

## Press Clippings for 12/5/2022

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## Volunteers prep thousands of 'Hope Packs' for prisoners

**Dec. 4, 2022**

**By Steve Zalusky**

It doesn't take much sometimes to save someone's life.

Sometimes a box of snacks, a holiday card and a book can bridge the gap from despair to hope. With that in mind, about 2,500 volunteers at Willow Creek Community Church's seven Chicago-area campuses spent the weekend preparing what they call "Hope Packs" for every incarcerated person in Illinois, as well as some in other states.

Now in its 10th year, the Hope Packs program was created by Willow Creek's Prison & Jail Ministry in hopes of easing the sense of isolation many incarcerated people face during the holidays.

"We want to break the cycle of loneliness that happens for people who are behind bars at Christmastime," said Stacey Kidd of Lake Zurich, a volunteer leader.

Each of the Hope Packs prepared Saturday and Sunday contains a Christmas card, treats and the Armor Book, a compilation of puzzles, original artwork, poems, inspirational stories, devotionals, and biblical concepts -- many of which are submissions from incarcerated individuals.

The Hope Packs program has grown to include other organizations, and together they'll distribute packages to an estimated 82,400 people in 14 states.

Among the past recipients is Richard Van Arsdale, a former inmate who's now chaplain for the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry in Virginia. At Willow Creek's South Barrington campus

Sunday, Van Arsdale said he served time after being arrested in connection with a shooting during a drug deal gone bad.

"I did not shoot the gun, but because I drove the car away, I was viewed as just as guilty," he said. "And so I went from college to jail overnight."

He called the Hope Pack he received a huge encouragement and reminder of what Christmas is about.

"I'm excited to help distribute hundreds of these bags to the inmates at the facility where I am now a chaplain," he added.

Junior high school students were part of Sunday's packing event.

"This gives them a chance to participate in how we can show people the love of God at Christmas, to bring hope, for them to realize that they can make a difference as a sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grader," said Gretchen Dedina, director of Willow Creek's junior high ministry,

Lili Manalang, a 12-year-old student at Helen Keller Junior High in Schaumburg, was among the young volunteers working in assembly-line fashion to fill boxes with Hope Packs.

"I really enjoy bringing hope to people, knowing that someone's going to have a good Christmas because of us," she said

"In 30 minutes of your time, you can really make a difference to someone's life," added Benjamin Charly, a 13-year-old student at Canton Middle School in Streamwood.

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## 2022 Fox All-Area Football Team

Dec. 3, 2022

By Mike Miazga



**South Elgin's Michael Tringali** is part of the Daily Herald's 2022 Fox All-Area Football Team. *Brian Hill | Staff Photographer*

### Fox All-Area Football Team

#### Name-School-Year-Pos.

Austin Barrett, St. Charles East, LT, Sr.

Antonio Brown, Jacobs, RB, Sr.

Troyer Carlson, Kaneland, QB, Jr.

Chevelle Clements, Larkin, RB-DB, Sr.

Tommy Diamond, Geneva, LB, Jr.

Nathan Dinse, South Elgin, OL-DL, Sr.

Ivan Erickson, Marmion, DE, Sr.

Jake Furtney, St. Charles North, TE, MLB, DE, Jr.

Robbie Gall, Burlington Central, MLB, Sr.

Drew Gerke, Batavia, WR-DB, Sr.

Owen Hampton, Aurora Christian, WR-S, Jr.

Haiden Janke, Huntley, RB, Jr.

Tyler Jansey, Batavia, RB-LB, Sr.

Aric Johnson, Kaneland, WR-KR-DB, Jr.

Henry Kennedy, Dundee-Crown, DB-WR-KR, Sr.

Adam Lambaz, Elgin, NT-OL, Sr.

Jack Leshner, Marmion, LB-RB, Jr.

Hunter Liszka, St. Charles North, K-P, Jr.

Deshaun Manning, Huntley, LB, Sr.

Gino Martino, West Aurora, QB, Sr.

Jalen Miller, Larkin, RB, Jr.

Mason Montgomery, South Elgin, WR-RB-DB, Sr.

Michael Prokos, Crystal Lake South, WR-DB, Jr.

Jackson Reyes, Geneva, LB, Sr.

Luciano Rolando, St. Edward, QB-DE, Sr.

Jack Sadowsky, Batavia, LB, Sr.

Will Seibert, Jacobs, OL-DL, Sr.

\* Drew Surges, St. Charles North, FS-RB, Sr.

Michael Tringali, South Elgin, LB-RB, Sr.

Talyn Taylor, Geneva, WR-KR-PR, Soph.

Nathan VanWitzenberg, Crystal Lake South, RB, Sr.

Henry Warsaw, St. Charles North, OL-DL, Sr.

Ryan Whitell, Batavia, RB-WR-SS, Sr.

\* All-Area Captain

### **Honorable mention**

Aurora Central Catholic: Zach Dineen, OL-DL, Jr., Zach Stuck, WR-LB, Sr.

Aurora Christian: Braden Hunter, OL, Sr.

Bartlett: Jalen Davis, WR-CB, Sr., Koleman Salyers, RB-LB, Sr., Dontain Williams, RB-CB, Sr.

Batavia: Ryan Boe, QB, Jr., Jordan Buckley, DL, Jr., J.P. Chaney, H-TE-DE, Sr., Alec Crum, K, Sr., Brody Osborne, LB-SS, Sr., Drake Ostrander, DB, Sr., Charlie Whelpley, RB-H, Jr., Jimmy Zitkus, OL, Sr.

Burlington Central: Porter Mihelich, DL, Jr., LJ Kerr, WR, Soph., James Muettertities, DL, Sr., Michael Person, WR, Jr., Mason Rosborough, LB, Jr.

Cary-Grove: Colin Desmet, FB-S, Sr., Myakl Kanellakis, TE-DB, Sr.

Crystal Lake South: Caden Casimino, QB, Jr., Nate Compere, OL-DL, Sr., Dan Zebrowski, LB, Jr.

Dundee-Crown: Anthony Aguilar, TE, Sr., Kali Freeman, WR, Jr.

Elgin: Matt Lawson, DB-RB-WR-KR-PR, Jr., Limayni Spates, DB, Jr., James Syrek, QB, Sr.

Hampshire: Gage Homola, TE-LB, Jr., Cole Klawikowski, RB, Soph.

Huntley: Eric Bower, OL, Sr., Mason Wojtas, K-P, Sr.

Jacobs: Paulie Rudolph, LB-FB, Jr., Joey Scirvani, RB-LB, Jr., Grant Stec, TE-DE, Jr.

Kaneland: Josh Mauthe, DL, Jr., Dawson Trebolo, LB, Sr., Dom Deblasio, WR, Jr., Alex Panico DB-PR, Sr.

Larkin: Hector Flores, LB, Jr., Angel Gonzalez, OL-DL, Sr., Kevin Malone, LB-RB, Jr.

Marmion: Sean Scheck, OT-DT, Sr.

South Elgin: Jordan Green, RB-LB, Sr., Kyle Steinhofer, WR-DB, Sr.

St. Charles East: Body McCaslin, RT, Jr., Mason Tousignant, WR, Sr.

St. Charles North: Angelo Bradley, DL, Jr., Solen Erickson, DE, Sr., Ethan Plumb, QB, Soph., Alex Valenzuela, OLB-DB, Sr., Will Vaske, QB, Sr.

St. Edward: Carson Busto, RB-WR, FS, Sr.

West Aurora: DJ Douglas, CB, Jr., Trevor Mathisen, OL, Sr., Terrence Smith, WR, Soph.

## – Elgin Courier-News –

### The 2022 Courier-News All-Area Team

**Dec. 4, 2022**

**By Rick Armstrong - Beacon-News First Team Offense**

Austin Barrett, St. Charles East, senior, lineman: Allowed no sacks in 206 drop backs. Had 22 pancake blocks. All-conference. Committed to Indiana.

Logan Brasfield, Yorkville, junior, lineman: Keyed rushing attack that topped 2,100 yards. All-conference.

Antonio Brown, Jacobs, senior, running back: Had school-record 169 carries with 1,710 yards, 21 TDs. All-conference.

Troyer Carlson, Kaneland, junior, quarterback: Completed 60% of passes for 2,719 yards, 23 TDs. All-conference. Honorable mention all-state.

Aric Johnson, Kaneland, junior, wide receiver: Had 44 receptions, 868 yards, nine TDs. Added three interceptions. All-conference.

Hunter Liszka, St. Charles North, junior, kicker/punter: Finished 35 of 35 on extra points, 8 of 12 on field goals. Averaged 44.9 yards a punt. All-conference.

Tim Savchuk, Oswego East, junior, lineman: Had 27 pancake blocks. All-conference.

Sean Scheck, Marmion, senior, lineman: Three-year starter. All-conference. Committed to San Diego.

Talyn Taylor, Geneva, sophomore, wide receiver: Had 51 receptions, 750 yards, eight TDs.

All-conference.

Deakon Tonielli, Oswego, senior, tight end: Had 42 receptions, 550 yards, five TDs. All-conference. Committed to Michigan.

Henry Warsaw, St. Charles North, senior, lineman: Dominant three-year starter. All-conference.

Ryan Whitwell, Batavia, senior, running back: Had 208 carries, 1,318 yards, 21 TDs. Added 12 receptions, two TDs. All-conference.

## **FIRST TEAM DEFENSE**

Jake Davies, Yorkville, senior, lineman: Had 52 tackles, 21 for loss, five sacks, four passes defended. All-conference. Committed to Wyoming.

Ivan Erickson, Marmion, senior, lineman: Had 52 tackles, 12 for loss, six sacks, 12 pressures. All-conference. Honorable mention all-state. Committed to Illinois State.

Drew Gerke, Batavia, senior, cornerback: Had 35 tackles, four interceptions. Limited by broken hand. Also had 17 receptions, 435 yards, seven TDs. All-conference.

Tyler Jansey, Batavia, senior, linebacker: Had 128 tackles, 17 for loss, 16 hurries. All-state, all-conference. Committed to Wisconsin.

Blake Kersting, Yorkville, senior, athlete: Had 71 tackles, 13 for loss, three interceptions at safety and linebacker. Added 10 receptions, 157 yards, five TDs. All-conference.

Andrew Laurich, Yorkville, senior, lineman: Had 50 tackles, 28 for loss, 7.5 sacks, 17 hurries, four passes defended. All-state, all-conference. Committed to Colorado State.

Mike Polubinski, Oswego East, senior, defensive back: Had 38 tackles, 16 pass breakups, seven interceptions. Added 15 receptions, 175 yards, three TDs.

Jack Sadowsky, Batavia, senior, linebacker: Had 75 tackles, 12 for loss, 28 hurries. All-conference. Committed to Iowa State.

Will Seibert, Jacobs, senior, lineman: Had 61 tackles, 16 for loss, 12 sacks, three forced fumbles. All-state, all-conference. Committed to Johns Hopkins.

Drew Surges, St. Charles North, senior, linebacker: Had 96 tackles, six for loss, three forced fumbles, two interceptions. Added 888 yards rushing, 12 TDs. Contributed 42 receptions, 638 yards, six TDs. All-state. Conference player of year on offense.

Alex Valenzuela, St. Charles North, senior, linebacker: Had 55 tackles, seven for loss, two



interceptions. All-conference.

## **SECOND TEAM OFFENSE**

Ryan Boe, Batavia, junior, quarterback: Completed 59% of passes for 1,505 yards, 15 TDs. Added 265 yards rushing, five TDs for Class 7A state runners-up. All-conference.

Owen Hampton, Aurora Christian, junior, wide receiver: Had 53 receptions, 774 yards, seven TDs. Added 56 tackles, three interceptions. Conference's offensive player of the year.

Braden Hunter, Aurora Christian, senior, lineman: Three-year starter had 30 pancake blocks. All-conference.

Waleed Johnson, Plano, junior, running back: Had 157 carries, 1,285 yards, 16 TDs. Added 17 receptions, 235 yards. All-conference. Honorable mention all-state.

Tre Jones, Oswego East, senior, athlete: Had 112 carries, 802 yards, 10 TDs. Completed 57% of passes for 715 yards, seven TDs. All-conference. Committed to Navy.

Tommy Moriarty, Waubonsie Valley, senior, lineman: Provided leadership for injury-plagued offense. All-conference.

Terrence Smith, West Aurora, sophomore, wide receiver: Had 36 receptions, 629 yards, six TDs. All-conference.

Sam Tholen, Yorkville, senior, lineman: Veteran center stabilized line for Foxes' playoff run.

Charlie Whelpley, Batavia, junior, tight end: Had 44 receptions, 511 yards, three TDs. Added 55 carries, 348 yards, three TDs as H-back. All-conference.

Orlando Woodhouse, Oswego East, senior, lineman: Veteran leader had 21 pancake blocks.

Gio Zeman, Yorkville, senior, running back: Had 173 carries, 1,095 yards, 16 TDs. All-conference.

Jimmy Zitkus, Batavia, senior, lineman: Led Bulldogs' inexperienced group. Special mention all-conference.

## **SECOND TEAM DEFENSE**

Angelo Bradley, St. Charles North, junior, lineman: Had 50 tackles, 12 for loss, five sacks. All-conference.

JP Chaney, Batavia, senior, lineman: Had 50 tackles, 14 for loss, 4.5 sacks, 36 hurries. All-conference.

Dariyon Douglas, West Aurora, junior, defensive back: Had 31 tackles, five interceptions. Added 17 receptions, 122 yards.

Henry Kennedy, Dundee-Crown, senior, defensive back: Had 94 tackles, two interceptions, two forced fumbles. All-conference.

Jack Leshner, Marmion, junior, linebacker: Team MVP had 73 tackles. All-state, all-conference.

Josh Mauthe, Kaneland, junior, lineman: Had 76 tackles, 18 for loss, five sacks, two pass breakups. All-conference.

**Mason Montgomery, South Elgin**, senior, athlete: Had two interceptions. Added 52 carries, 638 yards, seven TDs. Contributed 23 receptions, 476 yards, 13 TDs. All-conference. All-state honorable mention.

Nick Morrison, Oswego East, senior, defensive back: Had 62 tackles, three for loss, one interception. All-conference.

Brody Osborne, Batavia, senior, linebacker: Had 96 tackles, 20 for loss, 7.5 sacks, 29 hurries. All-conference.

Jackson Reyes, Geneva, senior, linebacker: Had 45 tackles, eight for loss, two interceptions, three defensive TDs. All-conference.

Dawson Trebolo, Kaneland, senior, linebacker: Had 95 tackles, 13 for loss, one blocked punt, one fumble recovery for TD. All-conference.

**Michael Tringali, South Elgin**, senior, linebacker: Had 120 tackles, 20 for loss, seven sacks. All-conference.

## **HONORABLE MENTION**

Juny Almeida, Oswego East, senior, linebacker; Ben Alvarez, Yorkville, junior, linebacker; Grifen Brown, Oswego, junior, linebacker; Jeremiah Brown, East Aurora, sophomore, defensive back; Carson Busto, St. Edward, junior, defensive back; Ralph Clark, East Aurora, senior, running back; **Chevelle Clements, Larkin**, senior, defensive back; Kenneth Cooley, East Aurora, junior, defensive back; Alec Crum, Batavia, senior, kicker; Dom DeBlasio, Kaneland, junior, wide receiver; Tommy Diamond, Geneva, senior, linebacker; Alex Diaz, Plano, senior, defensive lineman; Zack Dineen, Aurora Central Catholic, freshman, defensive lineman; Jake Furtney, St. Charles North, junior, tight end; **Jordan Green, South Elgin**, senior, running back; Cruz Ibarra, Oswego, senior, quarterback; Jordan Katzenbach, Oswego, senior, wide receiver; **Adam Lambaz, Elgin**, senior, defensive lineman; Gino Martino, West Aurora, senior, quarterback; **Jalen Miller, Larkin**, junior, running back; Luciano Rolando, St. Edward, senior, athlete; Grant Stec, Jacobs, junior, tight end; Nate Stempowski, Geneva, junior, quarterback; Andrew Zook, Yorkville, defensive lineman.

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# LOCAL SCOREBOARD

**Dec. 4, 2022**

**By From Staff Reports**

## FRIDAY'S RESULTS

### HIGH SCHOOLS

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Beecher 95, Donovan 40

Beecher (4-1, 1-0 River Valley): Aidyn McGinley 27 points, 7 assists, 6 rebounds, 4 steals. Zack Johnson 18 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists.

Bloom 56, Thornton 41

Bolingbrook 79, Stagg 62

Bremen 74, Reavis 43

Bremen (2-4, 1-0 SSC Blue): Ja'Ron Powell 15 points. Rajari Hunt 12 points.

Brother Rice 59, Montini 26

Brother Rice (6-0, 1-0 CCL Blue): Khalil Ross 15 points. Zavier Fitch 10 points.

Deerfield 50, Vernon Hills 29

DeKalb 61, Metea Valley 55

Dundee-Crown 58, Burlington Central 52

Gardner-South Wilmington 64, Illinois Lutheran 40

Geneva 43, Glenbard North 39

Hampshire 38, Cary-Grove 35

Highland Park 48, Maine West 35

Hillcrest 69, Oak Lawn 53

Hillcrest (5-0, 1-0 SSC Blue): Quentin Heady 20 points. Darrion Baker 19 points.

Oak Lawn (5-1, 0-1 SSC Red): Corey Lee 15 points. Xavier Sulaiman 14 points.

Hinckley-Big Rock 72, Leland 17

Hinckley-Big Rock (5-1, 1-0 Little Ten): Martin Ledbetter 13 points.

Homewood-Flossmoor 67, Andrew 64

H-F (3-2): Carson Brownfield 23 points.

Andrew (3-3): Athan Berchos 19 points, 4 assists. Grantas Sakenis 17 points, 6 rebounds. Austin Kulig 15 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists.

Huntley 49, Jacobs 35

Kaneland 85, Rochelle 54

Kaneland (4-1, 1-0 Interstate Eight): Troyer Carslon 31 points. Gevon Grant 29 points.

Lake Park 40, St. Charles East 32

Lake Zurich 57, Lakes 27

Lake Zurich (4-1): Anton Strelnikov 17 points. Brendan Powers 15 points.

LaSalle-Peru 54, Plano 29

Lemont 66, Eisenhower 46

Lemont (6-0, 1-0 SSC Blue): Matas Castillo 23 points.

Eisenhower (3-3, 0-1 SSC Red): A.J. Abrams 23 points.

Leo 68, Providence-St. Mel 64 (OT)

Leo (3-0, 1-0 CCL Blue): Keeland Jordan 29 points. Neal Anderson 15 points, 11 rebounds.

Lincoln-Way East 62, Lincoln-Way Central 41

Lincoln-Way East (3-1): Kaiden Ross 12 points. Brendan Sanders 10 points.

Lockport 56, Lincoln-Way West 51

Lockport (5-1): Jalen Falcon 17 points. Adam Labuda 14 points, 9 rebounds, 3 steals.

Lincoln-Way West (2-4): Eli Bach, Jacob Bereza 19 points.

Loyola 43, Marmion 28

Marian Catholic 53, Nazareth 44

Marian (5-1, 2-0 ESCC): Zack Sharkey 12 points. Donovan Juzang 11 points.

Marist 67, Joliet Catholic 58

Marist (6-0, 1-0 ESCC): Justin Lang 19 points. Marquis Vance 13 points. Stephen Brown 10 points.

JCA (3-1, 0-1): Tyler Surin 18 points. Anthony Birsa 14 points. Drew Willis 10 points.

Neuqua Valley 59, Naperville North 42

Neuqua (4-2, 1-0 DuPage Valley): Christian Srbinov 18 points. Luke Kinkade 17 points, 12 rebounds.

Newark 70, Hiawatha 31

Newark (4-1, 1-0 Little Ten): Blake Wallin 15 points. Jake Kruser 12 points. Zach Carlson 12 points, 8 rebounds, 4 assists.

Oak Forest 63, Richards 47

Oregon 57, Indian Creek 35

Indian Creek (2-4): Jeff Probst 14 points.

Oswego East 68, Minooka 35

Parker 73, Morgan Park Academy 26

Plainfield North 65, Oswego 59

Oswego (2-4, 1-1 Southwest Prairie West): Max Niesman 19 points. Dasean Patton 13 points.

Rich Township 61, Crete-Monee 36

St. Francis 55, Chicago Christian 52

St. Ignatius 58, Providence 24

St. Laurence 52, DePaul Prep 38

Sandwich 40, Sycamore 24

Somonauk 76, DePue 28

Somonauk (1-4, 1-0 Little Ten): Carson Bahrey 21 points. Coleton Eade 14 points.

T.F. North 69, Argo 44

T.F. North (4-0, 2-0 SSC North): Jayden Small 22 points.

Argo (1-5, 0-1 SSC Red): Kassam Saleh 17 points.

T.F. South 61, Shepard 58

Thornwood 59, Thornridge 56

Tinley Park 62, Evergreen Park 61

Tinley (3-3, 1-0 SSC Blue): Indion Aurel GW 3-pointer as time expired.

Evergreen (3-2, 0-1 SSC Red): Nolan Sexton 24 points.

Waubonsie Valley 64, Naperville Central 47

Wauconda 55, Woodstock 43

Wauconda (2-3): Braeden Carlsen 27 points, 4 rebounds.

Wheaton North 44, Batavia 43

Wheaton Warrenville South 58, St. Charles North 28

Yorkville 64, West Aurora 60

Yorkville (5-0, 2-0 Southwest Prairie West): Jory Boley 18 points. LeBaron Lee 14 points.  
Jason Jakstys 12 points.

## **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Ag. Science 31, Juarez 24

Burlington Central 44, Dundee-Crown 17

Burlington Central (4-2, 1-1 Fox Valley): Page Erickson 24 points. Emma Payton 11 points, 4 rebounds.

Deerfield 72, Vernon Hills 40

Deerfield (7-0, 2-0 Central Suburban North): Lexi Kerstein 18 points. Nikki Kerstein 17 points.

Vernon Hills (5-2, 1-1): Grace Koepke 14 points. Elyse Davis 12 points.

Fenton 63, Elgin 52

**Elgin** (4-3, 0-2 Upstate Eight): Izzie Castro 21 points. Alyssa Wysuph 16 points.

Geneva 55, Glenbard North 28

Genoa-Kingston 49, Richmond-Burton 14

Genoa-Kingston (5-4): Ally Poegel 21 points.

Glenbard East 58, Larkin 42

Grayslake Central 48, Grayslake North 33

Huntley 45, Jacobs 16

Lake Forest 52, Mundelein 41

Lakes 37, Antioch 30

Lakes (4-2, 1-0 Northern Lake County): Jana Pullen 15 points, 5 rebounds.

Libertyville 50, Stevenson 30

Libertyville (6-2, 2-0 North Suburban): Emily Fisher 17 points. Rachel Rule 10 points.

Stevenson (4-2, 1-1): Emory Klatt 14 points.

Minooka 44, Oswego East 41

Oswego East (1-5, 0-1 Southwest Prairie West): Cami Phillips 11 points. Desiree Merritt 10 points.

Morgan Park 63, Lindblom 22

Wauconda 52, Round Lake 51

Wauconda (4-1, 1-0 Northern Lake County): Helen Macey 18 points, 8 rebounds. Kelsey Piehl 10 points, 6 rebounds.

West Chicago 41, Bartlett 40

## **THURSDAY'S RESULTS**

### **HIGH SCHOOLS**

#### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Ag. Science 64, Corliss 24

Ag. Science (6-0, 1-0 Public White-South): James White, Chris Taylor 14 points.

Bradley-Bourbonnais 78, Sandburg 45

Sandburg (2-4): Walt Davis, Om Shukla 10 points.

De La Salle 56, Fenwick 49

De La Salle (5-1, 1-0 CCL White): Evan Jackson 20 points; tiebreaking 3-pointer with 57.8

second remaining. Richard Lindsey 12 points. Bryant Hedrick 11 points. Anthony Davis 10 points.

Grayslake North 65, Westlake Christian 35

Grayslake North (2-4): Dominic Jankowski 17 points. Cameron Bates 13 points. Jacob Donohue 12 points.

**Larkin** 70, Glenbard East 69

Perspectives-Leadership 63, Morgan Park 60

Shepard 60, College Prep of America 32

Shepard (2-3): Payton Crims 15 points.

**South Elgin** 66, Glenbard South 44

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