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BRANCH 33, CLEVELAND EAST By Arline Krestel-Suts

As we watch, wait and pray for virus numbers to decrease, life is re-opening to a "new normal". At this point in time, with thoughts of the safety of our membership in mind, the officers of Branch 33 have decided again to CANCEL the general membership MEETING for Wednesday, JUNE 10, 2020. Only the officers will be meeting (on Tuesday the 9th) to conduct some much needed business after two months of delay. As decisions unfold, look to the articles in the Volksblatt for updates.

We heard that Florence Davidson was recently hospitalized, and pray for her strength to recover. Our longtime member Dorothy Raynak passed away May 10th. Dorothy, Foisel by birth, was the sister of our V. P. Bette Schmidt, mother of member Pam Bonnett (and three other children Susan, Rick & John), mother-in-law to Bob, and grandmother of six including our members Corin Fogle and Austin Bonnett; also a great-grandmother and aunt. A full life with a loving family! Our condolences to her loved ones and may she rest in peace in God's loving arms. The family noted that a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Branch 33 did receive a monetary gift from the ATS Board, to assist our branch in this unprecedented time. We thank the ATS for their generous on-going support.

Though the ATS national convention was canceled, delegates did complete the voting; delegates did discuss business via text and agreed with the ATS board recommendations. I'm sure the election results will be posted in a future Volksblatt.

Again, I hope everyone remains cautious and safe.

Help Wanted Accountant

The ATS has an opening in the Home Office for an energetic, detail oriented, sociable person. Skills required include accounting, proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel, and general office duties. A background in insurance is helpful, but not required. Competitive salary and benefits.

Send cover letter and resume to: Office@ATSaxons.com or mail to: ATS Home Office, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129 by June 30, 2020.



63rd TSBA Convention Date Change

63rd TSBA Convention
Cleveland West
Sachsenheim
7001 Denison
Cleveland OH 44102
July 11, 2020
Time: 10 a.m.
Cost: Lunch \$10

Reminder: Each Branch is encouraged to send 3 delegates
RSVP: CJ Schmitz
(440) 799-1940 by July 3, 2020



KEEP CALM
AND
STAY SAFE!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joan Miller-Malue
ATS Nat'l President



Many states are re-opening as they ease restrictions in various ways amidst the coronavirus pandemic. People are anxious to get out and about as the weather is getting warmer. Our Board of Directors wants to emphasize the importance of social distancing when we are out that we do our part helping to slow the silent spread of this virus and flatten the curve of the COVID-19 pandemic. This will give our health-care professionals, hospitals, and other institutions more valuable time to prepare, protect themselves, and aid the many people whose lives may be on the line from this coronavirus.

The TSBA annually schedules its convention on the second Saturday in June. They have postponed their convention this year and will plan to hold their meeting on Saturday, July 11 at the Cleveland Sachsenheim. Each Branch is entitled to send three delegates. The TSBA officers are hoping that bowling sessions can be held during their 2020-21 season which starts in the Fall.

The Association of Transylvanian Saxons in Germany for almost 70 years has held a Heimattag during Pentecost weekend. These events have been held in Dinkelsbuehl and have attracted thousands of Transylvanian Saxons and friends to these festivities. If you have not attended a Heimattag in Dinkelsbuehl, you definitely want to put it on your bucket list. But due to the pandemic, this year's home day celebration will be digital under the motto, "At home and yet connected." This digital program will start on Friday, May 29 at 2 pm (EST) and lasts until Sunday, May 31 at approximately 3 pm (EST). You can connect via the YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/SiebenbeurgerDE> or the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/siebenbuerger.de>. The program will include current and older recordings of cultural dance groups, greetings, exhibitions, singing and dance music. Tune in and enjoy our Transylvanian Saxon heritage Tech-style.

We received a lovely note from our member, Ava Izenour, Home Branch member, to withdraw her name from the ATS Scholarship applicants list because she has recently received an Appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Ava thanked us for the opportunity to apply for a scholarship and hopes this gives an opportunity to another ATS member that is college bound. We congratulate Ava on this prestigious appointment and applaud her for her aspirations to become a leader for the Naval Service and future security of our Nation.

The Scholarship Committee chaired by Jacob Spor will be meeting this weekend to select the ATS scholarship winners. The committee evaluates completed Freshman scholarship applications using a point system. Judgments are not arbitrary.

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trary. The Undergraduate continuing education award are done by a random drawing. Names of members awarded a scholarship will appear in the next issue of the Volksblatt and recipients will be notified by mail. Good Luck to all applicants!

Transylvanian Saxon Trivia: The village of Hammersdorf lies north of Hermannstadt and was mentioned in the year 1309 as Villa Humperti and is believed to stand on the site of an old Roman settlement. For years there have been Roman coins and other antiquities found in the soil. Hammersdorf was one of the most important suppliers of bricks and tiles for the buildings of neighboring Hermannstadt and today is considered a district in Hermannstadt. The fortified church was restored in 1988 and within the fortified walls there is the school, the church,



Hammersdorf

the chapel, the parsonage and the big garden. The Evangelical Parish of Hermannstadt is developing there a center for ecological education and meetings. The Charlotte-Dietrich School is a private German speaking school and has revived the old school building. For the garden, the Parish has hired a gardener who is specializes in ecological gardening. There are also different groups, wishing to learn about ecological gardening and lifestyle.

The organ was built by a Swiss organ builder, who also created other five instruments around Hermannstadt. This instrument was restored in 2014 and now, it is in normal use during the summer time as the church organ. In the winter season, the small congregation gathers in a smaller room with a reed organ.

Ich wünsche allen einen schönen Tag!

Doing chores makes kids better citizens

There’s no question that working parents need all the help they can get when it comes to keeping up their homes.

That means kids help too. But as they do their chores, are they helping themselves as well?

New research conducted at the University of Toronto indicates the answer is an emphatic “yes”.

The study of children ages 9 to 14 shows that those with regular responsibilities at home showed greater sensitivity to the needs of others, were more responsible in other areas, and were more likely to spontaneously pitch in, both at home and at school.

The key to making kids more responsible was having them do tasks that benefited the entire family.

Doing things that benefit all gets kids in the habit of thinking of others, say the study leaders. They were more likely to become responsible and considerate adults.

What if your kids don’t want to do chores? Give them a number of choices and let them decide which ones to take on. They’ll be more likely to help out without complaining.

Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



Schloss Horneck located in Gundelsheim, Germany is the international location for our Siebenbürger Sachsen to house Sachsen artifacts, books and other historical documents and records. It is important to our worldwide Sachsen community to help in the maintenance expenses of this historical facility that will preserve our Sachsen culture and heritage.

The Federation of Transylvanian Saxons requests donation to help in the funding of the facility. If you are interested in giving a donation, please complete the form below and send to the ATS Home Office, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129.

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DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020	FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2020
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020	FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2020
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020	FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2020

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 Noon?

Please call Hanz Hermann at (440) 525-0020

FARM JOKES

Why shouldn't you tell a secret on a farm?
Because the potatoes have eyes and the corn has ears!

Why did the scarecrow win the Nobel Prize?
Because he was out standing in his field!

What day do potatoes hate the most?
Fry-day!

What farm animal keeps the best time?
A watch dog!

What is a scarecrow's favorite fruit?
Straw-berries!

What kind of pigs know karate?
Pork chops!

What is a Happy Farmers favorite candy?
A Jolly Rancher.

What did the baby corn say to the mama corn?
Where's popcorn?

Why did the lamb call the police?
He had been fleeced.



FROZEN CHOCOLATE MONKEY TREATS



Ingredients

- 3 medium bananas
- 1 cup dark chocolate chips
- 2 teaspoons shortening
- Toppings: chopped peanuts, toasted sweetened shredded coconut and/or colored jimmies

Directions

Cut each banana crosswise into 6 pieces (about 1 in.). Insert a toothpick into each piece; transfer to a waxed paper-lined baking sheet. Freeze until completely firm, about 1 hour.

In a microwave, melt chocolate and shortening; stir until smooth. Dip banana pieces in chocolate mixture; allow excess to drip off. Dip in toppings as desired; return to baking sheet. Freeze at least 30 minutes before serving.

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	halb sechs		Viertel nach elf
	fünf nach zwölf		zehn vor neun
	Viertel vor zehn		fünf vor vier

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS
By Donald Blum

NATIONAL EVENTS

June 21-26, 2020
Saxon Summer Camp **CANCELLED**
Camp Frederick Rogers, Ohio
July 10 - 12, 2020
North American Saxon Heimattag **CANCELLED**
Salem, Ohio
July 11, 2020
TSBA Bowlers Convention
Host Cleveland West Bowlers
July 25, 2020
ATS Family Day **CANCELLED**
Waldameer Park Erie, PA
October 10 - 11, 2020
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Host Youngstown Saxon Bowlers

LOCAL EVENTS

June 14, 2020
Chicago Br. 9 Picnic, Lynn Woods Morton Grove
June 20, 2020
Cleveland Sachsenheim Sausage Fest
August 15, 2020
Cleveland Brs 1 and 4 Oktoberfest
September 20, 2020
Cleveland Brs 1 and 4 Membership Banquet
October 17, 2020
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Traubenfest
October 30, 2020
Cleveland Brs 1 and 4 Children's Halloween Party
November 6, 2020
Chicago Br. 9 Siebenbürger Sachsen Stiftungsfest
November 8, 2020
Cleveland Brs 1 and 4 Veterans Day Dinner
November 21, 2020
Cleveland Brs 1 and 4 Sausage Sale
December 12, 2020
Cleveland Brs 1 and 4 Children's Christmas Party

TRANSYLVANIAN
SAXON HISTORY AND
CURRENT PRESIDENT
OF ROMANIA:

Award to Klaus Johannis, President of Romania and background as a Transylvanian Saxon.
Charlemagne Prize 2020
Citation by the Board of Directors of the Society for the Conferring of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen to the President of Romania Klaus Johannis
While representation of Saxons in Transylvania and Romania has dwindled to a very small level of the population, it is very significant that an individual of Transylvanian Saxon background has risen to the level of President of Romania and as an important representative in the European Union. His story of gaining leadership, the Presidency of Romania and achieving this award, Charlemagne Prize of Aachen is one tremendous struggle against many odds and obstacles.
What we really need in the European Union today is



Klaus Johannis

consensus, mutual respect and reconciliation. In the eastern part of the Union, one man in particular stands out as embodying our shared European values, our commitment to upholding the European rule of law and our shared vision of a European future: the recipient of the Charlemagne Prize 2020, the President of Romania, Klaus Johannis.
Step by step, he has guided a country – one that succeeded in overthrowing a brutal dictatorship and yet, after the revolution in 1989, still had to deal with disappointments – on its way towards becoming the most European country in South Eastern Europe.
Klaus Johannis, with enormous dedication and success, has led Romania to espouse a pro-European policy committed to the rule of law. Johannis strengthens the European Union, is committed to its objectives and promotes cooperation between its Member States. What he has achieved for Romania represents one of the greatest advances in integration since 1989. And he is a great proponent of fairness, of protection of minorities and of cultural diversity, as well as being a leading mediator and bridge-builder between Western and Eastern European societies.
It is due to his approach that a legal and efficient environment – such a vital factor for the community of values that is the European Union – has been established for a thriving national economy with which Romania can now present itself to the EU as a modern, forward-looking and optimistic country.
Klaus Johannis was born on 13 June 1959 in Hermannstadt. A member of the Romanian-German ethnic group of Transylvanian Saxons, he describes himself as “an ethnic German and a Romanian citizen”. After completing his studies in Physics at the Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca in

1983, he worked as a high school physics teacher in Sibiu before becoming the Deputy General School Inspector of Sibiu County in 1997, and later, in 1999, the county's General School Inspector.
Already a member of the Democratic Forum of Germans in Romania (FDGR/DFDR) since 1990, in 2000 he was elected as the Forum's candidate for the office of Mayor of his hometown, Hermannstadt. The election result – a landslide victory with over 70% of the votes – was all the more remarkable considering the fact that only a small percentage of the local population actually belongs to the Transylvanian-Saxon ethnic minority.
He found himself in politics “quite by accident”, as he later remarked in retrospect. “What's my secret? I think the answer is simply that, as a rule, I manage to find the right way to tackle issues.” Quite obviously, and above all with resounding success! The fact that he was re-elected as the Mayor of Hermannstadt in 2004, 2008 and 2012 – with overwhelming majorities of the votes well above the 75% mark – speaks for itself.
The main reason for his popularity was the impressive growth that Hermannstadt achieved under his leadership. Thanks to a skillful combination of liberalization and promotion of capital investments in the millions – also from European partner states – the regional economy experienced such robust growth that, within just a few years, Sibiu was transformed from a relatively insignificant regional city into one of the most culturally diverse, best developed and most prosperous centers in the whole country, and into a highly attractive tourist destination, in other words: into a Romanian success story and role model. The renovation of the historic old town, the modernization of the infrastructure, and, most significantly, the choice of Sibiu (alongside Luxembourg) as “European Capital of Culture” in 2007 were all largely due to the efforts and vision of Klaus Johannis.
His sober and pragmatic summary at the end of his time in office as Mayor of Sibiu: “Those who have invested in Hermannstadt have come to know and appreciate this location, and almost all of them have expanded their operations. The majority of them have doubled their

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**Apart from
the unknowns,
everything is
obvious**

Talking about the challenges of mid-life

Until you hit your 60s, maybe it never occurred to you that you'd have to care for mom -- or the grand-kids.

Maybe you never thought your spouse would die -- at least not before you. And no one expects to lose a child, yet some do.

Teen-agers famously have to look for an identity. In mid-life, people often find themselves doing the same thing.

So what is to be done?

More seniors are turning to talk therapy for its restorative effects. Experts say you are never too old, even if, by the time you reach 80, you have seen it all. Therapy can offer perspective on the losses and regrets that often characterize mid-life. And, after all, we are going to be here, so we might as well be

capacities over the past ten years. Major German companies are continuing to expand. All this goes to show that the city is also capable of supplying an appropriately qualified labor force."

The presidential election was accompanied by a never-ending series of corruption scandals involving high-ranking political office-holders and members of parliament from a range of parties. In response to this, Klaus Johannis's core message was clear-cut:

"I represent a Romania of things well done, without corruption and nepotism [...] I am the guarantee for an independent judiciary and for conflict resolution through dialogue. I will work for the benefit of the citizens, and will not be pushing policies on TV talk shows. What has been achieved on a small scale in Sibiu can also be achieved for all of Romania [...] People have had enough of empty promises and lies; they want to see facts."

Much to the surprise of many observers -- he prevailed over his opponent with over 54% of the votes. On 21 December 2014, he was officially sworn in as the President of Romania.

A "structured worker", rational, diligent and hands-on, firm, credible and sincere, down-to-earth, upstanding and, with which the man from Sibiu is most commonly

characterized.

Moreover, the President has also proved to be absolutely unwavering in his stance on two issues: his resolute pro-European course (in many cases "with no ifs or buts") and -- closely associated with this course -- his fight against corruption and cronyism, and for the separation of powers and the rule of law. His agenda of a "Romania of things well done", a Romania firmly based on the rule of law, on transparency and on freedom from corruption would inevitably disrupt the former status quo of government officials.

On 24 January, in an address commemorating the Day of Unification of the Romanian Principalities, he made his stance even clearer. After honoring those responsible for founding the modern state and establishing the criminal code, he then switched over to a criticism of the current attempts of some politicians to "rummage around in the law" and "purge their own criminal files", and announced his intention to call a referendum so that the Romanian people could have their say on the continuation of the fight against corruption.

When the government nevertheless went ahead with its plans and, on 31 January, ratified the proposed legislative changes per emergency decrees, the President immediately announced that he would take the decrees to the constitutional court. After further mass demonstrations in which up to a half a million Romanians participated, the government revoked the decrees on 5 February, before they were due to come into effect.

In early 2019, he finally made use of his presidential power of initiative to call a referendum "in questions of national interest". The referendum was held concurrently with the European election, and over 86% of the voters confirmed that they were on his side in the fight against corruption and for the rule of law.

The members of the EU Council met in his home city to "discuss and plan the future. They emphasized, among other things, their resolve "to protect our way of life, democracy and the rule of law. The unalienable rights and the fundamental freedoms of all Europeans were hard fought and will never be taken for granted.

We will uphold our shared values and principles enshrined in the Treaties." For Klaus Johannis, the fact that this document bears the title "Declaration of Sibiu" is certainly a well-deserved validation of his political course.

Even before the start of Romania's turn at the Presidency of the EU Council, Johannis had emphasized the pro-European consensus firmly anchored in Romania's people and politics in his speech to the European Parliament: "11 years ago, when Romania joined the great European family, I, a Romanian, felt extremely proud of experiencing such an important moment for my country. Next year, when Romania takes over the Presidency of the European Union Council for the first time, the Sibiu Summit will represent a milestone for our European family. It is our duty and our responsibility to shape the future of Europe. National pride and European pride are not obsolete concepts. Europe is Romania and Romania is Europe. **One of the most important lessons we have learned is the democracy lesson.** This is why we cherish so much the values of the European family. The Romanians made their voice heard in defense of the rule of law and democracy.

Ultimately, Romania's turn at the EU Council Presidency turned out to be far less overshadowed by internal political differences than people in many places had feared. Donald Tusk formally expressed his gratitude to President Johannis "for an energetic and successful EU Council Presidency" during which major legislative proposals were made, including on border protection, on reduction of CO2 emissions and on building a digital Europe.

On 24 November 2019, in a landslide victory at the polls, Klaus Johannis was re-elected for another term as Head of State. His -- typically unassuming -- comment on the election result: "A modern, European, normal Romania won today."

The Board of Directors of the Society for the Conferring of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen have elected to honor the President of Romania, Klaus Johannis, as an outstanding proponent of European values, of freedom and democracy, of the protection of minorities and of cultural diversity, as a man who has rendered significant service in the interests of the rule of law and the independence of



We remember our Sisters and Brothers who have departed this life in recent days. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the members of the bereaved families.

John A. Binder

Age 85

Died: May 7, 2020
Branch 5, Lorain, OH

Raymond S. Palyok

Age 76

Died: May 7, 2020
Branch 26, Merrillville, IN

Rita A. Matey

Age 93

Died: May 14, 2020
Branch 30, Youngstown, OH

Lisa Cate

Age 93

Died: May 14, 2020
Branch 33, Cleveland, OH

Sara Stolz

Age 91

Died: May 15, 2020
Branch 33, Cleveland, OH



happier.

More importantly, grief or loss can lead to genuine depression. The National Alliance on Mental Illness reports that more than 6.5 million Americans over age 65 suffer from depression. It's not necessary today.

If you want to make it easier, check out local mental health agencies. Almost anyone can find a counselor they would be comfortable talking with. Experts say older adults rarely need more than 15 or 20 sessions to feel a big improvement in their lives.

the judiciary -- a fundamental precondition for further deepening of integration.

The award of the prize is meant as an encouragement to Klaus Johannis to continue with determination on his European course, and as an encouragement to us all to embrace, espouse and advance the idea of European integration.

MEETINGS

Due to the Covid-19 virus, we will need to contact you regarding any proposed meeting. We will do this during weekly calls to members.

MEMBERS

We have two Saxon Club members that are coping with challenges at this time. Please keep Dorothea Hesch and Mary Lassel in your prayers. May God Bless them and help them during their difficult time.

CONCLUSION

In these uncertain times, it is even more important to stay in contact with fellow members. We need to let everyone know that they are important to the Columbus Branch and we are concerned for their well-being. Also, it is vital we advise them of the status of other members. Please stay in contact and provide any help to each other. GOD BLESS AND BE SAFE.

PotPourri

Your Horoscope

June

Aries 3/21-4/19: Physical energy runs high as the month opens, but watch out for adding too much to your list. Look for some surprising news.

Taurus 4/20-5/20: You are chomping to get out and charge. Everyone is, but Taurus is ready to lead the pack. Your significant other feels less than happy, but try not to make too much of it. It will pass.

Gemini 5/21 - 6/20: June begins busy. Get out and do those things you've been wanting to do. Hitting the gym may feel like a gift this birthday!

Cancer 6/21 - 7/22: Things go well for you this month. Get some things off your mind that have been nagging you. You'll feel like some recreational shopping, but you really do need some things. It won't break the budget.

Leo 7/23 - 8/22: Someone is tugging at your heart strings, not necessarily in a romantic way. A kind word counts this month. A fancy dinner out could be just what you need.

Virgo 8/23 - 9/22: Maybe it's time to reflect on issues of the past. Decide if you will eat humble pie and make up for a wrong attitude or action. It's a perfect time, and rewards are there.

Libra 9/23 - 10/21: Have you actually been wronged or is it just wounded pride. Decide by the 23rd, but play the matter straight.

Scorpio 10/22 - 11/21: Is the world that cruel or could it be a reflection? By mid-month, take a long look at where you are going and how you are getting there.

Sagittarius 11/22 - 12/21: Don't make a mountain out of a molehill, or you'll find yourself in the middle of a debate. Get out in the fresh air and think things through.

Capricorn 12/22 - 1/19: Be the kind of person you want to meet and you want to work with. Congratulate yourself on a job well done and do the same for others. At month's end you might feel agitated with someone.

Aquarius 1/20 - 2/18: Bring your best self to that relationship. Make yourself into the person you dream about. One improvement in looks or attitude can take you far.

Pisces 2/19 - 3/20: Beware the person who paints a dreary picture of life, work, home or people. Take charge and look for the best in all those arenas.



When money is tight, what is the priority spending?

Writing on Quora, a middle-aged man recalled his days as a poor, young single man in a city.

"I learned a lot of things by being poor," he wrote. "One was the rent has priority. You can find a quarter for Ramen noodles but if you don't have a roof over your head, you will be crunching them in the snow and rain."

Good advice for single people, but families with mouths to feed have different priorities when money is tight.

Money experts all list the top priority as the one you might expect: Food. You can eat cheaper than when money is flush. Cook at home. Shop for staples. Buy cookie mix for the kids, not the actual cookies.

Next on most lists: Housing.

Housing is not optional. Mortgages are often cheaper than apartment rentals. In an apartment, if you can possibly do it, pay your rent even if your state says you don't have to pay during the covid-19 crisis. The problem is rent adds up and catching up is very difficult. Work out an arrangement with the property owner if you can.

Third on the list, utilities. You can often get away with being 30 days late if you regularly pay on time. But you want utilities.

Car payments and insurance: If these are a must to get to work, then do everything you can to keep up payments. As with rent, even if you can skip a car payment, it is hard to catch up. Check with your lender.

Last: Credit cards and student loans. Even if your credit score suffers, it might be worth the hit in an emergency. If you can, pay the minimum.

Medical insurance: If your health relies on prescriptions, for example, medical insurance has to be at the top of the list with food. Before you drop any insurance payments, always consider the consequences. Call your agent.

Alles gute zum Namenstag!

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Old-fashioned social distancing gets a boost at drive-ins

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Of course, today there are only 305 drive-ins known to the United Drive-in Theatre Owners Association. Thousands still stand in the skeletal form across the country.

But this form of entertainment is not only unique, it's a group experience that's also isolated. At least, if you want it to be.

Isolation wasn't the goal of teens in the 1950s who managed to park side-by-side, girls in one car, boys in another.

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