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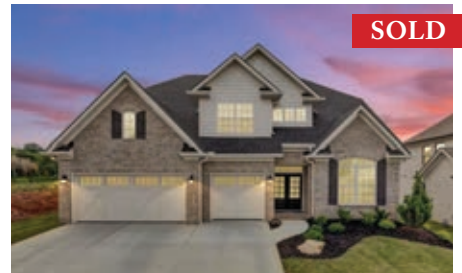
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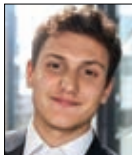
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Located in the heart of our hometown, The Villages of Farragut Senior community offers luxury living with a comfortable and catered lifestyle.

The community, owned by Goodworks Unlimited, LLC, opened in December of 2019 at Village Commons Boulevard, and has been thriving ever since. Located on the corner property at Kingston Pike and Smith Road, The Villages of Farragut is very proud to be a part of the fabric of Farragut, and the community has now been serving independent seniors with our “Goodworks” for over 5 years.

Residents are living life to the fullest and thriving with a very active lifestyle. Each day offers different opportunities, including fitness and wellness, educational growth, spiritual studies, philanthropy, several clubs for various interests, live music and themed parties, and celebrations of special events and holidays.

Photos of our Villages’ Veterans are proudly displayed on our Wall of Honor, and our Veterans Group leads celebrations on patriotic holidays to honor all veterans who served this great nation. Our paved walking trails provide residents a simple way to maintain or improve their health by counting steps, while encouraging one another to stay active. Our Sunshine Club provides outreach and well-wishes via greeting cards to show

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concern for our resident neighbors or as thank you notes for community volunteers.

Residents enjoy educational and social outings, art classes and crafts, courtyard golf, the library, spiritual gatherings, and especially music and dance. Wednesdays include a social hour with musical entertainment, and every Friday has a Happy Hour with live entertainment for dancing before dinner is served. From tailgate parties to Fall Festival to holiday dinners and special events, residents enjoy an active and engaged social life all year long.

Resident Agnes Strevel stated, “When I walked in the community, there was a warm feeling, and it felt like home. I knew this is where I wanted to live. I moved here 2 ½ years ago, and I’ve made lots of new friends, the staff is wonderful, and I’m really happy with my decision.”

“When you choose to live here, you truly become part of our family,” said Melody Matney, Executive Director. “We strive to live up to our company name ‘Goodworks.’ Serving and loving our residents is a ministry, and we’re very proud to be a part of the fabric of Farragut.”

The vision for The Villages took several years of planning and nearly three years of construction to become a reality, as married couple Gary and Ricki Keckley — owners of GoodWorks Unlimited, LLC — along with several local investor partners, worked on every detail. The community is adorned with portraits, pictures, and artifacts reflecting not only the Town of Farragut, but also the beauty of East Tennessee. The 25-acre campus provides breathtaking views of the Smoky Mountains from our outdoor porches. Res-



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Villages

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idents also enjoy restaurant style dining with chef-prepared meals offering many menu choices. We support an active and healthy lifestyle with paved walking paths, exercise and cardio classes, social media classes, Tai Chi, Party Bridge, Book Club, Poker Night, and Golf Tournaments on the putting green. We are also proud to offer on-site physical therapy through EmpowerMe Wellness.

Spacious apartments, in a wide variety of floorplans (from 685 to just under 1,500 square feet, many with balconies, sunrooms, or screened in porches), surround the main three-story palatial shared living spaces that include an expansive dining area complete with a grand piano for live musical concerts. Residents have a variety of activities literally at their fingertips, from interpersonal social and creative opportunities to a wellness center, billiard parlor, and courtyard with putting green, along with a spa, and on-site salon services, among its many amenities.

Matney is proud to have a strong leadership team and great employees who have a servant heart. Sandi Simpson-Community Relations, Laura Needham-Lifestyle Director, Daniel Beebe-Executive Chef, Tamichael Brown-Maintenance Director, and Sharon Wender-Administrative Assistant, and the Villages team all go above and beyond to provide exceptional services every moment every day.

Residents are invited to bring their ideas and customs to The Villages under the slogan “Your Life. Your Way,” which they incorporate into prominent social events, such as Fall Festival, Christmas Open House by Candlelight, Mardi Gras celebration, Kentucky Derby, and much more.

The Admiral’s Club is the residents’ way of giving back to the

Community. The club has raised significant funds for Parkinson’s Research, Wreaths Across America for the Veterans, our local food pantry, and the walk for Alzheimer’s Tennessee. Residents in the Admiral’s Club also partnered with the Tennessee Valley Humane Society to help with needed supplies for their adoption program. Residents have also supported fund-raisers for Mobile Meals for seniors, and have shown appreciation through gifts to our local fire-fighters and paramedics for their services.

“We invite seniors to come visit and feel the warmth of our community and experience what catered living is all about,” said Matney. “The residents who come here want a happy, safe environment, providing a vibrant social life with great food, friends, and a family atmosphere, and that is exactly what we offer. Additional on-site services such as physical therapy, podiatry care, and a visiting nurse practitioner help support our residents’ overall wellness and longevity. After all, our goal is to help residents remain in the community through an active and healthy lifestyle.”

While the Villages independent living community is flourishing, plans are currently in the works for future development on the 25 acre property. Phase 2 construction will include garages for current residents and a total of 66 villas for independent living. Street names and villa names have been selected and approved, and floor plans renderings and rates are all forthcoming. Several deposits have already been accepted for the villas, and interested parties are invited to call or stop by the community to be added to the wait list. We are excited to offer this lifestyle to our community!

Additional phases of construction will include an assisted living and memory care community. The future development will allow for a continuum of care for seniors to age in place right here at home – in the heart of Farragut!

A Safe, Comfortable Home Can Be a Reality

Imagine a world where you don't have to worry about tripping on your rug when you walk through your home; where you know you can safely take a shower because you have safety bars to help you get in and out of your shower; where your roof no longer leaks, or your on-again off-again air conditioner/heater has been replaced with a much more efficient model and you can keep cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

Maybe you or someone you love has only had dreams about being so safe in their own home. But they can be safe and they can be comfortable knowing that the home they have lived in for so many years, the neighborhood they have known for so many years, both can be theirs for more years to come.

For the past 10 years, Loudon County Habitat has been making these kinds of dreams come true for seniors and disabled adults in Loudon County who want to stay in their homes but can't afford to make the repairs that would make them safe again.

Through grants and, Loudon County Habitat has helped more than 180 seniors needing home repair through our Critical Repair and Aging In Place Program. From a simple ramp to allow the homeowner to come and go safely, to remodeling the bathroom for better mobility access, to taking up old carpets and putting down flooring that will take away that trip-hazard, these projects allow low-income seniors and disabled adults to remain in the home they have lived in for so long. It also has reduced the need for emergency room visit and nursing home care.

If you, a member of your family, or a neighbor is in need of repairs to their home, call Loudon County Habitat for Humanity at (865) 458-0704, Option 2, ext. 1. We can discuss the situation and see if the project qualifies for our program. Don't wait, applications are being taken now.

Loudon County Habitat for Humanity is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a worldwide Christian housing organization. All funds to build in Loudon County are raised locally to provide safe, affordable houses for low-income families who are willing to partner with Habitat. These partner families help build their houses and then buy them from Habitat through a no-profit affordable mortgage. Funds from these mortgages go into a Fund for Humanity which allows Habitat to build other houses.



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Two facilities on the NHC Place Farragut Campus take care of residents varied needs

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The residents and patients arrive for a variety of reasons. Many are short-term, having left a hospital needing skilled nursing and/or rehabilitative care to get them back home. Others have chosen NHC Place as their home with assisted living care or memory care.

The NHC Place Farragut's private and spacious campus is home to a 100-bed post-acute Health Care Center, an 84-apartment Assisted Living Center and the 60-bed Cavette Hill Assisted Living & Memory Care Center. The campus amenities include a walking trail, courtyards with gazebos and recreational amenities like a putting green.

NHC Place is dedicated to offering their residents and patients the independence wanted with the support that is needed. In fact, all NHC partners prepare for their work day by reciting one of the organizations 20 promises each morning. The goal is to provide the best rehabilitative and clinical services based on the activity and care needs of each of our residents.



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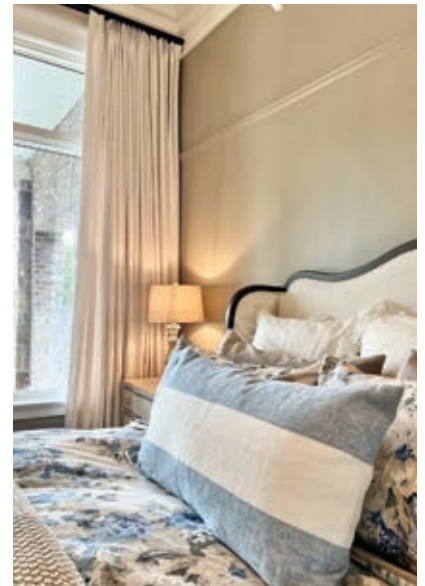
“You know, even after two decades designing custom window treatments, I’ve discovered that no two projects are ever the same,” says Jamie Kidd, founder and co-owner of Blinds & More E. TN. “I love what I do, but I also love the fact that no project is ever what you expect. Embracing the unexpected is truly the beauty of design.”

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In a recent conversation with Jamie, she recounted one of her favorite projects out in Rarity Bay that took her company in some unexpected directions. “We were brought in to address a privacy issue,” she says. “These days, newer larger homes are often situated in close proximity to each other and feature expansive windows, which was the case there. We started the project by designing and installing motorized shades throughout the home that provided the client with the privacy and light control she needed.”

With initial privacy and light control concerns addressed, this “opened the door” to soft treatment needs in other rooms of the home. The client’s beautiful master bedroom suite needed not only some additional privacy but also a finishing touch that functional window treatments alone could not achieve. “Sometimes you just need to add soft elements to a room to create that extra warmth and sophistication that many of my clients are looking for today.” So, elegant draperies were designed and installed providing both the privacy and sophistication the client desired. Once the draperies were installed, one of Jamie’s favorite design opportunities arose, Custom Bedding. “The custom bedding, in this instance, duvet cover, pillow shams and decorative pillows were the finishing touches, or lipstick as I jokingly tell my clients, for an already gorgeous room” Jamie says.

But the project didn’t end there. Now pleased with the master bedroom, the client moved to the kitchen and dining room, where Jamie again encountered large, tall and unusually wide windows. With the motorized roller shades already addressing privacy and light control, both areas needed a “bit of softening,” as Jamie puts it. “We further refined our previous design by installing custom



valances over our motorized shades in the kitchen and extra-long draperies in the dining room. Both areas required an unusual degree of precision and craftsmanship. Fortunately, we collaborate with a local workroom that handles all of our custom soft treatments. This partnership ensures a personal touch, as everything is locally made, and definitely contributes to the envisioned final design. This project and the client will always be one of my favorites. We all worked together and very hard to make the clients vision come to life.” Jamie said.

“So, can window treatments be unexpected and get tricky? Absolutely. Can the process get complicated? Absolutely, but we are blessed to work with many lovely homeowners who trust us with their homes and trust we will make the process as seamless as possible. We promise to get the job done right and are always ready to promptly respond to any client needs, even the unexpected ones.”



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Wood could be having a moment among modern home buyers. According to the real estate experts at Zillow, the term “cozy” appeared in 35 percent more real estate listings in 2024 than in 2023. Though various components can help to create a cozy vibe inside a home, wood has long been a go-to material when interior designers attempt to add warmth to a property. The home renovation experts at Houzz also cite wood-infused architectural warmth among its 10 most popular home trends in the coming year. Homeowners who love the idea of adding more wood-based warmth in their homes can consider installing ceiling beams, wood wall paneling or even wood trim throughout their homes.



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Sajjad explained that the company also spent time traveling around the country for short-term exhibitions across the Southeast. This ultimately led to Persian Galleries opening an additional showroom at 4461 Kingston Pike in the Western Plaza Shopping Center after seeing a huge buyer interest in the Knoxville area.

“We just had a wonderful sale and the response was incredible when we did our first exhibition,” he said of the Knoxville exhibition.

Since opening the showroom, the business has only continued to grow.

“Each year we have more clients to work with and it’s a very established, reputable company in the Knoxville area right now,” said Sajjad, noting that many clients are prominent members of the community.

In addition to showrooms in Knoxville and Atlanta, Persian Galleries also has locations in Nashville and Naples, Fla., but the company does business nationwide. Sajjad said the company works alongside designers, decorators, architects and museums to provide the highest quality antique rugs, recreations, silk rugs and contemporary art pieces.

“We have one of the largest inventories of handwoven Persian and Oriental rugs from around the world,” he said, noting that Persian Galleries also offers various services like rug repairs and cleanings. “We’ve been here a long time, it’s a family business and we have four active showrooms, so it’s just a good company to work with.”

For more information about Persian Galleries, visit persiangalleriesknoxville.com.

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~ **Chris Sajjad**
Co-Owner,
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AGING IN PLACE

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Tips to make a living room a more comfortable, welcoming space

A kitchen is widely recognized as the most popular room in a home. Though it might be true that the hustle and bustle of home life runs through the kitchen, many a memory is made in the living room as well.

Living rooms tend to be go-to spaces for family movie nights, game watches with fellow fans and places to gather during holiday celebrations. That's a lot of quality time spent in the living room, and those moments can be more enjoyable if the space is as comfortable as possible. With that in mind, people can consider various ways to make living rooms more comfortable.

- Prioritize comfort over aesthetics. In an era of Instagram, it's easy to fall head over heels with images when designing a living room. Aesthetic appeal certainly has its place in a living room, but it's important to remember how much living will be done in these rooms when designing them. Comfortable couches and furnishings like ottomans can make it easier to relax in the living room whether you're watching a movie, cheering on your favorite team or reading a book.

- Ensure there's ample seating. It can be hard to feel comfortable in cramped quarters whether you're welcoming friends and family into your home or simply lounging around on Sunday mornings. If comfort is your top priority, arrange the room so there's ample seating throughout and people don't feel like they're sitting on top of one another when spending time in the room.

- Consider neutral paint colors. Furnishings are not the only things that can affect how comfortable people feel in a living room. The home improvement experts at The Spruce note that neutral paint colors with warm undertones help to establish a cozy feel in a living room. Various shades of white, beige, tan, or even gray



can help to establish a warm, comfortable vibe in a living room.

- Incorporate the outdoors into the room. The great outdoors can have a calming effect on anyone, so it makes sense that incorporating the outdoors into a living room can make the space feel more comfortable. Furnish the room with plants and look for items with earth-toned furnishings to create a calm and comfortable vibe in the space. In addition, new windows that allow for more natural light and offer views into a yard can help lift spirits and make the room feel more comfortable.

A comfortable living room is a space where people will want to spend their time. A few simple strategies can help create an inviting and comfortable vibe in any living room.

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Patti Whalen

Putting people before profit

People before profit is a saying that resonates with Patti Whalen. That is the key reason she bought the EXIT TLC Realty franchise and recently EXIT Realty Pros TN with Doyle Webb. “EXIT Realty Corp. International is all about putting people first. Their approach to business and their care and dedication to their franchisees and agents is incredible. Our founder, Steve Morris, said that we didn’t need another real estate company, we needed a different one, and that is exactly what he created. I’ve been an agent at quite a few companies, but when I was introduced to EXIT Realty, I knew that I found my “home” away from home.”

Whalen said that the company takes special care in vetting agents to ensure that they are a good fit. “We all help each other out no matter what. We are all in this together and if someone needs a home shown, hold an open house, sit in on a closing, whatever it is, our family is there to help, no strings attached.”

“One of the things that I love the most about EXIT Realty is that no matter what your position is in the company, anyone can call our founder Steve, our CEO Craig Witt, US President Lori Muller, really anyone at corporate level and regional level, and they will answer and talk to you. How many agents, or anyone in a corporation, really, can say that they can do that? That’s family!”

Whalen first got into real estate 20 years ago after her husband retired from the US Navy and started a new career here in East TN.

“We moved a lot! It was exciting to me though, because I loved looking at homes. So, when we decided to settle here, it was the most logical thing for me to do, get into real estate!”

Throughout her career, Whalen has served on many boards and organizations, including President of Women’s Council of REALTORS Knoxville and East Tennessee REALTORS Board of Directors. She is currently President of TREEF (Tennessee Real Estate Educational Foundation), RPAC Hall of Fame Inductee, a certified mentor and trainer.

“I love training and mentoring, and I couldn’t do what I do without help from my sister, Debbie Haugan, who is a licensed transaction coordinator and likes to keep all of us in line! Our agents love her! I’m so proud of Sarah Goins and Jaime LeBlanc for obtaining their Broker licenses last year to step-up and help us out with our agents. They both love training as much as I do! I couldn’t do everything that I do in our industry without the support of all my agents, we are truly family and I’m so grateful for all the support from our EXIT Realty family.”



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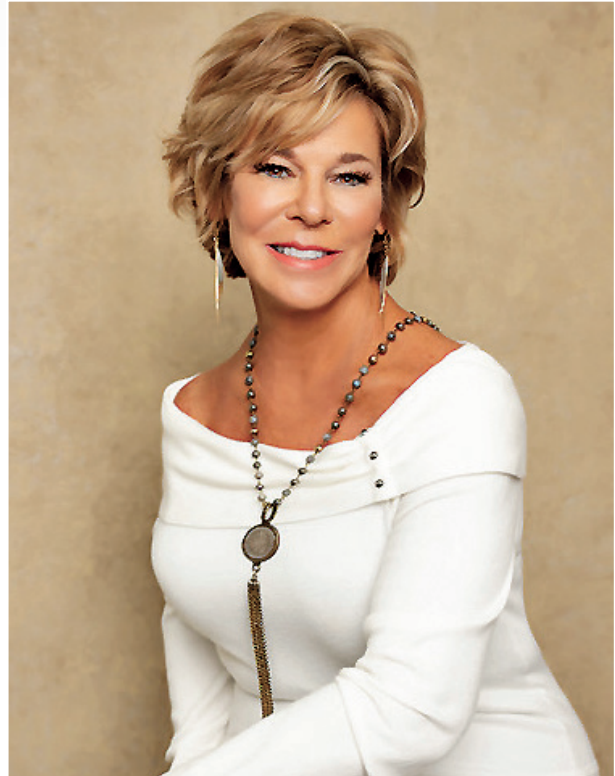


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Gina Johnson

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For 29 years, Realtor® Gina Johnson has proudly served the Knoxville community as a real estate agent with Keller Williams Signature.

A native of Knoxville and a resident of Farragut, Johnson has helped a multitude of families buy and sell homes as a top-producing agent for over 28 years. Before beginning her career in real estate, Gina was a mathematics teacher who deeply loved forming relationships with others and problem-solving. She received a B.A. in medical technology and a B.A. in computer science from the University of Tennessee which furthered her love for problem-solving. "I have always enjoyed connecting with people as a teacher, so real estate was an easy decision for me. Real estate allowed me to use my problem-solving and negotiation skills to help provide excellent customer service for my clients," Gina shared. Gina Johnson has lived in Farragut for over 30 years and enjoys showing her client's all that Knoxville has to offer. "This is home for me. I have never lived anywhere else and love East Tennessee. There is nothing that delights me more than helping people discover the area and finding the perfect home," Gina said.

A longstanding leader in Knoxville real estate, Gina guides clients through every step of the real estate transaction process. Gina's knowledge of the market

and dedication to finding the best fit for each client has allowed her clientele to continually grow from referrals alone. She provides virtual tours, professional photography, social media

visibility, and more to attract the right buyer for her clients. "I care about my clients and because of my desire to make sure they receive superb customer service, I become not only their trusted real estate professional but

their dear friend," Gina explained. She continued, "I am blessed to have a career that I am passionate about. I love homes, design styles, and all things real estate." With Knoxville becoming increasingly popular, Gina Johnson also specializes in clients who are interested in relocating to the Knoxville area. As a relocation expert, with designations in ePro, CRS (Certified Residential Specialist), and GRI (Graduate, REALTOR® Institute), Gina ensures her clients have a smooth transition to East Tennessee living. Although predominantly serving West Knoxville, specifically Farragut, Gina is always aware of the market offerings in surrounding areas to best serve her clients. You can get in touch with her at (865)-567-5478 or email her at relocateknox@gmail.com.

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Pam Owen

2025 Executive Award Winner loves to help clients find their dream home

Pam, one of Realty Executives Associates top producers has served the Greater Knoxville communities since 2009. A Knoxville native, Pam owned a local bridal shop for twenty-seven years and then worked for Whirlpool Corporation before obtaining her real estate license.

When asked what her favorite part of the job was Pam said, "I have loved every career I have had, but I love my career as a Realtor® more than any. I love being able to meet new people and help clients find the home of their dreams or sell their current home."

She also recognizes how crucial it is to listen intently to her client's wants and needs and to make herself available when they need her. "I send my clients updates and make sure I arrange my calendar to fit theirs. I believe making yourself available and good communication skills are key to a successful Realtor®," Pam stated. Working with her clients has enabled Pam to form lasting relationships with her clients.

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Why hiring a painter is the right choice

Few home improvements can change the look of a room faster and more affordably than a painting makeover. In fact, homeowners often turn to paint before they make any other renovations.

Although painting is a project that can be tackled by do-it-yourselfers, there are various advantages to calling in a professional to handle painting projects. Here is a look at some of the benefits to working with a professional painter.

Cut down on the job time

A professional painter can reduce the project timeline. Painters have the skill set and experience to complete a project in a timely manner. This means the job will be streamlined from preparation to clean-up.

Pay attention to details

Professional painters are likely to do a job that is nearly flawless, especially after homeowners exercise their due diligence and vet painters carefully. Professionals will pay attention to the small details that less experienced painters wouldn't think about.

Reduce your workload

Painting can be a time-consuming job,

and most of it occurs even before you pick up a brush. It can take hours to prep walls, patch holes, remove moldings, and apply painter's tape. Homeowners who do not have much time are better off leaving trusting the project to a professional.

Painters already have equipment

Do-it-yourselfers may need to buy new tools before beginning the job. This means brushes, rollers, tape, tarps, trays, and much more. Unless you plan to paint multiple times, this can make stocking up a considerable investment. Professionals already have all the right gear and tools of the trade.

Lasting results

Professional painters understand which products will produce the desired results, depending on the wear and tear of the space. Paints are not all created equal, and certain walls, floors and trim may require unique priming and preparation that novices are not familiar with. Professional painters can help ensure durability and save homeowners from having to do the job again in a few months or years.



A safer experience

Painting can be a challenging job when it involves painting hard-to-reach spaces and/or climbing and balancing on tall ladders. Homeowners are not at risk of injury when hiring a professional painter. In addition, professional painters should be licensed and insured. This means if an injury or incident occurs, the homeowner will not be on the hook for the cost.

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