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Join Us This Thursday at the Landmark Temple Theatre When We Welcome Tacoma City Council Member, Julie Anderson, and Joni Earl, CEO, Sound Transit: "Addressing the Region's Number 1 Problem - Transportation"

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Julie Anderson was elected to the at-large position 7 Tacoma City Council seat in 2003. For nearly 20 years, Julie has been an active part of Tacoma - as a community advocate, public servant, and common sense administrator. Currently working as a senior policy advisor for the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, Julie's past professional service comes from a wide variety of fields, including: Political Strategist for Planned Parenthood Votes! Washington, Executive Director of the YWCA of Pierce County, District Manager for the Dome District Neighborhood Business District, Campaign Manager for Tacoma United For Fairness, and a variety of criminal justice positions.

Julie is the President of City Club of Tacoma, a Board Member for the TCC Center for Ethical Development, and Steering Committee member for the multi-partisan Women's Political Caucus. She is an American Leadership Forum fellow. In 2005, Julie salvaged the last structure remaining from Whitworth College, which originated in Tacoma at the turn of the century. Julie resides in the North End, in

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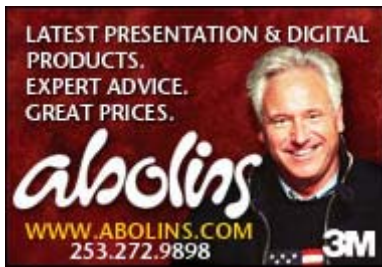


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the structure, which she successfully placed on Tacoma's Historic Landmarks Register.

The Sound Transit Board unanimously appointed Joni Earl as the Executive Director of Sound Transit, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, in January 2001. In 2003, her title was changed to Chief Executive Officer. Joni has responsibility for all aspects of Sound Transit, including its substantial capital and operating programs. Joni came to Sound Transit as the Chief Operating Officer in October 2000.

Before joining Sound Transit Joni served as the Deputy County Executive of Snohomish County, Washington for over eight years.

Prior to her service to Snohomish County, Joni was the City Manager of Mill Creek, reporting to the City Council. She also served as the Director of Internal Management and Chief Fiscal Officer for Kitsap County.

Joni is a graduate of Harvard University's State and Local Government Executive Program. She holds a master's in business administration from the University of Puget Sound, and received a bachelor's degree from Washington State University.

Joni currently serves on the Board of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, and chairs the public sector campaign for United Way of King County. She is a past Rotarian and is the proud grandmother of 3 grandchildren.

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This Week's Helpers

Thanks so much to the people who will be helping at this week's meeting:

Invoker - **Linda Tieman**

Greeter - **Laura Runkle**

Badge Board - **Dawn Lucien, Chiara Wood, Allan Guitar**

Singer - **Jan Brazzell**

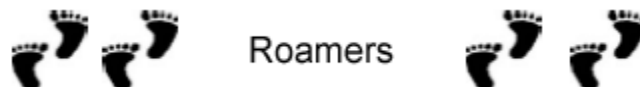
Piano - **Jack Warnick**

Birthdays - **Emily Reiter**

Fine Counters - **Nita Sell, Don Anderson**

Story Writer - **John Morrison**

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May 25 - **Mary Grubbs** - Gig Harbor

May 29 - **Greg Rolsma** - Tacoma North

June 01 - **Mary Grubbs** - Gig Harbor

June 07 - **Gerald Moczynski** - South Hill

June 08 - **Mary Grubbs** - Gig Harbor

June 07 - **Doug Danstrom** - Boise, ID

June 07 - **John H. West** - Seattle International

June 08 - **Greg Rolsma** - Lakewood



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June 12 - **Lee Gingrich** - Gig Harbor (mid-day)
June 12 - **Randy Melquist** - Gig Harbor (noon)
June 13 - **Pam Brewer** - Clover Park
June 13 - **Rita Morkrid** - Tacoma Sunrise
June 14 - **John Donovan** - Kennewick Daybreak
June 14 - **Roger Lee** - Holland America
June 14 - **Gerald Moczynski** - South Hill

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PRESIDENT PETE'S PUKA

GIDDY IN SALT LAKE CITY. It was in the 90s when Kristine and I got off the plane on Friday so we turned on the AC and headed to the timeshare in Park City. Probably because Friday was a Rotaract activity-only day at the convention, there were no Rotary signs or greeters at the airport. On Saturday we made it to the convention center and had a relatively quiet tour of the House of Friendship. This is where all the Rotary organizations and causes and commercial vendors have booths.

One of the first people I met manning a club-sponsored charitable cause booth was Heather, the Executive Director of the Rotary Club of Dallas. She said she started a year ago, was 21, and took the job wearing a ring in her nose and with some purple dye in her hair. She was also working simultaneously on a law degree. She also said she had attracted some people in their early 20s into the club. And most meaningful to me, she said she met and enjoyed **Steve Smith** and Beverly Vincent at the Large Clubs conference earlier this year. Steve was very popular by virtue of his piano skills. It's nice to get good feedback on our people! (PS - Heather is no longer nose ring or purple-hair laden).

HAPPY DAYS IN L.A. Next year's RI convention is in Los Angeles at about the same time as this year's (June 15-20). We need 20 members to sign up so we can have a booth to share our Centennial activities with other clubs. I hope you will join **Jeff Rounce**, Steve and me. It's going to be something else!

See you Thursday.
President Pete

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Club Anniversaries

Rick Allen: 11 years on June 20
Tom Anderson: 31 years on June 17
Christine Cason: 7 years on June 22
John B. Dimmer: 18 years on June 22
Kelley Gregory: 1 year on June 22
Chuck Hellar: 22 years on June 20
Bev Holland: 14 years on June 17
Stan Johnson: 12 years on June 22
Erwin Kettner: 21 years on June 19
Cap Pearson: 11 years on June 20

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Veronica Shakotko: 1 year on June 22

Stephanie Shinn: 2 years on June 23

Karyn Whitacre: 4 years on June 19

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Upcoming Meetings: Times and Places

Next Three Meetings

THURSDAY, June 28- Landmark Temple Theatre, Turnover Day!
Galleside.

THURSDAY, July 5 - Landmark Temple Theatre, Chef Steve Eason, head chef of Tacoma's Landmark Convention Center. See details under Special Announcements.

THURSDAY, July 12 Joel Hellencamp "Helping Us Get Through Each Day" - Landmark Temple Theatre. See details under Special Announcements.

Committee and Other Meetings

WEDNESDAY, June 20 - Relationship Building Sub-Committee Meeting, Farrelli's - 6th and Union, 5:00pm.

THURSDAY, June 21 - Youth Exchange Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

THURSDAY, June 21 - Rotary International Foundation Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:15am.

FRIDAY, June 22 - Membership Development Committee Meeting, Tacoma Club, 7:30am.

MONDAY, June 25 - Preserve Planet Earth Committee Meeting, Snake Lake Nature Center, 19th & Tyler, Noon.

TUESDAY, June 25 - Board Meeting, Bellarmine Prep, 3:30pm.

THURSDAY, June 28 - Tacoma Rotary Foundation Committee Meeting, Landmark, 11:00am.

If you have a committee meeting that you would like listed in the GearShift please e-mail Lori Hansen at lhansen@rotary8.org.

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New Members This Week

There were no new members introduced at the June 14, 2007 meeting.

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Special Announcements

Membership Proposals

Unless written objections are submitted to the Board by June 29, 2007, the following individuals will be considered for membership:

James Chikwinya

Nativity House

Classification: ASSNS: SOC SVCS - Nativity House

Sponsor: Connie Brown

Stacy Conway

Commencement Bank

Classification: FINANCE/BANKING - Community Bank

Sponsor: John Schneider

Michael Ewing

Colliers International

Classification: REAL ESTATE - Commercial

Sponsor: Don Anderson

Jon Flora

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Classification: HEALTH SERVICES - Foundation Development

Sponsor: Bob Krotz

Derrick Hochstatter

Tacoma Community House

Classification: ASSNS: SOC SVCS - Tacoma Community House

Sponsor: Don Rennegarbe

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Nicholas Leider

Nativity House

Classification: ASSNS: SOC SVCS - Nativity House

Sponsor: Connie Brown

Victoria Lewis

Pacific Lutheran University

Classification: Education - Universities

Sponsor: Jim Whitacre

Ethan Smith

I-5 Motors

Classification: AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY - Auto Dealer

Management

Sponsor: Randy Foley

Doug Rohner

Tapco Credit Union

Classification: FINANCE/BANKING - Credit Union

Sponsor: Jim Whitacre

First Meetings of New Club Year

Our first two meetings of the Steve Smith Presidential year will be fun.

July 5 - For Steve's first meeting the program will feature Steve Eason CEC, CCE. Chef Eason is the head chef of Tacoma's Landmark Convention Center. He will speak about one of our favorite subjects: food and eating (or is that two subjects) and then

he will ask for a volunteer (Steve Smith) to assist him as he prepares a special dish. We will have the big screen set up with video close-ups to capture any missing appendages of President Steve. Sharp objects and Steve Smith: This is something you don't want to miss.

July 12 - For Steve's second meeting we have psychologist and counselor, Joel Hellenkamp. "Helping Us Get Through Each Day" is the subject of Joel's presentation. Don't be afraid. You won't be psychoanalyzed. Joel basically just helps people . . . from children to adults . . . with problems and without. Basically, Joel's approach is to listen, offer a kind word and then give a little advice. In his spare time, Joel plays soccer and is a children's soccer coach as well.

District Conference - Thanks to Tacoma #8

Kathleen Olson and **Jim Henderson**, District Conference co-chairs, wish to offer our appreciation to members of Tacoma #8 for their support of the conference. Thanks to everyone who registered for the conference, attended just the Saturday night Governor's Banquet, or who did hosted hospitality. Thanks also to those members of our club who signed up for helping at the conference itself: **Pam Anderson, Tish Andresen, Richard Brady, Linda Kaye Briggs, Carolyn Else, Bob Hammar, Bill Kauffman, Carolyn McDougal, Randy Melquist, Rita Morkrid, Steve Smith, Beth Sylves, Karen Whitacre** and to our Executive Director Beverly Vincent who was there more than one day helping out.

We offer a very special thank you to the members of our club who were part of the District Conference Committee - **Don Doman, Jennifer Durham, Becky Fontaine, Enid Harris, Jim Harris and Donn Irwin**. These members attended multiple committee meetings for over a year in helping to plan the Conference.

"Together in Tacoma" was a great success and all of you were part of it.

END OF THE FISCAL YEAR HOUSEKEEPING

Keep your membership current!

The Club's fiscal year ends June 30, and procedures state:

Member accounts must be current by June 30th of each calendar year or the member will be suspended from membership and all membership privileges for 30 days. The member can be reinstated during this period by paying his/her balance due plus a 10% reinstatement fee or \$10, whichever is greater. Failure to make this reinstatement will result in termination. Once terminated, reinstatement will require a new membership application.

Please make payments as soon as possible to avoid suspension. If you're unsure of what might be outstanding, contact the Rotary office (253 473 7723) and ask for Beverly or Kari. Remember that payments can be made by Visa or MasterCard, and online payment is also available.

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After being tested and re-tested, the Tacoma 8 online payment system is up and running! Secure and user-friendly, this system, along with your Visa or Mastercard, can be used to pay all your Tacoma 8 Rotary invoices as well as make donations to the Tacoma Rotary (Art Wickens) and Rotary International (Paul Harris) Foundations.

To access the system, go to www.rotary8.org, find and click on "Make An Online Payment" under the Member Services heading, located on the left hand column. Enter your Username and Password (the same you use for accessing the Membership Roster), and then enter the amount of each item you are paying for under the appropriate account. Whenever possible, include an invoice number and/or description in the appropriate spaces.

If you're not sure where to enter your payment or have questions, please call the Rotary office (253 473 7723), and we'll be happy to guide you through the process.

Attendance Credits

The Attendance Committee is wrapping up for the end of our fiscal year, January 1 through June 30. Please make sure you've turned in everything Rotary related, including Werlin tutoring and the Thursday social hours. Send attendance information to the Rotary office by regular mail, fax or E-mail.

Upcoming Relationship Building Socials

The Relationship Building Committee invites all members of Tacoma 8 to join them on Thursday evenings at 5 pm in Tacoma unless otherwise noted. These socials are a great way to meet some new Rotarians or catch up with old friends. Pandakas, these meetings will fulfill your "social" requirement prior to graduation and, for all members, it's a fun way to earn attendance credits.

June 21 - **Johnny's Dock** - 1900 East D St - 627-3186.

June 28 - **Stanley and Seaforts** - 115 East 34th St. - 473-7300.

July 5 - **Anthony's at Point Defiance** - 5912 N Waterfront Dr - 752-9700.

July 12 - **The Ram** - 3001 N. Ruston Way - 756-7886.

Thank You Letters to Tacoma 8

I would like to graciously thank you all for selecting me as a Rotary scholarship recipient. This scholarship means so much to me and will help me tremendously with my journey through college at the University of Washington, Seattle. Thank you very much!

Sincerely, Natasha L. McCreary

On behalf of all the kids who will be attending the MDA summer camp from July 22 - 28, 2007, I wish to sincerely thank you and your organization for the very generous grant awarded to this program - These kids with muscular dystrophy often feel isolated because of their circumstance but thanks to your support this safe and fun environment is there for them...Again, your support is so important to us and we sincerely appreciate the committee's decision to help with funding. Please extend my warmest thanks to all who made this grant possible.

*Kindest regards, Leslie M. Boback
Health Care Service Coordinator
Muscular Dystrophy Association*

Thank you so much for your very generous gift of \$5,000 received on 4/12/07, designated for our Children's Program. I am grateful for your support because our children's program does so much to help children at their greatest time of need.

While we have worked for over 30 years to support survivors of domestic violence, we also work actively to prevent the conditions

that cause the need for these services. An important part of our prevention philosophy is to address risk early and prepare children for a future that is free of violence. Thank you for helping us serve the children who are survivors of domestic violence. Together we make a positive difference in their lives.

*Miriam Barnett
Executive Director
YWCA of Pierce County*

On behalf of our Board of Directors and our clients in Washington, thank you for your generous contribution to Operation Homefront Washington.

Because of your generosity, we have been able to focus 100% on helping military families, particularly those left behind...your financial support will be used to help military families in the following ways: Car, plumbing and appliance repairs; utilities; rent; computers (to connect with deployed loved ones); grocery store and other store gift cards; and home moving services. Please know that you have brought peace of mind to military service members and their families. We sincerely appreciate your support of the military community. Again, thank you for your support!

*Laura McCloud Mathers
Director of Development
Operation Homefront Washington*

Thank you for your charitable gift in April. Your financial support of Starlight is a gesture of leadership and commitment that makes our work possible.

While we cannot alter the course of a child's serious or life-threatening illness, we can enhance their quality of life each day.

Starlight program serves over 6,000 children and families in Washington each month...Starlight's family-focused programs are developed to help families reduce the isolating effects of serious illness and to help them cope more successfully with the associated stress. Starlight's programs are designed to restore some of the normal life activities that become lost due to illness.

Starlight's Board of Directors and staff are committed to the stewardship of your support and from others like you who want to brighten the lives of seriously ill children and their families. On behalf of these children and families that Starlight serves, you have our deepest appreciation for your support and contribution.

*Sincerely,
Steve McGraw
Executive Director
Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation*

Thank you for your support through the application and interview process for the Ambassadorial scholarship. Between the mock interview and my many meetings and conversations with Jim Henderson, I knew what to expect and went to the interview confident. I have been awed by your willingness to support me and other UPS students. Seeing how freely you give of yourself in support of Rotary and its mission has inspired and made me all the more eager to become involved in the organization. The scholarship is a perfect fit for my career and personal goals, and I thank you for recognizing that match and your help in seeing it realized. I excitedly wait for the opportunities that await me in the years to come!

Gratefully, Peter Crowe.

Rotary Happenings - June 14, 2007

By: Gina Breukelman



President Pete Taylor rang the bell to start the meeting. **Brett Thomas**, Mountain Construction, read the Serenity Prayer for the invocation. **President Elect Steve Smith**, University of Washington, Tacoma, led the National Anthem, accompanied by **Jack Warnick**, Puget Sound Manufacturing, on piano.

The following members were acknowledged for club anniversaries: **Randy Rushforth**, 26 years; **Mac Smith**, 14 years; **Jim Robinson**, 13 years; **David Flentge**, 10 years; **Paul Hunter**, 10 years; **Mary Jo Strom-Copland**, 9 years; and **Mary Grubbs**, 6 years. President Pete welcomed newer members **Dawn Lucien**, **Doug Neff**, **Jared Smidt**, **Scott Smith**, **Allan Guitar**, **AJ Gordon**, **Maro Imirzian** and **Chiara Wood**.

Jennifer Gilbert, Metro Parks, introduced three visiting Rotarians.

Jennifer Durham, HOST Hospitality, and **Donn Irwin**, Immedia, talked about Galleside on Roving Mics as visitors were introduced. June 14 was the last day to sign up for Galleside and Jennifer will mail out boat assignments.

Kathi Willis, Group Health Community Foundation, and members of the Community Service grants committee presented Community Service grant checks to the following organizations:

- Boys & Girls Club of South Puget Sound for its meal program
- Catholic Community Services for its Adopt a Foster Grandparent project
- Child & Family Guidance Center for counseling victims of sexual assault
- Our Sisters' House for its New Direction violence reduction program
- Peace Community Center for the Camp Peace program, a day camp in the Hilltop for low-income kids
- Sound Youth Counseling for its counseling and advocacy project
- YMCA of Tacoma-Pierce County for the Friends and Servants program.

Terry Hayes, Tacoma Goodwill Industries, thanked Tacoma 8 for choosing its Youth Career Development Center as the Centennial project. Along with helping Goodwill achieve its fundraising goals, Rotarians can serve as mentors, coaches, and role models for youth in the program.

Don Doman, PNW Video Productions, and **Donn Irwin**, Immedia, handed out awards from the District Golf Tournament. Don and Donn thanked all Rotarians who helped make the tournament a success.

President Pete announced that a card was circulating for Rose Johnson, who had a young family member unexpectedly pass away. He also had a pin check to fine Rotarians not proudly wearing their Rotary pin.

Kit Evans, Hilltop Artists in Residence, made a paid announcement that the Hilltop Artists in Residence would have its annual glass sale Saturday, June 16, at Jason Lee Middle School.

Bill Kaufmann, Tacoma Goodwill Industries, honored Birthday celebrants with a rewrite of Casey at the Bat to be "Rob Roth at the Bat." Birthday celebrants were able to win cash off their birthday fine

for successfully throwing baseballs through a target. **Jack "Fingers" Warnick, Doug Danstrom, and Pamela "Busted Bat" Brewer** all missed the target, earning them only a \$5 reward for playing. **Herb Simon, Julie Wasson, Shon Sylvia, and Jim Merritt** missed the birthday celebration.

Many Rotarians made True Confessions, making it difficult for the storyteller to keep up on the news. Here are some noteworthy items:

Bob Hammar and his wife celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Frank Elliott reported that Elliott Sales was featured in an article in the Business Examiner and that he recently returned from a trip to "Jamaica, Mon."

Terry Conner announced that he is coping well with Age Related Macular Degeneration.

Mary Grubbs announced that MultiCare opened its Gig Harbor facility and she has been named Administrator of the new medical park.

Tracy Peacock reported that the Relay for Life was record-breaking, raising \$800,000, including \$2,000 from the Roteract team.

Brien Elvins' daughter's relay team raised over \$20,000 for the Relay for Life.

Joe Lawless graduated with his MBA from UW.

Past President Nita Sell, Montauk Financial, introduced guest speaker **Pat Redmond**, Chairman, President, and CEO of Viking Bank of Seattle. Pat spoke about the impact of community banks on the local economy. He stated that community banks are the backbone of America, that community banks maintain a competitive advantage over mega banks, and that community banks have a business model that is different - and arguably better - than major banks. In Washington State there are 83 commercial banks, 73 of which have assets under \$1 billion, making them fit the definition of a community bank. Pat asserted that there is growth in the community banking industry because they offer high returns and are able to attract investors, customers, and great bankers. While community banks used to face competition from mega banks, competition is now primarily from other community banks and credit unions. Pat stated that community banks have the advantages of personal service, local decision making, commitment to community, being technologically nimble, and offering tech-based solutions to customers.

Before adjourning the meeting, President Pete Taylor announced that next week will feature a guest speaker from Sound Transit. Steve Smith, Beverly Vincent, and Pete will be in Salt Lake City next week for the Rotary International Convention.

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Happy Birthday Rotarians!



Jun 17 - Gary Hafsahl
"FINANCE/BANKING - Mortgage"
Construction Specialist
Wells Fargo Mortgage
Elected: 3/23/2006
Sponsor: Fred Moisiso
Birthplace: Seattle, WA



Jun 20 - Beth Sylves
"ENTERTAINMENT - Casino"
Director of Marketing
Emerald Queen Hotel & Casinos
Elected: 10/10/2002
Sponsor: Pete Taylor
Birthplace: Union City, TN
Spouse/Partner: Robert

Sylves



Jun 18 - Stacey Ogle
"PRINTING & PUBLISHING -
Screen printing"
Vice President
Cole Screenprint Inc.
Elected: 1/25/1990
Sponsor: Peter Darling
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Ed Ogle



Jun 21 - Don Andersen
"FINANCE/BANKING -
Regional"
Sr. Vice President
Heritage Bank
Elected: 12/30/1993
Sponsor: Gordon Pickering
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Anita



Jun 19 - John Hogan
"REAL ESTATE - Shopping
Center Development"
Vice President
Citation Management Group
Elected: 11/9/1995
Sponsor: Randy Rushforth
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Christina
Hogan



Jun 21 - Jeff Lovely
"OFFICE EQUIPMENT &
SUPPLIES - Marking
Devices"
Secretary/Treasurer
Tacoma Rubber Stamp Co.
Elected: 10/28/1971
Sponsor: Joe Lovely
Birthplace: Tacoma, WA
Spouse/Partner: Connie
Lovely



Jun 19 - Chris Kimball
"FINANCE/INVESTMENT -
Financial Planning"
Certified Financial Planner
Chris Kimball Financial
Services
Elected: 2/4/1999
Sponsor: Randy Melquist &
Flor Covey
Birthplace: Centralia, WA
Spouse/Partner: Vicki
Kimball



Jun 22 - Rich Felser
"Past Service"
Elected: 3/16/2006
Sponsor: Corey Hjalseth
Birthplace: Mineola, NY



Jun 20 - Linda Kaye Briggs
"BUSINESS SERVICES-
Non Profit"
Executive Director of
Development
MultiCare
Elected: 5/22/2003
Sponsor: Kay Harlan
Birthplace: San Bernardino,
CA

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