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Ku Klux Klan march July 4

By BLAKE FONTENAY
Staff Writer

Calif Snelling, one of the leaders of a counterdemonstration against last weekend's Ku Klux Klan rally, called his protest "an opportunity to celebrate the Constitution."

When Snelling made that remark at a Murfreesboro City Council meeting on June 18, he said a mouthful.

Discussions of the Constitution ironically became one of the sidelights of the marches held by the KKK and opposing civil rights activists on Independence Day in the 200th anniversary year of the Constitution.

"I think it's ironic for two reasons," City Councilman John Pittard said. "One, because it (the Klan march) would occur in a community, while imperfect, that is without a history of racial unrest.

"It's also ironic that it would occur on Independence Day. Independence Day symbolizes a basic right of people to succeed or fail — without race or religion — at having an effect on achievement. There are individuals and groups, such as the Klan, who would like to see it another way."

About 85 Klansmen and 200 counterdemonstrators faced off on the Public Square here Saturday.

Some had suggested two such hostile groups could not assemble so close together without some form of violent confrontation, but virtually the entire Murfreesboro Police Department, along with personnel from the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department and the Tennessee Highway Patrol, was on hand to keep the peace.

The City Council will soon consider legislation which will control marches within the city limits so the possibility of riots will be diminished, City Attorney Thomas Reed said.

An ordinance requiring marching permits for groups demonstrating on city streets may be presented to the Council on either July 9 or July 16, Reed said.

"The marching ordinance will not stop the KKK or anybody else from marching," Reed said. "It will



Frank Conley • Special

Klansmen demonstrated their militant attitudes in Murfreesboro on Saturday, July 4 by wearing military clothing and speaking of "white power." Eighty-five Klansmen attended the march, while 200 counterdemonstrators showed their opposition on the Public Square.



Wayne Cartwright • Staff

Ku Klux Klan leaders marched around the Rutherford County courthouse before hearing KKK Grand Chaplain Thom Robb speak.

Two students arrested

From Staff Reports

Two additional MTSU students were arrested last week by MTSU campus security in connection with an alleged campus recreation burglary, Jack Drugmand, chief of police, said.

Emilie Fothergill was the first to get arrested on Wednesday, June 24, and allegedly charged with burglary, according to MTSU police Sgt. Larry Nixon.

The arrests came after another MTSU student made a statement to security officers concerning alleged involvement in the incident.

Warrants were served by campus security to MTSU students Trent Gentry and Michelle Galloway in connection with the alleged

The alleged burglary was thought to have occurred sometime between May 1 and May 15, according to Drugmand.

An estimated \$3,800 of camping equipment, consisting of tents, sleeping bags, back packs and other camping equipment, was allegedly

Position changed

From Staff Reports

MTSU's student publications will be managed by a full-time administrator for the first time during fiscal year 1987-88, according to Robert LaLance, Jr., vice president for student affairs.

Student Publications Coordinator Jackie Solomon became a member of the student affairs staff July 1, LaLance said. The Mass Communications faculty since August 1985.

"When I was hired in 1985, my position was defined as a part-time, temporary instructor of mass communications. In addition to advising the newspaper, magazine and yearbook, I taught a mass communications class each semester," Solomon said.

The structure of the position had led to instability caused by a high turnover rate, Solomon said. In some years, the faculty member would serve as publications coordinator for nine months and then a temporary coordinator would work during the summer. If the previous year's coordinator chose to leave MTSU, a third person would have the job during the next year, she said.

Neither of Solomon's predecessors

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stolen, according to Sgt. James Lane. Drugmand said, "I haven't received confirmation of his arrest but we issued it."

"Gentry lives out of state," Drugmand said. "I haven't received confirmation of his arrest but we issued it."

Gentry and Galloway were allegedly arrested with third degree burglary, according to Drugmand.

"If convicted of third degree burglary it carries a minimum sentence of three years and a maximum sentence of 10," Tom Jackson, assistant district attorney, said.

Galloway will go to General Sessions Court on Tuesday, July 14 in Murfreesboro.

Mission schooling shaped MTSU student's goals

By KELLY C. ANDERSON
Editor-in-Chief

He is your typical MTSU married student. Or is he?

Take a closer look at this stocky, brown-eyed man clad in plaid polyester pants. Go to his face and look even closer.

Two deeply etched tribal scars jaunt across Abraham Adeleke's Nigerian face.

"We used to think that the scars were pagan. They aren't," explains Carl Whirley, a recently-retired Nigerian missionary for the Southern Baptist Church. "They were useful during slave trading."

Adeleke says with a thick accent that "all people in the tribe get them for identification. Each family has their own individual scar."

Although Adeleke's town of 100,000, Oyo, still uses tribal scars, the people there are educated.

Adeleke went to a Baptist elementary school, junior high school, senior high school and a seminary where he was ordained as a Baptist minister.

However, now that the government has taken over most of the private missionary schools, including the Baptist missionary schools, "there is only one Baptist school in Nigeria that we send missionaries to," Betty Kay Abell, associate director for West Africa for the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond, Va., explains.

Some of the closings were due to violence, especially in the northern part of Nigeria, where there "is growing hostility among the Muslims

toward Christians. It began at the University of Kasanchan between students, and they started burning Christian churches and schools," Abell says grimly.

"That is true," Adeleke remembers. "The anti-Christians may burn our places of worship but they can not burn our churches because our churches are in us."

However, Adeleke remembers no direct hostility toward the missionaries in his area of Nigeria, which is in the western part.

"My people were not hostile toward missionaries. They started to help in the education and health areas. They built Baptist schools. They established a lot of hospitals. They established churches," Adeleke remembers.

The first missions affiliated with the Southern Baptist Church in Nigeria had been established in 1850 to "convert people to Christianity and to build Baptist churches," Abell explains.

"Sixty-five percent of my people are Muslim, and 30 percent are Christian. The other 5 percent are free believers," Adeleke guesses.

Now a student at MTSU where most of the students are Christian, Adeleke is pursuing a master's degree in psychology. Like many students, he works part-time, studies and takes care of his two children — Bukayo, which means "the Lord has added to my joy," and Elizabeth.

"Children are a joy. My wife, Dorcas, and I love them," Adeleke says with a gleam of pride in his

dark eyes as he sits in a Family Student Housing apartment with his children.

"Tu," he demands suddenly to Bukayo.

Immediately Bukayo spits an object out of his mouth. "Tu" means "spit it out in Yoruba," Adeleke explains.

Like Adeleke and his family, there are several MTSU students from Nigeria who would understand many languages.

MTSU had 31 Nigerian students enrolled during the spring semester, an increase of nine since fall, Dr. Tech Webneh, foreign admission adviser at MTSU, explains.

"Most of these students don't have scholarships. There is one who has a graduate assistantship. The Nigerians bring money from home," Webneh adds.

"The oil crunch has made getting hard cash extremely difficult in Nigeria. It is remarkable that they

The Constitution protects all minority groups. It protects the rights of the KKK."

Klan leaders, reacting to the Council's condemnation of their group, blasted the Council in speeches at the National Guard Armory Saturday afternoon.

"The Ku Klux Klan believes in the Constitution," KKK Grand Chaplain Thom Robb said. "I suppose that the City Council is against the Constitution."

"The Klan isn't destroying America — it's the government. The dream of the 1770s is the nightmare of the 1980s."

Robb also criticized the federal level of government, charging that it was controlled by "Communist Jews."

"We as white Americans no longer have Constitutional rights," added Henry Ford, KKK Grand Titan of Tennessee.

Many spectators said they re-

spected the Klansmen's rights to express their philosophies.

"I think that they have just as much a right to speak as any black organization," said Dawn Morris, 20.

"People are people," added Claude Sellers, 29. "They have their own beliefs."

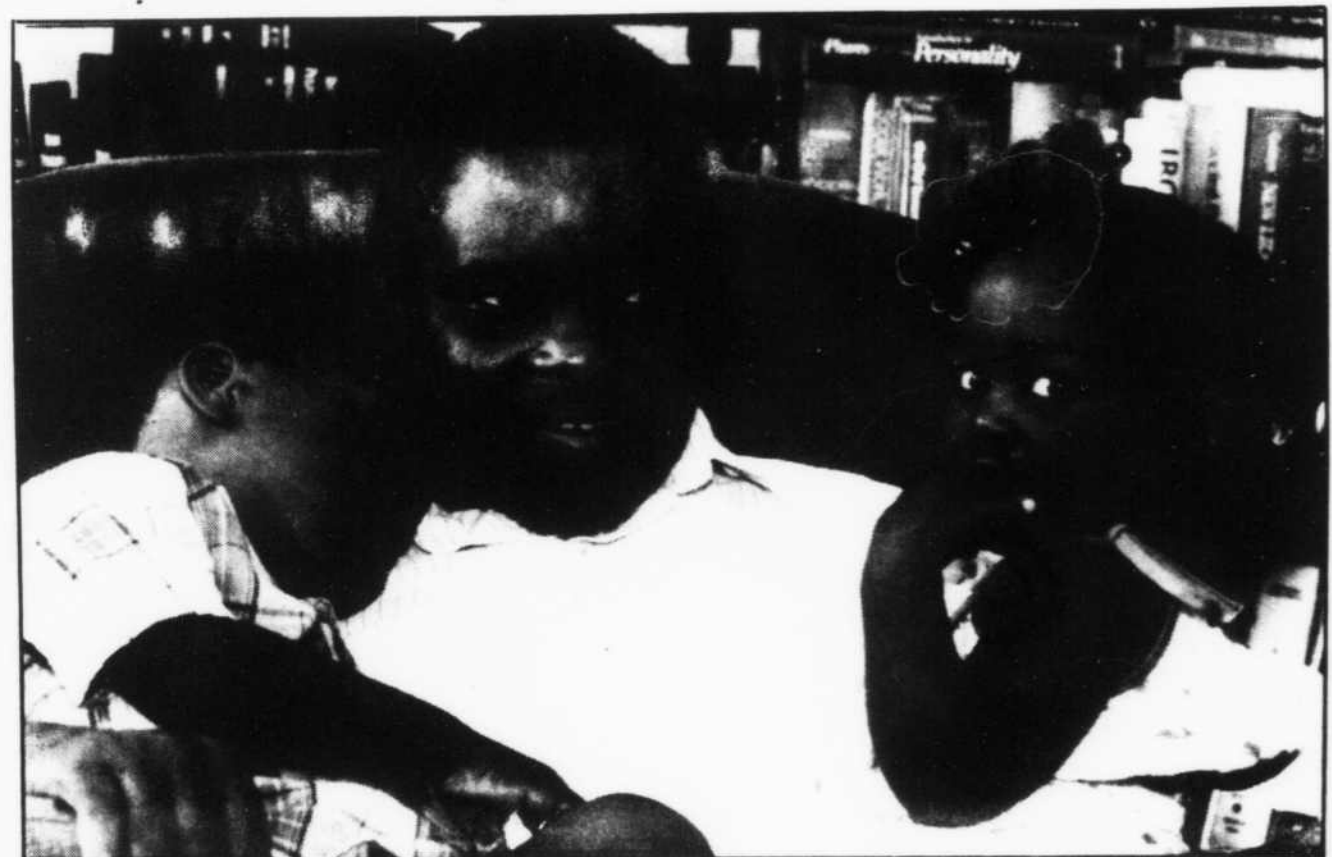
Sgt. Byron Motley, a black officer on the Murfreesboro Police Special Operations Unit, worked on the 4th of July to protect Klansmen from hostile counterdemonstrators.

His reaction to spending the holiday with the Klan?

"They are citizens, regardless of what they think," Motley said. "I don't have any problem with that. I'd rather be doing some of the more traditional things."

Others were much less sympathetic with the whole event.

"It's a shameful way to spend the 4th of July," said June Conley, 44.



Tim Cope • Staff

Abraham Adeleke elicits his children, Bukayo and Elizabeth, in his Family Student Housing apartment. Abraham, a native Nigerian, is studying for his master's degree in psychology at MTSU.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Volunteers reenacted a portion of the Battle of Stones River last Saturday in Murfreesboro. This annual event is held at the Stones River National Battlefield on July 4. These men of the "7th U.S. Infantry" take a break during the "battle."

Three killed in holiday traffic accidents

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Increased use of seat belts and high visibility of state troopers may have helped hold Tennessee to three traffic fatalities over the three-day July 4 weekend, a period that brought 14 deaths in the state last year, Highway Patrol officials said.

"A big percentage of the motorists are buckling up," Lt. J.M. Douglas of the state Highway Patrol in Nashville said Sunday. "I'm sure that helped contribute to the fact that there were fewer deaths."

The state mandatory seat belt law was passed in 1986, but violators faced only warnings until the \$25 fine went into effect on Jan. 1.

"This is the first year the law's really been in effect," Douglas said.

Drivers also may have observed the speed limit more closely because of publicity about enforce-

ment of this year's new 65 mph speed limit in Tennessee, he said. "I think because of the 65 mph speed limit, people are more aware of the enforcement situation — they know we're out there enforcing it," Douglas said.

"The combination of that and high visibility — every vehicle we've got was on the road, and we had roadblocks all across the state," he said.

Col. Larry Wallace, commander of the Highway Patrol, said he was "delighted" about the low death toll. But Wallace said he could not speculate on the cause.

"We just utilized our people the best we could," Wallace said.

There were about 75 percent more troopers on Tennessee roads for the three-day holiday weekend, said Sgt. Jimmy Erwin of the High-

way Patrol in Memphis. That number is consistent with past holiday efforts, he said.

"There was nothing different on our part," he said. "We try to do the same thing each holiday weekend — regulate the flow of traffic and try to keep highways safe."

Officials can't be sure why fewer deaths have been reported this year, Erwin said.

"It's hard to say, we don't know whether it was good enforcement, or whether motorists are more aware and safe or if they were observing the speed limit more — or a combination of those things," Erwin said.



Proposed collider may affect area

By BLAKE FONTENAY
Staff Writer

Although most of the federal government's Superconducting Supercollider research project will be located underground, having it near Murfreesboro would unearth many possibilities for Middle Tennessee State University.

Tennessee's proposed site for the \$4.4 billion facility includes an above-ground research center located a few miles southwest of Murfreesboro—a fact which has captured the imagination of some MTSU faculty members.

Government heads from almost every state in the Union have expressed an interest in having the project located within their boundaries, but Tennessee is considered by many to be one of 28 states with the best chances of getting the project.

The main part of the facility will be a 52 mile oval track located 250 feet beneath the surface of the earth, where researchers from around the world will attempt to separate the most fundamental parts of atoms.

Tennessee's site bid presented to the federal government selection committee would allow the track to pass through Rutherford, William-

son, Bedford and Marshall counties.

"I cannot conceive of a project of that magnitude not having an affect on the university," MTSU President Sam Ingram said. "The sheer size of it makes it almost impossible for students and faculty not to be involved in some way."

Dr. Ralph Fullerton, an MTSU professor in the geology and geography department, has been assisting the state with the site plans.

"Everything is so preliminary right now," Fullerton said, referring both to the state's chances of landing the project and the flexibility of the site selection.

"The effects are fantastic," Fullerton said. "Everything I know about it would benefit the region."

"It would definitely help MTSU."

Physics students at MTSU might be able to observe the researchers at work if the facility were located in the proposed location, Fullerton said.

"We could possibly use that facility in some way," added Dr. Curtis Mason, a physics professor. "There are a couple of areas (in the physics department) that would work with the project."

Researchers at the facility will cause atoms to collide at high speeds—leaving only smaller particles for observation.

The atoms will be moved through the tunnel by the process known as superconductivity, Mason said.

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sors as student publications coordinator held the job for more than one year.

LaLance said he felt the major reason the position was moved was that the publications coordinator was forced to serve "two masters" — the MC department chairman and the vice president for student affairs.

Although the coordinator was employed by the Mass Communications Department, the budget of the publications has been managed by Student Affairs for several years.

LaLance also said the change would make Solomon more accessible to students for guidance.

"Now that I will be here during the University's regular business hours, without having to worry about teaching or preparing for class, I feel that I can do a much better job of helping the students who work on the publications and managing the day-to-day problems of our department," Solomon said.

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Entertainment

Pointer Sisters give sequel musical hit potential

By JONATHAN PINKERTON
Entertainment Editor

Eddie Murphy isn't the only good thing back for this summer's best — yet — sequel *Beverly Hills Cop II*. The Pointer Sisters have made a return engagement with "Be There," which appears on the soundtrack to the sequel.

Music has been a part of the movies as long as sound itself, and this movie is no exception.

The audience is offered their first of many "movie tunes" with the set up of the plot.

"Shakedown" by Bob Seger plays in the background as Murphy (Axel Foley) returns to Beverly Hills to foil the bad guys — or rather, bad girl — perfectly played by Brigitte Nielsen (Sylvester Stallone's real-life wife). Stallone gets plenty of plugs in this movie, Billy's (Judge Reinhold's) apartment is virtually wallpapered with Stallone movie posters.

Neilsen gives a great bad-beauty

performance that rivals that of Angie Dickinson's *Big Bad Mama*.

Anyway, back to the music...The instrumental theme by Georgio Moroder is heard almost everywhere Foley does something smooth — almost non-stop.

Moroder also produced two new songs "Hold On" by Corey Hart and



**Beverly Hills Cop II
Best Track: Be There
Artist:
The Pointer Sisters**

Jermaine Jackson's "All Revved Up."

Not unlike the first time Foley drove down Rodeo Drive — to the tune of Patti LaBelle's "New Attitude," in the sequel, he does the driving to the tune of "Better Way" by James Ingram.

Not only do the Pointer Sisters sing on the soundtrack, they are referred to in one scene. Foley has moved into a "temporarily vacated" home on Rodeo Drive, when two of his friends arrive at the house, one asks "Maybe the Pointer Sisters live here."

The sisters don't live there, but they do provide the best song on the album. Unlike their first *Beverly Hills* song, "Neutron Dance," which was on their *Breakout* album, "Be There" is only on the soundtrack, not on a their latest album.

This time, the sisters have traded their "brand new Chevrolet" (from the lyrics of "Neutron Dance") for

a different car: "Drive my Continental/Jam it to the floor/Wear my best clothes out at night/I'll just give you more...You know I'll be there, be there..."

Another hit could be "Love/Hate," by a Janet Jackson sound-alike named Pebbles (I wonder if

Fred and Wilma know?). This song, along with George Michael's "I want Your Sex," is used as backup music in the strip joint scene: "love...hate/Love to love you/Hate to stop..."

Other songs on the soundtrack that I really couldn't hear in the movie are: "I Can't Stand It," by

Sue Ann, "Cross My Broken Heart," by the Jets, Charlie Sexton's "In Deep and '36 Lovers" by Ready For the World.

While the movie is playing locally at Jackson Heights Plaza Theatre, the soundtrack can be purchased at Cat's Records and Tapes for \$7.99.

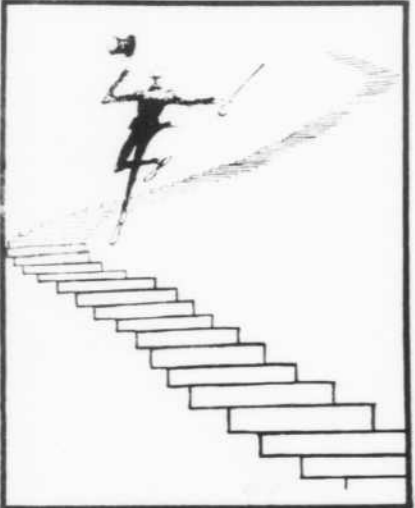


The Pointer Sisters are currently on tour promoting their latest release *Hot Together*. "Mercury Rising" is presently rising on the charts. It is at number 55 with a bullet — which means it is one of the fastest climbers on the charts on the Black 100. Some of the sisters' fellow artists from the Beverly Hills soundtrack are also climbing the charts: "I want Your Sex" is at number 21 — also with a bullet, "Cross My Broken Heart" is number 29 and "Shakedown" is number three.

Two Hollywood greats pass on

By JONATHAN PINKERTON
Entertainment Editor

In a time when black and white TV classics such as *The Hon-*



eymooners are experiencing renewed popularity in reruns, and the hot subject around Hollywood is colorization and the ethics of it, it came — as death always does — as a great shock to learn of the passing of comic genius Jackie Gleason and dancing man Fred Astaire.

Even though Astaire will be remembered for his breathtaking dance scenes with such greats as Ginger Rogers and Rita Hayworth, I will never forget his spine-chilling portrayal as an eccentric old man in the movie *Ghost Story*. That was really the first movie I remember seeing him in. After that, I did see some of his earlier work — *Top Hat* — stands out in my mind. He was not only a great dancer, but a very talented actor as well.

As pointed out in a recent repeat of an interview with Astaire conducted by Barbara Walters, his dance partners weren't always beautiful women. A most memora-

ble scene is Astaire hoofing it up with Bing Crosby.

In Gleason's early career, he over Television with the success of his variety show which spawned the now classic *Honeymooners*.

Gleason went on to become a respected dramatic actor in film as well as television. He received an Oscar nomination for his portrayal of pool-great Minnesota Fats in *The Hustler* (1961). He continued his comedic acting with the *Smokey*

and the Bandit movies. According to a farewell tribute in *People*, Gleason's favorite role was as the deaf-mute in *Gigot* (1962). His last performance — and my favorite — was 1986's dark-comedy *Nothing In Common*.

One of Gleason's most famous lines from the *Honeymooners* seems appropriate — "One of these days, Alice...to the moon." He may have not made it to the moon, but that day finally came — for not one, but two, "Great Ones."

Innerspace not short on laughs or action with Martin Short

By JONATHAN PINKERTON
Entertainment Editor

What would you think of a movie about a guy who gets shrunk, placed in a syringe, and injected into a rabbit? Nah, me either. What about a

guy is supposed to be injected into a rabbit, but gets injected into another man instead? The answer is yes!

That is exactly what Joe Dante and Steven Spielberg have pre-

sented with their second collaboration — *Innerspace* (rated PG). They first worked together a few years ago with *Gremlins*.

Not only do we get special effects, we get great laughs. Martin Short (*Second City* and *Saturday Night Live*'s Ed Grimley — you know, the geek with the oversized cowlick.) is wonderfully nerdy as the Safeway grocery assistant manager who gets caught up in scientific intrigue after a wounded doctor accidentally injects Dennis Quaid into his backside at a shopping mall. Sounds complicated? You better work both eyes open at this movie or you might miss a lot.

One thing you might miss — cameo appearances by Short's fellow SCTV cast members, Andrea Martin and Eugene Levy. They are seen in one of the movies simplest, but funniest gag scenes — Short, shortly after being injected with Quaid, goes to his doctor to find out what is wrong. While there, waiting in the office, he suddenly hears someone talking to him (Quaid has hooked into his inner

ear). Short turns to Martin and asks if she heard anything. She simply looks at him stragely, and says no. Simple, but funny.

One person you won't miss is the beautiful Meg Ryan (Betsy from *As the World Turns*). As Quaid's reporter girlfriend, Ryan is witty,

charming and just plain hot.

It is a funny film, the villains who are after the reducing technology are villainous and the humor is humorous!

This movie is now being shown at Martin Twin Theatre in Murfreesboro.



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Editorial

City Council proposal violates Constitution

The Murfreesboro City Council will soon review legislation that will help control demonstrations held by any group so as to avoid possible violence.

This proposed legislation will make demonstrators register marches with City Council.

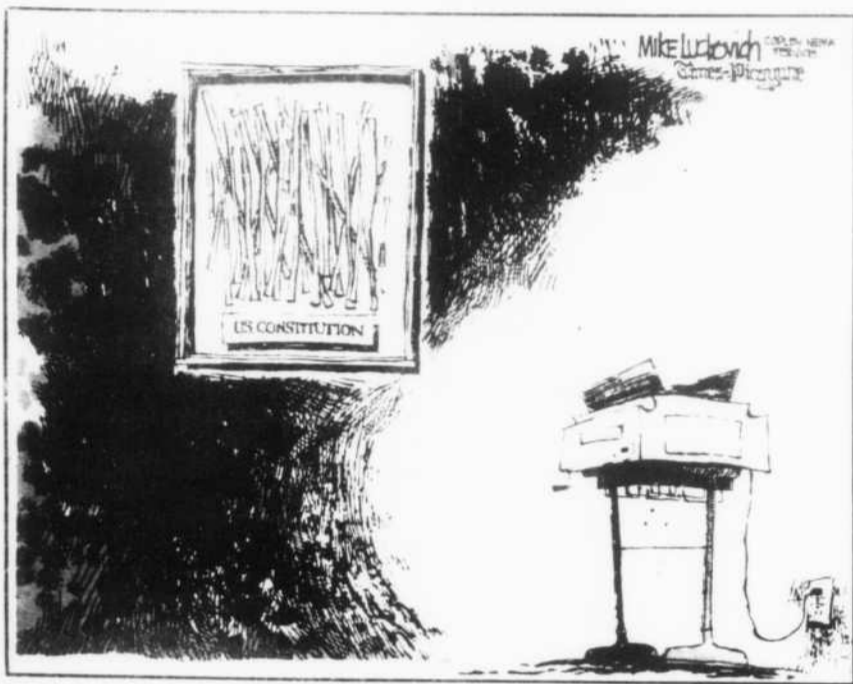
According to City Attorney Thomas Reed, this ordinance, if passed, "will not stop the KKK or anybody else from marching."

However, according to Vice Mayor Robert Scales, some "extremist groups" may be denied permits to march.

The statement Scales made brings up a very important constitutional question.

We, at *Sidelines*, understand the concern that the City Council has about violence at demonstrations. However, as we have said before, all people have a constitutional right under the First Amendment to march.

We feel that the council should not have the power, not to mention audacity, to deny any group the right to demonstrate. We also feel that demonstrations held on the same day should not be separated, as the proposed ordinance will state.



Maintenance corrects handicapped space error

By JONATHAN PINKERTON
Entertainment Editor

Speaking as a handicapped student, it really makes me mad when I have to search for a parking space.

Tuesday was no exception. I usually don't take advantage of my "handicapped" status, but I do have a handicap and I do have a parking sticker which allows me the use of facilities for handicapped students.

Anyway, when I arrived at the *Sidelines* office Tuesday, there were MTSU workers who were tearing down the sidewalk — according to Director of the Physical Plant (which is in charge of maintenance) Bill Smotherman, "to alleviate a drainage problem."

Nonetheless, their vehicle and materials were blocking both handicapped parking spaces, which are located in front of the James Union Building's handicapped entrance.

I understand they need to have a clear area to work in so as not to endanger anyone passing by, but couldn't they have used either two green, black or white spaces — which are for students, faculty and administration — instead of using the blue handicapped spaces?

I realize my complaint may sound selfish, but I was angered —

not just for myself — but for the other handicapped students on this campus.

I also realize having a handicapped sticker gives a student the right to park in any color space unless it is yellow or reserved, but what about the ramp?

If a more severely handicapped student — in a wheelchair — had needed to see his advisor in the JUB, he would've had to have the workers move their equipment in order for him to pull his van up to unload his wheelchair.

When I left for lunch, almost all the front "faculty" spaces were empty, but the workers still had their equipment blocking the handicapped spaces and wheelchair ramp.

When I got back from lunch, I decided to call Smotherman to find out what was going on.

After talking to Smotherman, he thanked me for bringing the problem to his attention and assured me that during the construction, two "temporary" handicapped spaces would be placed near the others.

Smotherman also said a new wheelchair ramp would be added to the sidewalk reconstruction plans.

Is racism a part of southern society?

By TIM SELBY
columnist

I'm ashamed to be a southerner — at least I was this weekend. Two friends of a friend were down for the weekend from the Alexandria, Va./Washington D.C. area, an area you could conceivably call a part of the South — but you definitely wouldn't if you've ever been up there.

Anyway, I was all set to continuously and unmercifully ridicule their accents and mannerisms and inability to understand the concept of biscuits and gravy (they were pretty adamant in their refusal to even attempt to understand the concept of grits). You see, I'm a die-hard southerner. I was born here in Tennessee and if I have my way (and believe me, I will), I'll live here until the day I die. And then I'll be buried here, too. I've also capitalized the words "South" and "Southern" and "Southerner" throughout this piece, but the copy editor (and I won't capitalize that "title") will surely see fit to "correct my mistake," so as long as you and I know, that's what counts.

Late Friday night, prior to a concert by that shining example of southern culture the White Animals, we talked about what was on the agenda for Saturday. The KKK was in town for one of their periodic debacles, I mentioned, and was immediately sorry I had. I just mentioned it, mind you. I had no intent whatsoever of attending, and knew they wouldn't want to either.

The best thing to do when the Klan is in town is just not show up. This tells them their presence, bizarre as it is, does not even arouse enough of our curiosity to make us leave the house and come see what they're up to.

Even while I was ridiculing these folks from "up there" (good naturedly, of course, as is the tradition of all southerners), I was always quick to point out the superiority of southern culture. As far as I've been able to tell, they don't have a culture of any kind up

there, so I felt that was a pretty easy target. Unfortunately, try as I may to deny it, the KKK is a part, albeit a shameful and scary part, of our culture.

The KKK's "religion" of hate for all that is not lily-white and God-fearing is well known, so I don't wish to get into that, per se, but the pervasive racism of the South's general population at large is a different story. One aspect of it, in particular, has always interested me, and that's what I want to talk

about here.

huh?" he said dryly. I turned around in time to see a woman behind him nod in agreement and the man behind her give his assessment of the situation: "They oughta shoot 'em both," he said, as if this was obviously the solution to such an affront of decency, but he wasn't willing to pull the trigger himself.

I was looking at all three of them and felt like I ought to say or do something, but what? As usual, I took the wimps' way out and just gave everybody a hard stare of dis-

but I just don't think it's right for a black and a white to date or marry."

Exactly what makes this wrong, I ask? "I don't know, I just think it is," is the invariable answer. My answer is always the same, too: you are a racist. There's no way around it. You know what I think when I see a black and white couple? And, let me stop here and say I think the terms "interacial" and "mixed" are fairly racist in their own way, so I won't use them here or anywhere else, okay? Well, back to the subject. When I see a black and white couple, I admire them. Sue me, beat me, light a cross in my front yard — I don't care: it takes guts (even in Nashville, Tennessee, I'm sorry to say) to be involved in such a relationship.

It's also important to note this argument is often heard from blacks, too. If you think racism is limited to whites or the KKK and similar organizations, you're dead wrong. And it won't hold no matter which side of the fence it comes from.

And if I'm ever in a similar situation as the one I described in the convenience store, I hope I'll have the guts to look those people straight in the eye and say exactly how I feel. I hope if you're in a similar situation, you will, too.

Unfortunately, I get the feeling too many of the people reading this will agree with those who condemn such a relationship. That's a tragedy and I wish it wasn't so, but this is the South, and right now I'm embarrassed to be a part of it.

"Unfortunately, try as I may to deny it, the KKK is part...of our culture."

Everyone makes mistakes, at times

By MIKE REED
Editorial Editor

The position of leadership is a hard one. Anyone who has ever faced an individual under himself knows this. When things go wrong, it's a lot harder to point the finger at someone else when you are the one in charge.

Recently, I was in that situation. A person I met only a month ago when I hired him as a columnist has quit his job with *Sidelines* for a very good reason. He was not getting paid.

It would not be so bad if I hadn't told him he would be paid six dollars per column printed. I did not do this to mislead him. I was told by my editor that he would be paid. I had no idea he would not until after the second issue of the summer when my editor explained that the budget was to be cut across the board.

I knew I should have told him then. So I questioned my editor about it. "Don't tell them [the columnists] that they're not getting paid," was the reply I was given. I knew they would find out sooner or later, but the attitude I was to take was better later than now.

Two issues and several columns later, he quits. The sad thing is I didn't get a chance to explain. He left me the hard copy of his column with a note that reads:

Mike, here's my column. You might as well use it — there won't be any more: Thanks a hell of a lot for telling me that I'd be getting paid when you knew I wouldn't. Have a nice summer, and don't even think about asking me for anything else, okay?

Then he signed it. I read the column he wrote and I think it is the best he has written. For what it's worth I would almost be willing to pay him out of my own pocket.

The point is, I was his editor and I did not act in a responsible enough manner to keep him here. For that I am truly sorry. I did, however, follow the orders of my boss. And for that, I cannot be sorry.

What I would like to get across to the reader, and to the columnist, is that I was wrong in what I did and I have learned from my mistake.

I truly hope he forgives me.

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Sports

Athletic director named

By MICHELLE GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

To a lot of people the name John Stanford will always follow the word "coach." After 14 years of coaching at MTSU, Stanford climbed another step up the ladder to become the new athletic director.

"I never felt I was the favorite," said Stanford to reporters after the announcement Friday morning. "I didn't pay very much attention to what was being said and written."

During his reign as baseball coach, Stanford compiled a 402-272-4 record to become the winningest baseball coach in the his-

tory of MTSU. Before entering the college level, Stanford also coached at Shelbyville Central High School and Motlow State Community College.

"John has no enemies, people just immediately like him," said Dr. Charles Babb, chairman of the search committee.

MTSU has recently progressed into one of the most successful athletic programs in the OVC. Stanford's baseball team qualified for the 1987 NCAA Tournament as well as Bruce Stewart's basketball squad. Stanford now oversees the entire program.

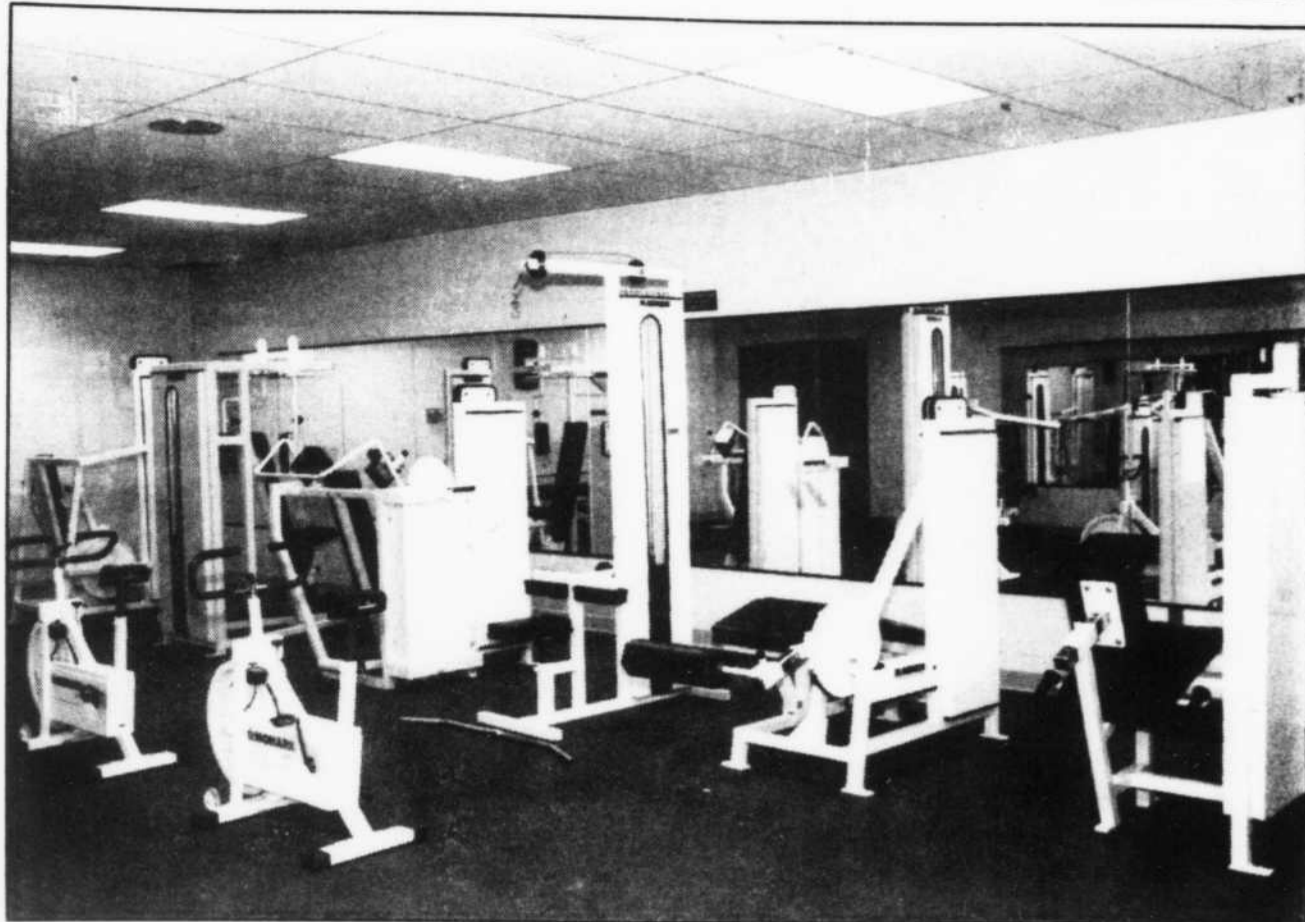
One of the first major obstacles

that Stanford will face is the never-ending problem of money. The budgets have been tightened throughout the nation, especially in Division I-AA schools.

Scholarships have been reduced and the minor sports are the hardest hit.

"Fund-raising will be one of my top priorities," said Stanford. "Every athletic department this size has problems. The big sports are basketball and football, yet the coach in tennis or volleyball or one of the other minor sports is working just as hard, they just don't get as much notoriety."

Replacing Jimmy Earle, who resigned last month, Stanford has positions to fill that have been left vacant. Sources say that assistant basketball coach, Tommy Smith, will take over the men's track and assistant baseball coach Steve Peterson will step into Stanford's former spot.



Tim Cope • Staff

The weight room of the newly developed Sports Complex remains quiet at mid-day before the afternoon crowd starts their work-outs. The sports facility has quickly become one of the largest in the state.



Howard Ross • Staff

The fifth annual Battle of Stones River Rugby Sevens Tournament was held at Murphy Center Saturday. MTSU's Snorks (front) were defeated by Nashville's Rugby Team (rear) in a 10-6 contest.

Rugby tourney held

From Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee Moosemen defeated the Birmingham Rugby Club 18-10 in the fifth annual Battle of Stones River Sevens Tournament held June 27 at Murphy Center Field.

The MTSU 'Snorkasourous', affectionately called the Snorks, were eliminated from contention by runner-up Birmingham 16-0 and finished eighth in the 12 team tourney.

Seven man rugby is played with the same rules and on the same size field as 15 man rugby, but the scrummages are done with three minutes with one minute at half to change ends.

Sevens tournaments are played on a double elimination basis and a team must often play five games to reach the finals. Because no substitution is allowed and teams are restricted to ten man rosters, a sevens tourney is as much a test of endurance as it is of speed and skill.

The Moosemen showed their determination that has established them as one of the premiere sevens teams in the south. After cruising through the preliminary round, the Moosemen defeated W/T-Knoxville 26-0 and the University of Alabama 10-0 to advance to the finals.

The Snorks fell victim to a tough draw and suffered losses to Alabama and Nashville in the preliminary round before being eliminated by Birmingham. Nashville took third and Alabama finished fourth.

The finals proved to be the most exciting game of the day as the Moosemen came from behind to defeat number one seed Birmingham.

Wing Jason Archer streaked 30 meters for a tri three minutes into the contest for the sole first half score. Scrum-half Barry Dunnevan followed with the conversion to put the Moosemen up 6-0 at half.

The second half saw the explosive Birmingham squad come roaring back. A tri minutes into the second half and a successful kick-after knotted the score at 6-6. Birmingham scored again on their next possession, but the conversion attempt bounced off the right goalpost making the score 10-6.

The Moosemen regained the lead quickly as Mark Dinardo raced 50 meters for a tri with three minutes remaining in the game. Dunnevan drilled the conversion to give the Moosemen a 12-10 lead.

The victory was sealed when Archer scored his second tri of the game from mid-field on the Moosemen's next possession. Dunnevan again converted to make the final score 18-0.

"We plan to play in the southern qualifiers and from there the nationals," said fly-half Mark Williams. "Our goal is to finish in the top eight teams in the nation."

In taking first in their first tourney, the Moosemen look to be well on their way. For the Snorks, it is back to the practice field in hopes of a better showing in this weekend's UT-Knoxville Sevens tourney.

Sports Com progresses into state's largest facility

From Staff Reports

One of the largest sports facilities in the state is now located in the outskirts of Murfreesboro and is open to the public.

The Sports Com houses two swimming pools (an outdoor and an indoor), a basketball court, two volleyball courts, a running track, an exercise weight room, a game room, and several meeting rooms. There are also four little league baseball diamonds outside the complex.

Admission for the indoor facilities is \$2 per visit for ages 18-59 and \$1 for anyone 17-under or 60-over. Monthly fees may be paid at \$45 for adults and \$22.50 for senior citizens and youths.

Murfreesboro city residents receive a discount on the monthly charges of \$30 for adults and \$15 for senior citizens and youths.

There are separate charges for the outside pool.

Sports com facility manager, Jim Luna, said in *The Tennessean* that the complex has been flooded with people since it first opened in the later days of May.

"We have had real good participation and usage, exceptional I'd say," Luna noted.

"Murfreesboro has a few community centers but because of the growth of the city it needed something like this. And this is a good place for a complex of this size to be opened, right in the center of the state."

Schedule set

From Staff Reports

MTSU's football schedule includes a Sunday contest and two games at neutral sites as well as four home games.

"We've got a pretty tough schedule ahead of us," said MTSU Coach "Boots" Donnelly.

The Blue Raiders open the season on Sept. 5 against rival Tennessee State at 7:30 p.m. at Vanderbilt.

The major highlight of the season will be a road trip to the Liberty Bowl in Memphis against Mississippi Valley State.

"That's an awful big game for us," said Donnelly. "We've got a growing base of support in Memphis and we'd like to do well."

A Sunday game on Oct. 25 is set against Winston-Salem a tiny N.C. school.

Homecoming is set for Oct. 31 against Youngstown State with kick-off time at 1:30 p.m.

The regulation basketball court has six goals and spectator seating along with two scoreboards. The track is a six-tenth of a mile long.

In the exercise room, along with the Nautilus weights, is a rowing machine, stationary bicycles, and hand weights.



Tim Cope • Staff

Non-stop basketball is played on the Complex courts.



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Klu Klux Klan members visited the memorial to Confederate soldiers that is located on Greenland Drive in Murfreesboro. They held a commemorative service where the Klansmen prayed for "white power that would solve the problems that of the world."



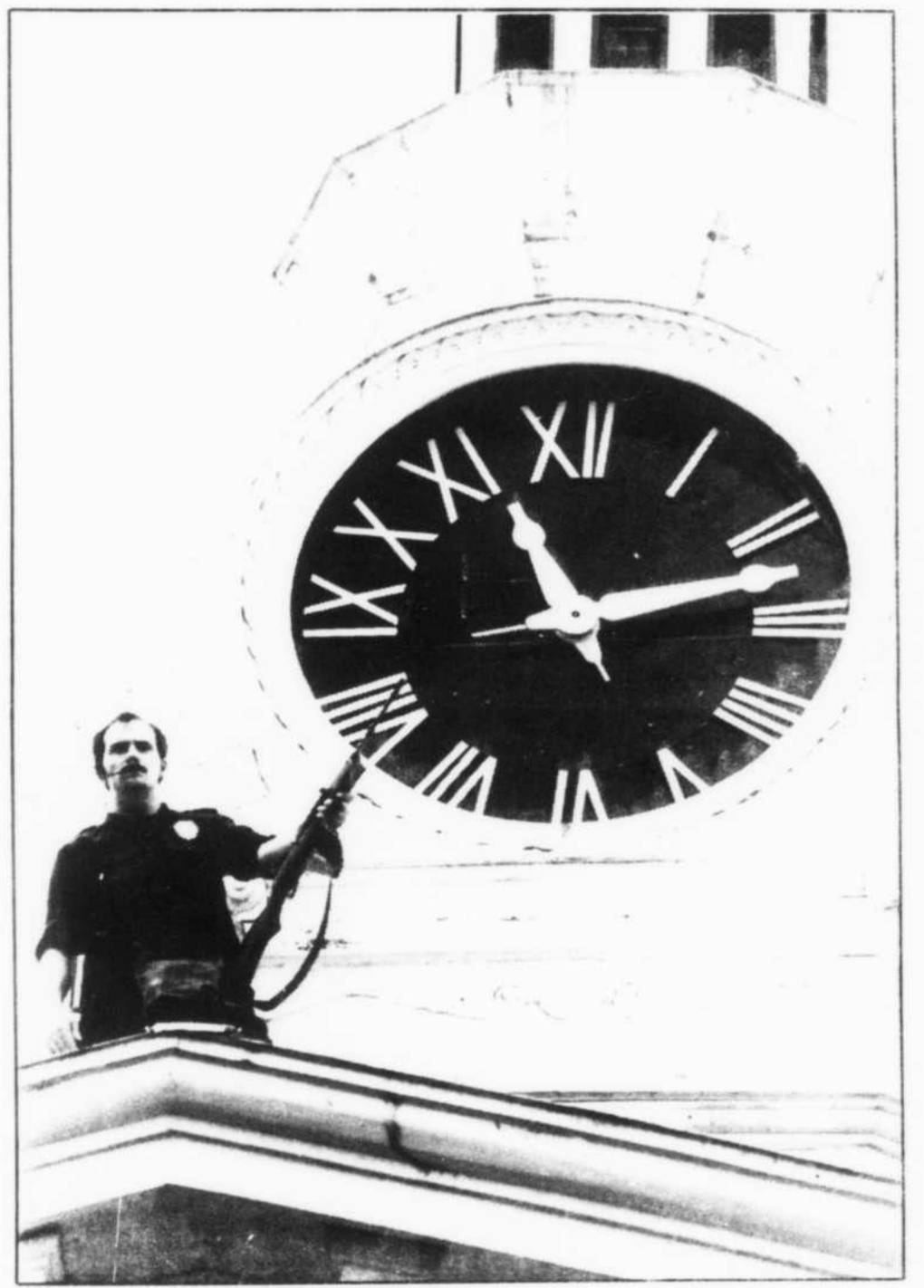
The counterdemonstrators protested the KKK's teaching of hate and intolerance of other races to their children. The protesters made it clear that the KKK philosophy was not popular in Rutherford County.

KKK unpopular in Rutherford County



Frank Conley • Special

Counterdemonstrators stood along the streets surrounding the courthouse square to voice their opinions of the Klansmen. There were no dangerous confrontations during the KKK rally, but occasionally there were shoutings of protest from either the Klansmen or the supporters of racial equality.



Swat team members from the Murfreesboro City Police Department were placed on top of the Rutherford County courthouse and other nearby buildings as a precautions against any possible shooting situations.



Both men and women of the Klu Klux Klan marched in last Saturday's rally and some members brought their children with them to show they are raising future generations of KKK members.

**Photos By Wayne Cartwright
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