarean procedure and at least one physican says their prognosis is good.

There are no known surviving septuplets in the world today.

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.

Shuttle with multinational crew on 16-day mission

The space shuttle Columbia and a multinational crew lifted off Wednesday on a 16-day scientific research mission. The shuttle blasted off from Cape Canaveral at 2:46 p.m. Eastern time.

Columbia's crew includes the first Indian-born woman to fly in space, an Ukrainian cosmonaut and a Japanese astronaut.

The shuttle is carrying a solar observatory, an ozone monitoring instrument and a suite of microgravity experiments. A six-hour spacewalk will test construction techniques for the planned International Space Station.

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Nation of Islam needed to combat hate, racism

The other day, a well-dressed, middle-aged, African-American man approached me as I idled outside of Discount Don waiting for the rain to end. He wanted to know if he could ask me a question. I said, “Sure.” I was expecting a flirty chat about whether or not I had been saved by Jesus.

Then he caught me completely off guard with his next words — he wanted if everyone in Carbondale was a racist. He had an angry look in his eyes as I proceeded to explain to him that I couldn’t answer for everyone, but I knew that wasn’t true. He then told me that he was stranded in town and was low on cash. I helped him know how he had been desperately walking the streets trying to get enough money to be on his way, when he ran into a wall of discouragement in the form of a harsh remark.

Having to resort to handouts, he asked a white passerby for a dollar or two. He was answered with, “Get a job, nigger.” I was so silently listening to him when he told me of his misfortune, I couldn’t believe why he didn’t beat that bigot down on the spot. I admired this man for saying this. He then told me that he hadn’t eaten in stores. Accusing eyes will follow you like sprouts or waking up early. Our minds are not safe to say — and I pray that I will be able to discuss North’s visit.

North has come and gone, but political fervor remains

IF ASKING A CONTROVERSIAL, SELF-styled savior of democracy to speak on campus is what it takes to wake the SIUC community from its apathetic political slumber, maybe calling “Olive-Tree” was not so bad.

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WHATSOEVER OR NOT SIUC COMMUNITY members considered North to be a criminal, a fall guy for a few who endorsed any opinions about him contributed to the stimulating, politically charged discussions throughout the campus. North told 950 of us to define our own concepts of freedom, justice and government when he spoke at Shryock Auditorium, but many of us already had intended to do so.

Some of us hailed North’s airing of Nicaraguan rebels during the Iran-Contra scandal of the 1980s as an example of democracy and patriotism at their best. Some of us were disheartened by North’s actions, believing them to be criminal — or unethical at the very least. And still some of us did not like the College Republicans’ decision to bring North to campus.

But North offered us a unique look at recent U.S. history — for better or worse — and we grabbed it. About 100 people attended Monday’s panel discussion, “Patriotism Never Looked So Bad,” allowing themselves to examine the foreign government’s misdeeds — not just North’s wrongs alone — during the Iran-Contra scandal. Tuesday night, protesters lined up outside of Shryock Auditorium before North’s speech in an effort to convey their own opinions. Some SIUC students were able to discuss North’s impending visit in classes — and some of them may return to those classes ready to discuss the ideas North brought to campus with him.

HAD NORTH VISITED SIUC AND LEFT THE campus without anyone voicing an opinion, that apathy would have been crushing.

Like it or not, Oliver North brought some good to our campus — and that good did not leave SIUC with him. Campuswide debate and concern about meaningful issues was left outside of our small, rural college-town existence — speaks volumes about SIUC’s newfound political awareness.

“Your Word!” represents the consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.

Overheard

“[t]he (protest) was partially organized by college professors who are about my age and have displayed their draft cards while I was getting my backside shot off in Vietnam.”

Retired Lt. Col. Oliver North on the possibility of protesters showing up for his speech Tuesday night at Shryock Auditorium.

The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.
Another hiccup for beer disposal

WASHINGTON — When U.S. Park Police Maj. J.J. McLaughlin smashed 50 cases of beer in a can- nister, he thought he finally had rid of the problem of how to dispose of the beer confiscated during a Fourth of July celebration on the Mall.

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competition.

Beattie said Suk's piano-playing abilities steered him out in Russia and allowed him to be regarded as the best pianist in his homeland. Suk was able to affirm the claims during a trip to Carbondale in 1989, which happened to be Suk's first engagement in the United States.

This year's memorable and spirited Suk performance is just one part of the Beethoven Festival taking place this weekend.

of the license transfer indefinitely, allowing Wurlitzer to secure a management contract.

City Clerk Janet Vaught noted that the applicants need only appear before the council and not the Liquor Advisory Board because the business still will be called Marili Grass.

Hefler said Suk's in Jackson initially closed a month ago because of a license violation — by Leifan Hartfield, the bus owner.

"Smill'n in Jocks closed down because he violated his lease in about every way you could violate a lease," Hefler said. "We went to court and won in order to clean it out, and we made an agreement to resolve the issue by which he was to leave, and Wurlitzer said Leifan Hartfield could not be reached for commenting.

Hefler could not predict a reopening date for the business, but said he hopes to be ready for the license transfer at the first December council meeting.

"We cannot reopen until we have the liquor license transferred," he said. "We hope to be back to accomplish that next month.

At the regular Carbondale City Council meeting, the council voted 5 to 0 to approve $3,125 for cultural diversity workshops for city employees. Each employee will be required to attend one of five sessions.

City Manager Jeff Dobson said Carbondale Police peppers will be exempt because they have attended similar workshops, the most recent of which was last summer.

The council also voted 4 to 1 to approve $1,122 for the Old Baptist Foundation Recital for students.

Awards Recital Sunday in the Midilll Art Museum in Mt. Vernon will honor the young pianists' performances. Beattie said Saturday's event is not a competition but a celebration.

"It's about bringing great music to young people, and, in turn, having them bring great music to the world," he said. "That's what great music is about. It takes you to places you've never been, and it knows no limits.

Admission for the Young Pianist Awards Recital Sunday in the Midilll Art Museum in Mt. Vernon is $3 for general admission and free for Senior pensioners and members.

Admission for the Young Pianist Awards Recital Sunday in the Midilll Art Museum in Mt. Vernon is $12 for the general public and $2 for student.

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Kim said.

Kim, a graduate student in accounting from South Korea, said she's been told that an average of 20 hours of work is necessary to study.

"I was on my bike over there in

the medium dividing South Illinois Avenue and I saw this guy walking in the street," she said. "When I saw him (Nalsi) on the ground, I dropped my bike and ran over to help him.

Carbondale Police identified Nalsi as an SIUC student, but SIUC Admissions and Records could not confirm that Nalsi is a student.

Saw Nalsi in the crosswalk immediately before he was struck, and yelled in anticipate of the collision.

"We shouted 'Oh my God!'" he said.

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Piano pianists between kindergarten and grade 12 will perform pieces composed by Beethoven and other composers.

Eric Rosko, a freshman in broadcasting from Schumaburg, observed the accident about 20 yards away.

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Save SIUC

The Faculty Association is the last best hope for saving SIUC as a quality institution. Administrators, past and present, Board of Trustee members and the infamous Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), continue to peddle the false proposition that in the name of productivity SIUC should eliminate a variety of graduates and undergraduate programs. The Faculty Association will resist all such attempts when they are revealed for the attempts to reduce employment and working conditions of our colleagues.

We start by asserting that this is a Carnegie II doctoral granting institution that has as its purposes different goals from other types of institutions. Society benefits when scholars pursue a vocation of original research and creative activity. And this is true of both pork and applied research. SIUC we proudly do both. At the same time, students benefit enormously when their professors operate at the forefront of knowledge. SIUC students are years ahead of their peers at lesser institutions where instructors typically have little understanding of research because they are not actively engaged themselves.

Carnegie II status is achieved by meeting the minimum threshold of $15.5 million in federal grants annually, and the conferring of at least 55 Ph.D. degrees in each academic year. SIUC and the University of Illinois are the public institutions in the state that measures up to those criteria and we should be justly proud. Though we recently applauded and honored our colleagues who are recipients of large research grants, beware of the claim that those faculty contributing few dollars to the annual grant totals are expendable or are any less important to our community.

Depending upon the academic discipline, such as those in the humanities and social sciences, faculty members possessing national and international reputations often make significant contributions to knowledge without bringing overhead dollars to the graduate school.

The State of Illinois has already invested tens of millions of dollars in making this a research institution. It would be a shameful waste of taxpayer dollars and human capital to throw away our investment. And it is truly on a piecemeal basis wherein only a few programs are sacrificed on the alter of budgetary expediency. This point is central to the arguments about enrollment trends, course loads, faculty remuneration, roles and responsibilities, and academic standards.

Do not accept the false notion that downsizing is a public good. Rather, it is a destructive tactic of those devoted to the ideology of the bottom line. In this period of a state budget surplus, University officials should seek to expand and improve our programs, not to destroy them. Your Faculty Association pledges to negotiate a contract consistent with our Carnegie II mission. We shall resist all attempts to reduce this institution to anything less. You are invited to read our detailed negotiation position on program elimination at http://siuc-faculty-assoc.org.

Did you know...?

* that Carnegie Research Status is defined as, "offers a full range of baccalaureate programs, is committed to graduate education through at least one of its colleges, has undergraduate research, and awards 50 or more doctoral degrees each year;" (Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching)

* that SIUC is one of only 37 Research II institutions in the country and the only Research II institution in Illinois; (Chronicle for Higher Education, 1997 Almanac)

* that SIUC professors' salaries are the second lowest of the 37 Research II institutions; (SIUC Faculty Association, based on Illinois Board of Higher Education data)

* and that SIUC professors' salaries are lower than those at all public and private doctoral-granting universities in Illinois ranked lower than SIUC to Carnegie status? (ibid.)

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Doris, 65, of Carbondale, walks slowly along the path beside Campus Lake. Her eyes stare intently at the calm water reflecting the yellow and brown leaves clinging to gray tree branches. Her hands play absentmindedly with a twig as she leans on the bridge railing and talks about the help she received from Carbondale Women's Center.

"I remember feeling so lost and alone with no place to go and no one to care about me or my kids," Doris says. "I didn't have any family and no friends that I could turn to, at least not any that I wanted to bring that kind of problem to."

Doris did not know that the Women's Center existed until one night in 1982 when the police officer arresting her husband for domestic abuse calmly placed in her hand advertising the Women's Center.

"That little card had a number on it that he said I could call if I was sick and tired of being a punching bag for the S.O.B," Doris says. "Until then I never knew that such a place — a wonderful place — existed."

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A second Saluki Bookstores is being built next to Haag 9, 311 S. Illinois Ave.
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Dan Nacht
CARBONDALE COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR

and let the businesses build as long as they meet the zoning requirements," he said. "In the long run, the economic growth benefits the entire community."

An increase in the number of businesses also can attract other businesses.

"Business attracts other business. A strong retail economy tends to grow on itself."

Monty said controlling the types of businesses in the city is not necessary.

"You let the free market do its thing," he said. "The ones who have it figured out will survive."

Monty said although failed businesses sometimes leave empty businesses behind, they are usually filled within a year, and there is no need to limit business.

"You just roll with the punches."

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A strong retail economy tends to grow on itself.

The businesses not only bring the city through sales and property tax, but also by providing services.

"From a broader perspective, there's a benefit to the state in terms of sales tax and property tax," Monty said.

And a percentage of state income tax is allocated to city governments.

Redmond's office approves development requirements for new businesses within the city.

"We usually are working with businesses to meet the zoning requirements," he said. "We're not recruiting businesses.

"There's been a pretty steady growth over the past three years..."
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Softball
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impress Brechtelsbauer the most.
At Jenks High School in Tulsa, Okla., Laughry had a .998 fielding
percentage in centerfield.
The combination of Laughry’s speed on the bases and her defensive
play allows her to contribute in many ways.
Laughry stole 127 bases during
her high school career.
“She may be stepping in as a sophomore, but she’s got that much
speed,” Brechtelsbauer said.
“And she’s an excellent left-side slap hitter.”
Brechtelsbauer enjoys the idea
of having such talented players come in as freshmen.
In the preseason, she received
strong contributions from first-
year players Maria Verhass, Julie
Meier and Erin Srumsterfer.
Brechtelsbauer said strong
freshman play forces the more
experienced players to work harder
in practice.
“It creates a little bit of an
atmosphere of competitiveness,”
Brechtelsbauer said.
“Nothing is going to step up and move forward in the pro-
gram, it’s a plus.”
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"But I think you get the most experience from live wrestling," Koopman said. "At high school," Koopman said. "But it will not be as hyped up as it was in high school." Because wrestling is not as big in college as it is in his high school, Koopman said. "I am sure that it will be as much of a challenge as it was in high school," Koopman said. "Regardless of our experience, everyone (in the tournament) is on the same page."

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Koopman wrestled in high school and went to the state sectional qualifiers. He is looking forward to competing, but he is a little disappointed with the tournaments. Koopman said that wrestling is not as big in college as it is in his high school. "I am sure that it will be as much of a challenge as it was in high school," Koopman said. "But I think you get the most experience from live wrestling." But it will not be as hyped up as it was in high school.

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"Everyone is gradually getting better. We have some real talent." Because wrestling is not as hyped up as it is difficult to find tournaments.

"It definitely hinders us because it is hard to find large type of tournaments," Reyna said. "They (the St. Louis tournament officials) don't care if you are a club team or an interest group." Finding tournaments has prohibited the club from gaining more experience in wrestling, but Reyna said that has not kept the club from improving.

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SIUC VOLLEYBALL
Three Salukis named to All-Conference team

The SIUC volleyball team placed three members of its squad on the 1997 Missouri Valley Conference All-Conference team Tuesday.

Middle blocker Laura Pier and outside hitter Marie Moreland were named to the five-member second team, while setter Debbie Barr was one of eight players named honorary mention.

Pier, a junior from Michigan City, Ind., finished in the top 10 in five categories in hitting percentage, block average and kill average. Moreland, a junior from Laporte, Ill., led the Salukis in kills, while Barr, a sophomore from Munice, Ind., led the conference in assist average.

Maria Bricker was named Conference's Player of the Year, while Kendra Haselhorst earned Newcomer of the Year honor.

WRESTLING
Area wrestlers places three in club's first season

The Southern Illinois Wrestling Club finished with three solid individual showings at Lindenwood Community College Nov. 7-8.

The club, competing in its inaugural season and comprised of students from SIUC and John A. Logan College, has three places out of 150 participants from 20 schools at the competition.

Joe Reyna finished second in the 190-pound division, Glen Wortham placed fourth in the 174-pound class and Rick Burntung earned fourth at Heavyweight. The team competes at the St. Louis Open Friday and Saturday and is looking for more team members for the tournament.

For information, contact coach Kirby Keith at 529-2782.

NFL FOOTBALL
Esiason to replace Blake

The Cincinnati Bengals decided to make a change at quarterback Wednesday, as head coach Bruce Coslet has given starting role for Sunday's game against Jacksonville to veteran Boomer Esiason.

That decision ends Jeff Blake's AFC-leading 29-game starting streak, Coslet has informed the starting quarterback of the move. Coslet and quarterback coach Rick Burkett were in charge of the decision, according to sources familiar with the situation.

"I think the time is right, at this point in the season, to bring in a proven winner," Coslet said. "Esiason has the experience, the knowledge and the leadership." Coslet said Esiason can help "cheer up" the team.

Esiason has not done well in the Bengals' first two games. Blake was 12 of 22 for 121 yards, with four interceptions, in a 20-3 loss to the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday. Blake was replaced by Esiason in the fourth quarter.

Through the first two games, Blake completed 49 of 88 passes for 492 yards and six touchdowns, with four interceptions. Esiason completed 72 of 133 passes for 1,145 yards with five touchdowns and two interceptions for the San Diego Chargers in 1997-98.

BATTER UP: Loss of seniors after season adds importance to attracting recruits early.

Shambell Richardson

SIUC softball coach Kay Brechbuehler decided Monday that it is never too early to begin planning for the future.

With the Salukis' 1998 season still three months away, Brechbuehler signed two new recruits during the early signing period for this season.

Catcher/first baseman Andrea Harris and outfielder Jessica Laughry became the latest athletes to join the Salukis' program. Although the Salukis have no seniors on this year's club, Brechbuehler said she recruited these seasons to prepare for their departures.

"We have no senior class, and it is important for us to bring in two quality players," Brechbuehler said. "(Laughry) is to bolster the team we already have and also to have a big gap in the lineup. We're going to lose five seniors." Harris will be looked upon to help relieve senior catcher Brooke Hanman from the daily grind of games. At junior at Harrington High School in Evansville, Ind., Harris hit .373 with 15 home runs and 38 RBIs. Harris was a third-team all-state selection and holds the school record for career home runs (11) and RBI (97).

But Brechbuehler is not limiting her options with Harris.

"I'll have to do some catching because Brooke won't be able to do all the catching," Brechbuehler said. "(It is impotant particularly when you get into tournaments and you have to play two or three games a day. She may be doing a little first base to get some experience behind junior Theresa Shields.)"

Laughgy also put up stellar offensive numbers as a prep, hitting .477 with 33 runs batted in as a senior. But her defensive abilities

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