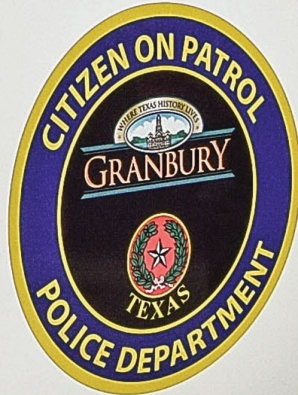


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Hello, Granbury Family and Friends!

March brings with it the beginnings of spring, wonder and awe at a world waking up from cold, winter months. My oldest sister has a birthday this month. Don't get me wrong, I love all of my siblings. God blessed us with a close family, and we love each other, in spite of our quirks and the mistakes we've made over the years. I am blessed.

But Wanda is still very much a firstborn child, always keeping an eye on her younger siblings, knowing what's going on with us but not controlling anyone. Sister by blood — friend by choice. I am ever grateful for the love and common interests we share. She challenges and encourages me, without squashing my dreams. Everyone should have a big sister/friend like that. I hope you all have someone so wonderful in your lives. I'm incredibly proud of all she achieved before retirement. A year later, she's budding to new challenges and still touches lives every day.

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Ken Clough surveys the restaurant. No one knows that he's trained to do so without drawing attention. Nonetheless, he watches, determining possibilities of danger. He sits facing the main entrance. You never know who might walk in. For Ken, it's all part of helping protect Granbury, the community he loves. Watchfulness forms the fabric in virtually everything he does and everywhere he goes. "There's not a minute of my day I'm not looking around and wondering what might happen next," Ken said. "And anytime I hear a siren, I wonder what's going on."

Ken is captain of the Granbury Citizens on Patrol. The volunteer program started in 2008 to assist the police department in their daily duties. In 2010, he became president of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, from which COPs members are recruited. In 2013, he became captain of COPs, and under his leadership, with guidance from Sergeant Cris Brichetto of the Granbury Police Department, the program has been expanded and restructured. Now they are called on to help with a host of duties, such as directing traffic, acting as a wrecker stand-by, assisting motorists, helping comfort families and children, assisting in searches and crowd control. "Before 2012, about all COPs could do was call the police if a member saw something," Ken said. "Then, Sgt. Brichetto started getting people trained. Now, we do things in accordance with how the police department does things. There's still a lot to do, but it's come a long way. We used to get asked, 'Are you neighborhood watch?'"

Sgt. Brichetto admitted the decision to increase training — and the workload — was taking a chance. However, he said Ken's help has been a big part of the successful transition. "Ken has been very crucial in that process," Sgt. Brichetto said. "He's always looking at ways to help us improve, to make things go more smoothly. He's not only got a passion for this, it's almost an obsession."

Ken, now 50, went through the Citizens Police Academy in 2009. Long before that, however, he'd given some thought to being a policeman, but life had other plans. "Before 2009, it was typical work, family and the kids had activities," he said. "Then, the kids became more self-sufficient, and time opened up."

And, as fate would have it, his wife, Lisa, saw an advertisement in the local paper promoting the next session of CPA classes. Ken saw it as a second chance. "For some reason, which eludes me, I never attempted to be a police officer. It would have been a profession I would have loved," he said. "I actually had a good friend who did it at age 18. I really have no excuse, but I'm doing all I can now."

And he's doing a lot. Along with bringing the program more into the public's eye, the COPs program has its own 2012 Tahoe in which to patrol. It looks almost exactly like a police cruiser, except for the different wording on the logo. Inside is a police radio and equipment, such as traffic cones. "Ken works very hard with police officers to get everything we need," said Pam Fuller, a fellow COPs volunteer and patrol sergeant. "Ken is somebody you look up to. You want to do what he does."

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While Ken and members of COPs are limited in what they can do, being a non-confrontational group, there are times of great stress and emotional challenges. For Ken, the greatest challenge came last summer, when he and his partner assisted with crowd control during a drowning at the Granbury City Beach. "When you're there, you have a tough face on, but when you leave, the magnitude of what happened hits you," he said, his eyes battling back a mist. "You never forget it. But that memory is a reminder of why I do this."

One of Ken's favorite parts of being a member of COPs is interacting with citizens on a regular basis. He especially loves visiting with children, such as a recent gathering at the local bowling alley where the COPs cruiser was parked, and kids were excited to get a closer look. "Kids are fun. Kids are great," Ken said. "We carry police stickers around, drive through neighborhoods, say hi and take the time to visit. It's a great part of being a volunteer."

A solid family man himself, Ken and Lisa have two children. Son, Brendon, 22, is in pharmacy school at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Abilene. Daughter, Lauren, 21, is attending the main Texas Tech campus in Lubbock and applied to pharmacy school this summer.

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Just like his love of police work, Ken has been in love with classic cars most of his life. Even as a young child, he described makes and models to his family and friends. "I enjoy working on them. It's relaxing," he said. "More than that, I love driving them and do it every chance I get."

Ken said he's bought cars for as little as \$50. He also had cars valued as high as \$30,000. Two of his cars were highlighted in classic car magazines, the Super Bee and a 1966 Chevrolet Impala Super Sport. "I just do it because I like it," he said. "Just like being a part of COPs."

Personally, he plans on doing both for a long time. He's in good shape, thanks to a dog who keeps him active, along with biking and using a push mower for his yard. "My day will come when I have to step aside," he said, smiling, "but I don't plan on that being for a long while. I love Granbury, and I want to do whatever I can to help make it a great place to live for as long as I can." Ken looks forward to the next training session March 23, when they prepare new members for keeping a look out. **NOW**

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— By Lisa Bell

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Old homes create a sense of wonder — the history alone is worthy of preserving. Diane Lock felt this way long before coming to Granbury. While living in Pennsylvania, Diane and her husband, Howard, owned a home built in 1820. She was excited to restore the old place near Gettysburg.

When Tandy transferred him to Fort Worth in 1972, he promised to buy another old house. They liked Granbury as a good location for a lake home and, later, retirement. In 1975, he fulfilled his promise with the beautiful Victorian Brown House. “I convinced my husband the house didn’t need much in renovation,” Diane recalled. “It had no bathrooms, no kitchen and needed a total restoration.”

Back in 1907, Mr. Brown said he was building a modern-day cottage. “I like the Queen Anne style, too,” Diane said, chuckling. “He did leave off the gingerbread, so he was moving toward the Arts and Crafts style.” In 1975, Granbury had few vacant homes. “This one had been vacant for a while. Plus, it was \$15,000,” she said. “He promised me a house I could play with. This was it.”

They added a bathroom and kitchen and went to work on other rooms. Although Mr. Lock passed away, Diane wanted another addition. With Shelbie Miller’s help three years ago, she added a downstairs bedroom and bath, which she enjoys immensely.

The Locks retained the original hardwood floors throughout the house. The wooden windows and transoms above doorways preserve the original look and charm. All over the house, rich carved wood rivals any modern design. As the couple restored the





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home, they maintained a sense of the original style.

Sitting on the front porch with its curves and comfortable furniture makes meeting neighbors easier, something Diane appreciates. The wrought-iron fence came from a cemetery in Detroit and a post in the yard was once an Oklahoma mile marker.

Entering the house transports a visitor back to a time of charm and beauty, while a peaceful atmosphere welcomes guests. Diane's Schnauzers, Maggie and Marley, stay close to their mistress. "Maggie welcomes everyone who walks by," Diane said with a laugh.

Windows across the front of the house flood the living room with natural light. In the late 1920s or early 1930s, lightning struck the house. Young Jack Brown said it knocked him across the room, and then a fire started. A small area of boards was replaced, but nearby black etchings attest to the historical moment.

Across the hallway, a sitting room provides a wonderful place for watching television, reading or working on hooked rugs, Diane's newest hobby. The room holds the only fireplace in the house.



Although it still works, Diane seldom uses it. Before her husband passed, they used it frequently. But now she doesn't want to bother with the mess of burning wood. Two other chimneys, taken down during a roofing job, accommodated stoves.

The kitchen peeps out to a small breakfast area with the formal dining room through a doorway. Although Diane loves history and antiques, the kitchen has no lack of modern appliances. In spite of the modernization, the room still carries a sweet sense of former days.

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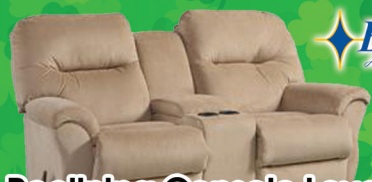
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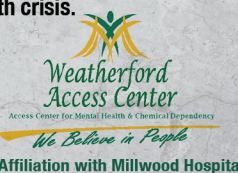
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Just beyond the breakfast nook, three steps mark the original footprint of the home. At the bottom of the steps, a small sitting area is one of Diane's favorite spots. While working on the house, workers found some wood pieces, some of them exotic, none ordinary. In order to use them, they created a wooden rug. A small cushioned bench, potted plants and windows complete the area.

The new addition fills the space beyond. The flooring and walls came from a man in Dublin and have a distressed look. Much of the two new rooms came from a shopping trip to the garage. Diane likes using what she already owns. In the bedroom, a gorgeous ceiling medallion she owned surrounds a fan. One side of the room features white corbels, which she also had.

The rustic bathroom has a great design, with the closed-off toilet in one corner and shower in the other. "The bathroom sink area was in the garage forever," Diane said. A piece of artwork in the room is made of memorabilia from her mother-in-law. The counter came from the school chemistry lab, and a wall-to-wall cabinet once belonged to a pharmacy. Although Diane loves the upstairs master bedroom, she admits this new area is becoming her favorite space.

The laundry room holds another favorite feature of the house. Diane's mother-in-law owned and operated a postal business. When the government took over postal services, she kept the post office boxes with their small combination locks. A section she gave to Diane now serves as a wine rack, a practical use for a memorable piece of history and family.

The Locks originally planned to make the upstairs rooms into two suites, not expecting their daughter to marry instead





of coming home after college. One side of the upstairs originally had three bedrooms. When they bought the house, the upstairs held multiple apartments, with a kitchen across the back. They turned the kitchen area into two separate, massive bathrooms with an old-timey look. The original three bedrooms became one enormous room with two sitting areas flanking the bed. Antiques complement the Anaglypta border they added to the room.

Across the hall, the bedroom is smaller but equally as charming due to the cherished antiques that fill it. A trunk placed at the end of the bed belonged to Diane's great-grandfather. "I admire him," she said. He immigrated to America with that trunk, which contained the family's belongings. He was accompanied by his mother-in-law, pregnant wife and two little ones. Diane's grandmother was 1 year old at the time of the long trip.

The small office beside this room once served as Mr. and Mrs. Brown's master bedroom. Today, it contains a desk and a few pieces of furniture, with little space to walk around. The window looks out to the upper porch and beyond. Bits of the lake twinkle through the trees. In the '70s, they had a beautiful view of the lake, until the trees grew too tall.

History and preservation mean a great deal to Diane. She was one of three women who founded Preserve Granbury. For many years, she served on the board and spent time encouraging preservation of historic homes and businesses. Her own home is a Texas State Historic Landmark featured on the 2016 Candlelight Tour. She supports Preserve Granbury, but now sits on the board for The Bridge Street Museum. In the past, she focused on brick and mortar. Now, she focuses on history — including her own. **NOW**

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Bringing Them Together

— By Rick Mauch



Christina Lin, Helena Gabrielsen, Jasmine Phan, Suzana Barros, Kristyna Matejchikova and Ross Carnes.

Ross Carnes is working to change the world, and his plan is to do it one youth at a time. Ross, a Granbury resident, is the area coordinator for the Center for Cultural Exchange. Since 2007, he has helped place 60 students with families in foreign exchange programs.

The program allows students to experience life in America for a year as they attend our schools, live with American families and partake in United States culture and everyday living. It also allows the host families to get a glimpse of the world they may have never seen before through daily co-existence with their young visitor. "It's great for both," Ross said. "When you work with kids from all over the world, you realize we have a lot more in common than differences."

Currently, Ross has five youngsters he's placed in Hood County. At Granbury High are Jasmine Phan, a sophomore from Vietnam; Helena Gabrielsen, a junior from Norway; and Kristyna Matejchikova, a junior from the Czech Republic. At Tolar are sophomore Christina Lin from Taiwan and senior Suzana Barros from Brazil. "At home I have no siblings, but here I have three," Suzana said with a laugh. "They are 5, 7 and 11. But I love them."

It's a change for the students, for sure. For the most part, though, it's an adventure. "I'd never seen snow before coming here, and I did when we went to New Mexico," Suzana said. "And I kissed a deer."

Ross then showed a photo of her getting cuddly with a live deer. That photo will almost certainly make its way back to Brazil with her, as will many other memories for her and her friends.

Ross, who is helped by his wife, Mary, a substitute teacher in the Granbury ISD, makes sure the students get a taste of

American life. He makes sure they experience the Texas lifestyle with things such as a trip to Billy Bob's for dancing and to Globe Life Park in Arlington for a Texas Rangers baseball game. And, of course, they can't come to Granbury and its famous lake without trying their hand at water skiing. "We have all kinds of fun," Ross said. "These are precious memories for not just them, but for all of us."

Ross, 70, retired in 2007, after 33 years of working for Allstate Insurance. Immediately after, he began working with CCI Greenheart. "We'd hosted an exchange student from Germany, and it was a great experience. I thought it would be fun to keep working with the students," he said. "Also, working with these students keeps me young. We always had exchange students around our home when our own children were growing up."

Ross and his family hosted an exchange student in 2001. To this day, they are still very close. "She got married two years ago and came to Granbury for her honeymoon," he said.

Ross and Mary moved to Granbury four years ago after having lived in Colleyville since 1988. He's traveled to 49 of the 50 states in the U.S., having never been to Maine. "I've seen Maine from a ski lift in New York," he joked.

But he and Mary had never traveled abroad until they hosted their first student. Now, going to other parts of the world is a regular thing as he organizes the exchanges.

Their work with foreign students has even sparked an international interest in their own children. They have three — their daughter, Heather, lives in Lewisville, while their son, Ross, and daughter, Jennifer, both reside in Austin. They have four grandchildren from Heather — three boys and a girl and a granddaughter from Ross, who also plays in a Brazilian band. "My oldest daughter (Heather) and her husband just got back from Thailand," Ross said.

Students typically fill out their paperwork up to a year-and-a-half before coming to the U.S. Also, they must speak English well enough to communicate strongly. "If they have trouble communicating, we just can't place them," Ross explained. "But they

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are very smart kids. The ones visiting now are brilliant students."

Helena, for example, understands the Swedish and Danish languages, along with English. Kristyna speaks Russian. For the most part, students adapt quickly upon arriving in the U.S. However, there are always some very notable differences in their homeland and America. "In my country, we have one day (vacation) for Christmas and one day for New Year's, and we get two weeks for Lunar New Year. It's a huge holiday in my country," Jasmine said.

"At home, we have about three breaks during a school day, and we only have one here," Helena said.

"In Taiwan, class sizes are about 50 students, but here they're much smaller, about 10 to 20," Christina said.

And, of course, the Texas weather is almost always a big adjustment for exchange students. In some cases, extremely so. "We don't have sun in Norway in the winter," Helena said. "It doesn't seem like winter here."

While they love being in the U.S., they admit missing home. But with today's technology and social media, the family is just a computer click or two away. And, of course, Skype is a popular application among exchange students. "I can call my parents every night on messenger and Facebook," Jasmine said.

Ross said some students want to return to the United States after the exchange is over and they've returned





home. Often it is to attend college in America, such as Jasmine and Christina would like to do. "A girl from China came back and went to do her undergraduate work in California," Ross cited as an example.

"I want to see how American colleges work. I'm excited at the opportunity to get more education here," Jasmine said.

"I really want to go to college in America," Christina added. "I think it will make a big difference in my life."

As for the biggest benefit from the exchange program, they all agree it was meeting new friends and seeing a different part of the world. For many, it is their first time outside of their home country. "I knew about America and had always heard how people here are open and optimistic," Kristyna said.

"People are so nice here. A guy almost bumped into me. He didn't, but he still apologized," Jasmine said.

And while there is joy in bringing every student to America, there is sadness in seeing him or her leave. But, Ross added, they are leaving with broadened horizons and both the students and host families have memories for a lifetime. "It's hard to see them go home, and many tears are shed," he said. "But they've got something that will last them the rest of their lives, and so do we." **NOW**

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— By Lisa Bell

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Leaky Nose

— By Betty Tryon, BSN

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Children and older adults are most susceptible to nosebleeds, or epistaxis. However, when conditions are optimal for this condition, anyone can be vulnerable. During the winter when warm, dry air is more prevalent and central heating units are on, the nasal membranes can dry out, leaving the nose susceptible to nosebleeds. Picking of the nose can lead to not only bleeding but the introduction of bacteria to the area. Allergies, sinusitis and upper respiratory infections can cause nosebleeds. Foreign objects in the nose, along with certain physical conditions, such as a deviated septum or nasal polyps, may precipitate nosebleeds, as can anticoagulants and nasal sprays.

You should see a physician if a nosebleed is difficult to stop with compression or if it interferes with your breathing due to a foreign object in the nose, for children younger than age 2, following any head trauma or loss of an excessive amount of blood. As an added precaution, if the bleeding is exceptional, do

not drive yourself to the emergency room. If none of the above applies, you should be able to treat your nosebleed at home. Pinch the soft part of your nose closed, and hold it for at least 10 minutes. Check to see if bleeding has stopped and, if not, repeat. If the bleeding continues longer than 30 minutes, you should contact medical help for further advice. Lean forward slightly as you do this to avoid swallowing blood, because it can irritate your stomach. Sometimes, if you place a cold compress over your nose it can slow down the bleeding.

If you have a tendency to have nosebleeds and spend a majority of your time in a dry environment, it would be prudent to invest in a humidifier. A saline nasal spray can also be helpful. With children who have frequent nosebleeds, make sure their nails are trimmed and try to limit nose picking. Some allergy medications can dry out nasal passages. Consult with your doctor before making a change in your medication. If nosebleeds are frequent, even though minor, please seek the advice of your physician. **NOW**

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March 7

Opera Guild of Granbury: 10:30 a.m.-noon, DeCordova Bend Country Club, 5301 Country Club Dr., Acton. Optional buffet lunch for \$13. If dining, RSVP (682) 936-9572 or granburyog@gmail.com.

March 13

North Texas Civil War Roundtable: 5:30-8:00 p.m., Spring Creek BBQ, 317 E. Hwy. 377. Edd Bearrs, author and Chief Historian Emeritus, National Park Service, discusses experiences from his years with the Park Service. Visitors welcome. For information, visit www.ncentexcwrt.com.

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Greater Granbury Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America meetings: 6:00-9:00 p.m., Pecan Plantation Country Club. Contact Colonel Gary Proctor, USAF (Ret), (817) 894-0901, or garyproctor5455@msn.com.

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First Thursdays

Granbury Extension Education Club luncheon: 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Hood County Annex 1 Meeting Room, 1410 W. Pearl St. Monthly programs cover family and consumer science topics, and community service projects are planned. For information, contact Brianne Langdon, (817) 408-0746.

Second Thursdays

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In the Kitchen With Casey Smith

— By Lisa Bell

Casey Smith prefers baking and making candy above everything. However, he also enjoys grilling for friends and family. He grew up with his great-grandmother, Mary Stone, making the best fudge ever. As she aged and could no longer create the chocolatey confection, he learned to make her recipe. Casey said, “Before her passing in 2016, she was able to try the fudge I made and said it was better than hers.” He keeps the unique recipe to himself.

Casey started cooking in 2012. He enjoys using fresh ingredients. His eggs and meat come from farms of family and friends. He grows his own peppers. He makes homemade candy for many regular customers. Outside of the kitchen, Casey likes riding his motorcycle, fishing, playing dominoes or spending quality time with his girlfriend and family. **NOW**

Roosters Rock’n Divinity

2 cups sugar
1/2 cup light corn syrup
1/2 cup water
2 egg whites
1 tsp. vanilla

1. Cook sugar, corn syrup and water in a 2-quart saucepan over medium heat, stirring constantly until sugar dissolves.
2. Continue cooking, without stirring, to 250 F on a candy thermometer.
3. Meanwhile, beat egg whites in a medium bowl by hand or with an electric mixer on high speed until stiff peaks form.
4. Continue beating while pouring hot syrup in a thin stream into egg whites, beating constantly on high speed.
5. Add vanilla. Beat until mixture holds its shape and becomes slightly dull, around 10-15 minutes (30 minutes, if mixing by hand).

6. Spoon out drops or use a piping bag to make candy/Divinity Cookies.

Candy Pecans

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted
3 large egg whites
1 cup sugar
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
4 cups pecan halves

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Line the bottom and sides of a large baking sheet with aluminum foil. Pour butter onto the lined pan.
2. In a large bowl, mix the egg whites, sugar and cinnamon. Add the pecan halves and toss until fully coated.
3. Spread pecan mixture onto the baking sheet. Bake 30 minutes, stirring the pecans every 10 minutes.
4. Cool on the baking sheet for 10 to 15 minutes before serving.

Old-fashioned Banana Nut Bread

1 Tbsp. butter
Flour for pan
2-3 overripe bananas
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
4 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
3 Tbsp. oil
3/4 cup milk
1 egg
1 cup walnuts, chopped

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease and flour a loaf pan with butter and a little flour. Use two loaf pans if you want thin loaves.
2. Mash bananas. In a large mixing bowl, combine all ingredients.
3. Beat at medium speed with a hand mixer for 1-2 minutes, stopping occasionally to scrape sides and incorporate all the ingredients.
4. Transfer to floured pan and bake for about 1 hour. Remove from pan and cool on a rack.

Old-fashioned Hard Candy

2 cups white sugar
1 cup water
3/4 cup light corn syrup
1/2 tsp. peppermint extract
1 drop red food coloring (optional)
1/8 cup confectioners’ sugar

1. In a heavy 2-quart saucepan, combine sugar, water and corn syrup.
2. Cook, stirring constantly, until the sugar dissolves; then cook without stirring.
3. Lower the heat and cook slowly to the hard crack stage (300 F). If sugar crystals form on sides of pan, wipe off with a damp brush.
4. Remove from heat, add peppermint and food coloring; stir only to mix.
5. Pour into 2 well-buttered, 9-inch pans. Set one pan of candy over a saucepan containing hot water.
6. As soon as the other pan of candy is cool enough to handle, cut it with scissors into 1-inch strips; snip the strips into pieces. Work fast.
7. Drop the pieces onto a buttered baking sheet. If the candy cools too quickly, set over a saucepan of hot water to soften. If it gets sticky, return at once to the work counter.
8. Toss in a small amount of powdered sugar to keep from sticking together. Repeat with the second pan of candy.



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