

## APPLICATION FOR NAMING A CITY OF LA PORTE FACILITY

April 23, 2026

City of La Porte  
ATTN: Mayor Rick Helton, City Manager Corby Alexander, and City Council Members  
604 W. Fairmont Parkway  
La Porte, Texas 77571

### **Re: Naming of a Municipal Facility within the newly built City Hall or an eligible street within city limits**

Dear Mayor Rick Helton, City Manager Corby Alexander, and City Council Members,

We, the family of Doris Pauline Lewis, respectfully submit this formal request for consideration to name a municipal facility within the newly constructed City Hall and/or a street within the City of La Porte in her honor. This request is made pursuant to the City of La Porte Code of Ordinances, Article I, Section 2 1, which governs the naming of municipal facilities in recognition of individuals who have made significant and enduring contributions to the community.

Ms. Pauline Lewis affectionately known as “The Godmother of the Northside” was a lifelong resident of La Porte, Texas, whose service, and dedication profoundly shaped the entire community. Born in September 1926 to Richard and Arilla Glover, she was educated locally at the historic “Colored School,” reflecting both her personal legacy and the broader historical journey of the city. Ms. Lewis devoted her life to service, leadership, and civic responsibility, embodying the very values the City’s naming policy seeks to honor. While this beloved title reflects the deep impact she had within her immediate neighborhood, we do not wish to minimize her service as being limited solely to the Northside of town, as Ms. Pauline made a meaningful and lasting impact throughout the entire City of La Porte.

Continuing her legacy of service and commitment to education, the Lewis family has provided scholarships to students graduating from La Porte High School, ensuring that Ms. Pauline’s dedication to uplifting future generations lives on.

#### **Alignment with City Naming Policy:**

In accordance with Section 2 1(c)(3) of the City’s Code of Ordinances, municipal facilities may be named in honor of deceased local community leaders who have provided outstanding personal service resulting in a significant and enduring contribution to the community. Ms. Pauline Lewis meets and exceeds this criterion.

Her contributions include, but are not limited to, the following:

**Extensive Community Volunteerism:** From the early through late 1980s, Ms. Lewis volunteered extensively with local schools and Neighborhood Centers, dedicating countless hours to supporting families, youth, and underserved populations throughout La Porte.

Humanitarian Service and Personal Sacrifice: Ms. Pauline Lewis was known for opening the doors of her home to individuals and families in need across the city, providing shelter, comfort, and a sense of belonging during difficult times.

Humanitarian Recognition: In February 1988, she was honored with the Gus Gross Humanitarian Award and named Volunteer of the Year, acknowledging her exceptional commitment to helping others.

Civic Engagement: Ms. Lewis served for many years as an election judge, demonstrating integrity, leadership, and dedication to the democratic process. Her service influenced community members, voters, and public officials alike.

Formal Recognition by the City: On June 21, 1991, Mayor Malone and the La Porte Independent School District proclaimed Pauline Lewis Appreciation Day, recognizing her outstanding service and lasting impact on the community.

Cultural and Historical Contributions: In 1997, Ms. Lewis received an award from the Black History Committee honoring her significant contributions and enduring legacy within La Porte.

Faith and Organizational Leadership: She faithfully served as secretary of Zion Hill Baptist Church for many years and was a long-standing member of the Order of the Eastern Star, continuing her tradition of mentorship, service, and community support through faith-based and civic organizations.

### **Request for Consideration**

In light of these contributions and in compliance with the City's established procedures, we respectfully request that the City consider naming a municipal facility particularly within the newly built City Hall or an eligible street within city limits in honor of Ms. Pauline Lewis. We understand that such requests are subject to review by the City Manager's Office, the City Facilities Naming Committee, and final consideration by the City Council, and we are prepared to comply fully with all application requirements, supporting documentation, and procedural guidelines.

Ms. Pauline Lewis's life of service represents the character, history, and spirit of La Porte. Naming a municipal facility or street in her honor would serve not only as a tribute to her legacy but also as an enduring reminder to future generations of the value of civic engagement, compassion, and community leadership.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued service to the City of La Porte. Please do not hesitate to contact us should additional information or documentation be required.

Very truly yours,

The Family of Mrs. Pauline Lewis

Nakia Moore   
Betty Moore

# Proclamation

*Whereas, Pauline Lewis has assisted in enhancing the quality of life for the students of the La Porte Independent School District; and*

*Whereas, Pauline Lewis has given unselfishly of her time and efforts to guarantee that our citizens are afforded the opportunity to remain active and involved; and*

*Whereas, it has been deemed fitting and proper that Pauline Lewis be publicly honored and acknowledged for her services and interest in our citizens and our community;*

*Now, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE LA PORTE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, that our membership will join with the La Porte community to proclaim June 21, 1991, as*

## Pauline Lewis Appreciation Day

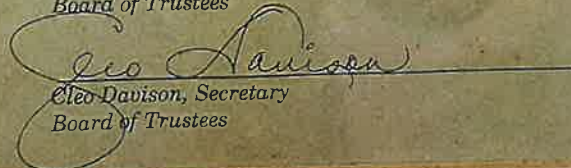
*and honor her for her accomplishments for our citizens.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE have hereunto set our hands this the 21st day of June, 1991.*

LA PORTE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Pat Studdert, President  
Board of Trustees



Cleo Davison, Secretary  
Board of Trustees

IN APPRECIATION

TO

PAULINE LEWIS



THE

"GODMOTHER"

OF

THE NORTHSIDE  
LA PORTE, TEXAS

1986

THE GUS GROOS  
HUMANITARIAN AWARD

PAULINE LEWIS  
JANUARY 21, 1993

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Volunteer of the Year

Presented to

Pauline Lewis

For Outstanding Volunteer

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This 23rd Day of

February 1988

**PRESENTED TO**  
**THE FAMILY OF**  
**PAULINE LEWIS**

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RICH AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE**

**IN HONOR OF HER LEGACY  
THE LA PORTE BLACK HISTORY  
COMMITTEE ESTABLISHES THE  
PAULINE LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2003**

# Certificate of Appreciation



THIS CERTIFICATE IS HEREBY AWARDED TO

**Rosline Lewis**

In appreciation of Devoted and Invaluable Services rendered to

**Zion Hill Bapt. Ch.**

GIVEN THIS **21<sup>st</sup>** DAY OF **June** 19**91**

*M. L. Phillips*

*Charles King*

*Pastor for Elder*



Pauline Lewis—Past Sec  
Eastern Star  
Charter Member  
Leading Light #376  
52nd. Anniversary 2001

*Certificate of Recognition*

This Is To Certify That

Pauline Lewis

Is Hereby Awarded This  
Certificate of Recognition  
For

Community Service By the LaPorte Black History Committee

For The Year Of 1997

*M. S. Henson*

*J. Anderson / Chair*



### **Breaking Ground For New DeWalt Campus**

A number of people were on hand Tuesday morning as the La Porte Independent School District conducted groundbreaking ceremonies for the new DeWalt Alternative School campus. Shown in the photo above left are, City of La Porte Councilman Deotis Gay, Donzella Davis and

Pauline Lewis. All three were students of Mary DeWalt, for whom the school is named. And in the photo at right are Richard Copeland, who is retiring from DeWalt after over 30 years of service to the district; Marie Byrd, the 1997-98 DeWalt "Teacher of the Year"; and Amy Buresh, a DeWalt student who is graduating after just three years in high school. She has received a \$1,000 scholarship from the state.



# The Bayshore Sun

*'Voice Of The Bayshore Since 1947'*

## New Teachers, Employees Hired By Schools In LP

The La Porte School District administration office has announced the new teachers and other staff members employed for the 1963-64 term.

New teachers for the high school are Henry F. Ball, social science; Sandra Kay Ehlers, home economics; Suzanne B. Hartman, English; LaVerne E. Johnson, mathematics; Earl Dee Kingsbury Jr., industrial arts; John Marvin Madison, English; Dale O. Rains, speech and English; Nannine Reynolds, English and journalism; Lyndel L. Tucker, mathematics and German; and Patricia Ann Walker, science and math.

New members of the junior high

school faculty are Robert J. Barron, social studies and assistant coach; Carroll Hilborn, industrial arts; James Jensen, English and George Land, French and fine arts.

Ellen Janet Guidry, fourth grade; Carolyn B. Kudla, fifth grade and Gertrude McNitt, fifth grade, are new instructors for the Intermediate school.

New members of the primary school faculty are Beverly Akin, librarian; Mary J. Andrews, second grade; Billie Sue Barron, special education; Ellen L. Davis, second grade; Laura L. Hilborn, second grade; Linda Faye Kingsbury, first grade; Erna Joy Kirk, elementary music; Katherine

Knighien, second grade; Carol Joe Sheffield, third grade; and Mary Patricia Wells, first grade.

New staff members in the James H. Baker Elementary School are Karen Fennell, fourth

grade; Betty C. Guerin, first grade; Helen J. Jeffrey, second grade; Blanche H. Miller, third grade; and Lloyd K. Wells, sixth grade.

Katie J. Daniel, fifth grade, Adam D. Randle, seventh grade, and Erma A. Branch, elementary music, have been added to the De Walt Elementary faculty.

New secretaries in the system are Billie DeMuth, high school; Bobbie Gill, Baker library assistant; Joan Harris, elementary library assistant; Roberta Martin, intermediate school; and Jane Shipp, primary school.

Added to the cafeterias are Rosie Odom, cafeteria clerk; Juanita Cronin, Baker Elementary; June Hawkins, parttime; Emma Hicks, parttime; Pauline Lewis, De Walt Elementary; Lois Porter, parttime; Myrtle Rose, parttime; and Mary Frances Wright, parttime.

The new custodians employed are Alma Chance, administration building; John Eggers, Sr., elementary and intermediate schools; Annie Golde, Baker Elementary; Pauline Lewis, De Walt Elementary; Murray J. O'Conner, junior high; and John Ragusa, high school.

## Frensley President Of Brown And Root

HOUSTON — Herbert J. Frensley has been elected president of Brown and Root, Inc., effective immediately, according to a statement from George R. Brown.

Brown moved from the presidency of the engineering-construction firm to chairman of the board and chief executive officer.

Frensley, who has been with the company 22 years; has been vice president, secretary and director, and member of the operating committee.

It was announced at the same time that vice president L. E. Minor, who has been in charge of Brown & Root's pipeline division, has been elected a director and member of the operating committee. Carl Burkhart, assistant secretary, will become vice president and secretary.

## Tax And Trade Dollars Hot Topics In Business

NEW YORK (AP) — Tax dollars and trade dollars provided the major interest in governmental and business circles the past week.

President Kennedy expressed his views on both subjects. In each case the dominating idea was to get the economy going at a higher rate.

Urging support of tax-reduction

Sales on the New York Stock Exchange totaled 24,127,611, down from the previous week's total of 27,797,553. Bond sales were \$21,518,000 par value compared with the previous week's total of \$22,982,400.

Pauline Lewis - DeWalt Elementary employee

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# Zion Baptist to hold benefit gospel concert

The first annual "Praise Ye Him" gospel concert to benefit the building fund of Zion Baptist Church of La Porte, will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday at Confrontation Church of God in Christ, 430 W. Main, in La Porte.

In concert will be the Southeast Inspirational Choir directed by Shirley Joiner and Carl Preacher. Other special guest singers will be present.

Tickets and more information can be obtained by contacting Alma Robinson at 471-7573 or Pauline Lewis at 471-4679.

pauline Lewis - Zion Baptist gospel  
concert benefit

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La Porte's Senior Citizen Center members visiting Bayshore Elementary during the school's "Adopt a Grandparent" day were, from left, first row, Willard Long, Dot Johnston, Lee Tenpound, Arlene Barnes, Dottie Simons and Olivia Willis; second row, Evelyn Kennedy, Emily Knight, Paula Baehr, Jennie Ashlock, Emily Smith, Marie Sells, Florence Durden and **Pauline Lewis**; third row, Melvreta Barten, Louella Bernard, Jessie Rice, Essie Candler, Hazel Cardwell and Sue Browning; fourth row, Ben Barnes, Helen Aldrich, Grace Sharp and Byron Bucy.

Pauline Lewis La Porte Senior Center  
member/Adopt a Grandparent day

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## Essay winner

LaPorter High School senior Larkesha Cotton was selected as one of 18 finalists in the Coca Cola Black History Essay Competition. Cotton's essay detailed the influence Pauline Lewis has had on her life. Cotton, the daughter of Dianne Cotton, was awarded a \$100 savings bond.



Pauline Lewis - Essay by Larkesha Cotton

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■ Seabrook Park, 1805 Meyer Road, Seabrook, near the police station. Several baseball/softball fields.

### Civic directory

Here are some civic organizations based in the Pasadena/Deer Park/La Porte area:

■ Bay Wood Shadows Civic Association

Contact: Frank Adamek, 6802 Cedarlawh Circle, Pasadena, Texas 77505. Phone: 487-2020.

■ La Porte-Bayshore Garden Club. Contact: Janet Graves, 11814 Orchard Mountain Drive, La Porte, Texas 77571. Phone: 286-1930.

■ La Porte Community Civic Club. Contact: Pauline Lewis, 318 North 5th Street, La Porte, Texas 77571. Phone: 471-4679.

■ La Porte Ladies Civic Club. Contact:

Paula Rizzuto, P.O. Box 897, La Porte, Texas 77572. Phone: 471-0474.

■ Mount Vernon Civic Club. Contact: George Risner, 2608 Revere, Pasadena, Texas 77502. Phone: 944-6634.

■ Pasadenians on Watch. Contact: Jerry Neely, 301 W. Calvin, Pasadena, Texas 77506. Phone: 477-5625 or 477-2991.

■ Parkview Manor Civic Club. Contact: Cecil Ghormley, 2902 Burke, Pasadena, Texas 77502. Phone: 944-8003.

See RECORDS on Page 13.

## Pauline Lewis - La Porte Community Civic Club

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The image shows a vertical strip of a newspaper page, likely a directory or election results page. The text is small and dense, with some names highlighted in yellow. The page is oriented vertically, with the text running from top to bottom. The names and titles are listed in a columnar format, with some names appearing in bold or larger font. The text is difficult to read due to its small size and the way it is oriented.

Pauline Lewis - Election judge

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**June 12, 1991** ©

## La Porte slates holiday activities

By CHARISSE SARTOR  
Special to ThisWeek

The 11th annual La Porte-area Juneteenth celebration will feature a parade, beauty pageants, live entertainment and a variety of activities for the young and old, said Mary Gay, coordinator for this year's celebration.

The festivities, sponsored by the La Porte Community Civic Club and the city of La Porte, will begin Wednesday, June 13, and continue through Sunday, June 23.

The festival activities and entertainment will bring excitement and lots of fun. The public is more than invited to join in, Gay said.

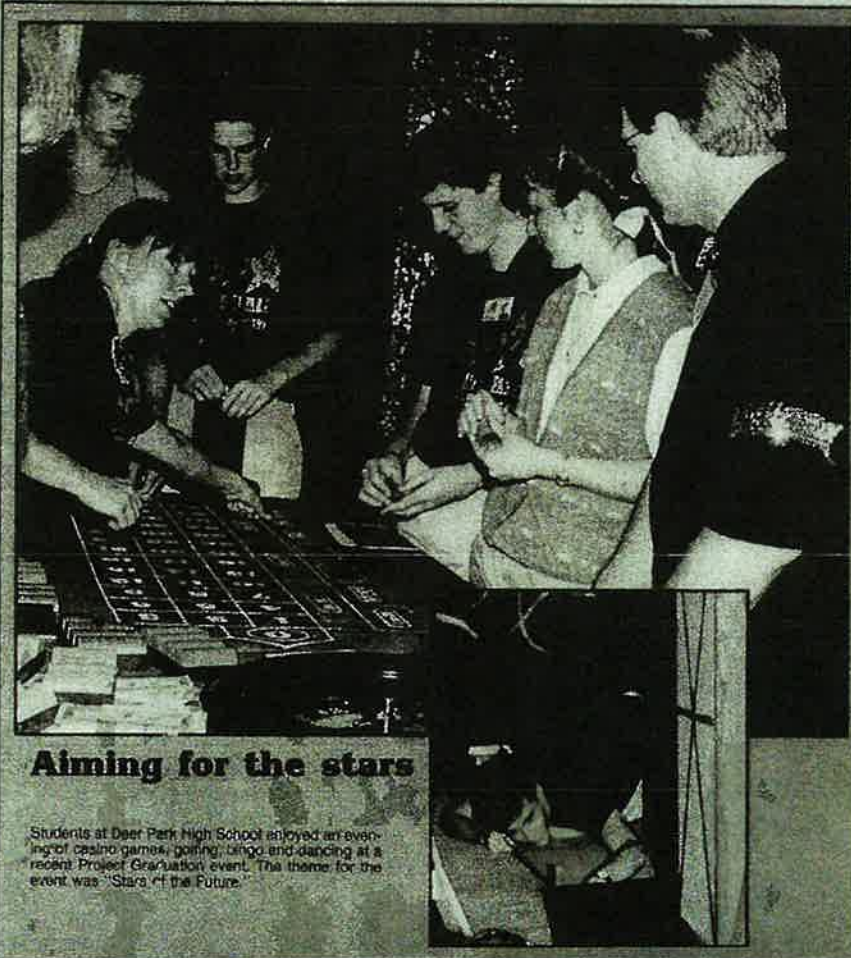
This year's theme for the five-day celebration is "Save the Children." Gay said this theme was chosen to give public awareness to the need for better education for children to prevent drug use, teen-age pregnancy and the variety of problems striking the nation's youth. The patriotic colors of red, white and blue will be used in conjunction with this year's theme, she said.

Kicking off the activities will be the annual baseball game at Northside Ball Park. The game is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13. Everyone is invited to attend, Gay said.

Individuals with a flair for show business can show off their talents at an 8 p.m. talent show scheduled for Thursday, June 20, at the Charles Walker Center. All residents are eligible to participate. For more information, call Venita Hall at 471-1549.

The Community Reunion is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Friday.

See JUNETEENTH on Page 4.



### Aiming for the stars

Students at Deer Park High School enjoyed an evening of casino games, going, bingo and dancing at a recent Project Graduation event. The theme for the event was "Stars of the Future."



ThisWeek inserts, free-standing ads, Page 2

various Pasadena, Deer Park and La  
were current as of press time. See RECORDS on Page 6.

## Juneteenth celebration set

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June 21, at the Charles Walker Center. Pauline Lewis, one of the oldest citizens in La Porte, will be honored for her many contributions to the community.

The annual Juneteenth parade is set for 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 22. The parade will begin at 8th Street and Main and end at Sylvan Beach Park.

Parade entries are still being accepted. Floats, decorated cars, bands and drill teams are all invited to participate.

Awards for first, second and third place will be given to the best parade entries based on adherence to the festival theme, originality, overall attractiveness and stability.

For more information or to enter, call Lola Phillips at 471-2301 or Pauline Lewis at 471-4679.

Following the parade, the day's activities will begin at Sylvan Beach Park. Included on the schedule are the Miss Juneteenth, Little Miss and Mister Juneteenth and Miss Large and Lovely pageants, musical entertainment, booths and dancing.

Concluding the festivities will be the Juneteenth religious service at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 23, at the Evelyn Kennedy Civic Center.

Special guests will be the Rev. Kirby Jones Caldwell and the Windsor Village United Methodist Church of Houston Choir.

The choir has performed previously during the memorial services for the late U.S. Rep. Mickey Leland at Texas Southern University, at the inaugural services for Gov. Ann Richards and most recently, for the Queen of England during her Houston visit.

For more information on any of these activities, call Gay at 471-3259.

Wednesday, June 12, 1991

## Pauline Lewis - Juneteenth celebration (2 of 2)

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# REAPING SEEDS OF SERVICE



Fernie Williams photos

## La Porte volunteer sees charity pay off at home

By **K. PICA KAHN**  
ThisWeek Correspondent

Pauline Lewis noticed that her cabinet doors were falling down.

So the 74-year-old volunteer at La Porte's Neighborhood Center asked if someone could fix them.

Fix them they did. As part of H.B. Zachry's community service projects, the Pasadena company has given Lewis' home a complete face lift.

The extensive repairs, which are valued at \$10,000, were triggered by Zachry employees' visit to Lewis' La Porte home.

"Her daughter had had a kidney transplant, and she was really in bad shape financially," said Jane Roberson, co-chairwoman of Zachry's community service projects. "We found boards on the outside rotted and water standing. We found holes in the walls



Top photo, Pauline Lewis' La Porte lawn is full of busy volunteers who donated a Saturday to make needed repairs to the 74-year-old woman's home. Approximately 50 people from the H.B. Zachry construction company were on hand for the June 18 repair blitz. Above, Bernard Nevarez cuts wood to replace rotting exterior boards. Below, Lorenzo Cardenas repairs the front porch.

'I just wonder what can I do for them? Just to say 'thank you' is so little, so darn little. But I'm saying it from my heart.'

Pauline Lewis

from mice, and the floor under her washing machine was nearly gone. She had almost no linoleum on the floor left, and her roof leaked.

With the help of donations from neighborhood businesses, approximately 50 Zachry employees volunteered their time to refurbish the dilapidated house.

"We started on the 18th, and as many people as we could get together went back in the evenings. The work was completed last Saturday (June 25)," said Debbie Green, who co-chairs the community service committee with Roberson.

A&E Carpeting in La Porte donated three rooms of carpeting, and Anchor Furnigation in La Porte sprayed the house for termites.

See REPAIRS on Page 4.





Fannie Williams photo

From left, J.R. Brown, Pete Martinez and Daniel Banda paint Pauline Lewis' kitchen during a Saturday repair blitz at the La Porte woman's home. Approximately 50 volunteers from H.B. Zachry com-

pany donated their time to make some \$10,000 in needed repairs to the house. Lewis, a 74-year-old volunteer at La Porte's Neighborhood Center, was in the hospital when repairs began.

## Repairs

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and roaches.

Chem-Fly Services knocked off old paint in preparation for the volunteers to paint the house with supplies sold at cost by Furrow Building Materials in Pasadena.

Exposed wires were replaced, new receptacles were installed and hand rails were built on Lewis' front and back porches.

"She can barely walk," Roberson said. "She was using an old stick to help her walk, and one of our workers who makes canes for a hobby made her one. Now she can walk."

Lewis is no stranger to volunteer work, having been a volunteer since the early 1950s.

"She started here in 1952 when we opened," said Sue Skinner, manager of the Neighborhood Centers La Porte/Bayshore. "She delivers day-old bread and helps with special events like Christmas projects and the School Shoes Project. She is a sweetie.

"She is very involved with other volunteer organizations like the La Porte Community Civic Association and the Volunteer Support League."

Lewis wasn't home to see the volunteer efforts at her own home. She had suffered a heart attack on June 7 and was in the hospital when the

repair project began.

She has since returned to much more livable quarters.

"I was surprised," Lewis said. "I got a big, white house inside and out — and so many other things they did. I came home from the hospital Friday (June 24), but I had to stay at my daughter's because they were working."

Did the repairs seem like compensation for Lewis' years of volunteer efforts?

"It pays off," she said. "That was a nice gift — I'm telling you. I just wonder what can I do for them? Just to say 'thank you' is so little, so darn little. But I'm saying it from my heart."

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