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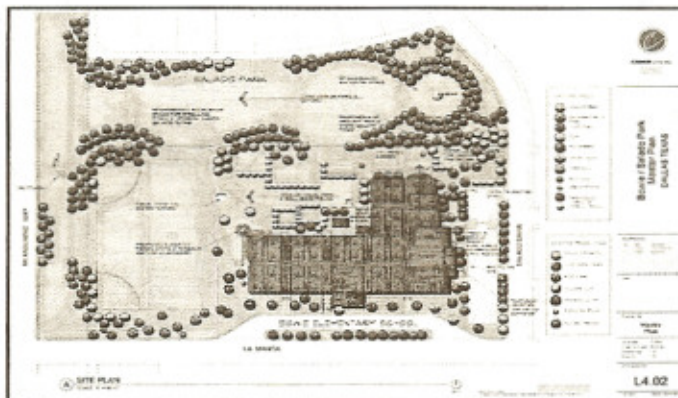
Salado Park Planning Begins!

A meeting was held Thursday evening, February 9th from 6:00—7:00 pm in the James Bowie Elementary Library to discuss future plans for Salado Park. We had a great turn out of locals that represented Bowie Elementary, various neighborhood groups and homeowners associations that surround Salado Park. Mike Helleman from the Parks Department attended and presided over the meeting.

The group agreed that a plan should be developed that would allow a comprehensive update to the park based around a loop trail system that would attach to the new Prestonwood Trail. Because there are limited funds available from the City of Dallas only a small number of upgrades and renovations are possible. Our goal is that our neighborhood groups and associations can help raise funds to support additional upgrades.

A planning committee was established to continue to evaluate, develop, and approve the upgrades to the park. The target date for completion of the work will be approximately a year from now but it will take at least until next fall to actually start the project.

If you would like to make a donation please contact John Coyle.



Did You Know?

Safety Patrol Now Available on NTTA Roads



Stranded? Flat tire? Don't worry. The North Texas Tollway Authority has partnered with the Dallas County Courtesy Patrol (DCCP) to patrol the Dallas North Tollway and the President George Bush Turnpike. All you need to do is call 972-444-HELP (4357) to contact the NTTA Command Center. They will quickly dispatch the Courtesy Patrol to come help you. If you are involved in an accident, or witness an accident, you need to call 911 immediately.

Unlike the Department of Public Safety Troopers, these units are not solely dedicated to our roadways, however, so they will not always be on our system but on the days they are, they will be there as quickly as possible to help you get on your way safely. The Courtesy Patrol is scheduled to be on our roadways during the following days and times:

Monday - Friday 5 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
(Morning and Evening Watch - 2 trucks)

Thursday - Monday 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
(Mid-Day Watch - 1 truck)

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Texas Gubernatorial Election 2006

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **2006 Texas Gubernatorial Election** will be held on November 7, 2006 to select the next governor of the state of Texas, who will serve a four year term starting on January 20, 2007. The party primaries will be held on March 7, 2006, with the winner of each requiring a majority vote. Primary runoffs, if necessary, will be held approximately one month later. Only a plurality is required in the general election.

The race is expected to be a four person affair involving:

- Rick Perry, the Republican incumbent with poor poll ratings but exceptionally strong support within his party.
- Carole Keeton Strayhorn, a Republican choosing to face Perry as an independent instead of during the Republican primary.
- Kinky Friedman, a country music singer, also running as an independent, with surprising success to date.
- An unnamed Democratic Party candidate, facing a difficult task of winning in a strong Republican state.

In order to qualify for the ballot, both independent candidates must obtain enough valid signatures.

If you would information about dates, times, or locations of early voting sites, here is a link that will answer your questions: http://www.dalcoelections.org/march72006/EARLY_VOTING_locations.htm. Answers for lots of voting questions can be found at the Richardson League of Women Voters site at: <http://lwvrichardson.org/index.html>.

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Around the Neighborhood

In case you missed it in the Dallas Morning News a couple of months ago, this is a great article about one of our most hardworking and involved HNHA Members -



NEIGHBORS

I met my nearly next-door neighbor **Jace Carrington** of North Dallas (Richardson ISD) for the first time several Saturdays ago on the other side of town. Amid holiday traffic near Richardson mall. In the middle of Plano Road. Neither of us lingered long, as you might imagine. He had someplace to go with his grandson, and I still had some work to do. And neither of us fancied being run over. I didn't even get his name. Or phone number. Or e-mail. But I got enough information, it turned out, to track him down several days later when I needed to. I had Carrington's number, you see. Literally. And it was B-226. But I was already on my way to being a small part of a Christmas tradition. (It was only later that I learned we lived within a few blocks of each other, him just west of Coit Road in North Dallas, me just to the east in Richardson).

Carrington and his grandson Griffin caught my attention as they steered their decorated red 1940 Farmall tractor down the street during the Christmas Parade. Dressed up ranch style, including bandanas and cowboy hats, a big Lone Star flag flying behind them, American flags up front, they were a festive sight, indeed.

Grandfather and grandson, happy as you could imagine, together on the tractor.

The very picture of a down-home Merry Tex-mas, you might say.

"I want to take your picture for the paper - *Richardson Neighbors*," I shouted as I walked into the street and approached them just north of Beltline.

"Sure," he hollered back as his grandson drove on. "Can I get a copy of that?" "If it turns out," I promised, wondering how I would do that without his name.

The number on the tractor, B-226, the official parade entry number for Carrington Farm, solved that problem quickly. So, transaction complete, I

withdrew to the curbside it turned out to be one of our favorite photos of the day - without my having to chase them up the street as I later chased a fast-moving Santa Claus.

Carrington apparently thought it would be one of his favorites, too.

He called several days later inquiring wondering how he could get a copy of the photo and whether it would be in the paper. He wanted to create a keepsake for his grandson using the photo itself and, if we published it, a copy of the printed photo.

"Griffin has been interested in tractors for quite some time," he explained. Carrington said he had done the same thing a couple years ago when the *Richardson Morning News* captured and published a photo of his entry. He called again about a week later for a photo update, though I was sure he thought I had forgotten completely. Despite my tardiness, I had not.

Still, it was hard not to appreciate his persistence and enthusiasm. "I have entered in the Richardson Parade several years," he said last week. "One year was featuring the Pearce Booster Club in my wife's 1962 yellow Corvair convertible."

"In 2004, our parade theme was 'The Barrel Express.' Dressed in railroad engineer attire, I pulled six barrels. In each barrel were children jingling bells and wishing the crowd 'Merry Christmas,'" he said.

"Griffin and (granddaughter) Audrey

were two of the children participants.

Carrington previously used the tractor to tow the decorated float of his now 10 year old granddaughter Sydney's YMCA Princess tribe.

Sydney, a student at Scofield Christian School, is the daughter of Brad and Kari Carrington of Lake Highlands.

This year's photo would be a memorable keepsake, in any case, since the B-226 entry earned second place in the parade's adult open division, trailing only the Richardson Red Hats' decorated van. (A photo of that appears in the "Clubs" section). But it would also be memorable for another reason, having little to do with the award or even the photo, but rather, for the grandfatherly affection and tradition at the heart of Carrington's effort.

"Griffin and I will enjoy the framed photo over the years," Carrington said.

"Griffin was so excited about the trophy that he now has in his home. For me, you have already given me the best gift of Christmas, the photo."

We're honored to play a part, however small, in such a gesture.

But even more so, we appreciate his allowing our readers to glimpse, briefly, a special moment in his family's holiday experience - a real *Neighbors* experience.

Of course, telling Carrington's story also gives us this chance to wish all our neighbors happy holidays - Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, even Festivus (no kidding). So, as you can see above, we stuffed a little something extra in the stocking for Jace.

Mark Macesich is the editor of Richardson Neighbors. Contact him at 469-330-5670 or mmacesich@dallasnews.com

Around the Neighborhood



THE CONTEMPORARY CHORALE Celebrates 50 Years...

The Contemporary Chorale, an entertaining women's chorus, will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on Saturday, April 29th at the Eisemann Center in Richardson.



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The recent Scouting for Food Drive was successful in collecting over 1,354 food items from our neighborhood! These items were collected by our local Scout Pack 895. Thank you to them for all their hard work and to all who made donations to this worthy cause!



ANNUAL NEWCOMER'S WELCOME PARTY

HNHA Board Members—
Save the Date!

A Newcomer's Welcome Party will be given on Saturday, April 1st from 6:00—7:30PM at Cory Pratt's home at 7631 Pennyburn Drive.

Stay tuned for more details!



Announcing HNHA's Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Date: Sunday, April 9th
(Saturday, April 15th if original date is rained out)
Time: 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Location: South Lake

Another fun-filled afternoon of Easter egg hunting, face painting, games, and more are in store for the neighborhood children and grandchildren this year! We'll have all sorts of goodies on hand for children ages 0 - 9.



If you would like your children/grandchildren to participate in the Egg Hunt, please bring a bag of individually wrapped candy per child to the home of Lori and Dave Hamilton, 7805 Kilbride Lane by April 1st.



Neighborhood Men's Bible Study

When: Bible Study meets every Friday morning at 6:30 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.
Location: Fellowship House of FBCA, 15816 Spring Creek Road

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CRIME CORNER

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME REPORT



In January a homeowner on the north side of Campbell was surprised by a peeping tom who was in her backyard looking into her bedroom. Police were called but the offender has not been apprehended.



Also in January, a homeowner in the 7800 block of Glenneagle reported that his car was egged while parked on the street in front of his house. He reports that this is not the first time it has been egged.

VICTIMIZATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE 630'S AND THE 650'S

Source: The Dallas Police Department

Be advised that five driveway robberies have occurred in the 630's and the 650's in which the suspect follows the elderly victim home from shopping and approaches them with questions in their driveway, then take their property by force. The most recent offense occurred in the 4500 block of Mill Creek Road in which the suspect pulled up behind the complainant's parked vehicle, asked for directions and took the complainant's purse by force causing the complainant to fall and to be injured. This offense was reported to police on service #27124-R. The suspect information is a Latin male driving a white pickup truck. Other offenses were reported on police service numbers #1024860-P, 32553-R, 35323-R AND 9438-R. The North Central Investigative and Deployment Units are currently working leads on the above listed offenses.



Crime Watch Hotline

(214) 967-5120 or e-mail—
highlandnorth@hotmail.com

ATTORNEY'S ADVICE

Read this and make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it someday. A corporate attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company.



1. The next time you order checks have only your initials (instead of first name) and last name put on them. If someone takes your checkbook, they will not know if you sign your checks with just your initials or your first name, but your bank will know how you sign your checks.
2. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put **"PHOTO ID REQUIRED"**.
3. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
4. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a P.O. Box, use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a P.O. Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.
5. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards.

Unfortunately I had my wallet stolen last month. Within a week, the thief(s)

ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more. But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

1. We are always told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.
2. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one). But here's what is perhaps most important of all: (I never even thought to do this.)
3. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

- 1.) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
- 2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
- 3.) Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289
- 4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271

By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away. It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

OTHER NEWS

Drought Taking its Toll

By ROY APPLETON and MICHAEL E. YOUNG

A freshwater clam lies dead on the parched floor of Lake Lavon in Collin County.

North Texas skies last weekend delivered one welcome round of refreshment to the parched land. But even with those showers and the prospect of more rain this week, the lingering drought raises all sorts of questions. When will enough rainfall break a dry spell now 10 months in the works?

What will happen to water supplies and agriculture? And what about urban landscapes and home foundations? What's to come with those pesty bugs and blooming wildflowers?

Drought conditions from the Dallas area into southeastern Oklahoma and Arkansas remain the nation's most severe, according to the latest federal drought monitoring report. The National Weather Service last month said North Texas needed 20 to 25 inches of precipitation in six months to regain normal soil moisture — some to replace last year's 15-inch shortfall, the rest to make this a typical winter and spring. But forecasters say the continuing absence of the rain-triggering tropical jet stream could keep much of Texas and the southwestern U.S. abnormally dry and warm at least through March and possibly into summer. Garland joins other cities, puts stricter controls on water use.

Foundation problems? If the state's usually abundant spring rains don't come — normally almost 15 inches from March to June — "we're going to be in a world of hurt," says George Bomar, a meteorologist and Texas weather expert. For homeowners, a persistent drought could get costly. For fleas, grasshoppers and mosquitoes this year, the news could be good and bad. In North Texas, dropping lake levels are triggering water restrictions earlier than usual. The North Texas Municipal Water District, for example, has asked the 61 cities it serves to reduce water consumption by 2 percent. For now, dwindling supplies won't affect charges to the district's customer cities until new sources of water are found.

And officials in Plano, Frisco, Richardson water are needed, said David

Stephens, district deputy director. Yet if the drought persists, rationing could be imposed. Other cities are considering extra fees to discourage excessive water use, Mr. Stephens said. "It very likely could happen," he said. Groundwater is relatively slow to respond to drought, and the dry spell hasn't notably affected water systems dependent on wells, state officials

Drought tips—Tree, landscape and foundation professionals say it is important to keep the roots of yard vegetation and the soil around homes moist, particularly during droughts. Experts offer these suggestions but say the amount of watering varies depending on soil type, land slope, vegetation and other factors. Routinely check the soil. Water deeply as needed to maintain moisture while avoiding over-watering and runoff.

Apply 1 to 1 1/2 inches of water per week to lawns throughout the growing season, 1 inch every two weeks during dormancy. Water new trees (less than 2 years old) every seven to 10 days during a drought or throughout the regular growing season, every three to four weeks during normal dormancy. Water established trees monthly until normal rainfall returns; otherwise, normal lawn watering should be sufficient. Keep foundation shrubs watered. Apply water to soil 1 foot to 18 inches from the foundation. Make sure soil is moist evenly around the foundation. Retain mulch around plantings and along foundations to retain moisture and cool the soil. Don't prune crape myrtles, roses and other flowering shrubs during the drought.

Questions? Call 214-904-3053 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or 972-548-4232 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SOURCES: Texas Cooperative Extension agents; Texas Forest Service arborists



SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

Jean Sloan,
Sunshine/Shadows Chair



Bob and Martine Gregory of Queens Garden proudly announce the arrival of their fifth grandchild — all five of them were born over the last four years! Casey Francis joined his siblings, Sydney and Alex, on February 3, 2006. Alexia Gregory and Scott Arkoette of Marietta, Georgia are the joyful parents. Alexia is a pediatrician and is obviously taking "hands on experience" seriously

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Ashley is a Kindergartener at Bowie and is the daughter of Kim and David Grossman who live on Loch Marce and is the granddaughter of Marcia and Alan Weiss who live on Dunoon Avenue.



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Gardening Tips for March

Shrubs and Trees

Source: Typowriters.com

- In most areas it is still possible to do dormant spraying of fruit trees until the 15th of March, after that date dilute the spray by 1/2. Spraying should be done on a still day with the temperature above 40 degrees F.
- Late March and early April is a good time to transplant shrubs and trees. As soon as the soil is workable, but before buds have swelled or broken open, you can move shrubs and trees.
- Fertilize shrubs and trees if this wasn't done in February. Use an acid type rhododendron fertilizer to feed evergreens, conifers, broad leaf evergreens, rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias. Use an all-purpose fertilizer to feed roses and other deciduous trees and shrubs. If you use granular type fertilizers, be sure to water it in thoroughly.

Perennials, Annuals, and Bulbs

- There is often a strong temptation to start removing winter mulches from your flower beds.... **WAIT!!!** Pull the mulch off gradually as the plants show signs of new growth. The purpose of winter mulch is to act as a protector from sudden changes of temperature and chilling winds, so keep in mind that it is still winter. Acclimatize your plants by removing the mulch over a period of days, allowing the light and air to reach the new growth slowly. It is much better to remove the mulch a little later than to remove it too early.
- Roses can be pruned this month. See the pruning roses page details on how to prune the various types of roses. Severe pruning results in nicer long stemmed flowers and more compact bushes. Begin to spray roses for blackspot.
- Feed roses.

- Sow seeds of summer blooming annuals indoors.
- Seeds which were started indoors last month may be transplanted from the flats into peat pots and given dilute fertilizer.
- If you have a greenhouse, it is time to take cuttings of 'wintered over' plants such as Coleus, Chrysanthemums, Geraniums, and other perennials.
- Alternating thawing and freezing can tear plant roots and even force the plant right out of its hole. If you notice any plants that have heaved, push them back into the earth, and tamp *lightly* with your foot.
- Divide and transplant summer blooming perennials and fertilize established ones as soon as new growth appears.
- Plant tender bulbs and tubers (gladioli, lilies and dahlias). You may continue planting additional bulbs every two weeks until mid June to ensure a continuous source of bloom.
- Prune winter Jasmine after flowering; cut honeysuckle back to 3 feet
- Fertilize any bulbs that have finished blooming with bone meal or bulb booster.
- Plant Primroses and Pansies
- Pinch off tips of Sweet Pea seedlings and Mums, when they are 4 inches tall.

Fruits and Veggies

Take a little time to prepare the vegetable garden soil for planting. The addition of well-rotted manure, processed manure, peat moss or compost are good

- Additives for building compost humus in the soil.
- Peas and sweet peas may be planted right now as well as perennial vegetables like Asparagus, Rhubarb, Horseradish and artichokes.
- Eggplant, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, celery, leeks, onions, early

potatoes, and radish seeds may be planted in the garden about mid month.

- Spinach, Chard, Cabbage, Cauliflower, and other hardy vegetables can be seeded or set out late in the month.
- Plant Strawberries, Blueberries, Currants, Loganberries, Boysenberries, Grapes and fruit trees.
- Add some steer manure around your Rhubarb.
- Time to start tomatoes, lettuce, and many other vegetables from seed.

House Plants

- House plants will react to longer days and brighter light at this time by putting out new growth. The end of this month is a good time to pinch them back to generate new growth and to thicken them. You can then begin fertilizing again with a dilute solution of soluble house plant food.
- Turn your houseplants a quarter turn each week to make sure all sides of the plant receive adequate light, and to keep the shape of the plant balanced.
- Mist or spray your houseplants to clean away the winter's dust, prevent Spider Mites and add a little humidity.
- Remain vigilante in watching for insects and pests. It is much easier to win a 'bug war' if you are aware of the infestation in its early stages.
- If you haven't done so, prune Roses. Prune 1/3 of the cane on climbers, prune hybrid teas to 18", then fertilize with Rose Food.
- Prune Camellias after blooming is complete, then feed them with Azalea, Camellia Food.
- Plant Strawberries and enjoy all spring!

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Pet News

As Easter is drawing near, children may be talking about bunnies and rabbits. Before venturing into rabbit companionship, please consider some facts on the care and nurture of a rabbit as a pet.



Easter and Rabbits

by Dorothy Hoffman

Today, Easter bunnies are more popular than ever, whether they're passing out colorful eggs and tasty rabbit-shaped confections or just celebrating the lunar cycle with their typically lunatic enthusiasm. Those adorable baby bunnies displayed in pet shop windows are certainly irresistibly cute, but they have at least one distinct disadvantage compared with the stuffed toy and chocolate varieties - they quickly develop into unruly adolescents.

Oddly, many families who impulsively buy a cuddly bunny that fits neatly into their hand are surprised by the transformation. Every year, humane shelters and rabbit rescue groups brace for the post-Easter flood of unwanted bunnies who turned out to be more of a handful than their humans had bargained for.

Contrary to popular belief, rabbits aren't really low-maintenance pets and generally not a very good "starter" pet for families with small children. Children may be naturally drawn to bunnies, who look as soft and cuddly as a plush toy, but real live bunnies can be easily injured by an exuberant child. Most rabbits don't like being picked up and carried, and even the gentlest toddlers and small children are likely to be too rough, too loud, too unpredictable, and too uncoordinated in their movements to suit the average rabbit.

Though many rabbits have placid personalities, others are lively and active and have very strong wills of their own. They resist being held and restrained, preferring to remain with all four paws planted firmly on the ground where they can make a quick escape from any danger to a safe, private haven. If they aren't spayed or neutered, they are also likely to engage in destructive chewing, spraying and sometimes aggressive behavior. The rabbit's powerful back feet, claws and teeth can inflict serious injuries on other bunnies or children.

Rabbits really need as much care and attention as most dogs and cats. Despite what some pet supply personnel will tell you, bunnies are playful and need toys, interesting habitats, interaction with their adopted families, and space to run and jump to keep them happy and mentally sharp. Your home also will need to be "bunnyproofed" to prevent chewing on furniture or treacherous electrical wiring. With a typical life expectancy of 8-10 years or more, a rabbit is a long-term commitment. But if you're willing to meet your rabbit at least half-way, you'll find the rewards of rabbit companionship are well worth the effort. For more information on Bunnies at Easter, adoptions, and bunny care and behavior, visit the House Rabbit Society's site.

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Saint Patrick's Day has come to be associated with everything Irish: anything green and gold, shamrocks and luck. Most importantly, to those who celebrate its intended meaning, St. Patrick's Day is a traditional day for spiritual renewal and offering prayers for missionaries worldwide.

So, why is it celebrated on March 17th? One theory is that that is the day that St. Patrick died. Since the holiday began in Ireland, it is believed that as the Irish spread out around the world, they took with them their history and celebrations. The biggest observance of all is, of course, in Ireland. With the exception of restaurants and pubs, almost all businesses close on March 17th. Being a religious holiday as well, many Irish attend mass, where March 17th is the traditional day for offering prayers for missionaries worldwide before the serious celebrating begins.



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