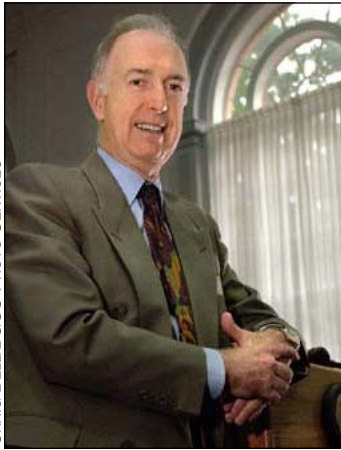


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Profile by Pallister



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Dance with me Henry...
• Henry Garrity, retired chair of Romance Languages, is active in upgrading the artistic climate of Norfolk, Va., where he now lives. Story on page 3.

Rabin Helping Hand Fund's emergency aid

AN endowment fund to provide emergency financial aid to students, set up by retired education Prof. Bernard Rabin just months before his death from leukemia in 2004, made its first large grant last year.

The grant, \$2,000, went to a single parent graduate student facing eviction from her apartment. The Rabin Fund is administered by the BGSU Foundation.



• Dr. Rabin in a KEY photo in the 1950s.

Dr. Rabin's daughter Cheryl Rabin Plotkin, a Bowling Green High School graduate living in Palm Beach Gardens,

Fla., said the fund reached endowment status of \$25,000 on Jan. 8, 2005, the 62nd wedding anniversary of her parents. The fund now has about \$30,000 with contributions from more than 190 donors.

In establishing the fund, Dr. Rabin recalled that in 1952, he was finishing his doctorate at Columbia University Teachers College in New York City. He had no money to move himself, his wife and daughter to a new job in New Hampshire. He found

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Pensions, plans and programs

Government Relations staffer tells all March 14

THE assistant director of Government Relations for STRS Ohio will be the speaker Wednesday, March 14, at the luncheon to be held at the Bowling Green Elks Club on Campbell Hill Road.

Marla Eshelman Bump will focus on what Congress and the state legislature are doing that affects public pension plans and how those potential changes translate to retired and active STRS members.



• Marla Bump

"I'll also attempt to forecast other legislative issues that are likely to be on the horizon," the assistant director said. She also will update members on the STRS/Health Care Advocates proposal to increase contributions from active teachers in half-percent increments over five years.

The Legislative Luncheon is held jointly with the 430-member Wood County Retired Teachers Association.

Reservations must be received by Nancy Buchanan, WCRTA treasurer, by Friday, March 5. Cost is \$10 per person.

Bump, an Ohio State University graduate who majored in political science, was a lobbyist for the Ohio State Medical Association for six years. Previously she was the legislative aide to former State Sen. Grace Drake (R-Solon). Bump joined STRS in 2001 as assistant director of Governmental Relations.

Born and raised in Clyde, she is married to another STRS associate, "although we did not meet at STRS," she adds.

What's ahead



- **March 24** – Planetarium show in the 113-seat auditorium.
- **April 18** – Joint meeting, Toledo retirees at Museum of Art Glass Pavilion.
- **May** – Bryan, Ohio, tours, including Spangler Candy Co.
- **May 16** – BGSURA Luncheon. Mary Alice Powell, retired Food Editor and Sunday Blade columnist.
- **June** – Toledo Mud Hens game.
- **July** – Edison Museum tour in Milan, Ohio; Huron Playhouse performance.

Passings

■ **ELDEN T. SMITH**, 96, professor of speech and theater and Dean of Students for 21 years, died Feb. 5 in Seminole, Fla. He joined the BGSU faculty in 1940

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• Dr. Elden T. Smith as he appeared in the 1945 KEY.



• Randy Gardner, Diane Larson, Reginald Routson, Larry Whatley, Nick Licata, Marcia Sloan Latta, Chris Redfern.

President's Corner By **Dr. Roger Anderson**

Gradebook memories

RECENTLY I was asked to suggest names of Bowling Green graduates for a college advocacy board so I pulled out my old grade books. I recognized many names and decided to focus on some of them in this column, not necessarily because they were the best students, although many were, but because they stood out in my mind.

Many students who major or minor in political science are interested in the law and go on to law school. Some become judges. Ron Rimelspach, a student of the late 1970s, was in several classes and later received his law degree from the University of Toledo. A successful lawyer in Toledo, he specializes in family and domestic relations. Although not formally in my class I frequently advised Denise Dartt, who became one of the youngest delegates to the 1972 Democratic convention. She served in the Toledo Municipal Court and is currently a Lucas County Common Pleas judge.



• Dr. Anderson

Reginald J. Routson was a master's student in my class. He went on to receive his law degree, served as municipal judge in Findlay, and is currently a Hancock County Common Pleas judge. Wood County Common Pleas Judges Alan Mayberry and Dave Woessner both were my students as was Bowling Green Municipal Court Judge Mark Reddin.

Many journalism students or would-be journalists enroll in political science courses, and my courses were no exception. Student Larry Whatley received his degree in speech/broadcasting and was hired at WTOL Channel 11 Toledo in 1973, one year after graduation. He left the station for a while and served as a producer for WBGU-TV, as a substitute teacher in the public schools and as a part-time minister. He returned to WTOL in 1994, where he continues. He also is a pastor at Turning Point United Methodist Church in Bowling Green.

Diane Larson, a former student, co-anchors the news at WTVG-TV at 6 and 11. She has worked at the station for 20 years. Roger Lowe was Washington bureau chief for *The Columbus Dispatch* for 21 years and in 2004 was named senior vice-president of APCO World Wide, a global communication consulting firm.

Marcia Sloan Latta took three courses from me while pursuing a degree in communications. Upon graduation, she served as a congressional aide and as a volunteer in Costa Rica with the USDA-USAID sponsored International Farm Youth Program. She held a number of positions in development at BGSU after being hired in 1985. She left the university from 1995 to 1998 to work as director of development for St. Charles Mercy Hospital. Marcia returned to BGSU in 1998 and currently is senior associate vice-president for Advancement and director of Alumni and Development at BGSU.

I recall the names of several student activists of the early 1970s. B. Maxwell Stamper, a demographic consultant who lives in New York
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City; Ashley Brown, a lawyer in Dayton and former member of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and Nicholas Licata, past president of BGSU Student Government, former insurance broker and current Seattle city council member. Licata ended up in Seattle to earn a master's degree in sociology at the University of Washington. Once there he could not resist politics and he collected signatures for a statewide corporate income tax, raised money for an anti-nuke group, and founded an alternative newspaper. He is in his third term on city council and has been chair of one of the most demanding council committees, the monorail and public-safety oversight panel.



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• Dave Wottle crosses the finish line in a preliminary race in Munich in 1972.

Although there have been many future teachers in my classes, one is somewhat unusual because he took several classes and probably spent as much time talking to me outside of class as in class. Jose Luna graduated in the late 1970s and is currently head of bilingual education for Toledo Public Schools. Another Latino I spent much time with is Jose Trevino. Until he was 15, he worked with his parents as migrants on Northwest Ohio farms. Today he is the coordinator of recruitment and retention for the University of Toledo College of Pharmacy.

I taught many student athletes but I'll always remember Dave Wottle, a good but quiet student. In 1972 he won the 1500-meter race at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. At the Munich Olympics, also in 1972, Dave won the 800-meter race. The next year he won the mile run in 3:57.1, an NCAA record, at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. (For more on Wottle, see page 7.)

Many political science students have entered politics or consulted in politics over the years. Former student Allen R. Baldwin is chair of the Wood County Democratic Party. Chris Redfern, chair of the Ohio Democratic Party, was a student in undergraduate and graduate classes. Chris became an Ottawa County commissioner shortly after graduation and has served in the Ohio Legislature since 1999. He was House minority leader from 2002-2006. Another student who took undergraduate and graduate classes is Randy Gardner. He was a state representative from 1985 to 2000 and has been a state senator since 2001. He is currently majority floor leader.

Unfortunately, I had to leave out three times as many students as I mentioned. I estimate that over my 34 years of teaching I had at least 10,000 students.

Roger C. Anderson

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Did you know Henry Garrity danced?

By Janis L. Pallister

I DOUBT you did. But since his retirement (in 2002) as chair of the Romance -Languages Department at BGSU and his subsequent move on Aug. 10, 2004, to Norfolk, Va. — a city where he then knew nobody except his realtor — Henry Garrity has been very active in upgrading the artistic climate of Norfolk. (More about dancing later.)

In May 2005, Henry was invited to join the Board of Directors of the Virginia Opera Association (VOA), at which time he also became a member of the Opera Guild. He now serves on two VOA standing committees: the Artistic Advisory Committee and the Strategic Planning Committee. The first advises on selection of works for future productions.

In addition, he is chair of an ad hoc committee called the Russian Celebration Committee (aka the Eugene Onegin Committee). The committee is encouraging cultural organizations and educational institutions throughout the Commonwealth to program events with Russian cultural content (music, dance, art, literature, history, political science, science, etc.) to coincide with the Virginia Opera's premiere of Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin* next January.

THE OPERA will publish a list of programs (dates, times and locations) so that anyone in the Commonwealth can attend these events. And they have recently received news from the Russian Embassy that it wants to encourage this initiative and play a role in what it calls a "significant event" occurring in January in Washington.

In December, Henry traveled to New York where the VOA was holding auditions for some future productions. While there, he and others met with the director and set designer for *Onegin*. The set should be extraordinary.

And here is where you came in: Henry is to have a dancing (i.e. non-singing) role as the Spanish ambassador in the St. Petersburg ball scene. He will be making his operatic debut in January!



VIRGINIA OPERA ASSN.

• Dr. Henry Garrity; Michael Shell, assistant director of the production *Carmen*, and Christina Nassif, soprano, in Norfolk after a performance of the Virginia Opera Association.

Henry is proud to report that regarding *Eugene Onegin*, the VOA has added a lecture series from the Slavic Department at the University of Virginia, a lecture on Russian relations from the Charlottesville Foreign Relations Council, and a series of events organized by the Reves Center for International Studies at The College of William and Mary. In addition, a concert version of *Eugene Onegin* will be sung at the National Gallery in Washington and at the Paramount in Charlottesville.

Last September, at the opening of the VOA production of *Carmen*, Garrity gave a talk on sexual obsession in the opera with cross references to the original Merimée short story.

GARRITY also has been invited to join the Special Advisory Committee to the Artistic Director of the Virginia State Company, Norfolk's professional company located downtown in the Wells Theater, a national historic landmark. This is only a one-year commitment. Members of the committee see the productions in rehearsal and convey to the artistic director their impressions of how the production is playing. Because many of the committee often are travelers, they are asked to see productions elsewhere and recommend plays to the Artistic Director.

Now, I had to ask Henry if in this transformation to opera planner and dancer he had completely abandoned his connection with France and the French language. The answer was an adamant "No!" Indeed, he has been elected vice-president of the Norfolk (de Grasse) Chapter of the Alliance Française. Like most chapters, they run their own language school. Their most important client is CMACGM, the French shipping giant (CMACGM is a name fusion of two French shipping companies, Compagnie Maritime Atlantique and Compagnie Generale Maritime, the world's fourth largest, headquartered in Marseille), with Norfolk as its American headquarters.

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Henry Garrity *continued*

The Alliance chapter of Norfolk gives CMACGM's American employees instruction in the French language.

The chapter has also recently hosted a dinner at the Norfolk Yacht Club for the French ambassador and minister of defense while they were in Norfolk for Yorktown Days, honoring the French soldiers and sailors who died during the siege of Yorktown. They also hosted the officers of the French destroyer De Grasse ("How appropriate," says Henry — "grasse" being French for "fat!"). These officers had made an appearance for the Yorktown memorials

Alliance primary work

BUT HENRY'S primary work with the Alliance is to organize their first Fête de la Musique for next June 17. The Fête is sanctioned by the French Ministry for Culture. (These events take place around the world at the time of the summer solstice.) Ever resourceful, Henry has secured a beautiful location, the grounds of an estate on the banks of the LaFayette River. The Alliance expects around 20 individual musicians or musical groups and attendees numbering 200 for this, the first year. All is free.

Henry, whom some of you may remember as chair of Faculty Senate (1999-2000) or as a member of various committees, has his BA from Yale; MA from Middlebury College, and PhD from the University of North Carolina. With specialties in French cinema and 17th century French literature, he has published dozens of articles, particularly on French and Canadian cinema. And for several years he organized Canadian Film Festivals and International Film Directors weeks, bringing to our campus many great directors including, among others, Norman Jewison, Bertrand Tavernier, Michael Verhoven, Don Shebib, Arthur Hiller, and Daniel Petrie.-

Henry has also been an ardent traveler. While at BGSU, whose faculty he joined in 1990, he travelled with

Dr. Olscamp to inspect the University's programs abroad and took many other trips to deliver papers or for pure pleasure.

Since going to Norfolk, he has attended a plethora of cultural events: they have taken him more than once to Toronto, New York, Chicago, and Jonesborough, Tenn. He has also gone to Brazil, and, of course, frequently to France. In June 2006 he joined friends for a five-day trek on part of the medieval Saint Jacques de Compostelle route. And for that matter he rented an apartment for this last Christmas and New Years in Paris. He reports that while there he saw *Coppelia* (for dancing tips!!!) at the Opera Bastille on New Year's Eve and rang in 2007 at the Arc Triomphe from where he saw the Eiffel Tower do its thing.

Let us end by saying that in April 2006, Henry travelled to Atlanta for the first awarding of the scholarship he had set up in honor of his late wife, Mary Taylor Lipscomb Garrity, at her alma mater, Agnes Scott College.

But Henry Garrity hasn't forgotten us: He visited us last October. We hope he will return again and soon.

□

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Computer troubles?

PROBLEMS getting connected to the Internet for e-mail, surfing and, perhaps, the new Vista operating system for PCs? Call Charlie Applebaum, 352-0777, or e-mail applebau@bgsu.edu, or the math office, 372-2729. Applebaum's services are made available to retirees by the office of Linda Dobb, BGSU executive vice president. □



A 180-degree view of the BGSURA office, Room 5, College Park Office Bldg.



• *Becky McOmber, in charge of office staffing for BGSURA this year, in Room 5. Staffers in 2006-2007 have been Roger Anderson, Tom Bennett, Clif Boutelle, Betsy Clark, Annette Ecker, Dick Edwards, Mearl Guthrie, Harry Hoemann, Jackie Instone, Barbara Keller, Park Leathers, Harold Lunde, Phyllis Oster, Diane Pretzer, Wally Pretzer, Monna Pugh, and Chris Sexton. For five years previously, Phyllis Oster was in charge of staffing.*

Watt is 'Outstanding Citizen'

MARY A. Watt, who retired from BGSU as professor emeritus of physical education and recreation in 1978, was announced Saturday, Jan. 27, as the 2007 Outstanding Citizen (female) of Bowling Green. Prof. Watt was presented with the honor at the annual Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Din-

ner Dance in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lenhart Ballroom.

Prof. Watt, 87, has been an active board member of the Wood County Committee on Aging since 1988 and manages a database of more than 5,000 seniors. Because of her teaching skills and ability to reach students, BGSU named the resource center in Eppler Hall in her honor. She is a World War II Army Air Corps veteran. □



• *Mary A. Watt*



BGSURA gathering — Retirees attending a joint meeting of the Northwest Woodworkers Guild and an Adult Education advanced woodworking class at Bowling Green Senior High School include Fred Leetch (math), who is treasurer of the Guild; M. Lee Goddard (business education), Chris Sexton (WBGU-TV), who gave a demonstration on wood carving, and Mark Asman (accounting and MIS).

Corrections

- David Glasmire, emeritus professor of performance studies, is **alive**. In the last issue, we referred to him as "the late" Prof. Glasmire. He came to BGSU in 1950 and retired in 1983. Now he is a Lakeside, Marblehead, resident. Professor Glasmire was present for the presentation of his former euphonium student, Jim George. We regret the error.
- The full ZIP of Wayne Johnson is 43402-2628.
- Correct ZIP of Gary Mayberry in Northwood is 43619.
- E-mail address of Larry Dean Wills, Midland, Texas: ldwills@suddenlink.net. □



Tree Seminar March 24

THE Bowling Green Tree Commission will present "Growing and Maintaining Healthy Trees, Saturday, March 24, from 9-11 a.m. in the Simpson Building, 1291 Conneaut. City Arborist David S. Bienemann, announced that Dick Bostdorff and Dr. Charles Wade will discuss "Growing and Maintaining Healthy Trees." Bienemann was the speaker at BGSURA's November luncheon. **H**istorical Tree Calendars will be available at the seminar. □



• *A page from the tree calendar, also available on line through the city Web site.*

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• *Eva Marie Saint in 1945.*

and served as chairman of the speech and theater department from 1942 to 1955, when he was named Dean of Students. Dr. Smith was considered responsible for Eva Marie Saint, a BGSU alumna and Oscar-winning actress, making theater and film her career. She

had planned to be an elementary school teacher, but after a letter from Dr. Smith outlining the pros and cons of teaching, she decided she would enter the world of acting. Dr. Smith was hired in 1961 as provost at Ohio Wesleyan University, his alma mater. After serving as vice president of academic affairs, in 1962, he was selected as president of Ohio Wesleyan and served until 1969, when he retired.

■ **DARREL MINIFIE**, retired director of the Division of Special Education and Vocational Rehabilitation from 1964 to 1975, died Dec. 24 in Toledo. He received the first Outstanding Achievement in Research and Development Award in 1973. He retired from Bowling Green State University in 1988.

■ **ETHELANN STUMPP**, a retired

supervisor of special education student teachers, died in Findlay Jan. 9. She retired in 1991. She was a 1956 BGSU graduate.

■ **MAE MYERS** of Bowling Green died Jan. 3. She had worked in the payroll department before her retirement.

■ **PAMELA KONOPINSKI** died Dec. 20 in Portage. She had formerly worked in University Dining Services.

■ **MILDRED ABKE** of Pemberville died Jan. 14 at her home. She had been a clerk and cook at BGSU and also a cook for a fraternity and sorority.

■ **PAMELA GRAY** (Mrs. Joseph) died Dec. 1 in Chicago, where she had resided after moving from Bowling Green. She wrote and produced a radio series for WBGU-FM in the 1970s. □



• *1972: Dave Wottle on the winners' stand.*

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It's history

As the national anthem was being played at the 1972 Olympics, Dave Wottle inadvertently forgot to remove his battered golf cap which he wore during his races to keep his blond hair from blowing. "I just forgot to take it off," he told reporters. "I want to apologize to the American people. I'm really embarrassed about it." Tears came to his eyes as he tried to explain his forgetfulness: "I was so nervous on the victory stand." Wottle now is dean of Admissions /Financial Aid at Rhodes College, Memphis. □

Around the world

BGSURA member Tom Klein (English), reports, "Dianne and I are now part of a proud tradition of BGSU faculty who have gone on one of Semester at Sea's 91 voyages around the world. These folks include Philosophy's Doug Day and Music's Jafron Jones and David Harnish. I understand that others are in line to go, which I encourage."

Klein adds, "Remember that the course load is heavy, the pay reasonable, the ship luxurious, the students ambitious, bright and risk-takers. If anyone wants to know more, check out semesterat-sea.com or our blog, semsea.blogspot.com. □



• *Tom and Diane Klein with Croatian ship Capt. Roman.*

Rabin Fund *from 7*

a college office willing to lend him \$500 at one percent interest with a minimum of red tape.

Dr. Rabin — "Bernie" to his friends — never forgot that help. Two months before his death at age 87, he wrote to friends, colleagues, fellow golfers and Marines he served with in World War II: "I have decided to spend my limited energy from now until I am deceased in helping others in need as I was helped at a major point in my life..."



• *April 2006: In Arlington National Cemetery, U.S. Marines accompanied by a 20-man honor guard carry the urn with the ashes of World War II combat veteran Bernard Rabin.*

Dr Rabin earned his

bachelor's from Plattsburgh

(N.Y.) State Teachers College in 1942 and then enlisted in the Marines, serving in the South Pacific. He was a major by the time he was discharged. His master's is from Syracuse in 1947. He joined the BGSU faculty in 1955 and retired in 1982. □

• **Contributions to the Rabin Fund, tax-deductible, may be sent to the BGSU Foundation, Inc., Bowling Green, OH 43403. The fund is not a loan, but recipients are encouraged to give back to the fund so that future students may benefit, said Julie Pontasch, the Foundation's director of gift planning. Students may apply through**

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RETIREE voices need to be heard --now on health care, Medicare, Social --Security, pension reform and budgets. Legislators and Gov. Strickland need to be informed of retiree concerns.

Legislation — Federal

• Representatives Berman (D-Calif.) and McKeon (R-Calif.) reintroduced the Social Security Fairness Act (HR 82). Senators Feinstein (D-Calif.) and Collins (R-Maine) reintroduced the companion bill.

These bills aim to repeal GPO/WEP, which have been costly for those who are eligible for Social Security benefits in addition to pensions from non-covered jobs. All Social Security legislation must undergo review by the U.S. House Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee, chaired by Rep. McNulty (D-N.Y.). Concern exists that lawmakers may see mandatory Social Security coverage as a way to make the issue go away.

Legislators need to know the negative impact mandatory coverage would have for Ohio retirees and also how it impacts recruitment of talented educators.

Legislation — State

• Rep. Oelslager (R-Canton) agreed to re-introduce the health care legislation aimed at increasing public teachers' contributions over a five-year period to create

an ongoing dedicated revenue stream.

Issues that could impact the discussion include a proposed school-funding constitutional amendment which needs careful consideration because it does not require reduction of property tax and might not eliminate the need for tax levies.

• H700, sponsored by Rep. Schneider (R-Cincinnati), which would expand alternative retirement plans offered by private vendors to K-12 educators, probably will be introduced. It was delayed by the quick action of STRS and others at the end of the last session and an analysis of the impact was requested.

Schneider chairs the Ohio Retirement Study Council (ORSC), an oversight committee for all five systems. The recent audit report of STRS Ohio by the Independent Fiduciary Services (IFS) includes recommendations addressed to ORSC pension oversight responsibilities, one of which relates to the role of the State Treasurer in management of custodial services and suggests legislative changes. The STRS response was to be on the agenda of the STRS Board Retreat Jan. 31.

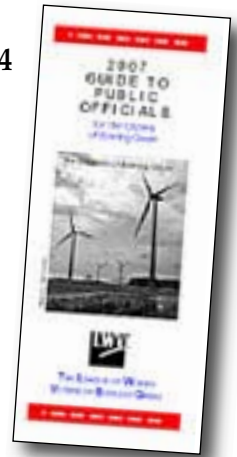
STRS Board

Two investment experts were recently appointed: Craig Brooks by the State Treasurer and Thomas W. Johnson by Gov. Taft. One replacement remains to be named. □

League providing brochures March 14

THE Bowling Green League of Women Voters will distribute its new *2007 Guide to Public Officials* to those attending

the March 14 luncheon. The guide includes names, addresses, phone numbers for scores of ward, city, township, county, state and federal officials.



Presidential PostScript

Thank you for the sympathy cards and calls following my December column highlighting the passing of our cat Taffy. Mary Hitt, secretary to Dean Nieman in Arts and Sciences, even offered us three cats, but we declined. We decided it is still too early to adopt new cats.

Roger

Please note the early deadline Friday, Mar. 5

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Reservations must be received by Friday, March 5. \$10 per person.

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