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Women in trades

BCIT programs
drawing more and
more women

By Len Catling
The Link

The Joinery building on BCIT's Burnaby campus is crammed with wood, saws, drills and women.

Lots of women.

Trades buildings are fast becoming a reflection of BC's economy. As of 2007, there were over one million women working within BC, meaning female labour force participation sits at just over 61%, the highest level in history.

As the building boom in the province shows no signs of slowing, neither does the popularity of women entering trades at BCIT. Many women are seeking careers in trades for the same reasons men do: the abundance of work and the opportunity to make heaps of cash. Gone are the days where women were expected to pursue careers in retail, teaching, and nursing. Women now have hammers and they want to swing them.

"I was sick of being a monotonous drone," said first year Joinery student Dianna Guedes who, in a former life, was a cashier at Shoppers Drug Mart.

"The thing I like about my class is every day we have new challenges, we are building something different."

Guedes has just completed her first six months towards a cabinetmakers apprenticeship.

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News in brief

It's what's going on around here

Car Jacking

The daily routine of getting parking at BCIT was disrupted this month when RCMP and BCIT campus security shut down the North West corner parking lot.

The shut down was in response to an attempted Car jacking on campus. According to the Burnaby RCMP a female BCIT Student walking to her car had her keys taken by a man. The individual attempted to start the student's car and could not, he eventually fled on foot.

RCMP are looking for a suspect who is described as Caucasian, 30yrs, 5ft 5 - 5ft 6, medium

build, short brown hair, a days worth of facial hair growth, wearing dark pants and a blue or black hoodie.

- **Shane Woodford**

Flaherty Flashes Cash

The Federal Conservatives are planning to help college and undergraduate students ease the financial burden of higher learning.

In his 2008 Federal Budget, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced \$350 million per year of new money will be earmarked for the Canada Student Grant Program.

The funding will take effect in



2009 and increase to \$430 million by 2012-13. The new money has potential to reach up to 245,000 students across the country and will coincide with the end of the Millennium Scholarship Fund program.

The Conservatives also plan to inject \$123 million into the Canada Student Loans Program over

four years starting in 2009-10.

This batch of funding is intended to streamline the student loan process by creating more on-line services.

The Tories are hoping the initiative will allow students to manage their loans more independently and effectively.

- **Len Catling**

Risky Business

BCIT is adding a program in Risk management to its line-up for September 2008.

The new addition to the Financial Management department is a two-year Diploma of Technology in General Insurance and Risk

Management. Graduates are expected to be snapped up by firms in the insurance industry, who will be desperately seeking people to make up for a large number of retirees.

In the first year of the program students take general business courses before moving to more insurance and risk specific classes in the second year.

Applicants who already hold a university degree will be eligible for direct entry into the second year – and those who complete the diploma will be able to work towards a Business Administration degree through the School of Business.

- **Brent Shearer**

Study dispells myth of working mother

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Despite only having prior knowledge of construction from what she viewed on TV shows such as "Trading Spaces" and "Homes on Homes" she has learned at a remarkable rate, proving the construction industry might still be a man's world, but it will be dramatically improved with a woman's touch.

"Dianna has really made a great progression," remarked BCIT Joinery Instructor John Jermain.

"From coming in here with no experience with tools or the heavy machines and now she is able to do everything. To see that progression from ground zero to

where she's at now is great. As an instructor I find it really rewarding."

In a study commissioned by the Women in Leadership Foundation from late 2007, project coordinator Juliette Kamper used employer testimonials and employee success stories to illustrate the benefits women bring to construction sites.

Among her findings: woman asked more questions about jobs than men, were less likely to abuse tools and equipment, could work in smaller spaces, and were far less likely to engage in on the job conflict.

The myth of the working moth-

er being less reliable due to family responsibilities was also dispelled in the study. Statistics showed women, on average, have a lower absenteeism rate than men.

The sternest challenge facing women on construction sites is they still have few female co-workers. This causes a concern when it comes to female worker retention, as many working women face the lonely reality of male dominated work sites, leading to a lack of on the job camaraderie and enjoyment.

"If construction sites hired more women, it would balance out the male dominated sites and balance the playing field,"

Kamper said in a 2007 Journal of Commerce interview.

Although women in construction jobs are still a relatively new phenomenon, progress is being made throughout the province and the country.

On the new Pitt River Bridge construction site in Maple Ridge over 15% of the workers are female. And in Alberta, where the skilled labour shortage is arguably greater than BC, a full time trades school has been set up solely for women.

For more information on BCIT's Trades Discovery for Women program, check www.bcit.ca/study/programs/1190acert



Megan Foran, Carpentry Level 4, levels a joist.
- photo by David K. Lai

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Racist graffiti on campus revisited

Link article evokes strong reaction from administration

By Shane Woodford
The Link

Acting VP of Student Services Val Karpinski was shocked to learn of how widespread the problem of racist graffiti was on campus after seeing an article on the issue in the February 7 issue of the Link.

"I read it and I have to say I was surprised to hear that it had been on the cubicles as long as it appears to have been - so when I saw [the article] the first thing I did was walk down the hall to speak to the person who is responsible for facilities and say 'Were you aware of this?' He wasn't and it was gone within a day or two."

Karpinski says BCIT's approach to racist graffiti is simple.

"When we see graffiti of this type we want to remove it as quickly as possible - we simply don't want to have that informa-

tion around."

He says school administration takes a strong line with inappropriate student behaviour such as racist graffiti.

"If you were caught inscribing inappropriate graffiti we would take that very seriously... attending BCIT is a privilege, not a right and it could go as far as to endangering a [student's] academic status if they refuse to correct their behaviour."

Brent Collins, Assistant Director of BCIT Security agrees.

"If you are caught in the act of writing on the [school] building it is wilful damage so there is a criminal offence. There is also the issue of student conduct so depending on the severity of it if it was significant... or a racist issue, the police may be involved in that type of thing otherwise the process would be through the student code of conduct."

Hall Gill, BCIT Foreman of General Trades, says graffiti "is a lot of pain; a lot of effort; a lot of money. You may have to paint the whole wall; it may cost you three to four hundred dollars for every little wall to be painted."

He says thoughtless vandals cause all sorts of trouble for maintenance crews in repainting, scrubbing, and in some more serious cases in waiting for new toilet partitions.

"Toilet partitions are very, very expensive and deliveries are also a problem if we have to replace a partition it is six to eight weeks before we see another one."

Gill says they make the effort to clean up graffiti as fast as possible. He encourages students to communicate where the graffiti is.

"We don't know where it is unless somebody tells us."

He has this to say about stu-



Just a small example of the horrible stuff scrawled on walls around BCIT.
- photo by David K. Lai

dents who insist on writing graffiti, "Shame on the people who do

it, it is a bad name for all the good students."



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BCITSA Elections

Who will be your leaders in 2008/2009?



Jennette Leung
VP Finance & Administration

On March 17, BCIT Student Association elections officially begin! If you are interested in advocating for students, nomination forms are available online on bcitsa.ca or you can get them in person at the BCITSA reception in SE-2. All nominations must be received by March 25 at

12:00pm.

The following positions are available for the 2008/09 school year:

- President
- VP Finance and Administration
- VP Marketing and PR
- VP Student Affairs
- VP Campus Life
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- Chair of the School of Business
- Chair of the School of Health Sciences
- Chair of the School of Transportation, Construction, and the Environment

• Chair of the School of Manufacturing, Electronics, and Industrial Process

• Chair of the School of Computing and Academic Studies

To find out more, attend the BCITSA Open House on Monday March 17 in the SA Council Chambers at 5:30pm.

Experience a council meeting and see what the role a SA executive position can offer you.

Campaign week will commence March 31 at 6:00pm until April 11 at 12:00pm.

Balloting is available online or in person at one of our three ballot locations (Great Hall, NE-1, and ATC).

For more information, contact the Chief Returning Officer, Jennette Leung at vpfin@bcitsa.ca or 604-432-8605.

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Activists and the media

Getting attention by kicking up a fuss



By Brent Shearer
Link Editor

David Cunningham pushes a stroller down Main Street towards a waiting group of reporters standing outside the Anti Poverty Committee's headquarters.

The hastily called press conference has been arranged after three of the group's members covered the outside of Premier Gordon Campbell's Fourth Avenue constituency office in paint.

Cunningham has trouble getting his child and the stroller up

the stairs so he lets the stroller tip over, spilling the tray of sushi that had been resting on top, and elects to carry the kid up. The reporters (me included) step over the stroller, not bothering to help clean up the mess, and head up to the office.

Inside, hand-drawn posters from various APC rallies over the past few years cover the walls. The reporters and camera people wait for Cunningham, the organization's mouthpiece, to get ready. He didn't take part in the vandalism. In fact, he hasn't been able to go anywhere near Gordon Campbell for some time now.

The show begins. Cunningham stands behind the mics together and begins his rant. But it doesn't really matter what he says. The story has already been written. Only the date has changed.

The public has been sour on the Anti Poverty Committee for sometime now – and so has the media. Their brand of activism, which more often than not in-

volves vandalism, hooliganism, and profanity laced shouting, is not how we like to do things in Vancouver.

Breaking in to the Premier's office, hi-jacking an Olympic ceremony, defacing the Olympic countdown clock with paint balls – are just a few of the childish antics this rag-tag group has done to draw attention to their various causes.

But they do get attention.

Cunningham says his group is fine with having stories in the media focus on their antics rather than the message – as long as somewhere in the story, the report touches on homelessness or whatever else the APC is on about.

He tells the reporters peppering him with questions about how the public looks at the APC as a joke, a fringe group who should be thrown in jail for a while, that passive forms of protest such as letter writing don't work.

Say what you want about these guys, they know how to play the

game.

They scoff at the punishment handed out to them if they get caught. Community service? Most of them feel they are doing the community a service by screaming 'fuck the liberals' at the top of their lungs while nervous looking tourists try and snap holiday photos of the 2010 clock.

Why doesn't the mainstream media just ignore the APC? They'd love to, but the prospect of an APC member getting taken down by an overzealous Vancouver Police Officer is too good to pass up. What if tear gas is used? Rowdy protestors covering their faces in anguish makes for great television.

Cunningham wraps the conference by once again vowing to be a thorn in the sides of both Campbell's Liberal party and the 2010 Organizing Committee. The stories that night focus on the APC's acts of vandalism and the reaction from the powers that be.

But just like the last time and



Len Catling interviews David Cunningham for a story earlier this year.
- photo by Shane Woodford

the one to come, after the shots of angry rag-tag protestors yelling, the reporter mentions that the APC is protesting the lack of low-income housing on the Downtown Eastside and calling on the city and province to do something about it.

And organizer David Cunningham is smiling broadly.

Too much technology!

Blu-ray discs contribute to techno affluence

By Kerri Breen
The Muse
(Memorial University of Newfoundland)

S.T. JOHNS (CUP) -- I still watch the video of Kindergarten Cop my grandmother taped off channel 10 in 1993. I know it was 1993 because the commercial breaks are mostly screens of news feed.

Sure the picture quality is poor, the sound is fuzzy, and those commercials about the Blue Jays winning the World Series are downright annoying, but it still works. And when Kindergarten Cop comes out on Blu-ray disc, probably digitally re-mastered with Arnie's outtakes and extra sparkles on the package, I'm totally going to spend my money on something else.

Buying stuff that you already can enjoy in another format is just plain wasteful. Gracefully side-stepping the movie collection overlap produced by another

dreaded film format transition is a basic, painless way people can ever-so-slightly lighten the crippling load they place on the world's resources as consumers of gazillions of dollars worth of hollow, inconsequential widgets.

But now, as a result of the end of a mini-format war, consumers will be encouraged to buy another special platinum edition of The Lion King sooner than expected.

On February 18, Toshiba announced they were discontinuing their rival to Sony's Blu-ray, the HD-DVD format. The struggle between the two multinationals, ongoing since the early part of the decade, proved to delay the format change. Not long after, publications from the Globe and Mail to the New York Post heralded Sony's product as victorious. The global dominance of the Blu-ray disc is now imminent

As it's been assumed, pretty soon, the once-omnipresent DVD format will be obsolete, just as our faithful childhood medium, VHS

tapes, were thrown out like Jazz from Fresh Prince Of Bel-Air.

Not that Blu-ray isn't an improvement on the DVD format – it holds much more information, it has better picture quality, and a catchy, yet dumb and futuristic sounding name.

To the casual viewer, these enhancements to your favorite films and television programs are probably negligible. Instead, implicitly, what you pay for is the hope that the expensive and new product can positively amend your aura, and make you look fashionable, rich, young, and the list goes on. The possession of such coveted objects really does function as a social lubricant and a litmus test for affluence.

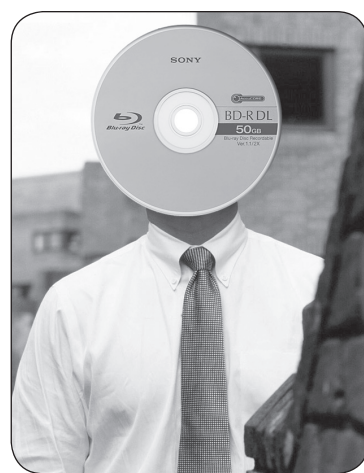
It's no secret that advertisers spend a lot of money strengthening the connection between possessing fresh, shiny objects and being a desirable person. This cycle of buying and temporary fulfillment (if you're lucky enough to have money) drives the kind

of progress that the Blu-ray disc represents.

Nowadays that pretty much goes without saying. But a less obvious extension of that is the creepy, sad fact that identity is both forged and honed in part by consumer preferences.

The worst part is that this message, this happiness-for-purchase arrangement, is exposed to people with, and without, the means to participate in vain consumption at the same time.

The result is the low-income government housing units near my apartment, decrepit, yet positively peppered with satellite dishes; and university students like myself, on the bus wondering whether my rent cheque is going to bounce, while listening to MP3s on my Bluetooth headphones. Because of the heavy social role these technologies play, and the high costs of not participating in consumer culture, many people sacrifice the basics just to compete.



"I'm an affluent Blu-ray guy."

Don't get me wrong – I'm not anti-technology. There have been many times when technological advancements have served to better the lives of the people who happen to be able to afford them. But the socially and environmentally sketchy implications that mindless technologies such as Blu-ray have are enough for me to skip out on the craze, and stick to watching Nan's old cassettes.

SIFE Corner

SIFE prepares to host Spring Living Fair for smaller footprints

On March 8 SIFE BCIT will launch the Spring Living Fair, the first of its kind for the club. Extensive planning and preparation has gone into this daylong event which will bring

together 30 local businesses and entrepreneurs with passions for environmentally friendly products, fair trade and community sustainability.

Matt Holland, the event Project

Manager says the Spring Living Fair was conceived with a vision of showcasing small businesses, building event planning skills for the club and promoting "Sustainable Living towards smaller

footprints." With those goals in mind, the eight member team set to work finding the perfect venue, Main Street Heritage Hall, and the perfect vendors that embody green living.

"The emphasis is on changing small things to reduce negative effects on the environment," Holland believes, "Consumers in Vancouver are looking for eco-friendly companies to support.

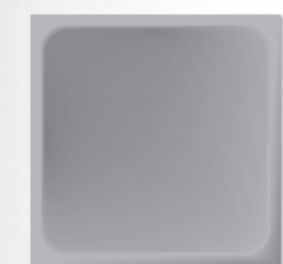
This event provides a platform for these small companies to get their name out to the public". The Spring Living Fair is on target to provide the awareness community businesses need while helping to sustain other SIFE BCIT initiatives.

The event will showcase small businesses and environmentally friendly products for consumers as well as offering live music and door prizes.

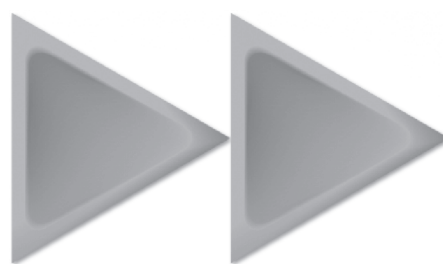
Confirmed vendors attending the event range from Green World Electric Vehicles (GWEV), organic produce, clothing, and health and beauty products. This event promises something for everyone and is free to the public. Doors open at 10am and the event wraps up around four in the afternoon.

Anyone interested in attending the event is asked to bring clean used clothing or a non-perishable food donation in support of International Women's Day. For more information on the event visit springlivingfair.blogspot.com.

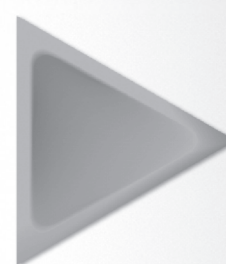
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Rocking the Comm

The Hives scratch Vancouver's itch for good music

By Len Catling
Link Music Coordinator

Former NHLer Tomas Sandstrom and garage rock icons The Hives both grew up in Fag-

ersta, Sweden, an industrial town with a population of 11,000. Sandstrom, who is the favourite hockey player of more than one of the rocking Swedes, was an abrasive right winger who pos-

sessed the ability to both score and hit effectively and The Hives effectively score hits abrasively.

The uniformly dressed Swedes brought their act to Vancouver's Commodore Ballroom with au-

thority, blistering through a set as entertaining as Sandstrom in his heyday riding shotgun for Wayne Gretzky.

After warm-up acts The Hits and The Donnas completed their



Nicholaus Arson drops the g-bomb on the frantic crowd. More on Page 16!
- photo by Len Catling

duties, The Hives feverishly rushed the stage in matching schoolboy outfits, creating the appearance they had missed the bus and were in danger of being late for arithmetic. I pity the teacher who tries to teach The Hives trigonometry, because they definitely have a hyperactive disorder.

"I have a high opinion of myself," confessed front man Howlin' Pelle Almqvist from the top of the stage amplifier. "February 22 is 'Hives Day' in Vancouver."

Almqvist might be on to something, as the recent Family Day debate has shown many in BC desperately want a statutory holiday during the long, dark days of winter.

The Hives' live show rambunctiously displays why they are one of the best bands in the world these days. Despite simplistic riffs and lyrics that almost mock the listener, The Hives never lose entertainment value.

They package their talent efficiently and make it so digestible - as a listener you are hungry for more music mere moments after consumption.

"You Got it All Wrong" kicked off the show and gave The Hives fans the initial itch for what was in store. "Tick, Tick, Boom," "Walk Idiot Walk" and "Hate to Say I Told You So" rounded out their ever increasing repertoire of hit songs.

In a pre-show interview The Hives bassist Matt Destruction said he loved playing Vancouver. The crowd's response showed his affection wasn't one sided. The Hives were abrasive, entertaining and at times insanely vigorous. Tomas Sandstrom would be proud.



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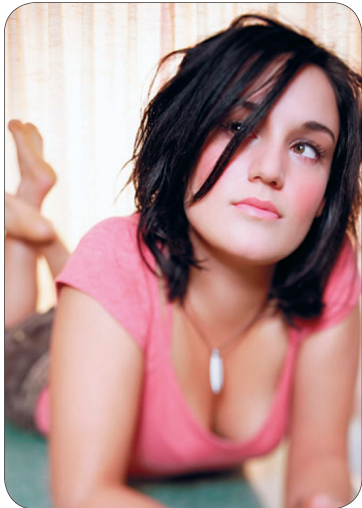
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Sales sells it in her sleep

DC native turned Vancouver Islander makes her musical mark



Hayley Sales is topping the charts with her debut album *Sunseed*.

By Len Catling
Link Music Coordinator

It looked like Hayley Sales has never slept. Ever. She said otherwise, but she's currently on a cross Canada tour supporting her debut album *Sunseed*.

Also, the former actress, who has appeared in over eighty plays and TV productions, keeps very busy after her shows.

"I'm taking university courses online so I'm often locked in my tour bus typing essays," said Sales, who is attempting to complete a degree in environmental studies.

With a music style that blends acoustic pop into folk and back into pop again one would think finding headroom to complete assignments on climate change could be a challenge.

"I think the thing that would depress you about climate change is when you feel like you're helpless," explained Sales. "Instead of saying we're going to hell in a hand basket I try and focus on what I can do to make a difference... I think people aren't educated enough about it, including myself."

Sunseed is an education in it-

self – it shows what Sales, a person meant to play music, can accomplish with a combination of book smarts and musical talent.

She spent her infant years toddling through her father Richard Sales' basement studio – a hot bed of musical name drops.

"Miles Davis, jamming with the Ramones, and meeting Jimmy Cliff, those are the ones that make me go whoah," commented Sales.

With her debut album fast becoming a success, Sales, who now resides on a blueberry farm on Vancouver Island, is enjoying a rise to the fame that comes with the lifestyle that comes with being a touring musician.

"I feel like the album is taking on a life of its own," she said excitedly. "After this month on tour (Canada) I'm off to Australia to do a tour, then back home, and then to the UK."

Sunseed should continue to

sell itself as all 14 tracks on the album range from solid to excellent.

Sales' record is providing some edge in a genre that has recently become stale and predictable with acts like Sheryl Crow and Jewel crowding the airwaves.

The bounce provided by her triple threat rhythm section of Shawn Penner, Mike Gillies, and her father gives *Sunseed* a contemporary flavour often missed by other acoustic artists who fre-

quently turn out more sap than a Quebec maple tree.

Tracks like "Traffic" and "Keep Driving" possess a hip-hop natured rhythm, making you think Sales wrote them free styling in a wire-rimmed, six-four Impala, not on the beaches of Tofino.

Naturally I asked her to throw down a freestyle.

"Oh god I suck," she modestly clipped. "I do it in my spare time by myself, but I'm so bad it's hilarious."

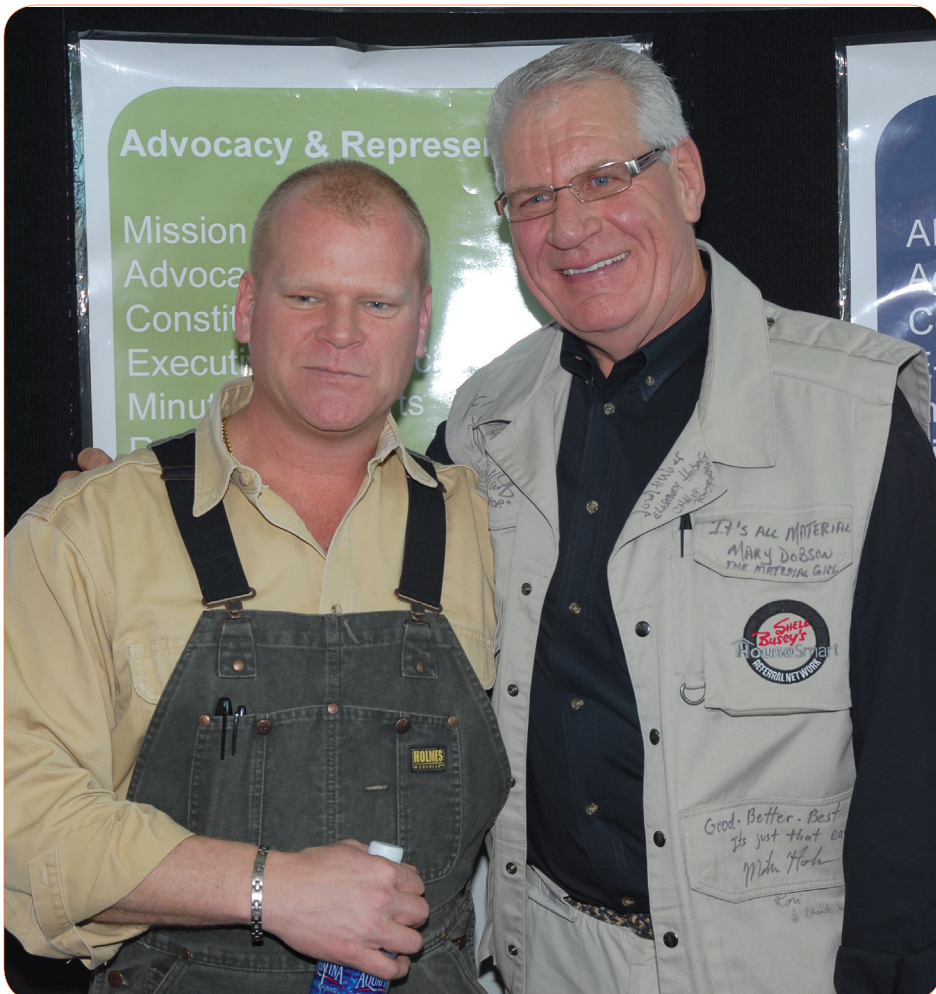
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Ask the Sex Doc

A voyeuristic view into Canada's dorm rooms

Dear Sex Doc;

My girlfriend and I are getting pretty bored with doing it 'missionary' or 'doggy-style.' I know there are other positions out there, but what are the best sexual positions for sex? I mean, I want to blow my girlfriend's mind like never before.

Flexible Felix @ Fanshawe

Dear Flexible Felix @ Fanshawe;

There are definitely more than two horizontal dance moves you could be doing in the bedroom. As you are discovering, sex can get boring pretty quickly if you don't try new things.

I hope you realize that all the groping, fingering, and sucking leading up to intercourse is just as important as doing it. Don't just go straight for the kitty.

There are hundreds (probably thousands) of positions that are out there that people can add to their sexual bag of tricks. Some are orgasmic, while others may leave you (and your partner) in traction in the nearest hospital.

Since you want to 'blow' your girl's

mind Flexible Felix, I've compiled a list of the top ten sexual positions to have her screaming your name in orgasmic delight.

Coming in at number ten is 'The Chair.' Sit normally on a chair and have your chick face and straddle you, gliding your manhood into heaven.

Next, I would suggest 'The Butterfly.' This position is similar to missionary, but her pelvis is tilted upwards. Stick a pillow under her butt and you'll transform from moth to butterfly in her eyes.

And, if you like to cook in the kitchen, you can try 'The Kitchen Counter.' Plop your gal on the kitchen counter, then spread her legs and add your banana to her fruit salad.

My seventh best position is referred to as 'Modified Missionary.' Kneel putting your sweetie's legs over your shoulders. Close behind is 'Standing Rear Entry.' You both stand with you entering her from behind (but not in the back door).

Coming in at number five is having sex while 'Standing Facing Each Other.' Another great pose is what is often referred to by you college folk as the 'Reverse Cow-

girl.' In this position, your gal will straddle you while facing your feet.

Flexible Felix, I know you've already been howling at your girl from behind, and 'Rear Entry' is an excellent position to have her barking at the moon. If you're sick and tired of sniffing each other's butts, you could always try the 'Woman on Top' position. Your honey will sit on you and face you this time.

However, the number one position I would recommend to give her multiples is called 'Lateral Entry' or what is sometimes referred to as 'Spooning.' You'll both lie on your sides entering her from behind.

So Flexible Felix, include these new positions in your sexual position arsenal and she'll be in love with you (and your dick) for years to cum.



with their bro or sis.

Dreaming About My Sister, maybe you experienced something sexual with your sister at a younger age. And, maybe you're still stuck in that experience.

However, I would guess that you're dreaming about diddling your sis because it is taboo. You see, quite often, the things that are considered bad seem most alluring, especially when it comes to sex.

I wouldn't worry so much about these forbidden thoughts. They should soon pass. I would hope that you can determine the difference between right and wrong. If these thoughts (and especially urges) persist, please consult with a qualified therapist.

Dr. Brian Parker is a clinical sexologist and sex educator and the co-creator of two sexual intimacy board games "Embrace" and "Pillow Talk." The games are available on his website, www.foreverpleasure.com which features original erotic art, high-end sensual products and adult sex education.

This column is made possible by the generous support of O'My Natural Lubricants. If you have a sexual question you want answered in the 'Ask the Sex Doc' column please email drbrian@foreverpleasure.com and watch for his response in this paper.

Dear Sex Doc;

I've been having incest thoughts. Is that weird?

Dreaming About My Sister @ BCIT

Dear Dreaming About My Sister @ BCIT;

Well, it's not perfectly normal, but what is? Lots of people have impure thoughts. However, most people don't act on them. It is especially important not to act out your thoughts or fantasies if the act is illegal or dangerous.

And, the last time I looked, doing the nasty with your sister is against the law under the Criminal Code of Canada.


Most people have an inner porn video going on in their minds. And, everyone's peep show is different. The sex flick going through your little head is a little unique, but you're not alone.

A British study of 19,000 people found that 1% of men and women fantasize about laying their brother or sister. By the way, people are three times more likely to think of boning their dog.

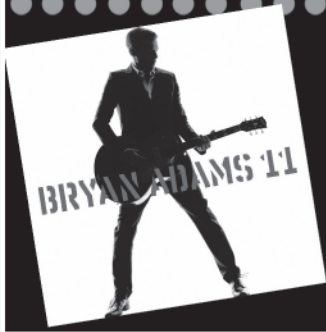
And during childhood, kids aren't just thinking about playing doctor with their siblings, they're doing it. Studies show that between 25-40% of college students have had a childhood sexual experience

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Rancidly awesome

B Sides and C Sides is a great collection of tunes

By Kristina Mameli
The Link

This glorious compilation of difficult to acquire material was modestly released to no fanfare whatsoever.

The 21 perfectly packaged gems showcase the span of Rancid's illustrious career as well as their versatility, with the added incentive of four previously unreleased tracks.

To tide us rabid fans over until the highly anticipated release of their seventh studio album, *B Sides and C Sides* kicks in some teeth with the *Let Me Go* single's "Ben Zanotto" before seamlessly moving into Rancid's trademark ska in "Stop" from the *Bloodclot* single.

The first unreleased track of the album, "Devils Dance" finds an astonishingly rockabilly Lars Frederiksen channelling Brian Setzer atop a chugging bass line before the album takes a distinct turn back to Rancid circa 2000 with "Dead and Gone" and "Stranded."

"Killing Zone," initially released only as a bonus track on the Japanese version of 2003's *Indestructible*, instantly becomes a standout with its anthemic feel. The Japanese version of this compilation ironically includes five bonus tracks.

The instrumental "100 Years,"



These are the kind of fellas you want to bring home to mom - to RAWK! - graphic, the Link

beautifully sets up the dubbed out political "Things To Come."

"White Knuckle Ride" sonically blasts off with Matt Freeman's phenomenal bass lines, perfectly priming the listener for the scorching "Sick Sick World."

Frederiksen's "Tattoo" makes me question why I have still yet to ink "when I got the music, I got a place to go."

"Clockwork Orange," another unreleased track, stands out with its gritty harmonies and infectious chorus; as does "Empros Lap Dog."

"I Wanna Riot" has a steady ska beat that provides a stellar

contrast with the final assault that is "Kill The Lights."

At the end of September 2006, Vancouver played host to two sold out Croatian Cultural Centre performances that were to be amongst the last Rancid shows featuring the original members. Shortly afterwards, drummer Brett Reed inexplicably left the band (supposedly on good terms) and was replaced by Brandon Steineckert, formerly of the Used.

Under the direction of Bad Religion's Brett Gurewitz, the new incarnation of Rancid is set to release its' seventh (masterpiece) in June.

Campus Query

Where your opinion matters

The Link asked:

"What are your plans for Spring Break (March 10-14) this year?"

David K. Lai
Link Staff



Allison L.
Computer Systems

"I am working full time at HSBC on my co-op, but if I wasn't I would go to the beach everyday."

Michael M.
CST Year 2 Term 3

"Well I am a BCIT Student so I will be at BCIT doing BCIT work. We have a technical programing course and also a term project that we will be working on during Spring Break and we need to make sure things get done."



Esther J.
Financial Management, Year 1

"My plan for Spring Break is to go out with my friends and also to have some time with my family. And also I want to go to the United States to do some volunteer activities."



Adrian C.
Operations Management, Year 1

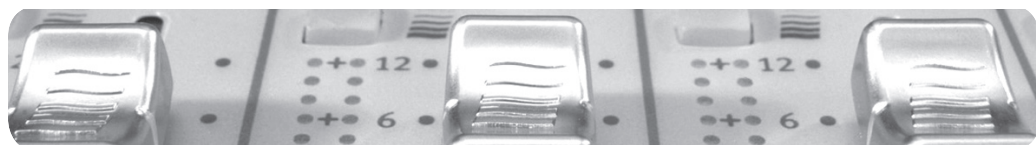
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Greenspace:

Emergency kits and high levels of mercury in sushi

By Casey Neathway
Special to the Link

Last Friday, February 21, the Environmental Health club hosted a discussion session with Brian Johnston of Vancouver Coastal Health.

The attendees had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Johnston speak extensively on his work in the realm of emergency preparedness, including the development of personal emergency preparedness plans. Mr. Johnston brought up a number of interesting points regarding the general public's lack of disaster response preparedness.

While it's easy to stand on a soapbox and preach *ad naseum* about earthquakes, tsunamis and other major events, the reality exists that an emergency could take the form of any number of more

minor events.

Mr. Johnston used last winter's turbidity issue as a prime example: the lack of drinking water (even though it was technically still potable) caused a major din in Metro Vancouver, and showed that people were, in general, not ready for a major crisis (or even a minor one).

Prior to Mr. Johnston's talk, I would have been one of the first people to turn down the idea of extensive emergency preparedness. I have never been a "what-if" person, and the thought of extensive planning for an event with a remote possibility of occurring always seemed like a waste of time, effort, and most importantly, money.

Mr. Johnston, however, posited that your emergency preparedness "kit" should contain items that you use on a regular basis,

which can be "rotated" in terms of purchase date.

So, as you use a product (for instance, bottled water), you replace it in your supply, always maintaining a significant stockpile. This way, the products don't spoil and you don't feel like you're wasting your money on something that you'll never use.

While emergencies may not be on most people's mind all the time, it's nearly certain that somebody has ordered sushi in the recent past. The New York Times bought the Japanese dish from a number of different food service operators and performed laboratory tests on the fish to determine the levels of mercury, with staggering results: at most of the restaurants, a six piece-per-week diet could cause you to exceed your EPA-recommended intake of the heavy metal.

Five of the establishment's fish had mercury levels so high that the U.S. Food & Drug Administration could legally remove it from the market. Mercury has the ability to bioaccumulate in fish, such as bluefin tuna (frequently used in sushi) causing abnormally high levels to be found in their flesh.

Studies have shown that larger fish (which is more likely to be used in sushi) has higher levels of mercury, because of its increased eating habits.

While the study referenced above is nearly a month old, I heard a story today about a pregnant woman who came down with Norwalk virus after eating sushi inoculated by an ill food service worker.

A reminder should be sent out that pregnant women and small children should avoid sushi, and



tuna/seafood in general due to the increased mercury levels and associated risks.

Science Matters

Fixing the world's broken thermostat



By David Suzuki

There has been a lot of talk in Canada lately about the need to develop technological innovations that address global warming. After all, since humans cause global warming by burning too much fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas, as well as destroying natural ecosystems that absorb and store carbon, it's up to us to fix it.

Of course, replacing traditional sources of energy that we've come to rely on so heavily is no easy feat. It requires big effort.

But here's the good part: most of the technologies needed to usher in a clean and sustainable future are already available. Even better, many of these technologies are being developed right here in Canada.

By supporting innovative solutions, we can phase out the older

polluting forms of generating energy that contribute to global warming and thus create a cleaner world. These innovations will create new jobs and boost our economy.

For too long the environment and economy have been treated as two separate solitudes. But they aren't. We can protect and conserve the environment and have a vibrant economy.

But first, bear with me for a little climate change 101.

In order to put reasonable, practical solutions in place, we have to understand how global warming works. Not all scientists agree on when certain things will happen, but most scientists agree on the basic mechanism that is warming our planet.

It's really pretty simple.

Heat from the sun comes down through the earth's atmosphere, and some of it bounces back into space. The atmosphere acts like a cozy blanket, thanks to certain atmospheric gases that act as a layer of insulation to hold some of the heat.

But, over the last several centu-

ries, as the Industrial Revolution has taken place, humans are burning more and more fossil fuels to meet our energy needs. Thanks to our cars and factories, we've released more of these heat-trapping gases than the biosphere can reabsorb so they build up and thicken the heat-trapping blanket of insulation around the Earth.

Human land use practices, such as the destruction of tropical rainforests, also release carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. The heat builds up, the globe warms, and the atmospheric balance that keeps the climate stable is disrupted.

Global warming is more about a mechanism that gets destabilized and broken, like a thermostat that goes haywire. It doesn't work the way it should, and this results in extreme weather effects around the globe. As we now know, according to the UN's blue-ribbon panel of scientists who studied global warming, it's happening right now. Ten of the warmest years on record have occurred since 1980.

Scientists have been closely

observing the results of this thickening blanket and corresponding rise in global temperatures. The effects are impossible to ignore: rapidly melting glaciers and ice caps, warmer temperatures, stronger storms, and even the migration of tropical diseases, animals, and plants into temperate regions.

The loss of Canada's boreal wilderness? The disappearance of Canadian icons such as the polar bear and caribou? Scientists tell us that this could very well happen if global warming continues unabated due to personal and political inaction to seriously tackle the problem.

There is broad agreement that global warming results in more negative consequences than positive ones. So the best course is to make practical choices that reduce the drivers of climate change. We all need to meet the challenge directly to ensure against the worst outcomes. And we can do this through innovative technology.

This brings me back to my original point. We don't have to wait for some brilliant inventor to create an earth-shattering techno-

logical wonder. Using technology that exists right now, we could accomplish a lot of things.

Several years ago, the David Suzuki Foundation released Power Shift that showed with technology already available, Canada could reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by more than 50% over thirty years. The key point was to make a start.

For example, we could significantly increase the average fuel efficiency of today's automobiles, one of the world's major sources of heat-trapping gases. In fact, there is already a great deal of momentum around the world. In Japan, auto makers are required to improve the fuel efficiency of their vehicles by 20 percent by 2015. And California's Republican governor made history by passing some of the toughest vehicle standards in the U.S.

Together, we can make Canada a global warming problem-solver, not a problem-maker. Existing examples of legislation and technology are right in front of us. The clock is ticking... What are we going to choose?

No big moves

NHL trade deadline more like a dud-line

By Geoff Gauthier
The Link

One are the days of the big trade in the NHL. With hot-button players like Toronto captain Mats Sundin adding the notorious “no trade clause” to their contracts and Islanders net minder Rick DiPietro signing a 15-year, \$67.5M contract, players are deciding to stay put and stay loyal to one team for their entire careers.

Trade deadline day came and went without too much drama. Most of the action happened the day before when the aforementioned Sundin publically stated that he would be staying in Toronto, followed shortly thereafter by the announcement that Peter

“Foppa” Forsberg would soon be joining the Colorado Avalanche. This coming just days after hockey insiders reported to the media that Foppa would be abstaining from hockey this year due to his bad ankle.

That left only the Atlanta Thrashers Marian Hossa as the marquee player on the move, and wouldn’t you know it, he’s off to play with Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin as a rental player with the Pittsburgh Penguins.

So aside from the Colorado Avalanche bringing in notable 1996 Stanley Cup run alumni players and the Pens beefing up their scoring talent for a 2008 cup run, nothing exciting actually happened at trade deadline day. A bunch of moderate NHLers were

traded for a bunch of vague draft picks, while TSN (The Sports Network, also known as Toronto Sports Network) was overly concerned with the Leaf players that were moved, giving Wade Belak and Chad Kilger way too much airtime. That’s it.

Here in Vancouver, that managerial magician Dave Nonis made arguably the best move of the day by offloading the struggling Matt Cooke as far East as he could to the Washington Capitals. Coming this way is Matt Pettinger, who is not much better than Cooke, but at least he doesn’t play like a toothless, cement-handed bowling ball – the Canucks have Alex Burrows and Rick Rypien to do that, and those two still have all their teeth.



Dave Nonis made a good deal, oh ya, he did. I’ve heard the announcers say Pettinger WAY more times than Cooke this year and he’s only played three games. - photo from the Link archives

Worth every penny

Vancouver’s WHL franchise trumps the pros

By Shane Woodford
The Link

The Vancouver Giants are the best bang for your hockey buck in Vancouver.

With a handful of games left in the regular season the Giants clearly have their sights set on the WHL playoffs.

The Defending Memorial Cup champs are still hurting from last year’s loss in the WHL finals to the Medicine Hat Tigers. Between the pipes goalie Tyson Sexsmith is standing tall and leading the WHL in goals against average.

Led by red hot team captain and WHL February player of the month Spencer Machacek the Giants are aiming for nothing less than the championship.

Since entering the league in 2001, the Giants have become a western WHL powerhouse in a remarkably short period of time. The Giants became President’s Cup Champions in the 05/06 season, lost to the Medicine Hat Tigers in the finals the following year, and became Memorial Cup Champions in 2007. Along the way they grabbed three straight BC Divisional titles, their third clinched just days ago.

This year they will finish the



The Canucks are too expensive and inconsistent to spend up to \$200 on a single ticket - go see the Giants win for \$17.

season with a record eerily opposite their first year in the league were they finished a lowly 13-49-6.

With only a few games left this season the Giants stand a good chance at beating both team records in most wins in a season (47) and most points as a team (100).

The Vancouver Giants have conjured up a record and an expectation of success their NHL cousins across town can only dream of. Giants’ fans are already assured of a playoff berth and exciting playoff action at an even

more exciting low ticket price, while Canucks fans are once again reaching for their anti-depressant meds - if they can afford them after buying tickets.

So while as a student I can actually stand a chance of being able to afford Giants playoff tickets. I might watch the Canucks on TV if they make it into the playoffs at all.

Debate if you will *when* the Canucks *might* win the Stanley Cup, but for my money the President’s Cup parade route should definitely go down Robson Street.

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By Andrew MacLachlan

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Income Tax Prepares

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SIFE is hosting a free event for the public on March 8, 2008 at the Heritage Hall on Main Street. The event is called the Spring Living Fair features live music and a wide array of products for sale from about thirty vendors. The event is to raise money for SIFE for our projects. **COME SUPPORT.**

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Mar. 17

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Do you dig Destruction?

The Link interviews the bassist from the hottest band on the planet

By Kristina Mameli
Photo by Len Catling

"Do you want to be a rock star or a hockey player?"

For a young Dr. Matt Destruction, that was a loaded question. "I tried to do everything when I was younger," reminisces Destruction. "I played badminton, ice hockey, I played football; I did all the sports."

Sweden's The Hives may never have come into existence had that very question not forced Dr. Destruction to make a life altering decision and

choose his path.

"I think I did pretty well," he laughs.

Incidentally, Destruction's early yearnings for hockey have twice been satisfied of late. Prior to their sold out Vancouver gig at the Commodore, the Hives had the chance to skate with the Canucks. This just weeks after they attended the NHL All-Star game.

"I wasn't there; I had a stand in," says Destruction. "My wife was having a baby."

The Hives' fourth offering, *The Black and White Album*, was given more time to develop than previous Hives' releases and was approached with much more clarity and direction; whilst still maintaining a very eclectic edge.

"When we came to this record, we kind of knew. Now we know what we're doing, we know how it sounds if we work with that and that and that person. We kind of start to know that

it's going to sound like this every time if we do it like this."

The album features an array of producers, from staple Dennis Herring to hip-hop producer Pharrell Williams, who expressed an interest in working with the Hives at a festival in Tokyo. Destruction says the band "needed to discover some more angles of how to record and make the records maybe more interesting mostly for ourselves...so we called him up and made it happen basically."

The Hives appear on Timbaland's wildly successful *Shock Value* with their song "Throw It On Me." Destruction says Timbaland was also interested in working with them further, adding "he's the best in doing beats in hip-hop, so...why not work with him if we can get a hold of him?"

Thus, they entered the studio for two nights producing an undisclosed number of tracks; none of which have been released. "Giddy Up," provides the only possible exception, a retooled version appearing on *The Black and White Album*.

The infectious dance punk montage with distinct rock n' roll sensibilities was recorded during a two and a half month stay in rural Oxford, Mississippi. "It was a good experience," says Destruction. "And we ended the whole thing with a gig at the bar where we had our lunch every day for several weeks. And that show was really, really fun."

They were each given a key to the city, a gesture that resonates with Destruction despite the fact that he thinks "that maybe two of the keys are broken and one is lost."

It may be surprising to learn that the absurdly sweet and well dressed Dr. Destruction is a huge fan of punk rock; particularly Vancouver punk bands such as the Smugglers. "They were playing before us [in Switzerland], and they dressed up just as us. They had black pants, black shirts and white ties. The only thing that was different was

all of us had white ties and I think Pelle had silk gloves or something. Grant, the singer, had white Wellingtons. It was pretty cool, we took this picture and it felt like there were 10 in the band."

What particularly intrigues Destruction about punk is the overall passion.

"There's so much energy in punk rock music, it's more about the energy...and then we just came into 70's rock and roll. You can still feel all the energy, kind of punkish, you know, Iggy Pop and the Stooges. I think we just took the right path."

The doctor also attributes many of his influences to his parents' record collection that he grew up hating. "Elvis...Little

Richard...Hank Williams...and then suddenly you just want to go home and steal everything. Now I've got the best records of their collection in my house."

When they're not winning Swedish Grammy's, or riding bikes up rural streets in the middle of the night, the Hives are not your typical rock stars. When asked if he had tried Canadian lager Destruction admits "I'm more into whiskey or wine. I can't do too much beer; my stomach hurts."

The Hives energetic and engaging live show is built around the concept that "everything you do on stage should draw attention. That's the way they remember you."

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