



# The New Mexico Rebekah Reporter

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***Best Wishes for a Blessed Holiday Season  
from your Grand Lodge and Rebekah  
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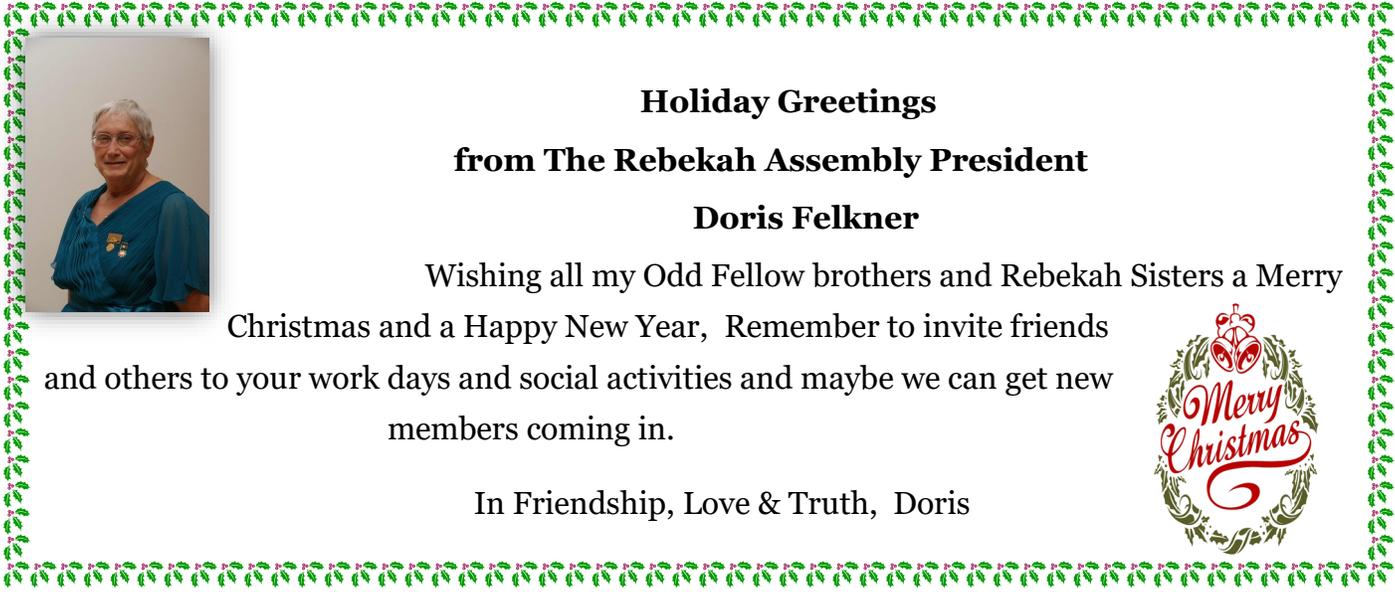
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**Holiday Greetings  
from The Rebekah Assembly President  
Doris Felkner**

Wishing all my Odd Fellow brothers and Rebekah Sisters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Remember to invite friends and others to your work days and social activities and maybe we can get new members coming in.

In Friendship, Love & Truth, Doris



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*Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays*

*Greetings to all Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and their Families.*

*'Tis season of Friendship. Loving, Giving, and Joy.*

*Love is our most precious Gift.*

*Remember your elderly, and your shut-ins they need to know we still care, take time to visit them and give them a hug*

*Pray for our country and its leaders, we need to support our military but they cannot do it on their own, they need all of us to help.*

*In Friendship, Love and Truth, wishing you a Joyous Holiday and Prosperous New Year.*

*Sandi McWatters, Grand Master of New Mexico,  
O.F.F. Grand Representative  
December 2016*



## Good Samaritans Honored at Harmony

At the November social meeting of Harmony, two non-profit organizations were honored at Harmony Hall. NG Allen Shanley had chosen as his project this year to select several community organizations to be recognized by the lodge. The two he chose were:

**Blessings for Burque**—An organization dedicated to assisting the homeless of Albuquerque. Their mission statement is:

**TO CHANGE AND BE CHANGED AS WE SERVE OTHERS AND SHARE CHRIST.**

**We believe that we "are our brother's keeper" and it takes a collective effort to make this happen. Blessings For Burque provides opportunities to bless and be blessed as we encourage, support and build up our communities.**

They prepare and fill backpacks with food, hygiene products, water, socks, a bible, and much more and give them away to the homeless persons of Albuquerque. Check out their website for a complete list of items they need - [blessingsforburque.org](http://blessingsforburque.org).

Matthew Silva, the founder and director, accepted the award and cash donation from Allen Shanley NG.

**Endorphin Power Co.**— An organization that provides single occupancy, transitional housing for people experiencing homelessness as a result of substance abuse. We provide a safe, clean and sober living environment where people become part of a healthy community and are encouraged to set and reach goals. Check out their website for a complete list of their services and needs. [endorphinpower.org](http://endorphinpower.org)  
Their Mission Statement is:

**We at the Endorphin Power Company see substance abuse and homelessness as both an individual and social problem. Our goal is to address that problem on both levels at once. We want to contribute to the greater good of local and global communities by promoting the benefits of healthy-living, healthy connections and environmental consciousness.**

**We seek to cultivate an environment in which individuals and communities foster health, happiness, and awareness through the "Four Pillars" of education, exercise, community and service to others.**

Jeff Holland, Executive Director, accepted the award and a cash donation from Allen Shanley, NG



Mathew Silva    Allen Shanley    Jeff Holland



The 2016 Good Samaritan award presented. Accompanied by a check from Harmony

## Remembering Others

Jean Lovelace, Alamogordo #25 suffered a severe stroke and is now recovering in the Rehab hospital in Alamogordo. Cards can be sent to her home: 2511 Cornell, Alamogordo, NM 88310

Fred Schneider PGM, is facing additional surgery on his foot and is unable to get around much or drive. Cards can be sent to 1625 Spruce Ave #17, Las Cruces, NM 88001. They are moving to a new home in the near future and will have a new address after many years at this home. As soon as the new address is available, it will be posted in the NMRR.

Andy Shanley PGM & RA VP spent several days in the VA Hospital . He is home now and is trying to get his medication adjusted so he can feel better.

Randy Cronoble, husband of RAPP Una Cronoble fell at home an broke two bones in his leg. He had surgery to place a rod in the leg. After several days in the hospital and the Rehab facility in Rio Rancho he is home and recovering.

Margaret Burnworth, has been in and out of the hospital in Gallup with breathing issues. Cards can be sent to: PO Box 819, Gallup, NM 87305.

**Lets remember these and others with calls, cards and prayers.**



**From Dee's Desk D'Elva Emert,  
Assembly Secretary**

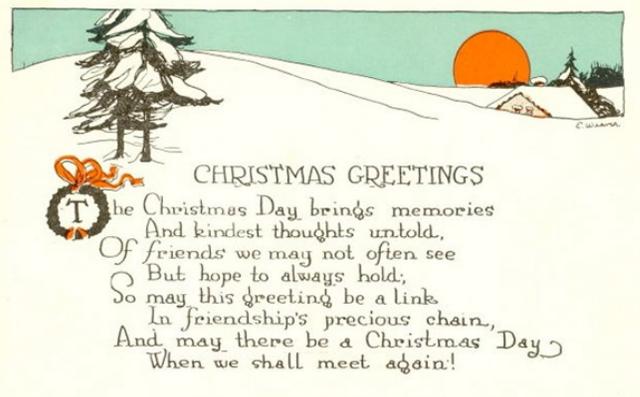


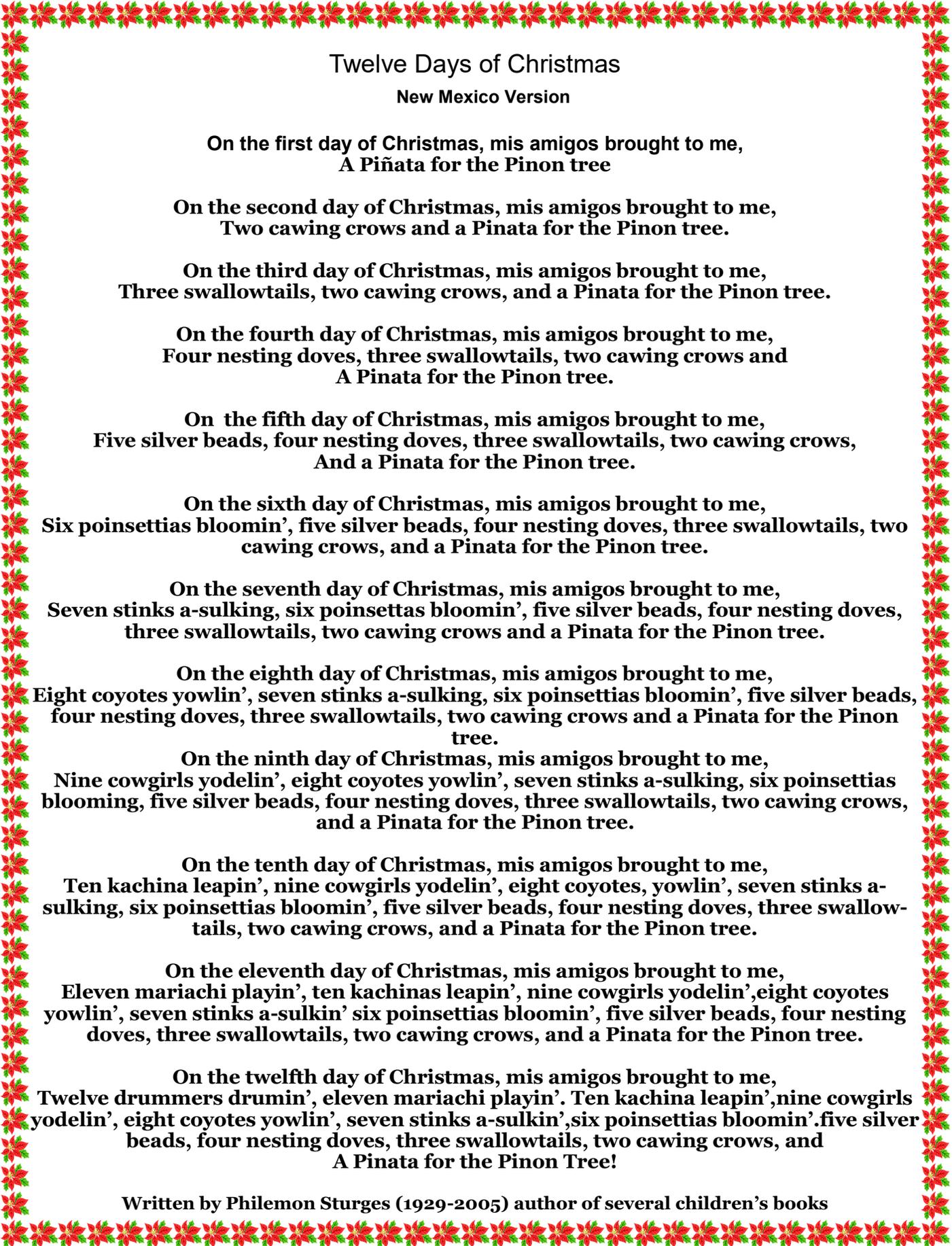
I will be leaving on Dec.23rd, flying out of Durango, to spend the holidays with my family in Seattle. Little ones need their Nana to watch them smile when they see what Santa left them. Personally I am on his naughty list

Merry Christmas to each and every one. I hope your holidays are filled with loved ones and the new year brings all you need or want.

Remember the reason.....

Dee





## Twelve Days of Christmas

### New Mexico Version

**On the first day of Christmas, mis amigos brought to me,  
A Piñata for the Pinon tree**

**On the second day of Christmas, mis amigos brought to me,  
Two cawing crows and a Pinata for the Pinon tree.**

**On the third day of Christmas, mis amigos brought to me,  
Three swallowtails, two cawing crows, and a Pinata for the Pinon tree.**

**On the fourth day of Christmas, mis amigos brought to me,  
Four nesting doves, three swallowtails, two cawing crows and  
A Pinata for the Pinon tree.**

**On the fifth day of Christmas, mis amigos brought to me,  
Five silver beads, four nesting doves, three swallowtails, two cawing crows,  
And a Pinata for the Pinon tree.**

**On the sixth day of Christmas, mis amigos brought to me,  
Six poinsettias bloomin', five silver beads, four nesting doves, three swallowtails, two  
cawing crows, and a Pinata for the Pinon tree.**

**On the seventh day of Christmas, mis amigos brought to me,  
Seven stinks a-sulking, six poinsettias bloomin', five silver beads, four nesting doves,  
three swallowtails, two cawing crows and a Pinata for the Pinon tree.**

**On the eighth day of Christmas, mis amigos brought to me,  
Eight coyotes yowlin', seven stinks a-sulking, six poinsettias bloomin', five silver beads,  
four nesting doves, three swallowtails, two cawing crows and a Pinata for the Pinon  
tree.**

**On the ninth day of Christmas, mis amigos brought to me,  
Nine cowgirls yodelin', eight coyotes yowlin', seven stinks a-sulking, six poinsettias  
blooming, five silver beads, four nesting doves, three swallowtails, two cawing crows,  
and a Pinata for the Pinon tree.**

**On the tenth day of Christmas, mis amigos brought to me,  
Ten kachina leapin', nine cowgirls yodelin', eight coyotes, yowlin', seven stinks a-  
sulking, six poinsettias bloomin', five silver beads, four nesting doves, three swallow-  
tails, two cawing crows, and a Pinata for the Pinon tree.**

**On the eleventh day of Christmas, mis amigos brought to me,  
Eleven mariachi playin', ten kachinas leapin', nine cowgirls yodelin', eight coyotes  
yowlin', seven stinks a-sulkin' six poinsettias bloomin', five silver beads, four nesting  
doves, three swallowtails, two cawing crows, and a Pinata for the Pinon tree.**

**On the twelfth day of Christmas, mis amigos brought to me,  
Twelve drummers drummin', eleven mariachi playin'. Ten kachina leapin', nine cowgirls  
yodelin', eight coyotes yowlin', seven stinks a-sulkin', six poinsettias bloomin'. five silver  
beads, four nesting doves, three swallowtails, two cawing crows, and  
A Pinata for the Pinon Tree!**

Written by Philemon Sturges (1929-2005) author of several children's books



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## Recipe for a Happy new Year.....Anonymous

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the whole lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing — don't do it), prayer, meditation and well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoon of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play and a heaping cup of good humor.

Let the New Year begin! Serve Fresh!

Life is too short to be anything  
 but **happy**. So **live** slowly,  
**love** deeply, **forgive** quickly.  
 Take **chances** & never have regrets  
 Forget the **PAST**, but **remember**  
 what it taught you.

Check out our Websites:  
 Rebekah Assembly of NM Website: [www.nmrebekahs.org](http://www.nmrebekahs.org)  
 Grand Lodge of NM Website: [www.ioofnm.org](http://www.ioofnm.org)  
 Sovereign Grand Lodge Website: [www.ioof.org](http://www.ioof.org)  
 Webmaster of NM websites: Nita Imel

**New Email Address:**  
**Heard from Bill DeMarco and he has a new email: [billyde39@gmail.com](mailto:billyde39@gmail.com) when he changed emails he lost his address**



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**'Twas the Day After Christmas.....Anonymous**

'Twas the Day after Christmas, and all through the house, every creature was hurting, even the mouse. The toys were all broken, their batteries dead; Santa passed out, with some ice on his head. Wrappings and ribbons just covered the floor, while upstairs the family continued to snore. And I in my T-shirt, new Reeboks and jeans, I went to the kitchen to clean. When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from the sink to see what was the matter. And away to the window I flew like a flash tore open the curtains, and threw up the sash.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a little white truck with an oversized mirror. The driver was smiling, so lively and grand; the patch on his jacket said "US POSTMAN. With a handful of bills, he grinned like a fox, then quickly he stuffed them into our mailbox. Bill after bill, after bill, they still came. Whistling and shouting he called by name: "Now Dillard's, now Broadway's now Penny's and Sears, Here's Robinson's Levitz's and Target and Mervyn's. To the tip of your limit, every store, every mall, Now charge away-charge away- charge away all!" He whooped and he whistled as he finished his work. He filled up the box and turned with a jerk. He sprang to his truck and he drove down the road, driving much faster with just half a load. Then I heard him exclaim with great holiday cheer.



**"Enjoy what you got..... You'll be paying all year!"**



**Editorial notes from Barb:.....**

*Holiday greetings to everyone! I know your lodge has been busy serving your community during this special season. I would love to hear what your lodge is doing.*

*Installation of officers is just around the corner. Send in the names of your new officers and what their plans are for the coming year to build up your lodge and let the community know that you are alive and well. Share the news!!*

*Be sure that your lodge meeting information is correct, as I plan to include a directory of lodges with addresses and meeting times. Probably will start with the next issue.*

*Please remember to send in news about your lodge and your members. We really are one big family and families want to hear about other family members. Also, send in change of names, addresses, and email addresses.*

**Don't forget, if you want your paper to sent to you via email, let me know.**

*Thanks to all who submitted articles and information for this issue.*

**Remember to Share the Good News about Odd Fellowship! Barb**



**Correction**

In our last issue, we honored Chuck Baldwin on his birthday. However, it was reported as his 90th birthday when actually it was his **95th** birthday. He told me that he was proud of those 5 extra years that I did not give him credit for.



**Sorry, Chuck!!**

**Happy 95th Birthday!**

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## What's Happening at Your Lodge?

**Harmony #1**—Christmas dinner and party with Santa Claus planned for December 17 at 6pm. Donations being accepted for the Storehouse.

**Santa Fe #2**—business meeting on Wednesday at 5:30. Ongoing community project - music program in Santa Fe public Schools.

**Mesa # 27**— business meetings on 1&3 Thursday at 7pm, social meetings on 2&4 Thursday,

**Triple Link #1**— Hosted RA President Doris Felkner on the regular meeting in October. Dinner was at Little Anita Mexican Restaurant. She was honored with a special presentation of her program. On December 4, TL hosted Shirley Baty DDP on her official visit. Plans for Christmas project underway—we prepared 100 Christmas stockings for the Harmony/Triple Link Christmas dinner and for the children at Cuidando Los Ninos a daycare for children

of homeless parents. We also, along with Harmony, collected food donations for the Storehouse.

Keith Baldwin DDGM and Shirley Baty DDP of District #2 will be Installing the officers of the four Albuquerque lodges in a joint installation at Harmony hall on January 7 at 7pm. We did this last year and it was very successful with a good attendance of members of all lodges.

**Alamogordo # 25**, - Making plans to host the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly March meetings, March 17-19,2017. Registration forms will be in the next issue of the NMRR and will be posted on the websites.



*“Share the news! What’s happening where you are?”*

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