

## Candidate fighting for signs

### Danville doesn't allow moving placards

By CHRIS KREPICH  
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**A MANNEQUIN** with a motorized election sign stands Wednesday afternoon at the intersection of Route 11 and Mill Street in Danville.

DANVILLE — Two motorized political signs in town violate borough code, an official says.

But the candidate responsible for the signs says the code violates his First Amendment rights.

Joe Crouch, who is challenging incumbent Marv Shrawder for the job of district judge in Danville, says he will fight the borough on what he calls an unconstitutional ordinance that suppresses freedom of speech and expression.

Crouch is using a mannequin and a cardboard bear as political signs.

They are both motorized, providing motion to a standard campaign sign with his name on it.

But the signs violate borough code because of the movement, says Dan-

ville code administrator Jackie Hart.

Any sign that is visible from a public roadway and flashes, moves or rotates is prohibited, she said. The motion can be distracting to drivers and possibly cause a crash.

But Crouch says the code is unconstitutional, adding that he's contacting the American Civil Liberties Union for help challenging it.

"I'm going to bring this fight right into council chambers and they will pay for this," he said. "I will challenge this in court and seek damages. This is everything I'm against."

#### Target

Crouch said he worked hard to build the signs, which illustrate his artistic talent and expression.

Hart says the signs are fine where they are as long as they are not moving. She said Crouch gained permis-

sion for placement and they meet size regulations.

The mannequin sign is stationed along Route 11 near Mill Street across from Wendy's.

The bear sign is alongside the Buckley's Carpet and Linoleum along Route 11 near Dunkin' Donuts.

Crouch believes the borough is singling him out, adding there are other signs around town that violate the code without repercussions.

Hart said she contacted Crouch about the violation as a courtesy on Thursday and sent him a violation notice Friday morning.

The mannequin sign was still moving Friday morning, but Crouch said he later "shut it down."

Hart said Crouch can apply for a zoning variance for the signs, adding there have been no issues with other campaign signs.

## Pleas put BB fight behind neighbors

### Briar Creek men say they remain friends

By JULYE WEMPLE  
Press Enterprise Writer

BERWICK — Neighbors accused of a trailer park brawl that left two people with BBs embedded in their heads say they are still friends and wish they could drop the charges against one another.

Robert W. Guire, 56, and Mack T. Williams, 57, even sat together in the waiting room at District Judge Richard Knecht's office Tuesday morning, awaiting their hearings on charges of simple assault, harassment, and disorderly conduct. Although the fight happened last August in Berlin's Trailer Court in Briar Creek, police didn't file charges until December.

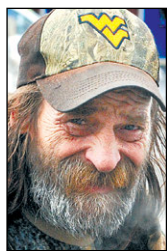
"I'm not pressing charges on him, and he's not pressing no charges on me," Williams said, shrugging. "I just want to get this over with."

Guire, who had previously shown up to a hearing on these charges without an attorney, was again without representation, he told Trooper Jack Hancock.

"If it was up to me, this would be gone,"  
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WILLIAMS



R. GUIRE



K. GUIRE

## Eatery finally gets cooking



Press Enterprise/Keith Haupt

**CO-OWNERS Toby Diltz and Sarah Walzer** stand in their restaurant, The Blind Pig Kitchen, on Tuesday. It's on Iron Street in Bloomsburg.

By KRISTIN BAVER  
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### Couple ready to serve local goods in Bloomsburg

BLOOMSBURG — The owner of a new farm-to-table eatery downtown had been eyeing the 236 Iron St. storefront for 10 years.

When Sakuntala closed its doors in October, Toby Diltz knew it was the perfect time to snap up a lease on the space.

Late fall, however, wasn't the right time to open a restaurant that relies on locally sourced and

fresh seasonal ingredients.

"We have delayed our opening with the delay of spring," Diltz said. But with some patience, preparation, and the end of a long winter, The Blind Pig Kitchen opened its doors to its first patrons yesterday.

Diltz, 34, and his fiancée and business partner Sarah Walzer, 33, hope to bring a fine dining menu to a quaint and comfortable

setting, with an intimate space that will seat up to 40 and a menu that changes daily, sometimes even over the course of an hour.

The restaurant is decked out in salvaged antiques, including an old meat scale; their taxidermy chicken Hermione; and simple touches, including Mason jar lighting.

On a far wall covered with boards salvaged from a Benton-

area barn, chalkboards announce the rotating list of specials while a printed list gives diners some more permanent options.

#### 'Nose-to-tail'

Part of the reason behind the ever-changing dishes — \$7 to \$15 for appetizers and \$15 or more for entrees with BYOB alcohol — is necessity.

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## Damage 'highly suspicious'

### Sedan trashed after Bloomsburg Police add boot near Post Office

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BLOOMSBURG — Police put a wheel boot onto a car May 1 to disable the vehicle due to \$1,400 in unpaid parking fines. Three days later, the 1990s-model Buick sedan was trashed in the parking lot where it was stuck.

Windows were smashed out. Tires were flattened. An orange construction cone sat atop the roof.

Yet no one has reported any vandalism to the vehicle, Police Chief Roger Van Loan said.

That has police believing that the damage is "highly suspicious,"



Press Enterprise/Bill Hughes

**A BUICK LESABRE** with a police boot on the front wheel has four flat tires and three broken windows. It is shown in the parking lot behind the Post Office in Bloomsburg on Thursday. **Another photo, page 6.**

Van Loan said.

"Any normal person would have" called the police, he said.

Three of the car's

windows — including the rear windshield — are smashed out, and it looks as though someone also tried to smash

the front windshield, albeit unsuccessfully. The gold Buick has also been hit with spray. Please see CAR page 6

## Emma reclaims spot on name list while Noah keeps crown

WASHINGTON (AP) — Emma is back.

After slipping from the top of the most popular baby names six years ago, Emma was back at No. 1 in 2014. Noah was the top baby name for boys for the second year in a row.

The Social Security Administration released the annual list of top baby names Friday. Emma was followed by Olivia, Sophia, Isabella and Ava. Noah was followed by Liam, Mason, Jacob and William.

Emma's popularity soared in 2002, the same year Rachel, a character on the popular TV show "Friends," named her baby Emma. Also boosting the name, actress Emma Watson played Hermione Granger in the popular "Harry Potter" movies.

#### Simple, 'antique' name

Emma has been ranked among the top three baby names for girls behind Sophia, reaching No. 1 in 2008. In 2013, Emma was No. 2 behind Sophia.

"In this era when trends come and go faster than ever before, that's incredible staying power," said Laura Wattenberg, founder of Babynamewizard.com. "Emma seems to be

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#### WEATHER

TODAY: Clouds, then sun  
HIGH TEMP: 82°  
PRECIPITATION: 10%  
TONIGHT: Clouds  
LOW TEMP: 57°  
PRECIPITATION: 15%  
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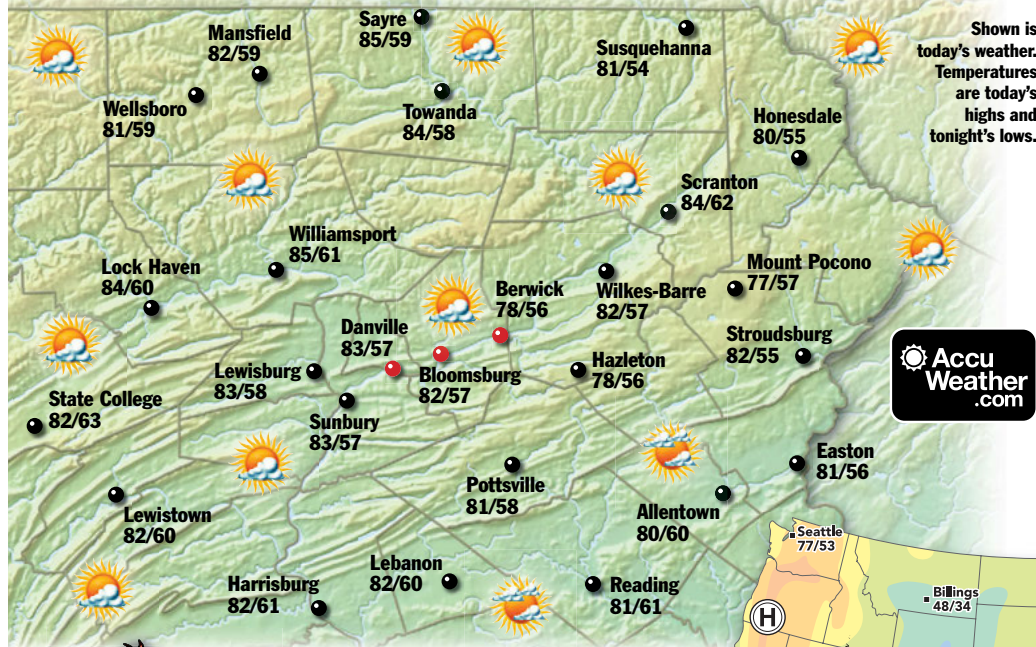
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## Regional Four-day forecast

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Clouds, then sun; warm	Some clouds; mild	A t-storm in spots	An afternoon t-storm	A shower or t-storm
<b>High 82°</b>	<b>Low 57°</b>	<b>81°/65°</b>	<b>80°/66°</b>	<b>82°/45°</b>
Wind: S at 6-12 mph 10% chance of precip	Wind: SSE at 4-8 mph 15% chance of precip	Wind: SSW at 6-12 mph 40% chance of precip	Wind: S at 6-12 mph 70% chance of precip	Wind: WSW at 8-16 mph 55% chance of precip



"Every once in a while, the atmosphere makes a lot of news. Today will be one of those days. Cold air plowing into the Western states is laying down a thick blanket of snow from the northern mountains of California, across the Wyoming and Colorado Rockies to the Black Hills of South Dakota. At the same time, Tornado Alley will explode again, with severe thunderstorms and tornadoes. The storm swirling off the North Carolina coast has become strong enough to be named 'Ana.' "It'll be relatively quiet in the Susquehanna Valley. Today and tomorrow will be partly sunny and very warm. "It's been unusually warm so far this May. Temperatures have been averaging 8.1 degrees above normal."

**Thaddeus Quackus, PE weatherbird**



By Mary Harman, 11, Bloomsburg

### Sun and Moon

Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise ..... 5:55 a.m.	5:54 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:10 p.m.	8:11 p.m.

Last	New	First	Full
May 11	May 18	May 25	Jun 2

### River Stages

As of 7 a.m. yesterday

Location	Current Stage	Flood Stage
Susquehanna	3.19	19
Danville	4.62	20
Sunbury	8.81	24
Wilkes-Barre	3.02	22
Fishing Creek near Bloomsburg	2.97	—

## Almanac

Selinsgrove through 5 p.m. yest.

**Temperatures**  
High/low ..... 82°/52°  
Normal high/low ..... 69°/44°  
Record high ..... 90° in 1930  
Record low ..... 30° in 1981

**U.S. Extremes**  
(For the 48 contiguous states)  
High ..... 96° in Presidio, Texas  
Low ..... 21° in Ruidyard, Mont.

**Precipitation**  
24 hours through 4 p.m. yest. 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.17"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.95"  
Year to date ..... 7.25"  
Normal year to date ..... 13.02"

**Cooling Degree Days**  
An index of energy consumption indicating how many degrees the average temperature rose above 65 for the day.  
Yesterday ..... 2  
Month to date (normal) ..... 6 (1)  
Year to date (normal) ..... 6 (1)

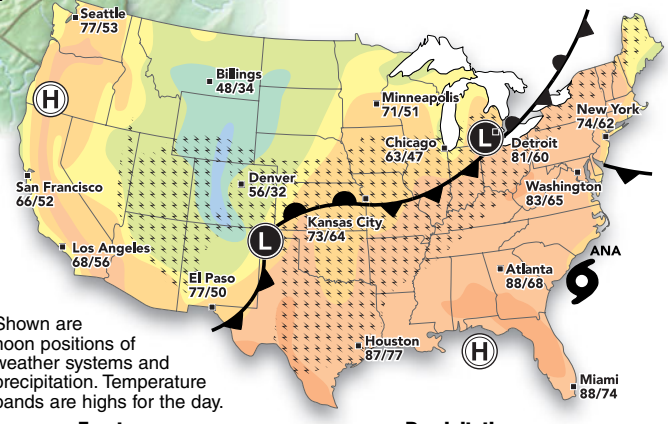
### Pollen Count

Grass	Absent
Molds	N.A.
Trees	Absent
Weeds	Absent

Low Mod. High V. High

Source: Allergy and Asthma Consultants

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Fronts	Precipitation
Cold	Shower
Warm	T-storm
Stationary	Rain
	Flurries
	Snow
	Ice

### National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Anchorage	59/41/s	57/40/s
Atlanta	88/68/s	88/69/pc
Atlanta City	69/63/pc	75/64/pc
Baltimore	80/59/pc	83/63/pc
Boston	71/59/pc	79/62/pc
Charleston, SC	83/67/r	80/68/sh
Charlotte	84/62/pc	85/65/sh
Chicago	63/47/c	76/62/t
Cincinnati	84/64/t	85/64/t
Cleveland	84/62/t	82/64/t
Dallas	79/68/t	74/61/t
Denver	56/32/r	41/27/sn
Detroit	81/60/t	77/62/t
Honolulu	82/70/pc	82/69/pc
Houston	87/77/c	86/70/c
Indianapolis	81/64/t	84/65/t
Kansas City	73/64/t	77/46/t
Las Vegas	77/60/pc	84/62/s
Los Angeles	68/56/pc	73/58/pc
Miami	88/74/pc	87/77/t
Milwaukee	56/43/c	59/52/t
Minneapolis	71/51/pc	61/47/r
Nashville	87/66/pc	90/67/t
New Orleans	87/69/c	88/73/pc
New York City	74/62/pc	82/67/t
Oklahoma City	75/65/t	76/49/t
Orlando	91/70/pc	94/71/s
Philadelphia	81/63/pc	85/66/pc
Phoenix	79/62/s	88/67/s
Pittsburgh	87/64/pc	85/64/t
St. Louis	81/68/t	86/65/t
Salt Lake City	52/42/t	60/44/c
San Francisco	66/52/pc	64/52/pc
Seattle	77/53/s	72/51/pc
Tampa	90/73/s	90/73/s
Wash., DC	83/65/pc	86/68/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

## Names

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the only name that America has been able to agree on in recent years."

Emma was a popular name in the early 1900s, reaching as high as No. 13 in 1900. The name fell out of fashion in the middle of the century but started gaining popularity again in the 1990s.

Emma's comeback represents two popular trends in baby names, Wattenberg said. "Emma is a real antique and it came back with the revival of Victorian names," she said.

It is also short and smooth, like Mia, Liam and Noah.

### James, Charlotte

James is also making a comeback, at No. 9. And Charlotte cracked the top 10 for the first time, at No. 10.

James was one of the most popular names of the 20th century, though it was last No. 1 in 1952. In 2013, it was No. 13.

Charlotte may be due for a surge.

Britain's Prince William and his wife Kate named their baby daughter Charlotte. Chelsea Clinton, the daughter of Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton, also named her daughter Charlotte.

"Charlotte's definitely going to hit the top three in the next three years," said Jennifer Moss, founder and CEO of Babynames.com.

### John and Mary

The Social Security Administration's website provides lists of the top 1,000 baby names for each year, dating to 1880. The top baby names that year were John and Mary. John is now No. 26 and Mary has fallen to No. 120.

Today, the most popular names aren't nearly as popular as the ones from 50 years ago.

Last year, 19,144 newborns were named Noah, and 20,799 babies were named Emma.

In 1964, more than 82,000 babies were named Michael, the top name for boys that year. More than 54,000 babies were named Lisa, the top name for girls that year.

"Parents don't want a top 10 name," Moss said. "They are looking for more unique names."

### Gaining popularity

Social Security also charts the fastest-rising names each

## TOP NAMES

By the Associated Press

The top 10 baby names of 2014:

### Girls

1. Emma
2. Olivia
3. Sophia
4. Isabella
5. Ava
6. Mia
7. Emily
8. Abigail
9. Madison
10. Charlotte

### Boys

1. Noah
2. Liam
3. Mason
4. Jacob
5. William
6. Ethan
7. Michael
8. Alexander
9. James
10. Daniel

Source: Social Security Administration

year. These names may not be in the top 10 or even the top 100, but they moved up more spots than any other.

For girls, the runaway winner was Aranza, which jumped 3,625 spots to No. 607. Aranza is a popular Mexican singer. Also, there is a character named Aranza on the Mexican telenovela "Por Siempre Mi Amor," which debuted in 2013.

Also rising: Montserrat and Monserrat (different spelling), and Maisie.

Maisie Williams is an actress on the HBO show, "Game of Thrones." She apparently carries some weight in the world of baby names. She plays a character called Arya — Arya jumped 62 spots to No. 216 on the list.

### Bode, Axl

For boys, the biggest riser was Bode, which jumped 645 spots to No. 783. Also among the top risers were Bodie and Bodhi. Bode Miller is an Olympic skier. Bodhi is a Buddhist term for enlightenment or awakening.

Axl jumped 624 spots, to number 850. Hard rock fans may remember Axl Rose, the lead singer of Guns N' Roses, a popular band in the '80s and '90s. Younger fans may know that Fergie, a singer in the Black Eyed Peas, named her son Axl in 2013.

## Car

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paint in a number of spots. The car was parked in the Pine Street lot behind the Bloomsburg Post Office.

Police are not sure when the damage was done. But the car was booted May 1, and officers discovered the damage the morning of May 4.

Normally, police would have to use "extensive letter-writing notification" to get a car towed away and impounded.

But in this case, with the



THE REAR WINDOW of the booted Buick LeSabre is smashed, as are two side windows.

## PSU sets record for applications

STATE COLLEGE (AP) — Penn State is reporting another record application year.

President Eric Barron told school trustees at a Friday meeting that applications for the fall have passed last year's record total of 126,450. The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported Barron also says online programs and funded faculty research are growing by double-digit percentage gains.

The trustees approved an interim operating and maintenance budget of \$4.65 billion. It's intended to keep the university operating beyond July 1 until trustees can approve a final spending plan for the 2015-16 school year.

## Restaurant

Cook worked at Russell's, Eagles Mere Inn

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For meats like beef, pork, and lamb, Diltz will purchase the entire animal, slaughtered at a USDA-approved facility to be used "nose-to-tail, so to speak," he says. "There's only two racks on a lamb, so when it's gone, it's gone."

The Millifinville native and self-taught cook worked in local restaurants, including the now-defunct Russell's and Eagles Mere Inn.

He will also get ingredients from CSAs (Community Supported Agriculture) such as Dancing Hen Farm, Stillwater, relying on vegetables and herbs that are abundant and in-season.

Local livestock farmers — like Forks Farm, Orangeville, and Wild for Salmon, just outside Bloomsburg — will contribute to the menu as well.

"I've always loved cooking," Diltz says, though he doesn't fuss with titles like "chef." "I just cook for a living."

### 'The exciting thing'

Relying on seasonal items adds a thrill to the planning process, when the CSA box shows up with a mystery assortment of vegetables.

"The exciting thing about it is opening up the box and making our menu for the week," he said.

The first year in business will allow Diltz to plan ahead, freezing, drying, and canning ingredients to last through next

winter, supplemented by the couple's own year-round garden. "That'll keep things interesting for us and our customers."

### FarmersOnly.com

The partners are serious about the organic and farm-based lifestyle.

The farm-to-table approach cuts waste and helps support the local economy. Ingredients are raised in a sustainable manner, and animals are treated humanely before heading to slaughter, Diltz and Walzer say.

After they met on FarmersOnly.com, Walzer, a Los Angeles native who lived in Berlin and New York City working in art sales, found herself in Huntington Mills.

"I've always been a foodie," she says, although she credits her growing appreciation for organic eating to Diltz's influence. "I was just looking to change my life. You're so connected to the land here."

Some friends wondered how the pair could stand to raise animals for meat.

"How can you have that piglet and eat it?" they would ask Walzer.

"Why should it be this anonymous thing that comes in a plastic-wrapped package?" she counters.

At a time when food recalls warn of listeria and national chains are decry for inhumane or unsanitary slaughterhouse practices, knowing where your food comes from is more important than

ever before, the partners say.

Animals raised or slaughtered in stressful environments have a different taste and texture, Diltz adds.

But the importance of humane practices is about more than customer satisfaction.

"It's really important that animals are slaughtered in a humane way," Walzer said. "Not just to the consumer, but to the animal ... to do justice to that animal that's giving its life to us."

### Connecting to food

The couple is constantly thinking about food from dawn to dusk, whether it's tending their small hoop-house garden, feeding their egg-laying chickens, or planning the week's menu at the eatery.

"It's a holistic, spiritual thing," Diltz said, explaining the process of tending seeds and watching them grow into lush plants. "It really creates a connection with that food. It just feels really wholesome."

Walzer hopes diners will make a personal connection in the small setting. "We want them to know us and trust us."

Reservations are encouraged; 570-784-2656 or www.blindpigkitchen.com.

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## Fight

'I had my pellet gun on me because I have a possum ...'

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Guire groused.

"Yeah, well, if it was up to me, I wouldn't have been there that night," Hancock snapped back.

Inside Knecht's courtroom, Guire and Williams sat together at the defendant's table, signing paperwork to have charges of simple assault and harassment withdrawn. They both agreed to plead guilty to a third-degree misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct and were ordered to pay court costs and a \$300 fine.

### 'Hit in the face'

Police say the altercation started when Williams, 47 Sparrow Drive, Lot 15, walked past a group of men,

including Guire's son, Kerry. Williams thought he heard the men say something to him.

"I turned around and said, 'Excuse me?' And then they just came over and, Whoomp! I got hit in the face," Williams said. "And I had my pellet gun on me because I have a possum that be round the house, you know, because I feed my cats outside."

Kerry punched Williams in the back of the head, nearly knocking him down, as several other men ran at him, he said.

"And when I got hit, my gun was falling out, so I picked it up and, like I said, he was rushing me, and I just started shooting," Williams said. "Somebody hit me from the back, then somebody else grabbed the gun and started

shooting." A few BBs struck Kerry Guire in the cheek. One remains embedded under his eye.

Robert Guire, 23 Lark Drive, says he doesn't remember grabbing the .177-caliber BB gun from the ground or shooting at Williams. He suffers from blackouts and seizures, he said.

"I don't remember nothing about that night," Guire said. "After today goes by and tomorrow comes, I won't remember today."

### 'I can feel it'

As Guire and Williams sat talking, they showed off matching BB bumps; Williams from the August dust-up, and Guire from an old childhood fight with his brother, he said.

Guire touched the bump, pushing the small BB around the skin, noting that the other BBs that hit him that night just bounced off.

"There's one up here, I can feel it," Williams said. "It don't bother me too much."

Williams said he hates hospitals, so he never got the wound checked out after the fight.

"It's been so long and I haven't gotten any headaches from it," Williams explained.

Kerry Guire failed to appear for his hearing. As a result, he was found guilty of harassment.

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