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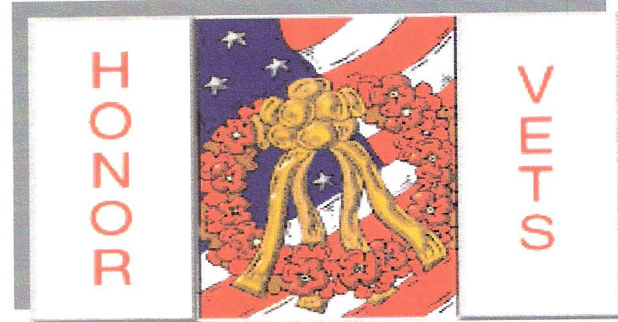
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## Veterans Day

In honor of all the men and women that have served or those currently serving in the Armed Forces. In memory of all who bravely gave their lives so that we can be free.

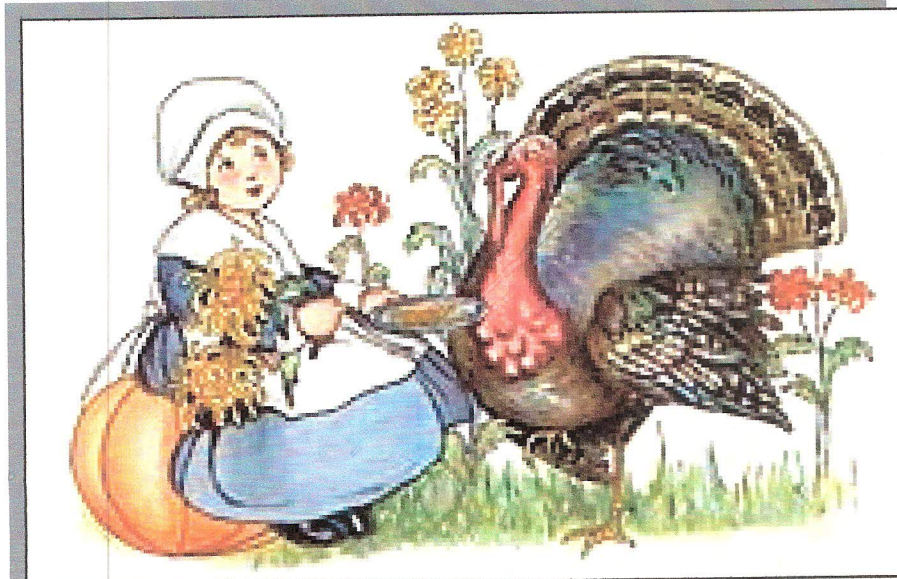


Armistice Day commemorated the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. On this day a truce was signed. The day became a remembrance for those who fought for freedom and lost their lives and also served as a reminder of the price for war.

After World War II, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day to honor all who served or fought for the United States in any branch of the armed forces.

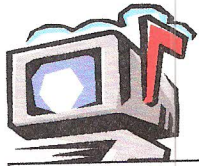
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## Thanksgiving From The Heart



Thanksgiving is a time to remember all we have to be thankful for and to share our resources with others in need. You can make a difference!

<http://rats2u.com/thanksgiving/thanksgiving/heart.htm>



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Citizen  
Newsletter

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The editorial board would appreciate if you send a money order for your new subscription or renewal. Please sign your name and address on your money order so it can be traced without any confusion. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

My wife and I will be in San Antonio to celebrate Thanksgiving with our daughter at her new house. Hope you all have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving.

Thank you,

*Frank Shaw*



**Flash News for next field trip**

*Houston – November 8, 2002*

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston at 8:15 AM. The bus will depart no later than 8:45 AM. The group will visit National Museum of Funeral History and Museum of Printing History. For lunch it will be a buffet style restaurant in Metro area.

Fee is \$5.00 per person at the National Museum of Funeral History  
\$1.00 per person at Museum of Printing History and plus lunch.

If you are interested in going on the field trip, please contact Audrey Leger-Wright at 281-437-6224 before the 11<sup>th</sup>. Come and let's have fun together. See you on 8<sup>th</sup>.

# NEWS

## **News from Darwin Hill:**

Lillian Morgeson was moved at Allenbrook Nursing Home in Baytown, Texas in May because she had a stroke. She had hip surgery in Feb. After a long time, she still failed to pass tests in rehab hospital. Doctor sent her to a nursing home.

## **News from Janice Caraway:**

On September 27, 2002, my mother, Christine McKinnon, and I went to Austin for the TSD Homecoming weekend. We were glad that Mike and Vivian Richardson brought his mother, Lola (Wilson) Richardson, to meet us there. She was so excited to see some classmates, whom she has not seen since 1942. It was very good to see Lola, Mike and Vivian and be able to see how much the school has changed and how BIG it is. They were very glad to see Martha (Harvard) and Henry Harvard, whom they have not seen in many, many years. We went to the drama on Friday night and really enjoyed seeing the play, "In the Woods".

We saw several Houstonians there: Hazel & Jack Richard, Laverne & James Fair. We also enjoyed meeting and visiting with Lorena and Allen Bubeck from Dallas.

While we were there, we went to see Julius Seeger at the hospital. My mother was glad that she got the chance to see Julius and Ruth and have a nice visit with them. We stopped back by on Sunday before heading back to Houston.

## **Brief news about Julius Seeger by Christine McKinnon**

Julius Seeger has had a truly amazing week. He was released from Health South Rehab Hospital on October 15<sup>th</sup> and is back at home! He will be attending "day-rehab" (at Health South) for the next several weeks, which means he will be picked up daily at 9 AM weekly and provided 6 hours of continued physical, speech, and occupational therapies daily, returning home at 3 PM. Julius, his wife, Ruth & son, Mark would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all friends & church members for their support, well wishes, prayers, visits & food.

Julius, we're glad you are back home! *Love, Christine and Janice*

## **"Lucille Garrison" from Allen Bubeck: Submitted by Christine McKinnon**

Lucille Garrison, 92, a native of Dallas, a deaf teacher, librarian, and activist, died peacefully on Tuesday, September 17, 2002. She graduated from Texas School for the Deaf in Austin, and later became a teacher at her Alma Mater for a couple of years before moving back to Dallas as a full time librarian in the Dallas Library system until her retirement.

Lucille was a dedicated and imaginative lady of the Deaf community and she was more likely a mother to the Deaf youngsters. She had been involved in the Dallas Deaf Community, the old Dallas Silent Club, and the forerunner of Dallas Association of the Deaf/Dallas Community Center for the Deaf. She was selected by the Deaf Community as a Woman of the Year.

She was a member of Dallas Auxiliary Frat #141 of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, and Dal-Tar Deaf Lioness Club. Also, she was a deaf activist and staunch supporter of Texas Association of the Deaf and National Association of the Deaf.

Since her health was being failure, she was placed at the assisted living quarters. She received her visitors from the Tejas Deaf Seniors Club of Dallas that constantly cheered her up until her death.

The Deaf community had many wonderful memories of Lucille Garrison.



## *Carla Holmes' Birthday party at St. Dominic's Deaf Center*

by Karen Clifton

On October 13, 2002, members of St. Dominic's in Houston and friends joined to celebrate Carla's 62nd birthday. Delicious BBQ lunch was served. Carla received nice cards and gifts. She is a dedicated woman who helps the Deaf community by teaching Church Information and Continuing Christian Education classes for almost 30 years. Also, she did interpret for some of Deaf ladies in the delivery room. The members at the church really deeply appreciate her loving and tireless efforts. She deserved to enjoy her special day. May God bless you, Carla.

### **News: by Maurice Ford**

About three weeks ago I went to American's Amish Country in Canton, Ohio with 107 deaf people. We went sightseeing to many different craft stores, bakery, gifts and things that Amish people made. That's very interesting and amazing how they make their living. We had a wonderful time.

Senior Citizens, I really miss all of you in Houston very much. I love you all, and God Bless. *Maurice* ⇒



#### **Ohio's Amish Country**

Sunday Mornings families from the local church district, as well as other friends, and neighbors gather at a member's home for church services.



**Robert and Cynthia  
Stevens  
Fifth Wedding  
Anniversary  
September 27,  
2002**

*God has brought us together  
as soul mates. Your smile,  
sense of humor and uncondi-  
tional love has lifted me up  
to soar through the Universe.*

*Forever Love, CJ*

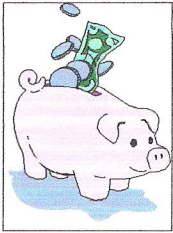


**Pictured:** Pernella Smith, 8, on the right with her sister, Gloria Bertrand, 7. Taken by their parents before Pernella went to school for the first time at Louisiana School for the Deaf in Baton Rouge, LA. Their mother made these outfits and was proud they wore them.

## Thank You Note

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens,

Thanks, to all of you. Your prayers and support, in remembering Lucy and her family, are greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Joe Chimelak & family.



### From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:

We wish to thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND: Nellie Bishop, Zelma & Gus Curbello, Margie & Troy Graham, Thelma Jo Hays, Calvin Hill, Audrey Leger-Wright, Roger Spivey, Mary Jo Stevens, Paula Szablowski, and Damon Wright.**

Zelma & Gus Curbello, George T. Joffrion, Early McVey, and Montie Strothers, thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND: IN MEMORY OF LUCILLE GARRISON, RAY KIRKLAND, GUS WHITE INCLUDING ALL RECENTLY DECEASED.**

Maurice Ford, thank you for your donation to **LOVE FUND** of the crafts made to be sold.

Nellie Bishop sold raffles for the clock donated to **LOVE FUND**. Lorena Blomdahl won the clock. *Nellie* thanks for your thoughtful donation.

Anyone who wishes to donate \$\$\$ to **LOVE FUND** should please make check or money order payable to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens-Love Fund. Please mail to:

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### RENEWALS:

Thank you for your renewal: Claudia Adkins, Sherrian Fewell, Ann Frazier, Joy Gibson, Nathan Hester, George T. Joffrion, Oceal L. Lamb, Fred M. Quinn Sr, Marie Shropshire, Pauline Solazzo, Rose A. Wade, and Geneva C. White.



**REST IN PEACE**

**OBITUARY**



### **Letha Lucille (Garison) Garrison: (She preferred her last name as Garrison)**

Letha Lucille Garison born August 13, 1910, died September 17, 2002. Predeceased by father, A. C. Garison and mother, Lucille Garison Coffey; beloved brother, A. C. "Gary" Garison, Jr; stepfather, Homer Coffey. Attended Texas School for the Deaf at Austin, Texas & after graduation where she also taught. Worked for North American Aviation during World War II, retired after twenty-five years from Dallas Public Library. Survived by sister-in-law, Eleanor M. Garison. Member of several societies & associations for the deaf, world traveler and resided at Walnut Place for the past eight years. Member of the First Baptist Church of Dallas. Services were held at 9:30 AM, Saturday, September 21, 2002 at Restland Wildwood Chapel, Dr. Michael Waco officiating.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### November 1, 2002 (Friday)



FRAT continues to meet at the Golden Corral from 11 AM to 1 PM luncheon each month, and will meet on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Follow North 290, get off Hollister exit, and make a U-turn. You will see the restaurant on your right. A few changes were decided by the FRAT: \$3.00 will be given to a birthday participant of the month who had been a regular attendee and a contributor.

### November 1, 2002 (Friday)



ASL Social at San Jacinto Mall, Food Court, Hwy I-10 East at Garth, Baytown, TX 77521 from 5 PM to 9 PM. Come and join us to meet old and new friends! Please e-mail to contact Roger Spivey at [spivey39@ev1.net](mailto:spivey39@ev1.net) before 28<sup>th</sup> of October.

### November 7, 2002 (Thursday)



Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will be held on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point at 7 PM. This month we have a special presentation from Officer D. Harmon. She will share with you how she uses a clown costume to teach children about safety as Officer Whittles. Interpreter & captioning will be provided. **Remember it's Thursday this month!!**

### November 8, 2002 (Friday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip in Houston area to tour the History museums. Please be at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX, at 8:30 – 9 AM. The bus will be leaving at 9:15 AM. Let's join us and enjoy ourselves. (See editor page 2, for more information).

### November 13, 2002 (Wednesday)



Houston Senior Citizens will have a general meeting at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston from 9 AM to 1 PM. Closed Captioning will be provided. Come and enjoy chatting with friends!

### November 16, 2002 (Saturday)



Greater Houston Deaf Connections (GHDC) is having their 1<sup>st</sup> picnic. It will be held at Bear Creek Park at Pavilion #3 from 10 AM to 6 PM. The prices for tickets are Adults \$10.00, Senior Citizens (55 & up) \$8.00, and Children (5 – 17) \$5.00. Tickets will be on sale at the ASL Social on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. You may send an E-mail message to [GHDC2003@yahoo.com](mailto:GHDC2003@yahoo.com) if you are unable to attend the ASL Social. See last page for the map direction and address.

### November 21, 2002 (Thursday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point from 9 AM to 1 PM. There will be a Mexican Dinner. If you wish to bring the food, please contact Evelyn Autry at (713) 984-8186 TTY or Gertrude Sessions at (281) 447-7575 TTY and let them know what you will bring.

### November 27, 2002 (Wednesday)

**ATTENTION:** There will be no meeting on that day due to Thanksgivings Day on Thursday.

# Happy Thanksgivings

# November 2002

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3	4	5	6	7 PIP Meeting  J. C. Smith	8 FIELD TRIP "Houston Area" 	9
10	11	12	13 S.M.M.S.C. Meeting Gene Harkness LaRue Clifton 	14	15	16 GHDC  Picnic at Bear Creek Park
17	18	19	20	21 S C Social Woodhaven Mexican Dinner 	22	23
24	25	26	27 S.M.M.S.C. No Meeting Joyce Adams 	28 Happy Thanksgiving's Day 	29 Darwin S. Hill 	30



SOCIAL MEETING



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# Senior Citizens Events

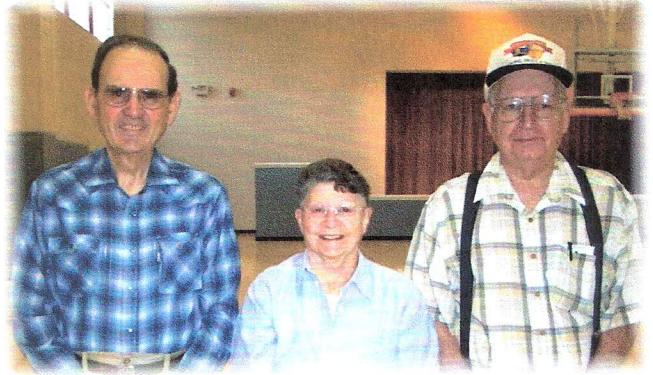
*October 9, 2002*

Mary Jo Stevens stopped by Houston Deaf Senior Citizens' meeting for a visit and sure surprised the group. She really looked so great! Mary Jo and everybody else had a great time chatting with each other. Thank you, Mary Jo, for stopping by.



## October Birthdays

C. Richard Brownalenoir, Pernella Smith, and C. Frank Shaw

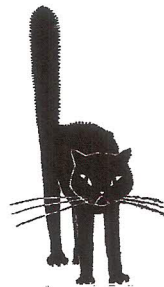


*October 23, 2002*

## Halloween Spirits



These beautiful Halloween decorations on the table along with chips, dips, and goodies, all brought by Christine McKinnon. How thoughtful of her to always think of the Senior Citizens group.



**Above right:** Christine McKinnon wears a Witch costume, and shows off the delicious Seven Layers Fiesta dip she made.



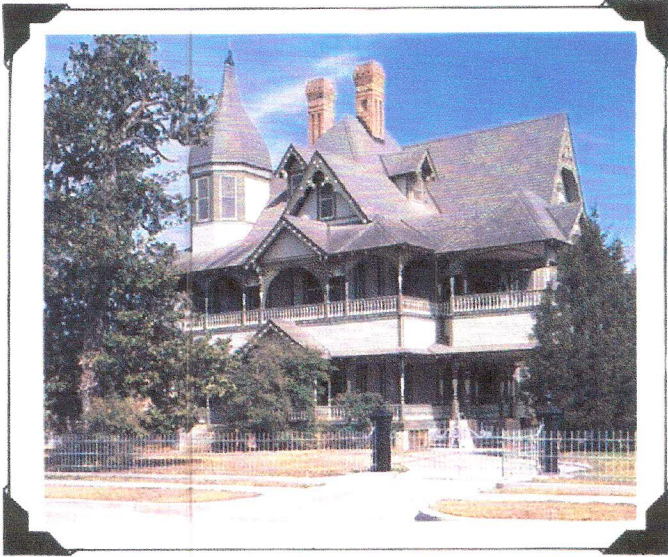
**Left:** Audrey Leger-Wright, Marie Hays, Arlene Benham, Pernella Smith, Christine McKinnon, and Jenice Wells (Christine especially) in good spirits with Halloween costumes. She has a big heart for Halloween!



# Orange Field Trip

October 11, 2002

## W. H. STARK HOUSE MUSEUM



W. H. Stark, a successful & wealthy businessman, and his wife, Miriam Lutcher moved into their 1894 Victoria home. This house is three stories with 15 rooms and today it still stands with its original furniture, rugs, family portraits, lace curtains, silver, ceramics, glass, woodwork, & lighting. Also many beautiful crystals, some things with Ivory, and 36 sets of dishes are displayed in the house. Miriam's hobby was collecting dolls, angels and unique urns from other countries. What a remarkable sight! Unfortunately, taking pictures inside of the house is prohibited, but the group really enjoyed touring this beautiful house.

## HERITAGE HOUSE MUSEUM

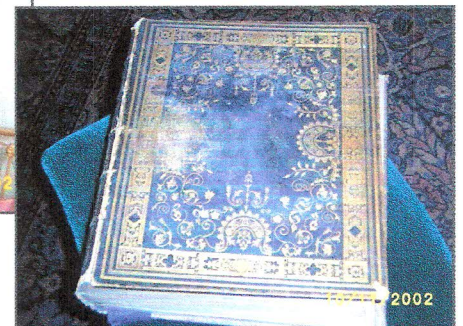


Heritage house was built in 1902 by J. O. Sims. It was occupied only by members of the Sims Family until 1977. The house was sold to the City of Orange who then donated it to The Heritage House of Orange County Association, Inc. It is two stories constructed of prime native pine with a finished attic, porches, five fireplaces and a slate roof. What a lovely house!

**Right:** Sun Room on second floor where of the Heritage house where women used to sew clothes.



**Far right:** This beautiful antique bible was published in 1894.



**Left:** First Presbyterian Church, an outstanding example of classic Greek Revival architecture, has all the beautiful stained windows. Unfortunately they are booked up for tours this month so the group couldn't make it this time, but they drove by and took some pictures of the church outside. We could imagine that inside would be so attractive.



Esther Brownalenoir will be writing down the stories that deaf people are telling, and with their permissions print them in the Newsletter, "I Remember."

### **Joyce Adams Remembers...**

When she was a typist, her boss beckoned her to follow him to Hermann Hospital. At the time no one would tell her what happened to her husband, Roy (he was working in a company that did book binding and the pressuring part fell on both of his hands and lost his hands). She wanted to see him, and doctors & nurses kept her back, because they did not know how to help her brace for the awful truth. When she finally saw Roy, he was thrashing about, his arms held high to keep blood from spurting out. She shuddered and cried. Roy asked her if she still love him and she said, "I do love you!" He gave a wan smile. That happened two years and seven months after they were married, and they have stayed together for 44 more years.

We have a true heroine in our midst and a true believer of God's trust and love. She followed her marriage vows, for better or worse until death did them part.

### **Jenice Wells Remembers...**

This story is from when there were 11 people living in Jenice's house per parents, aunt and uncle, and her children.

One time when Jenice had finished reading a pile of comic books, she looked around and found no one in the house. She looked outside but no one was there either. There had been two cars, but now there was just one. Jenice became very upset. She cried and cried. She went back to the house to get a sharp knife to protect herself from wild animals while she went looking for her parents. Then she went back to the house to get another knife, so she had 2 long knives in her hands to threaten anything that would harm her. She walked fearfully, but decided to go back home. After a while, a neighbor across a cornfield heard her loud sobs, came and brought her over to their shack. The kindly neighbor gave her an apple, which helped only for a short while. She still bawled. Where were her folks?

Meanwhile, her brother was looking around in the car, they were on their way to visit a cousin who was a cop. Her brother could not find Jenice in the car, so he tapped his father on the shoulder, and informed him that she was missing. A check proved this to be true, and father ordered all to get off except Jenice's uncle who went back with him to the house. With great relief, they found her at the neighbor's house.

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## **Glass Baking Pans**

Glass pans used for baking allow foods to brown quicker than the metal varieties. It is a good idea to lower the oven temperature by 15 degrees to prevent over-browning. This may increase the overall cooking time slightly. Most recipes give alternative tests for doneness (firm center, lightly browned top, etc.) along with the estimated cooking time.

*Emazing.com – Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2002*

# Greater Houston Deaf Connections



## Picnic in Bear Creek Park at Pavilion #3

Bear Creek Park  
3535 War Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77084-6103

November 16, 2002

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Games, food (brisket, chicken, ribs & sausages), drinks and chat

Admission: Adult - \$10.00, Child - \$5.00 (age 5-17) and Senior Citizens 55+ - \$8.00

Bear Creek Park is located off of Clay Road between State Hwy 6 & N. Eldridge Parkway. Take S. Schulz Lane off of Bear Creek Drive once you enter the park, follow around to Pavilion #3.



## Tejas Deaf Senior Citizens Club of Dallas

will host their first **Christmas Banquet and Dance** for the deaf elders of this community on Saturday, December 14, 2002 - 11:30am-5pm at

Dallas Community Center for the Deaf, 4215 Maple Avenue, Dallas Texas. Buffet will be served at 12 Noon

Admission: \$15.00 per person

Come one--Come All  
Hearing friends are welcome  
for more information, contact Herbert Picou  
214-330-5922 (TTY)  
email: [ReddyJo1@webtv.net](mailto:ReddyJo1@webtv.net)

# Medical Update

**HOPE FOR SKIN CANCER PATIENTS** - Melanoma will strike 53,000 Americans this year and kill about 7400, more than any other form of skin cancer. Now scientists report in the British science journal *Nature* that they have identified a gene that, when damaged, may contribute to melanoma. The researchers hope their discovery will lead to the development of drugs that can target the mutated gene—and stop cancer cells from proliferating.

**MOO FOR YOU** - Women who drink one glass of low-fat milk a day reduce their risk of ovarian cancer by 41%.

Source *American Journal of Epidemiology*  
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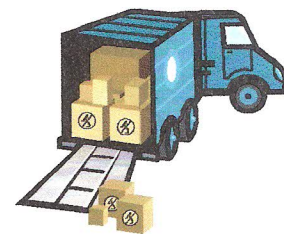
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