

## January Worship Calendar

January 2

*A Service for the New Year*

Kirstin McKeown

January 9

*Epiphanies and Mayan Predictions*

Rev. Diane Rollert; Sandra Hunt, musician

January 16

*Seeking the Sacred*

Rev. Diane Rollert; Sandra Hunt, musician

What does "sacred" mean to you?

Send your thoughts to Rev. Diane Rollert

January 23

*Superheroes*

Rev. Diane Rollert; Sandra Hunt, musician

January 30

*Protected by the Winking Green Fire*

Rev. Diane Rollert; Sandra Hunt, musician

Share the Plate for January 2011 will be **Head and Hands**, an organization that works with youth to promote their physical and mental well being. [www.headandhands.ca](http://www.headandhands.ca)

### Message from Verna Holiday Office Hours

Happy Holidays to all.

We wish you the strength  
to meet any challenge;  
the joy of knowing you are loved;  
the satisfaction of rendering service  
and the peace of a quiet heart!

Please note that the building is closed  
on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3.

The office is closed from noon,  
December 24 and reopens January 4.

## A New Year's Message from our Minister

### Reverent Resolutions for 2011

What would it take  
to live up to our New Year's resolutions?  
Courage? Perseverance?  
Patience, I suppose —  
or a reality check.  
Perhaps we ask the impossible —  
to be more of what we are not.  
Maybe it's time to readjust,  
recalibrate, or recalculate  
and begin our resolutions  
with the simplest of things:  
Reverence for being alive;  
Gratitude for the people who touch our lives,  
even when they do so unknowingly;  
Joy for those moments when we remember  
to observe the beauty that surrounds us.

May this New Year be filled with small yet great things  
that lay the foundation for your dreams.

Blessings and peace,  
Diane

### Living Our Mission: A Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, January 23, 2010, 12:30 to 2 pm

Childcare available.

*(A crock pot lunch will be served during the social hour.  
See details in Hospitality Corner on page 6)*

It's been nearly three years since we launched  
our mission as a spiritual community to welcome, nurture,  
inspire, challenge, and take action in the world.  
**Are we living up to it? What more can we do?**

What would we do if we had an 18-month plan  
to carry us through the summer, into the fall,  
and beyond?

**Come be part of the conversation  
that shapes our future.**

## Welcome and Nurture

### Sunday Service Greeters are always needed.

If you have not been a greeter before, don't worry. There are easy-to-follow instructions available. Please contact Petrina Lee Poy, membership coordinator, at 514-485-5555, or put your name on the sign-up sheet in Phoenix Hall.

### Be a Sunday Java Jiver!

Coffee Hour is a cherished part of Sunday morning. Thanks to you, the coffee gets made and served. Java Jivers are needed for November and December. To find out how you can help out, and get paired up with an experienced Java Jiver, sign up on Sunday, or email Andrea at [aj\\_reichert@videotron.ca](mailto:aj_reichert@videotron.ca).

### UCM Caring Network— For those in need

We always need more volunteers but, just now, we need more coordinators — and preferably younger (i.e., under 70) coordinators. If you are interested in having your name added to our list of volunteers OR if you would like to apply to join our convivial group of coordinators, please call or email me. I look forward to hearing from you.  
Janine Cobb, 514-938-9617, [janine.cobb@gmail.com](mailto:janine.cobb@gmail.com)

The Caring Network coordinator for January is Nancy Eddis at 514-934-1535 or [eddis@ucmtl.ca](mailto:eddis@ucmtl.ca)

Membres du Groupe francophone, svp communiquez avec Francine Desmarais au 450-332-3994 .

### Memorial Flowers

Jan. 9 – Many designees: Kitty (Karel) Weissberg; Bitsa Turner; Our Grandmothers, Past and Present  
Jan. 16 – Iris Horan White  
Jan. 23 – Jack and Caroline Cobb  
Jan. 30 – Dr. David Halperin

Please contact Maychai Brown 514-487-3236; or Christine Rourke 514-761-0669 if you would like to remember a friend or loved one in this special way. The cost of the flower arrangement is \$50.

## Entre Nous

A belated welcome to baby, Leo Brouhard, a little brother for Vera. Leo was born on September 17th to Sarah Wolfson and Gary Brouhard. May he grow in health and happiness.

Congratulations to **Laurel Tidman**, parent of Leo and Clara, for starting her work as a birth doula! She writes, "I'm working on getting some business cards soon, for now you can find me here or reach me here."

**Cym Gomery** is pleased to announce that she is UCM's new Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO) Envoy. Specifically, Cym will be responsible for increasing UU-UNO membership within the congregation, planning events such as UN Sunday service, and promoting UU-UNO programs. Stay tuned for more information!

Our Youth Programs Coordinator, **Curtis Murphy**, has been accepted to attend seminary here in Montreal and starts in January — congratulations, Curtis!

**Lauren Delrio** is graduating in a few days and will likely move back to Ottawa for work with Can Rev in January.

**Telyn Kusalik** is moving to Vancouver next week to eliminate the distance in her currently long-distance relationship.

In recent months, both **Telyn and Lauren** have been very caring and valuable volunteers in the Junior Youth program and the R.E. Committee is very thankful for their help! **THANK YOU!**

**FREE Canon Cartidges** One of our members has left Canon Cartidges BCI-3e or BCI-6 for anyone who needs them. If you would like them, please contact the office or 514-458-9933.

Are you interested in a **jigsaw puzzle exchange**? There is a stack of puzzles in one corner of the Volunteers' Office. Come choose one or come donate one. Or both.

### BidNite Bonanza!

The BidNite 2010 Committee reports that the net profit to the UCM Operating Fund is \$12,948. We thank all the donors and bidders who participated in this fun event in November and anticipate many rewarding connections between these two groups throughout 2011. Hope to see you all next year, too!

There are still some offers available, including Caroline Balderston Parry's Pioneer Days Interactive Presentation on Saturday, January 15 at 2:30pm, (\$7 adults, \$3 children). See details on page 4.

For a complete list of BidNite offers still available please contact the church office.

## UCM Financial Commitment Campaign 2011

### *Taking Action Through Giving*

At the congregational budget meeting on December 12, the members voted in favor of the 2011 budget put forward by our Treasurer, Bob Edgar. The congregation is expected to raise \$188,000 through their financial commitments for this budget. To date we have received \$59,155 in financial commitments.

If you have still not responded to the request for a financial commitment, it is not too late to do so. You may give this information directly to Verna Litwack (office@ucmtl.ca), the Church Administrator, or to Petrina Lee Poy, Membership Coordinator 514-485-5555.

## Taking Action in the World

### Clothing Collection for St. Michael's Mission

The Social and Environmental Concerns Committee (SECC) is currently collecting winter clothing for St. Michael's Mission on President Kennedy Blvd., right behind Place-des-Arts. It is in the basement of the "church with the red roof", and its homeless clientele consists of mainly men, but with some women as well. There is a great need for underwear (including longjohns), warm socks, mitts, scarves, sweaters, and coats.

The Mission is also collecting items for simple housekeeping since some of the clientele will soon take part in a project to help homeless people get off

the street and into an apartment. If you have cutlery, dishes, pots, towels, sheets, etc., to donate they are very welcome. Board games are also in demand and books disappear quickly from the shelves. Thank you for your generosity!

### Mitten Tree Thanks!

All of the mittens and warm things donated to the Mitten Tree have been delivered to the Montreal Diet Dispensary to be distributed in time for the holidays. This was our most successful collection ever, with three very large bags full of mittens, hats, scarves and socks, along with one large bag of stuffed animals and games. **Thank you!**

## Council Corner

### *Message from Moderator, Denis Barsalo*

The next UCM Council meeting will be held on January 20 at 7:00 pm. The Council represents the "life of the church" in our new governance model and allows a "place at the table" for anyone responsible for coordinating and scheduling events and groups. It is also an opportunity to communicate and collaborate with existing groups and leaders. If you are interested in attending the council meeting or having an item added to its agenda, please contact Denis at 514-636-8406.

### Council Meeting Documents

All documents from previous Council meetings are available for your perusal and can be found in a binder identified as "Council Meeting Documents" in the mailbox labelled "Council" on the administrative level of the church. If you are interested in any of the reports, comments or agendas found within, please contact Denis Barsalo (the council's moderator) who will make a copy available for you. Please do not take the binder away from the church.

## ERG Chez Nous a success

The Unitarian Church of Montreal sponsored the Eastern Regional Fall Gathering (ERG) of Unitarians and Universalists in early November. Over 80 people (Kingston to St. John's) attended the combined ERG, Lay Chaplains' training and Basic Youth Adviser training that took place simultaneously at the church. The weekend kicked off with a combined Potato Bar and Community Pot Luck, followed by a jazz set from No More Blues and an open Coffee-house.

Volunteers covered registration, safety needs and accommodations. Meals were driven by our hard-working Hospitality Committee.

Workshops were well received. The CUC brought us up-to-date on some plans for the coming year. Over 200 people attended the Sunday service — made richer by the ERG choir led by Kit Johnson.

**Thanks to all who helped create this event.**

# What's going on...

## SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMMES

### First Friday Potluck

**January 7, 6:00 pm** (prior to concert, details below)

Bring some food to share at the first First Friday Potluck of the year.

### "If I Had a Hammer" A concert of cello and violin

**January 7, 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary**

This event marks the 2011 kickoff of our "If I Had a Hammer" fundraiser. We are replacing the hammers on our 1891 art case Steinway grand piano in June. Hammers can be purchased for \$40 each, and you can choose which one(s) you'd like! (You will be issued a tax receipt if your donations to the church in 2011 total more than \$50).

Please join us for a magic evening of music with award-winning McGill musicians **Vanessa Hunt Russell**, cellist, and **Benedicte Lauzière**, violinist.

Admission: \$20 for adults, no charge for students.

Special treat: Yummy cheesecake at intermission courtesy of the Hospitality Committee!!!

What better way to start the year than with friends and an evening of marvelous music?

### Swap and Chat

**Sunday, January 9 from 12:15 to 1:30 pm**

**Lower RE level, Senior Youth room**

Do you have outgrown infant and children's clothing? Are you looking for bigger sizes in infant and children's clothing? Do you have baby equipment and perhaps toys that are sitting around? Well this event is for you — a children's clothing and equipment swap. Leftover items will be given to a local charity.

Clothing and equipment can be dropped off in advance and left at the metal clothing rack on the lower RE level at the bottom of the stairwell.

At the same time, Krin Haglund and Chris Sweetnam-Holmes (parents of baby Ole) would like to discuss the possibility of starting a babysitting/child care swap with interested parents.

Light refreshments will be provided and child care will be available in the nursery.

This event is organized by the **Membership Committee** and the **Religious Education program**.

For more information, please contact Petrina Lee Poy or Krin Haglund.

### Pioneer Days Interactive Presentation

**January 15, 2:30 to 4 pm at the church**

Caroline Balderston Parry's BidNite program for 8 to 80, based on her book, *Eleanora's Diary: The Journals of A Canadian Pioneer Girl*, has room for lots more attendees!

Come learn about the 1830s antics and emigration of a large English family who traveled to New York and then Upper Canada. Share readings, visuals, artifacts and songs of the era, followed by "tea" and pioneer cakes. \$7/adult, \$3/children. Please RSVP to Caroline.

**Sunday, January 23 12:30 to 2:30 pm**

**Living Our Mission — A Town Hall Meeting**

See details on page 1.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Parts in Peace Choir rehearsals (starting January 17)**

**Mondays, 7:30 pm, optional potluck at 6:15 pm**

To accommodate the Yellow Door Choir rehearsals on Jan. 17 and 24, we will meet in my downstairs office on Monday, Jan. 17. The following week we will rehearse on Wednesday, January 26. For the last rehearsal on January 31, we will be back to Monday. Remember to bring a black binder and a pencil.

Contact: Sandra Hunt at 514-484-5559

**Carmina Choir (starting January 11)**

**Tuesdays, 7:30 to 9 pm, Phoenix Hall**

New members in all voices are always welcome. The ability to read music is not necessary and there is no audition. Bring a sense of humour and good will, and a black binder if possible. We will be preparing a concert of classical and popular music based on the works of Shakespeare. It includes extended selections from 'Kiss me Kate' and will be called VERY TRAGICAL MIRTH.

Contacts: Keith Robinson 514-931-9028 or Brian Brice 514-843-6497

### Play Group

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 am to noon, Nursery**

(Play Group restarts on January 11.)

We welcome children under five on a drop-in basis accompanied by a (grand)parent or caregiver. Pack a snack for your child(ren). Coffee is provided. Open to all, whether church members or not. No charge but a donation of \$3/session per family is suggested.

Have you been sending notes  
to your Mystery Friend?

**Mindfulness Meditation**

**Wednesday, January 19, 6:30 to 8:30 pm,  
Children's Chapel**

Sessions are open to both beginners and those who have meditated before. Included in the practice will be an explanation of mindfulness meditation, a period of sitting meditation, some stretching (during which are also included massage, laughter, etc.), guided meditations, and a period for questions, sharing and singing. Contact: Allen Lobo at 514-484-3014

**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES****Auberge Espagnole**

**Vendredi, 7 janvier à 18 h**

Souper 'potluck' dans la salle Phoenix. Apportez votre plat favori à partager avec des amies mélomanes.

**Cercle de discussion**

**Vendredi, 4 février à 19 h 30**

Le thème sera annoncé dans notre prochain bulletin.

**Exploring the Intangible**

**Sunday, January 9, 12:30 pm** (exceptionally on the 2nd Sunday this month) in the Garden Room.

**Topic:** Correction; rehabilitation; punishment; what should be done with offenders? Are we to become a revenge society? If so, minimum mandatory sentences will do a good job for us by locking all offenders, with a "one-size-fits-all sentence" disregarding individual circumstances. Much money will have to be spent on building additional prisons. Bring your opinions on this topic to what should be a lively discussion. Contact: Christine Rourke or call 514-761-0669

**Exploring Our Theology — Unitarian Classics**

**Led by Rev. Diane Rollert**

**Thursday, January 13, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Back by popular demand, our series continues as we explore the development of the Unitarian Humanist movement by reading the sermon "*What Does It Mean to Be Spiritual?*" by John Dietrich. This is an opportunity to deepen your knowledge of Unitarianism and Universalism while exploring your own beliefs and values. To sign up, contact the office or 514-485-9933. Readings for the sessions are available online here.

**Midday Meal and Music**

**Wednesday, January 19**

Everybody is welcome to join us for food, bridge or Scrabble at 10:15 am, lunch at 12:30 pm, music at 1:30 pm. Cost \$5.

Please call Ruth at 514-934-4956 to reserve a place.

**Book Discussion Group**

**Wednesday, January 19, 7 pm, Thomas Room**

Fables from far away and long ago, Mughal and Florentine kingdoms, lusty and murderous tyrants, and mysterious maidens are intertwined in Salman Rushdie's *The Enchantress of Florence*. East meets West in this well-researched and lyrical novel of 2008 — a masterful mix of fact and fiction.

Contact: Kathy Douglas 514-488-9608

**Social and Environmental Concerns Committee**

**Sunday, January 16, 12:15 pm, Thomas Room.**

Monthly committee meeting. All are welcome!

Contact: Christina 514-630-7523

**Drumming Circle (third Thursday of every month)**

**January 20, 6:30-9 pm in Phoenix Hall**

Open to all. If you have no drum, we can lend you one.

Contacts: Ann Beer at 514-426-1204 or

Aldyth Harrison at 514-739-3830

**The Montreal Branch of WFMC, annual**

**Post-Holiday Luncheon on Sunday, January 23, 1 pm**

Sheila McLeod Arnopoulos, author of "*Saris on Scooters: How Microcredit is Changing Village India*" will give an illustrated talk on her experiences there. Place: Salon privé Le Collectionneur, Le Café des beaux arts (Museum of Fine Arts Café). Price: \$32 all inclusive: menu choice, taxes and service. All are welcome. To reserve, please contact Carol Greene 514 426-4170. Reservation deadline: Tuesday, Jan.18

**Seeking the Sacred in Stories**

**Facilitated by Rev. Diane Rollert**

**Tuesday, January 25, 12-1:15 pm, Thomas Room**

Bring your own brown bag lunch and join this ongoing group, as we deepen in community and search for meaning in the stories we read. This month we'll read Mavis Gallant's story, "*Beads, Scarves and Sandals*." Copies of the story are available from the office. All are welcome.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Canadian Unitarian Council**

**50th Anniversary Annual Conference and Meeting, May 20 to 23, Toronto**

Hosted by First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto, this milestone conference is sure to be a memorable and important one and likely the largest-ever gathering of Canadian Unitarians.

For complete details, visit [www.cuc.ca](http://www.cuc.ca).

To find out about attending as a delegate representing our congregation, contact a member of the Steering Committee (see back page).

## Notes from DRE Caroline Balderston Parry

**Book Gratitude Correction:** my thanks to Susan Gyetvay, our caring RE Committee Chair, were ‘misplaced’ last month. It is actually Sandra Hunt to whom we are grateful for Susan Cooper’s novels for young people, the Dark Is Rising Quartet. Thanks to Susan for many other kinds of support.

**More Gratitude to several Spirit Play material-creators:** Megan Durnford and her daughter Charlotte put together our Nativity boxes, and Maria Gacesa, whose third child should arrive between the time of writing and publication, crafted all the materials for a complex Channukah story called ‘The Blessing’. She was assisted by Louise Halperin. Maria is generously planning to make another complete story box about Creation for late March.

Other offers of creativity are always welcome: we have lots of supplies and encouragement to offer in return. Plus the children are fully engaged by your creation!

Speaking of Spirit Play, we’ll have stories told through yoga on some January and February Sundays — no boxes, but lots of movement!

### May service always be our prayer

The different worship services at UU gatherings are always inspiring, and this year at my LREDA fall conference (which I wrote about last month) was no exception. Rev. Liz Strong, from whom I have previously taken training, or Renaissance workshops, gave the Sunday sermon, during which she spoke of her childhood version of the “Universalist 1935 Bond of Union.”

The six simple lines she repeated are posted on the nursery bulletin board if you are interested. Here, I want to lift up her fifth belief that ‘service is required of me to live my faith’. Liz also referred to the new Unitarian Universalist Association President, Peter Morales, saying, “He reminds us that people in our congregations need to serve; he believes that service is our prayer.” Liz quoted Morales’s essay in the Fall 2010 issue of the UU World (read in full) expanding this belief:

When I was young I was taught that prayer was words - words that expressed gratitude, contrition, and requests for blessing, healing, wisdom and strength. Yet if ‘prayer’ is the word we use to describe connecting to what is sacred, I think ‘service’ may be the best form of prayer. And if the purpose of a spiritual practice is spiritual growth, service is a powerful spiritual discipline. I have seen again and again how service transforms people. People need to

give of themselves. We heal the world and grow our souls when we join hands and take action.

As so often happens, I felt deeply stirred by this service, and especially by these two ministers’ words, and I resolved to find some further way to be of service in Montreal. So the very night I wrote my December column, I also wrote to the NDG Food Depot, to ask if I could volunteer with them, explaining I live nearby (but have neither car nor French). I was delighted when they immediately asked me to help with the Boomer Café, a program supporting 50 to 65 year-olds. It’s a day-long drop-in group that meets Mondays in the Montreal West United Church and where I explore service as prayer. Want more details? Have ideas for service work you could help our children and youth get involved in? Do talk to me!

### Nifty Gifty was NIFTY

UCM’s first Nifty Gifty was a small-in-attendance-but-huge-in-spirit success! About 20 of our children and grown-ups, plus two guests, made holiday gifts for their loved ones, rather than buying them. The antithesis of generic presents, these thoughtful gifts had lots of originality and pizzazz! We made decorated boxes, hand-printed papers, god’s eyes, snow globes, and a lovely skin scrub out of sugar! Aurélien’s sculptural glitter ornaments were a creative hit, and Caroline’s cookies were too tasty to box up and give away. There was so much to do, the afternoon flew by!

We’re all excited about next year already, and have decided that now we know how to organize such a multifaceted event, we will aim for the first Sunday in December, after lunch, in 2011. Our goal is to have lots more of you participate — so mark your calendars now! Thank so much to all involved!

*Krin Haglund*

### Upcoming French RE activities

**Sunday, January 23, at 10:45**, after the ‘Time for All Ages’ all children from 5 to 12 years old are invited to attend the French RE class. Children will explore the theme of “Winter” as seen by the Inuit as well as other First Nations. We are still looking for volunteers to help Lisa with the Sunday lessons, particularly if you are the parent of one of the children in these classes. We may have another meeting of volunteers in February if there is enough interest. Contact Elizabeth McKinney Charbonneau at 450-464-3597.

## Hospitality Corner

### New Committee members Members:

**Louise Halperin** — The Hospitality Committee has a baker, soup maker, cheesecake maker, and now a piano player! When asked why she agreed to join, Louise wrote: “Nancy asked me if I would be the Hospitality Committee’s piano player, and I said: ‘Sure! Give me a piano and a few folks who like to listen and I’m a happy camper!

Plus, this way I get to entertain the cooks and try to keep ‘em happy!’ “

**Carolyn St-Denis** — **New member and Hospitality Showcase Chef for January 2011** said: “People come together with food and I enjoy baking.” More impressively, Carolyn has offered to bake and donate muffins once a month on a Sunday when Hospitality isn’t serving a lunch. You can next look forward to tasting Carolyn’s delicious home-baked muffins on Sunday, January 16 during the coffee hour.

**Petrina Lee Poy** — A longtime de facto member of the Hospitality Committee has made it official now. She wrote: “I joined the Hospitality Committee because I eat!”

### Mark your Calendars!

**Friday, January 7**

#### First Friday Social Potluck and Concert/ Cheesecake Feast

Warm up the winter and start off the New Year with a potluck at 6 pm. Please bring a dish. For music lovers attending the Music Ministry Collective’s **If I Had a Hammer Fundraiser Kickoff Concert** at 7:30 pm, the Hospitality Committee will provide complimentary cheesecake to be served during the concert intermission. (Tickets \$20, see details in the calendar of Activities)

### Crock pot Sunday! January 23, after the service

Enjoy some stick-to-your-ribs comfort food after the service and before the Town Hall Meeting. If you have a slow cooker or recipe to share, please contact Nancy Kleins.

If you would like to work with a great group of foodie friends on the Hospitality Committee, please contact Nancy Kleins at 514-855-0005.

## Le Groupe francophone

### CONCERT SI J’AVAIS UN MARTEAU

**Vendredi, 7 janvier à 19h30:** (au lieu du Cercle de discussion) par deux musiciennes primées: la celliste Vanessa Russell et la violoniste Benedicte Lauzière. Le billet d’entrée est de \$20, ce qui inclut aussi un gâteau fromage avec du thé, gracieuseté du Comité d’accueil, pendant l’intermission entre la musique de Kodály et de Ravel. Les profits serviront à remplacer les marteaux de notre piano Laliberté, un grand piano à queue Steinway 1891, une oeuvre d’art et d’héritage.

Collation spéciale: Un délicieux gâteau au fromage sera servi à l’entracte.

Quelle meilleure opportunité de débiter une nouvelle année qu’entre amis dans une merveilleuse soirée musicale.

### ÉDUCATION RELIGIEUSE

**Dimanche 23 janvier, à 10 h 45:** après le Moment pour tous les âges, tous les enfants de 5 à 12 ans sont invités à l’éducation religieuse en français. Le thème de la leçon est « L’Hiver », que nous allons explorer du point de vue du peuple Inuit et d’autres Premiers Nations. Nous sommes toujours à la recherche d’autres bénévoles pour aider Lisa lors des leçons du dimanche, surtout si vous êtes le parent d’un des enfants qui y assistent. Nous tiendrons possiblement une autre rencontre pour les bénévoles en février s’il y a suffisamment d’intérêt. Contactez Elizabeth McKinney Charbonneau par courriel : silverpen@sympatico.ca

Il n’y a pas de célébration en français pour le mois de janvier.

**Responsable :** Hannelore Poncelet au 450-653-5694

## Want to Become a Member? Pathway to Membership

Would you like to know more about Unitarian Universalism? Would you like to become a member? Join our minister for our new member orientation program to learn about our Unitarian and Universalist heritage and the meaning of membership. For more information, contact Petrina Lee Poy petrina\_lee\_poy@yahoo.com or 514-485-5555

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**Next newsletter deadline:  
Wednesday, January 19**

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