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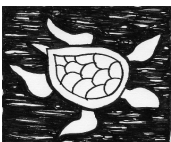
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We have a NEW name ... and a contest WINNER!

Congratulations to **Karen Lyon** of Hanging Moss Lane for coming up with the simple yet fun title for our newsletter! Over 30 great suggestions came from readers, but this is the one that the Communications Committee agreed was the most appropriate. Karen is the TR Women's Club Membership Chair, and also wife of our Board Governor Lew Lyon. We hope you enjoy your Tervis tumblers, Karen. Thanks to all who participated in the contest!



Turtle Rock Academy Lecture Series



FEBRUARY 17, 2:00 pm

Ann Walborn, MOTE volunteer and former Turtle Rock resident, will share Mote's history, research, conservation, and education programs. Michael Moore, leading the Campaign for Mote's Science Education Aquarium, will transport you behind the scenes with a virtual tour of MOTE SEA.

President's Message

By David Bryan



Greetings Turtle Rock:

This will be my last President's Letter, as my term officially ends with the election of new Board members. This not only marks the end of my time serving on the Turtle Rock Board of Governors, but also my residency in Turtle Rock, since my wife and I will be relocating back to Tennessee due to family needs. I want to thank all of the residents, Board members, and committee members that I have had the pleasure to work with for the last three years. We accomplished a lot for Turtle Rock working together! I will miss the entire Turtle Rock community and will never forget my time being a part of this little paradise. Thank you all!

The Turtle Rock **Annual Member Meeting** will be held on February 1, 2022. Two new Board members will be welcomed at the meeting. There will be two open governor seats, and since there were only two applicants, no election is necessary. This meeting is very important, it is a meeting of the MEMBERS — you, the owners — and I encourage everyone to attend either in person or on Zoom.



Immediately following the conclusion of the member meeting, the new Board of Governors will be seated and elect its officers, who will serve for one year. I am confident that the new Board of Governors will continue the work necessary to keep Turtle Rock one of the most desirable communities on Palmer Ranch.

The Natural Assets Committee reports that the shoreline restoration work on Ponds 9 and 12 started early and should be completed by early February 2022. Pond 9 is at the southeast corner of Nice Way and Turtle Rock Blvd and pond 12 is the small Sabal Lake Pond on the east side of Turtle Rock Blvd.

The Finance Committee reports that the revised compliance policy is being very well received. The extra effort being made to contact residents and owners in person *before* fines are recommended is resulting in a dramatic reduction in fining. The committee also reports it has reached agreement with Sunstate Management on a new revised management contract. The revised contract reduces overall cost, and provides an administrative assistant to

President's Message, Continued

our Manager for four hours each week-day at no additional cost!

The Communications committee is initiating a program to have volunteers at the clubhouse on a part time basis to help with the many day-to-day activities, greet both new and long-time residents, and assist them with their routine needs.

The TROM update draft has been reviewed by our attorney, and the final revised TROM should be presented to the Board for approval at the March board meeting. We thank the TROM update Task Force for their diligent work updating the TROM and making it easier to use.

January 4th Board Actions

The Board voted to—

- ♦ ratify the holiday bonus for four gate attendants (total \$ 300.00).
- ♦ implement a new Turtle Rock email system (\$2,652.00 annual cost). The new email system will be easier to use and includes many enhancements over the current system.
- ♦ approve a new contract for our technology support contractor, Joe Holme. The new contract includes a \$500.00 monthly retainer for Joe Holme that includes 4 hours of work at no charge, with additional hours at the old rate, i.e. no increase.

January 18th

Special Board Meeting

The Board voted to—

- ♦ approve the revised Sunstate Management Contract to be effective February 1, 2022. The revised contract includes more services at an overall lower cost to Turtle Rock. Our thanks to the FIRM committee, chaired by Melody Barackman, for this accomplishment.
- ♦ approve \$2,550.00 to install a Kayak launch ramp near the bridge at the clubhouse. The ramp will make it easier for residents to launch kayaks and explore some of our beautiful retention ponds.
- ♦ approve \$1,950.00 for catch basins and water drain lines to be installed on pond 9 (SE corner Nice Way and TRB) to help prevent future shoreline erosion.
- ♦ approve \$2,100.00 to repair a section of curb in Somerset at the south end of Nice Way.

February 1, 2022 at 6:30 pm is the Turtle Rock ANNUAL Member meeting. Immediately following, the Board has an Organizational Meeting.

The meetings will be held in the clubhouse with limited seating available, and also be available on ZOOM. Log-in link and call-in phone number will be provided along with the agenda by email. Please plan to attend.

Management Report

By Bob Kresnik, Sunstate



Below are a few reminders...and a major clarification.

I would like to address the way some residents have been observed driving in Turtle Rock: speeding and running stop signs. This inconsiderate vehicle operation caused an accident in August of 2021. Gate pass stickers



are a privilege, and can be suspended or permanently revoked. Please consider the safety of your fellow neighbors and the example you are setting for our younger drivers. It takes just seconds longer to drive considerately and obey the signs.

I want to thank those owners who have responded to violation notices about their yard by completing the work that was requested to be done. Most owners acted quickly to resolve violations. Thanks for working with me on this journey. Turtle Rock is looking better every day.

I will continue to update you in the monthly newsletter and with periodic Flash Emails.

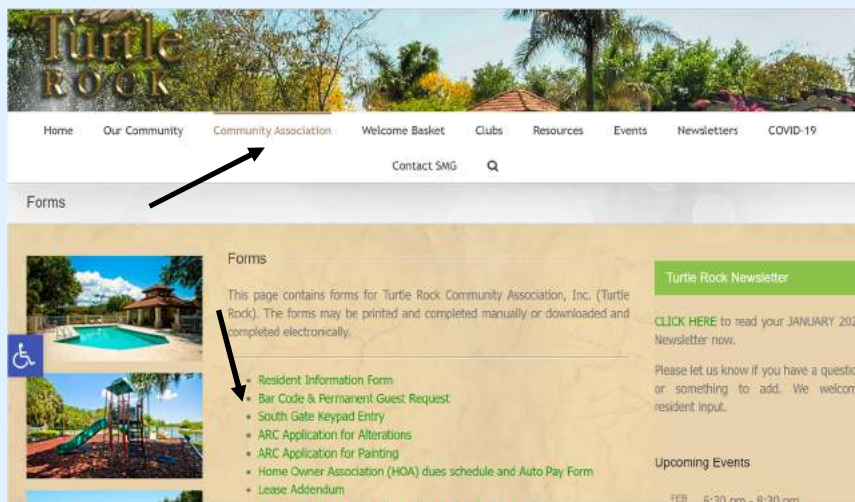
Your manager,

Bob Kresnik, CAM
Sunstate Management



In August of 2021, gate pass stickers began being processed by *management* at the com-

munity center located at 8500 Turtle Rock Blvd. The North gate personnel are no longer issuing the stickers. Please call the office, (941) 970-9455, to make an appointment for your sticker. I'm in and out of the office daily during office hours, so making an appointment is strongly encouraged. You will need to complete a bar code form for your sticker. You can obtain the form on the Turtle Rock website, **myturtlerock.com**. Click on the 3rd column from left,



Community Association, use the drop down, and select Forms, then "Bar Code" from the listed links. Once you've completed the form, please call my office for an appointment. The cost is \$20.00 cash or check per vehicle sticker. Please bring the vehicle, the vehicle registration, and your driver's license.

The process takes about 5 minutes. The office hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 am–4:30 pm.



Treasurer's Report

By Robert Oram



Year-To-Date Ending December 31, 2021

	Actual	Budget
Assessments and other income	\$1,466,902.06	\$1,463,486.00
Operating Expenses		
General and Administrative	\$ 376,493.11	\$ 377,428.35
Common Grounds	214,034.95	197,526.09
Access Control/Gatehouse	276,413.40	248,037.17
Facilities Maintenance	156,242.28	177,604.18
Utilities	68,842.19	76,083.34

Note: Y-T-D income was \$3416 over budget, expenses were \$79117 below budget, bringing the 2021 surplus to \$82533

Reserve Expenses

Contribution	\$ 288,927.00	\$ 288,927.00
Site Improvements	-385,124.42*	
Furn. Fixtures & Equip.	-28,001.48	
Roads & Parking	-8,314.00	
Painting	-5,745.00**	

* 16,632 Crosscreek Environmental payments for pond work.

** ProPainting — North and South signs, lamp post bases.

Assessments

Outstanding HOA Fees:	\$ 126.02 (1-60 days);
	<u>9,555.42</u> (>90 days)
Total	\$ 9,681.44

M NDAY MEET-UP

Mondays 10:00 a.m.— 11:30 a.m.

We have so many great people living in Turtle Rock.
Here's your chance to connect with more of them in an
easy, conversational setting. **Just drop in!**



When: Every Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Where: At the Community Center

Who: All Turtle Rock residents

Why: To connect with neighbors...chat...catch up.

What to Bring: Your own beverage, no refreshments provided.

Reservations: None needed. Just drop by!

Any Rules? Simple! No presentations or sales pitches.
No whining. Just conversation.

From the WEST Corner of...

By: Steve West

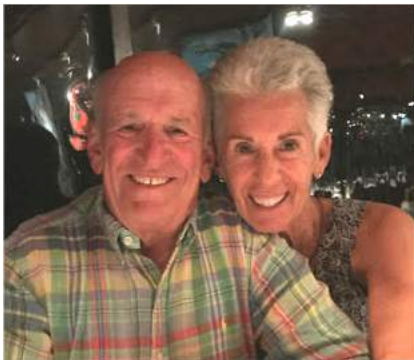


Valentine's Day, or Saint Valentine's Day, is celebrated worldwide on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love. The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when notions of courtly love flourished, apparently by association with the "lovebirds" of early

spring. In 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion on which couples expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards, known as "valentines." In Italy, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers as a romantic symbol and an "invitation to unlock the giver's heart." Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced cards.

On a more local level, we here in Sarasota can celebrate Valentine's Day at Siesta Beach with many other couples renewing their marriage vows and recommitting their lives together. Check-in begins at 4:30 and activities begin at 5 pm. Cost is \$15 per couple in advance, \$25 on-site, day of event. Event includes a commemorative certificate and gift, a flower, music on the beach and light refreshments. For more info or to register, call 861-7275 or visit online at scgov.net/park

—Highlighting two Turtle Rock Couples who have been happily married for decades—



Kathie & Rick Myerburg (Benchmark Ct) met in Pittsburgh in 1964 and were married on July 5, 1969. They have lived in Philadelphia, PA, Minneapolis, MN, Pittsburgh, PA and now Sarasota. Family has always been first; they have one married son and 2 grandchildren. Working together as owners of a retail store, they retired in 2002. They have enjoyed 30 years of sailing the Great Lakes, and have done numerous long distance bike trips in the US, Canada, and Europe.



Les and Karen Hewitt (Hanging Moss Lane) recently celebrated their 51st Wedding Anniversary. Their story began at church on a Sunday morning in Lansing, Michigan. Just moments after the service ended, the congregation was dismissed and all were preparing to return home. Karen's future mother-in-law (who had spoken to her mother) leaned over the pew ahead of her family, tapped her on the shoulder, and said, "Just a minute, I would like to introduce you to my son Les." Appropriate introductions were made, they chatted for a few minutes, and then left

to go home. A week later, Les phoned Karen to ask her out on a dinner date and to see the movie "Airport." The rest is history— they were married six months later and are still happily married.



Young Families' Group

Kids' Valentines Exchange

February 13

2:00pm

Community Center

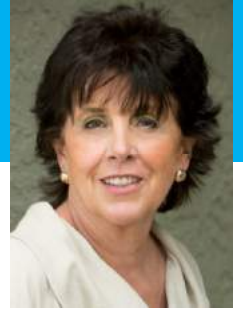
Bring a decorated
Valentine's box and
valentines to share

Please RSVP to
Turtlerockfamilies@gmail.com
By February 5 so we can get
count for valentines



Communications Committee

By: Grace Sammon, Secretary



The Newsletter Gets a Name!

Thank you to the many residents that submitted name suggestions in the “Name the Newsletter” contest, and thanks to Steve West for suggesting the contest. The Communications Committee enjoyed reviewing the names and settled on **“Turtle Talk”** suggested by **Karen Lyon** on Hanging Moss Lane. Thank you, Karen. We hope you enjoy your Turtle Rock Tervis Tumblers.

A New Year’s Eve Arrival Prompts Us to Ask Have you tried GateAccess.net?

Time for true confessions. This Communications Committee member totally ignored the new gate access system choosing instead to call or email the gate when we had a friend or vendor coming to our home. On New Year’s Eve we were alerted by Gate Access that someone was coming to our home. Well, we weren’t expecting anyone and neither my husband or I recognized the name. Kudos to the guard at the guard gate, and later Robert the guard supervisor for alerting us that the name was on our permanent list – a vendor from three years ago that we have not used since.

Robert printed us off a copy of our permanent list, which we have since culled. What’s most important here, is that Gate Access is incredibly easy. Not only that, I bet we are only using a small portion of what it can do. I thought it was just, basically, your permanent guest entry list. It can be so much more. It can include your pet registry, medical emergency and other key information. Just a plug for a service we have at our disposal as part of our HOA dues. If you are unsure about how to use it, or need your initial access code, please contact our manager, Bob Kresnik.

The Welcome Team is Rocking It

Steve West and Manager Bob Kresnik are now quickly identifying new residents as they move in. We are still experiencing a large turnover in our community, averaging about seven homes per month. The team, headed by Steve and Emily Miller, and supported by Diane Geramanis, Donna McCarthy, and Dodie Neuhauser, are armed with great information and Tervis Tumblers to welcome our new neighbors. Welcome everyone!



Our First WELCOME in the TURTLE TALK:

Say “Hello” to **Paul** and **Jennifer Kirbas** (Little Brook Ct), who join us as new neighbors here in beautiful Turtle Rock. Among the statistical thousand people a day that move to Florida, Paul and Jennifer come to us from Oklahoma City in hopes their two sons will someday follow in their wisdom and join them as neighbors.

Both Paul and Jennifer are Presbyterian ministers and, not coincidentally, met at a church function some thirty three years back and have been happily married ever since.

Sarasota was their desired location to settle, and a very wise realtor recommended Turtle Rock, as she, herself, considered this community to be one of the most desirable in Palmer Ranch.

The Turtle Rock members welcome you with open arms and wish you mcu happiness in your new home.



Architectural Review Committee

By Chuck Barackman



After reviewing an unusually large number of requests last year, we announced a contest in January's newsletter: guess how many ARC requests were received during calendar 2021, without going over. Many of our residents accepted this challenge and emailed their guesses to us.



Steve West

The actual number of requests received was **370**. Several guesses came close, but our winner is Steve West, of Hanging Moss Lane, who guessed **364**. Congratulations to Steve, who wins our prize of a \$25 gift coupon to Total Wine. Steve is no stranger to the ARC process,

having submitted three requests himself last year, some of which came after consultation with the ARC.

As always, the ARC stands ready to assist any Turtle Rock resident with suggestions on how to best approach maintenance or improve-

ment initiatives. We look forward to another banner year in 2022 and are always gratified to recognize the investments our residents make to keep Turtle Rock an appealing community.

As you consider your plans for this year, please keep in mind that the deadline for ARC submissions is the 15th of every month. Requests received by the 15th will be considered at our next regular monthly meeting, scheduled as follows for Spring, 2022 (all Saturdays):

February 19

March 19

April 23

May 21

June 18

If a true emergency exists, the ARC can make special arrangements to review a request in advance of our next meeting. The most common examples of emergency requests are leaking roofs and removal of diseased or dying trees.



**Turtle Rock reveille
echoes syncopation
hammers on a roof**



Turtle Rock Men's Club

The Men's Club is considering holding future luncheons at Grillsmith, Mellow Mushroom and Miguel's. If you have other restaurants that you would like us to consider, let us hear from you. If you have an interest in helping the Club plan activities and grow the membership, contact any of the current Board members for additional information.



SERENOA
GOLF CLUB

Weekly Golf Outing

If you are a golfer, consider joining your neighbors for a round at Serenoa Golf Club each **Thursday** morning. Send an email to: TRMCGolf@gmail.com for more information.



We wish the following a **Happy February Birthday!** If we have missed anyone, email Ken Rosemann to update the TRMC website.

**Chuck Barackman, Len Friedlander,
Chuck Hendrickson, Bob Lingard, Larry Nelson,
Michael Pitoniak, Ken Rosemann**

If you know of someone who may be interested in joining the Men's Club, please have them contact me and I will be glad to assist them in the process of joining.



Turtle Rock Women's Club

In addition to our monthly luncheons, the Turtle Rock Women's Club offers many ongoing activities. Whether you like water aerobics, a good book or simply a good time with lots of laughs, we've got options for you. Hope to see you soon!



Water Aerobics

Mary Ann Gates leads a group exercise at our Community Pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 - 10:30 am. If you would like to join, please contact **Mary Ann Gates** at 927-5367.



Daytime Book Group

This group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am. Please contact **Sora Yelin** at 926-4534 for questions or info regarding joining this book club.



Bunco Night

Bunco is played on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Community Center. Gather at 5:30 pm and bring \$8.00 to play. **RSVP needed** to **Donna McCarthy** at dmccarthy1014@gmail.com.

Check out the TRWC newsletter for more information on upcoming events or email us at turtlerockwomensclub@gmail.com.

Somerset Nice Way's

1st Annual Tailgate & Games Party

While the weather could have been sunnier, dozens of residents of Nice Way gathered January 22 to attend their **1st Annual Tailgate & Games** block party! Lots of good food, a corn hole tournament (won by Bob Violet and Ken Turpin) and outdoor socializing made the event a huge success. Also a success was the Somerset Annual Member Meeting (held January 20 via Zoom to allow all to attend), which was followed up with a Meet & Greet hosted by Deirdre Cronin in her home. Nearly 40 residents showed up to mingle.



Party host and tournament organizer Todd Springmeyer

Landscape & Grounds

By Jodi Cunnison



The Committee met with Shane Battle from Bloomings early January to review the recent projects completed by Bloomings, along with its ongoing maintenance. Curt Gilroy, Joan Howe, Diane Geramanis, Kathrin Harris and Jodi Cunnison were in attendance.

Shane reported that the corner plantings along Turtle Rock Blvd were completed, along with the fertilizer application, weed control and Top Choice (to control fire ants) applications. Rye seed has been applied behind Nice Way, and we await rain, needed to stimulate growth. After the oak tree leaf drop has occurred in February and March, Bloomings will begin a general cleanup along the Boulevard. Also to be done is the trimming of any low hanging oak tree branches along the Blvd, cleanup of the elm tree that fell down along the Honore border hedge, and installation of some Areca plants along this border. In April, Bloomings will drastically cut back the Awabuki hedge along Central Sarasota Parkway to stimulate healthy new growth.

Bloomings has also done a great job clearing out the Turtle Rock Nature Trail which runs along the west side of the community beside the Legacy Trail. For those of you wishing to take a stroll in nature, this trail is very inviting.

The Committee addressed several additional projects including:

- Exploring the cost of installing a flagpole in front of the Community Center;
- A new fountain is being installed in the lake just south of the Community Center, as the previous fountain broke. Also to be done is a general cleanup of the small island located in that lake;
- Exploring the cost of removing a dead Oak tree in the island on Far Oak Circle;
- The south gate call box is to be repaired.

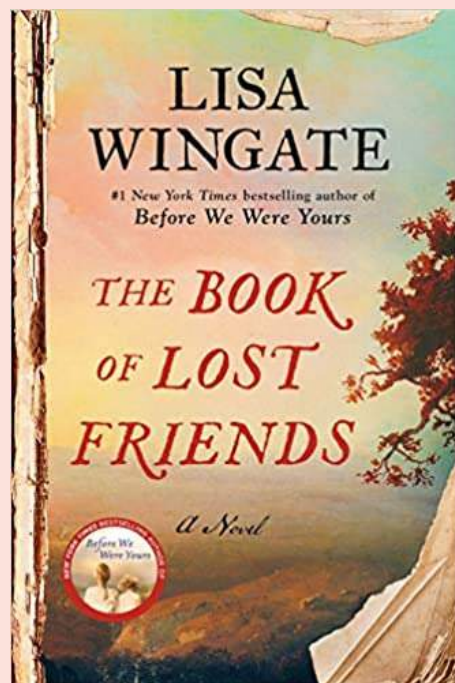
THE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR ANY PERSON OR GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A BENCH TO THE COMMUNITY. It will be placed on the west side of Sweetmeadow Circle, just north of the Savannah entrance, replacing the existing backless bench and close to the bulletin board. This is an ideal location overlooking a scenic lake, and a favorite gathering spot for our Turtle Rock dog walkers. The Association will pay for and install the required concrete pad and provide a dedicatory plaque.

If interested, please contact our manager or a member of the Landscape Committee.



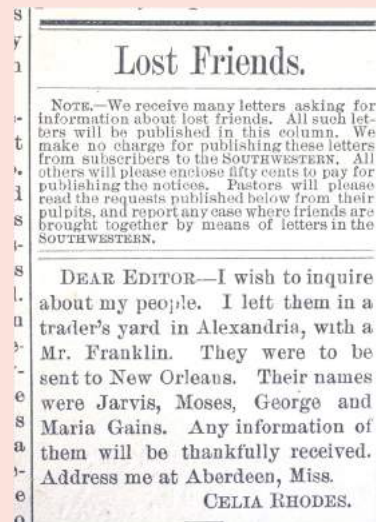
This bench is looking down the Sabal Lake; the new one would be placed along the Hanging Moss lake

Turtle Rock Library Feature Book of the Month



The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate (Historical Novel, 400 pp)

This is the story of three young women searching for family in the post-Civil War South, and of a modern-day teacher who learns of their quest and its connection to her students' lives. The author brings to life stories from actual "Lost Friends" ads that appeared in Southern newspapers after the Civil War, as newly freed slaves searched for loved ones who had been sold away.



Household Hazardous Waste COLLECTION EVENT

**Sarasota County
Hazardous Waste and
Turtle Rock are host-
ing a household haz-
ardous waste collec-
tion event for Turtle
Rock residents**

**TUESDAY, February 22
from 10am to 12noon**

**Community Center
parking lot**

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- Ammunition
- Empty containers (>5 gal)
- Fireworks
- Flares
- Medications
- Needles or syringes
- Radioactive materials
- Tires

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Place materials in vehicle trunk.
- Remain in your vehicle.
- Staff will unload materials.
- No walk-ups accepted.

TYPES OF ITEMS ACCEPTED

- Adhesives and glues
- Aerosols
- Antifreeze
- Automotive products
- Cleaners
- Electronics
- Fertilizers
- Fluorescent lamps
- Gasoline
- Household fire extinguishers
- Mercury
- Motor oil
- Oil filters
- Paint
- Pesticides
- Pool chemicals
- Propane cylinders
- Rechargeable batteries
- Solvents and thinners
- Vehicle batteries



TURTLE ROCK's ANNUAL



March 19 from 8—11:30am at individual homes

As shoppers enter, gate attendants will distribute community maps with participant sellers' addresses during the hours listed. To include your address, return completed form (available at office) with \$5 to TR office no later than March 17.
Fee covers advertising in Herald Tribune and Observer newspapers.

The Newsletter Team

The committee is always interested in input from the community. If you have a knack for writing, have ideas for a monthly column, or are willing to take photos of interest to the community, please contact us. Also, if you have a gripe or a word of praise, let's hear it.

Send comments, suggestions and articles for consideration to:
letstalkturtlerock@gmail.com

(Text must be in Word, Photos as JPEG.)

THANKS for getting involved!

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Grace Sammon, Secretary

Kathrin Harris, Newsletter Editor

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