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Seventy five children in the Bronx have escaped domestic violence with their moms, and are living in a secret location. The youth at Central Presbyterian Church in Summit, NJ made sure that Santa reached them this Christmas.

As part of the church's Sharing Tree mission, the Summit teens have partnered with the Sarah Burke House, New York State's largest transitional domestic violence shelter, to bring the joy of Christmas to the 58 families in residence this holiday season.

More than 300 gifts and gift-cards have been collected through the efforts of those at Central Church. Many of these gifts will be delivered to the shelter, where the residents will attend a "Santa's Workshop" to sort the gifts that will be given to their families, according to Kristin Pleines, LCSW, a supervising social worker at the Sarah Burke House. During the shelter's holiday party, a festive meal is served, and Santa attends to distribute some of the donated gifts and pose for photos. Other gifts are given by the mothers directly to their children.

The Sharing Tree is a major mission of the Family Ministry

at Central Church. Middle school and high school youth create gift-request ornaments to hang on the church Christmas Tree, and members take the ornaments and purchase the gifts and grocery-cards. Teens arrange group shopping trips using their own money to supply a number of the requests. Even the 4th and 5th graders get involved with the sorting of the gifts. The gifts are delivered into the Bronx by volunteers as well.

"We have been so lucky to be a part of the Holiday Sharing Tree for the last several years. Spending the holidays in the shelter system is not easy for our clients, and Central's kindness and generosity helps to ease that burden at a difficult time. Thanks to the teens in Summit for helping to make the holidays brighter for our clients!" said Pleines.

A portion of the gifts collected will be given to Central's sister church, Nuevas Fronteras in Plainfield, and to Summit residents in need.

Central Presbyterian Church is located at 70 Maple Street in Summit, NJ. Learn more about Central and its missions at centralpres.org.

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(above l-r) Rev. Deborah Huggins; Kristin Pleines, Supervising Social Worker at Sarah Burke House; Leah Griffith (back row); Meredith Robertson (back row); Pam Robertson (back row); Jenny Fosgate (front row); with the 300 gifts collected at Central Presbyterian Church in Summit NJ for the Sarah Burke House in Bronx, NY

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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR NORA RADEST



Dear Summit residents and business:

It is a delight to be out in town at this time of year, seeing the holiday season unfold. With Thanksgiving just behind us, and the winter holidays ahead, I wanted to write about something that I am profoundly grateful for as Mayor. I am privileged to have a bird's eye view of all that our city employees accomplish, and the dedication that they show to their work. They truly care about what they do. I encourage you when you are out and about this holiday season, if you have an opportunity, take a moment to say thank you. This is a very special

team, and we are very fortunate to have them working on our behalf.

There are staff people you may not ever meet who are thinking hard about you and your quality of life. It is hard to know where to begin, but I will start with the Department of Public Works, given that they just spent long hours putting up our holiday decorations. It is their backbreaking work that makes Summit a jewel that actually sparkles at this time of year. From the custodians who keep City Hall immaculate, to the road crews who worked round the clock removing tons of snow from our downtown in the big storm last winter, to the trash pickups that go smoothly week after week, this team is as hard-working as they come.

Public Works may be our unsung heroes, but we all see and rely on our Police, Fire and Rescue squads, who respond to more than 40,000 calls each year combined. We are particularly pleased to be re-establishing the Traffic Unit, charged with keeping both drivers and pedestrians safe in spite of our growing technological distractions. And our patrol officers care deeply about the safety of our citizens, giving generously of their time to community events, connecting with our children through school programs, and making it a point of pride to know everything that is going on in our City's six square miles.

The Department of Community Programs helps us all "share the fun." I am proud that we are going to be renovating and enlarging the Community Center, a long over-due enhancement of this civic resource for citizens of all ages. The beloved events that happen throughout the year on the Green, at the community pool and all over town are the result of the hard work and energy of the Director of Community Programs and her staff.

Work going on inside City Hall itself may be less obvious, but it impacts us just as much. The City Administrator's vision and attention to detail have a huge positive impact on every area of city operations. Our Treasurer and Finance Department staff track every taxpayer dime that is spent. Our City Clerk is the heart of City Hall, fielding every request from the happy (requests that I officiate at a wedding), to the not-so-happy (citizen complaints). And the Communications office is constantly engaged in keeping our residents informed. The Health Department, Housing Authority folks and Parking Services are responsive to the needs of the citizens and proactive about using our resources in a smart and sensible way to solve our problems.

While no organization is perfect, I do know that our city government strives to provide excellent service and high quality interactions with our community. As the year draws to a close, I wanted to share these observations with you.

Cheers, and very best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

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Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help homesellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved.

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ART CENTER ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE TO CREATE **IMMERSIVE WINTER INSTALLATION**

host a collaborative residency featuring artist and Art Center Faculty Member Lisa Pressman and mixed-media artist Krista Svalbonas. The artists will take over Studio X to create Between Instances: A Collaborative Project by Lisa Pressman and Krista Svalbonas.

The exhibition will feature photographic images each artist captured every Tuesday at 3:00 pm (EST) for an entire year, wherever they were located at that particular moment. They will use these images and other materials to create an immersive installation that speaks to themes of time, place and memory.

The opening reception will be held on Thursday, January 19 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm and is a free event open to all. Also on view through March 19, 2017: From There to Here: Encaustic Paintings by Students of Lisa Pressman; From the Ground Up: Emerging Ceramicists at the Art Center Part II and Stair-Gazing: Rhia Hurt.

Continuing Exhibitions include: Rachel Beach: Touchstone and Renee Stout: At the Crossroads on view through March 17, 2017.

Gallery Info: Suggested admission \$5, students/seniors \$3, members and children under 12 accompanied by an adult free. Hours: Monday - Wednesday and Friday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Thursday 10:00am – 8pm; and Saturday & Sunday 11am – 4pm. Please call 908-273-9121 to confirm holiday hours. Adult and children's group tours for the Art Center's exhibitions are available throughout the year. For more information, call 908-273-9121 or visit www.artcenternj.org.

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(above) Lisa Pressman, Tuesday, July 26, 2016, 3 PM Eastern, from the archive of weekly photographs taken by the artists.





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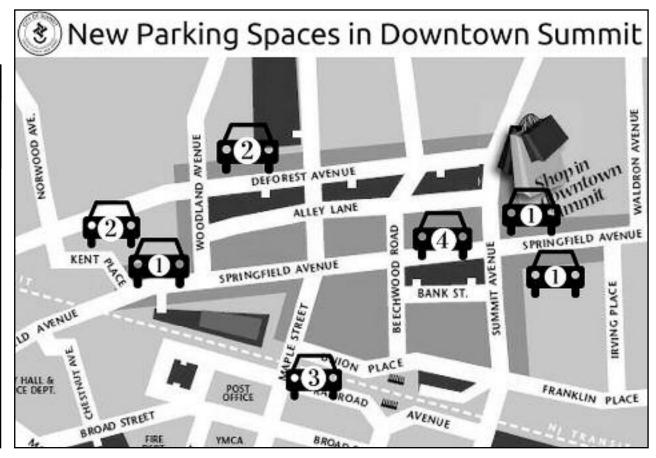
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14 ADDITIONAL PARKING SPOTS IN THE DOWNTOWN

This map highlights the 14 parking spaces created through the Downtown Beautification Project work this summer. The project replaced sidewalks, curbs, lighting and added ramps for

handicapped access throughout the downtown. Once the construction work was complete, the City of Summit engineering department was able add 14 additional parking spots in the downtown.





MAYOR'S FORUM ON DIVERSITY GATHERS FOR ANNUAL 'ETHNIC DINNER'

The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey hosted 34 members of the Mayor's Forum on Diversity for the second annual Ethnic Dinner held in December. The event was implemented by Chairman, Patricia Fontan and Forum Members, Joy Qiao, Kelly Yee and Shirley Hui.

"It was a lovely evening to bring us together as "one summit," said the Committee's Co-Chair Shirley Hui, "and great to see some new faces."

The Forum has three aims: to bring together people from all sectors of the community to stimulate, encourage, and support others while implementing that vision in their own institutions

for constructive dialogue in order to increase the understanding and sensitivity of citizens, and to provide a model for those times when For more than 80 years, the Visual Arts Center of controversy arises; and to cultivate deeper New Jersey has been dedicated to viewing, understanding of areas of concern, and support efforts by participants to respond to diversity issues in constructive ways.

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and areas of influence; to promote opportunities WJS Foundation, the Wilf Family Foundations and Art Center members and donors.

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(above) Summit Mayor Nora Radest (center) with Members of the Mayor's Forum on Diversity

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At its recent Annual Meeting, the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey welcomed four new members to the Board of Trustees. New members will bring a wealth of expertise from their respective fields of investment banking, law, education and art.

David Hardin of Chatham is an attorney in private practice in Summit for almost thirty years and a partner in the Summit office of the law firm of Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper, PC. The 2013 Union County Teacher of the Year, Deborah Schwarzmann worked as a language arts teacher at Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School for more than twenty-seven years, and most recently retired to focus on supporting civic organizations. Also from Summit, Stefan Shaffer is a founder and the Managing Partner of SPP Capital Partners, LLC ("SPP"); a New Yorkbased investment bank dedicated exclusively to the U.S. private capital markets, and the Managing Partner of SPP Mezzanine Partners. Jesse Torrey of Maplewood is a freelance photographer, former art educator and now author of the blog, Smiles and Duct Tape.

"We are thrilled with our new slate of Board members who will bring great energy and experience to our mission of transforming and enriching lives through the shared experience of art in our community," said Visual Arts Center of New Jersey's Chair of the Board, Marie Cohen.

Members rotating off the Board this year include, Summit's Jay DeLaney, Lori Donohue and Wolfgang Guenther, and Greg Smith of Short Hills. To find out more about the Art Center and volunteer opportunities visit www.artcenternj.org.

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(above l-r) David Hardin, Deborah Schwarzmann, Stefan Shaffer, and Jesse Torrey

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Led by UCEDC Director of Training Erich Peter, the session will cover the mechanics of starting a business including the pros and cons of different legal business structures, required insurances; understanding your tax liabilities, and HR issues.

"You may have the greatest product or service epeter@ucedc.com. to sell, but it won't matter if you don't prepare yourself for the many challenges you will inevitably face," warns Peter. "We'll review some of the more critical factors that contribute to a successful small business and give you a strong foundation to move ahead."

UCEDC is the entrepreneurial training arm of the NJ Economic Development Authority and provides scores of free business literacy workshops throughout New Jersey.

Online registration for the free workshop is available on the **UCEDC** website: www.ucedc.com . For more information, contact Erich 908-527-1166 Peter at

UCEDC (Union County **Economic** Development Corp.), a nonprofit economic development corporation, is dedicated to promoting New Jersey's small businesses with resources tailored to every stage of business growth. Since our inception in 1977, we've provided over \$24 million in loans to start-up and established businesses through a variety of SBA programs and other funding sources. Our Procurement Technical Assistance Center helped local businesses win over \$2 billion in awarded government contracts. And thousands of entrepreneurs have attended our workshops and seminar.

BECOME A LITERACY VOLUNTEER

Literacy New Jersey is dedicated to providing free, student-centered tutoring services to adults who struggle with reading, writing and speaking English. Registration is now open for its Winter 2017 Tutor Training classes.

> Tuesday, January 24 - 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM; Thursday, January 26 - 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM; Tuesday, January 31 - 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM; Thursday, February 2 - 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM; Tuesday, February 7 - 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

All sessions will take place at the Cranford Community Center, 224 Walnut Ave, Cranford, NJ, except for Thursday, February 2, which will take place at Summit High School, Kent Place Blvd, Summit.

After completing the five training sessions, volunteer tutors are matched with a small group of students from the growing waiting list of adults who need to improve their literacy skills. Tutors meet with their students in a public place, usually a Union County library, for 2 hours each week. New volunteers are asked to make a commitment of at least 50 hours.

LNJ provides ongoing supervision and support to tutors in the form of free Professional Development workshops on specific topics such as Health Literacy, Learning Disabilities, Financial Literacy, and ESL Conversation and Small Group Instruction.

To volunteer, you must be at least 18-years old, able to speak and read English and willing to tutor in Union County. You do not need to have any teaching experience and you do not need to speak a foreign language. The training will provide volunteers with techniques and strategies for working with adult learners, as well as sample instructional materials and activities.

There is a \$45 non-refundable registration fee to cover the cost of materials distributed to new volunteers.

For more information, or to register, please call Literacy New Jersey at 908-486-1777 or email Nancy Lama at nlama@literacynj.org.





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"YOUR JOB SEARCH – A FRESH START"

Beginning Tuesday, January 10 at 7 PM The Summit Free Public Library will host a weekly series of informal workshops is for you if you currently have a job, or are under-employed or are 'between positions.' While its focus is on the professional level job-seeker with a minimum of five years' work experience, it is open to everyone. Join us for one or all four of these two-hour sessions. In addition to the topics listed below, each session will provide ample time for discussion, networking, and interview role-play.

> **Session 1: The rules of the search** January 10

Session 2: Written communications January 17

Session 3: 'Tell me about yourself'

January 24 Interviews and how to ace them

Session 4: 'You want what???' January 31

Navigating salary negotiations. Course leader Neil Berger has more than thirty years' Human Resources experience in a variety of industries.

This free program is funded by the Friends of the Summit Free Public Library.

To register or for additional information, stop by the Reference Desk or call 908-273-035, ext. 3.

FILM: NEITHER HEAVEN NOR EARTH

Friday, January 13, 12:30 PM

French Army Captain Antares Bonassieu and his squad are assigned to monitor a remote valley of Wakhan, Afghanistan on the border of Pakistan. Negotiating control of the region between local shepherds and possible Taliban sympathizers grows more and more tenuous for them as men from all sides start mysteriously disappearing. Unable to explain this eerie phenomenon, the soldiers find themselves embroiled in an existential nightmare, desperate for their own safety. Not Rated. In French with English subtitles. 104 minutes..





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AUTHOR TALK: JEANNE D'HAEM

Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 7:30 pm: Jeanne D'Haem will discuss her book, Inclusion: The Dream and the Reality in Special Education.

Written after thirty years of experience, it chronicles inspiring, insightful and even hilarious efforts to include students with disabilities in public schools. Can a faith healer cure autism? Why would a child eat a cigarette? What can the police do for a child who sucked his lips inside a soda can? Inclusion reveals how these and other problems have been addressed by caring teachers. If you have ever wondered what happens behind closed doors in special education, this is the book for you Dr. Jeanne D'Haem is associate professor of Special Education at William Paterson

University in New Jersey. She was a special education teacher and a director of special services for over thirty years.

BROWN BAG BOOK GROUP:

Friday, January 20, 12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunchtime book group for seniors. Bring a bag lunch; beverages are provided. The group will be discussing "In the Language of Miracles" by Rajia Hassib, a mesmerizing debut novel of an Egyptian American family in a New Jersey suburb and the wrenching tragedy that tears their lives apart.

NEW JERSEY AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS

Sunday, January 22, 2017, 2:00 pm Robert F. Williams will speak on "New Jersey and the Bill of Rights," exploring the history of rights granted by the state and federal constitutions. Professor Williams teaches state constitutional law and is the associate Director of the Center for State Constitutional Studies at Rutgers.





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Florence Foster Jenkins

Monday, January 23:

A wealthy New York heiress (Meryl Streep) attempts to become an opera singer despite her horrible singing voice. Hugh Grant and Rebecca Ferguson co-star in this biopic directed by Stephen Frears. Rated PG-13. 110 minutes.

Spotlight

Monday, January 30

The riveting true story of the Pulitzer Prizewinning Boston Globe investigation that would rock the city and cause a crisis in one of the world's oldest and most trusted institutions. When the newspaper's tenacious team of reporters delves into allegations of abuse in the Catholic Church, their year-long investigation uncovers a decadeslong cover-up at the highest levels of Boston's religious, legal, and government establishment, touching off a wave of revelations around the world. Rated R. 129 minutes.



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MOMS HELPING MOMS 3RD ANNUAL SNOW BALL GALA FUNDRAISING EVENT

The Moms Helping Moms 3rd Annual Snowball Gala will take place on January 28th at Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains. There will be food, drinks, music, silent auction, raffle, and games, all to support a great cause.

Moms Helping Moms Foundation provides low income families with baby essentials like diapers, wipes, and clothing. Bridget Cutler, a New Providence resident and Mom was overwhelmed by all the gifts she received from family and friends when she had her first baby. She wanted to donate some of the gifts to families who weren't as fortunate. The issue was she couldn't find an organization to give to, so she founded Moms Helping Moms to fill the gap.

Moms Helping Moms Foundation partners with social workers and other local organizations

in New Jersey. They recently partnered with several Nursery schools, preschools and gyms this past September to collect more than 8,400 diapers during National Diaper Awareness Week. 1 in 3 American families struggle with diaper needs, not having enough diapers for their baby. Annually, Diaper Need Awareness Week draws national attention to this consequence of poverty and Moms Helping Moms Foundation is part of the solution.

Moms Helping Moms Foundation invites you to help them fight child poverty by attending this fun event. It's such a fun night - we hope you can all join us!! Get your tickets by going to www.momshelpingmomsfoundation.org and click on "Events" to get your ticket!

Photo courtesy of Aspen Leaf Photography.







(above l-4) Moms Helping Moms Snow Ball Gala 2015- Board Members: Megan Schreiber Deaton, Jackie McCormack, Bridget Cutler and Jerusha Oleksiuk.

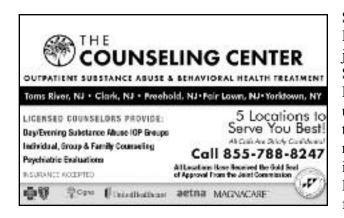








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After many weeks of hard work and practice, Summit Area YMCA Middle School Entrepreneurs made their final pitch to guest judges on December 8th at the Shark Tank Finale. Sahil Sirdeshpande, Om Desai, Gyan Ghoda, Pablo Carvajal and Geremy Lora presented unique business ideas that they worked together to create over the course of several weeks. The middle schoolers presented their ideas which included S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) coding classes, flyer/logo/menu graphic designs company, a stop motion camp for kids and a healthy smoothie company. Each was awarded a cash prize, thanks to the program facilitator, Jon Budish, who graciously volunteered his time to this amazing program. With over 30 years of experience as a financial advisor and broker, Budish also previously led a financial literacy series for high school students at the Summit Y.

The Shark Tank program drives youth potential, creativity, and develops insight into the business world of entrepreneurism. Students learn the inner workings of creating a business plan and how to present them to investors. Furthermore, the free program is one of many that further the Summit Area YMCA's mission in

providing the community with opportunities to learn, grow and thrive to become stronger, healthier, and better.

"I think this is a great program for our Middle School age group," says Paul Kieltyka, President & CEO of the Summit Area YMCA who was also present at the Shark Tank Finale. "Kids are not only being creative, but they are putting their innovations to practical use and really learning about how things work in the business world. Providing a free program like this can only do good for our kids—they're ambitious, smart, and talented, and the Y is all about making sure every child has a chance to discover their potential. Our future as a community and a country depends on the foundations and opportunities we provide for our kids."

To learn more about youth enrichment and teen programs at the Summit Area YMCA, visit: http://bit.ly/SAYLifeSkills

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(above) Shark Tank panelists congratulating middle school winners





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The CAU Community Players will be holding open auditions for their 2017 production of "Aladdin Jr."

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m.,

and Saturday, Jan. 21, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. All auditions will take place in the auditorium of Community Access Unlimited (CAU) at 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, 07202.

The CAU Community Players is a troupe of individuals with developmental disabilities and actors and actresses from the broader community. Formed in 2012, the troupe allows CAU members to engage in the pleasures of acting, singing and dancing with people from the wider community and to be judged for their talents rather than disabilities.

CAU is a statewide Elizabeth-based nonprofit providing support programs and services to adults with disabilities as well as youth served under the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to enable them to live independently in the community, providing supports in areas including housing, vocational skills and life-skills training, education, advocacy and recreation.

The CAU Community Players stages a three-day production each year that draws hundreds. This year the troupe will be staging "Aladdin Jr." Based on the Disney movie, which itself was based on the folk tale of the same name, "Aladdin Jr." is the story of a street urchin, a princess and a genie all overcoming their respective obstacles to escape the traps of their lives and achieve their fullest potential and happiness.

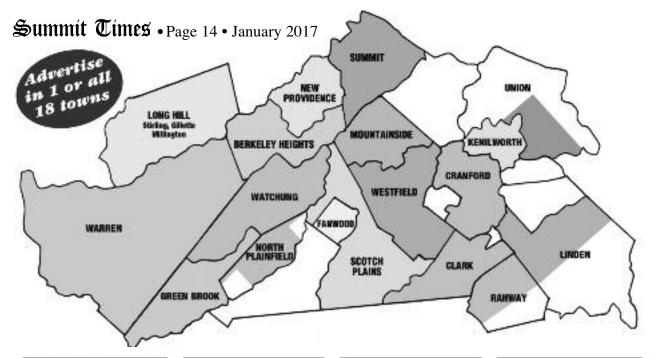
Each year the CAU Community Players select a play that is representative of the agency's message of inclusion, acceptance and believing in oneself, as well as everyone's worth regardless of disability.

Auditions will be held at 80 West Grant Street, Elizabeth, NJ and are open to all members of the public, including youths and adults, as well as all members of Community Access Unlimited. For more information and a downloadable audition packet, visit www.caunj.org and click on Recreation/CAU Community Players.

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