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2009 CVFD Picnic Update By Donna Tate

Our 17th Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Community Picnic was guite a success. The event raised a magnificent \$3800 for the Fire Department. From a tasty BBQ to a beautiful evening dancing under the stars with Franklin (the DJ), fun was had by all. Smokey the Bear paid a visit earlier in the day and was a hit with all the kids, and some of the adults too. Great Raffle prizes! Fire prevention and defensible space were definitely the messages for the day. The kid's games were outstanding. The painted faces and colorful hair definitely added some pizzazz to the day's festivities. The Fire Department hopes to add some fire muster games next year to add a little more excitement to the day.

Just a few words about our fire department: I had the opportunity to stop by the fire hall a few times over the last few months on training nights. I was so impressed by the level of training and commitment the firefighters displayed. We should all be very proud of our fire department and their continued effort to improve and grow. Improvement and growth all take money for training, equipment and gear. Without the community's support, none of this would be possible. So, a big thank you for your support and donations.

The Fire Department and the Auxiliary would like to give a special thank you to Rovillia and Tari from the Rebel Ridge Market for all their support and for providing the Rebel Ridge field for the event.

We hope to see all of you and more next year,

at the 18th Fire Department Community Picnic. As always, we encourage new ideas to make the day a fantastic community event. Please contact any of the Auxiliary Members with your ideas or input.



Once again Cathy LeBlanc was Emcee Extraordinaire!



Denise Stratton having too much fun selling glow sticks!





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Pumpkin Patch Potluck

Please join the community on Saturday, October 24th from 4-8pm for a Pumpkin Patch Potluck. This fabulous event will take place at the Rebel Ridge Market. There will be a children's costume contest and free pumpkins for children under 12! Call for more information or to sign up for a potluck dish 288-3650. Let's get together and celebrate our community! Rain or shine.

Local teen featured on radio!

On Sunday, October 25th at 3PM, local teen harpist Sage Po can be heard on the "From the Top" radio show, a showcase for precollege classical musicians on KXPR-FM 88.9 FM. Sage traveled to El Paso, Texas in June for a live taping of the radio show. For more information, check out the program website: <u>http://www.fromthetop.org/</u>. Or see the July issue of *The Courier* at: camptonville.com/the courier.html

Help a C'ville Student

Please help me earn money for a school field trip. You can bring any recyclables to the container at the end of my driveway at 13649 Moonshine Rd. Or call me at 288-0816 and we can pick them up. Thanks, Rocky van der Meer.

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CHIEF'S REPORT Yuba fire-part one By Alan Kinne, Assistant Chief

Friday, August 14th, 2009 began a very tense week for our area. The Yuba Fire began near Dobbins and moved in our general direction. As the days went on, this fire became the priority fire in California. Resources were pulled off of other fires burning and sent to the Yuba Fire. Camptonville's water tender, WT-6390, was among the Initial Attack resources sent to this fire. We received the call at about 1 PM that afternoon. Firefighters Chris Dozier and Andrew Beams responded from Camptonville with the tender. Their job was to refill the tanks of the engines that were fighting the fire. The two spent the day moving around the fire line, and at times were right there amongst the smoke and flames. Chris said with the brush burning, trees on fire and all the smoke, it really got the adrenaline pumping!! He said his main thoughts were directed at the tender, "PLEASE pump water when you are supposed to!" At one point, they were told to keep an area free of fire so that it could be used as a safe zone if needed by the fire crews. This involved driving around the area using the sprayers and hose on the tender to keep the area clear. It got even more exciting when an air tanker had to drop retardant near them because they and the other engines near them were in danger of being cut off -always a danger in this type of fire.

As the day progressed, the tender usually stayed in one spot and the engines came to them. This went on late into the night. We had been in contact with the tender to make sure everyone was okay, and to see if they needed anything. Chief Lee Brown went to the area to see for himself how they were doing. Arrangements were being made to send a relief crew the next morning. At 7 AM on Saturday, Chief Brown and I reported to the Command Center at the Brownsville Fire Station for the morning briefing. A progress report was given on the progress of the fire and the efforts to control it. Engines and hand crews were arriving all the time. After the briefing, Chief Brown and I went to where the tender was and relieved Chris and Andrew. Both were willing to stay on, but they needed some rest and returned home. We spent the day in one spot refilling engines as they came to us. The tender could fill about 7 to 8 engines before we would drive a couple of miles to Lake Francis and using our drafting hose, refill the tender. While there, it was kind of awesome to see the helicopters

come in and scoop water into their buckets or use a hose to fill the onboard tank.

From the spot on the side of the road where the tender was, the fire was probably a mile or so away. We had guite the ringside seats for the constant air show that went on. Helicopters and fixed wing aircraft were overhead all day. Two of them even landed in a field right in front of us, one to do some maintenance and the other to drop off his bucket while he went to refuel. As the afternoon progressed, the winds picked up and the fire jumped the river. This is what they did not want. The smoke was billowing high into the air as new fuels were consumed. Several smaller fires on the ridge near us had to be put out. We could tell which way the fire was moving by the smoke... and it was moving toward Camptonville!! Luckily, cell phone reception was good there, so we were able to stay in touch with folks at home and let them know what was going on. As night came, the glow in the sky was really something. At times, a tree would light up like a Roman candle. The air attack comes to a halt when it gets dark -- too dangerous! So, the hand crews had to try to hold the line all night: tough, dirty, exhausting work. My hat is off to those guys. About 10 PM, Captain Jim Esry came to relieve Chief Brown. He brought us water, food, munchies, all sorts of stuff !! --Even some warmer jackets and sleeping bags. Engines came to us until about midnight, when things guieted down in our area for the night. While listening to the radio late that night, I heard that a mountain lion had been spotted in one area. Slept very lightly, that's for sure!!

Stay tuned for part 2 in next month's issue!

August wasn't too busy for the department as a whole. We had 4 calls: 2 medical, one vehicle accident, and one heck of a vegetation fire!!



Children's Roundtable Report September 2009 By Cathy LeBlanc

Children's advocates met in September to discuss the final state budget impact on the Healthy Families Insurance program. This highly successful program was in danger of being dismantled because of combined cuts to the state budget by the Legislature in the amount of \$120 million and Governor Arnold's subsequent line-item veto of another \$50 million. These collective cuts severely crippled the program, putting it in the hole for \$170-\$190 million. Over 70,000 children were put on a waiting list in one month while politicians tried to find a solution. Healthy Families is a good program for California because eligible families pay into it and every dollar the state spends gets "beefed" up by a federal government match of two dollars.

First 5 California, (the state Prop.10 commission which is funded through a tobacco tax), came to the rescue early on to cover children ages 0-5 with an \$80 million voluntary contribution. Then thankfully there was good bi-partisan support for the passage of Assembly Bill 1422 sponsored by Speaker of the House Karen Bass, which will generate a health plan fee of around \$97 million saving 900,000 kids from losing Healthy Families coverage.

Senator Cox* (who represents our district, including Sierra County) even had words of praise for the passage of AB1422. "... Senate Appropriations Vice-Chair Dave Cox (R) said he was willing to vote for the measure because of the increased premiums, increased cost sharing and the commitment by the First Five Commission to help fund Healthy Families coverage for children ages 0-5. Cox also noted that given the threat of H1N1 virus at the start of the school year, he was not willing to take the risk to the health of the community by having 600,000 children losing health coverage..." (blog.health-access.org). The Governor said after passage by both legislative houses on September 4th, "I look forward to signing this bill for our kids." AB 1422 sunsets (expires) on January 1st, 2011.

*Cox has been a strong opponent of First 5 CA and the 58 county Commissions. First 5's throughout the state are the major funders of a variety of programs and projects that benefit our youngest children. Cox tried to dismantle the CA First 5 and Commissions in 2008 when he introduced a measure to redirect the Commissions' funds and use them to support the Healthy Families program. Fortunately, the measure did not pass.

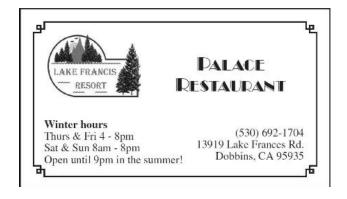
Birth Announcement

Please welcome Miss Odessa Capri Sander, born at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital on September 15, 2009 to Dawn Neely and Jesse Sander. Little Odessa weighed 8 lb 8 oz and measured 21³/₄". She was eagerly awaited by many relatives, including her grandparents, Birdsong and Glenn Sundstrom, Camptonville residents.

Thank You!

The community would like to thank Judy Morris and Paula Goodman for doing all the recycling work from the bins at Rebel Ridge Market. They put a lot of time and energy into recycling and the money raised goes to "Relay for Life" to help fight cancer. It's great to have a place nearby to bring recyclables to. Thank you!!!



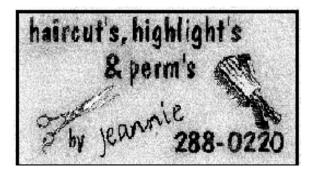


A Review of Relay 2009 By Paula Goodman & Judy Morris

Camptonville, You Rock! The 10th Annual Nevada County Relay For Life event for 2009 is closing its books as the fiscal year ended Aug. 31, 2009. It is with great pride and respect that we acknowledge and thank the Camptonville Buddies Relay Team and the Camptonville residents for the fabulous job each of you did in raising funds to help fight cancer. 2009's local team achieved the level of Bronze, raising over \$2500.00. This was accomplished through various methods by individual team members during the year. Selling raffle tickets for items donated by our generous members, friends, family and businesses plus the chore of recycling being done at the Rebel Ridge Store were just a couple of the ways we were able to reach our Bronze Level.

As the 10th Annual Relay closes its books, we are now starting to build the Planning Committee for Relay 2010. Anyone interested in working with the Camptonville Buddies team or on the Relay Event please feel free to call Judy or Paula at 288-1228 for more information, or email at <u>owlsneagles@inreach.com</u>

There is not finish line until we find a cure.



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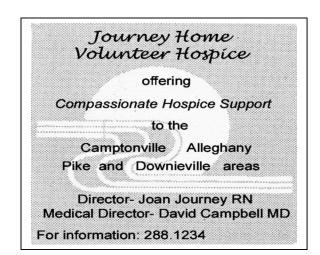
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The Courier Needs Help: By Joan Carpenter

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Yuba County Children's Council:

Improving the well being of children in Yuba County-September Update* By Cathy LeBlanc

Hi folks: my name is Cathy LeBlanc. I work for Camptonville Community Partnership as Rural Health Advocate and programs manager. I am also the *Community Functional Group* Chair of the Yuba County Children's Council (YCCC). This means I am your representative on the Council and I value knowing your concerns regarding youth in Yuba County.

The YCCC is a group of community and government leaders that meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 am (more often than not) at the County One Stop located at 114 Yuba Street in Marysville. The Council convenes to plan, coordinate and impact the policies, practices and programs affecting children and their families in Yuba County and simultaneously functions as the Yuba County Child Abuse Prevention Council. The YCCC also serves as the policy and advisory body to the Yuba County Board of Supervisors. The public is invited to all meetings.

Now that you have some history of the YCCC, here are some highlights of our September meeting:

The September meeting was held at Marysville High School and two students attended. They informed us if we want to encourage youth involvement, it is important to have food and music at meetings (we took note). They also told us about their group, the *Youth Development Community Action Coalition* (YDCAC) which is looking for places that could be youth centers in Yuba City and Wheatland, in addition to the Allyn Scot Youth and Community Center and Friday Night Live at the Packard Library in Marysville, which host youth activities. The YDCAC has recently completed the Yuba Sutter Youth Community Profile available at (http://www.fridaynightlive.com/)or for more information

(http://www.fridaynightlive.com/)or for more information contact Carmen Smith @ 530 742-5483).

The Council and folks across the country are recognizing the benefit of viewing the glass as half-full -this is known as an *Asset Based* approach. The Search Institute (*www.search-institute.org*) has identified 40 developmental assets that young people need to grow up healthy. Young people who have many of these assets in their lives are much more likely to make positive choices and less likely to make negative ones. YCCC has the goal of introducing this concept countywide by sharing ways to develop these assets in our youth. One of the ways we will do this is by incorporating asset-building tips in nationally recognized days such as *Baby Safety Month*

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(September) and *Make a Difference Day* (October). The Council plans to release the Calendar in January 2010.

One more important item is the annual evening foothill meeting of the YCCC. This year it will be held at the Alcouffe Dobbins Oregon House Community Center (9185 Marysville Road) on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 from 6:30-8:30pm. Everyone is invited. Free refreshments will be available.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like more information you may call me at the Camptonville Resource Center 530 288-9355 or email me at <u>cathy@cville.k12.ca.us</u>. You may also contact Chair-Elect Pam Cook at 749-6748. We hope to see you there.

*Camptonville Community Partnership, The California Endowment and Yuba First 5 sponsor this update.

Corrections:

The editors would like to sincerely apologize to the readers and to Cathy Leblanc for inadvertently omitting a timely and critical part of Cathy's *Advocacy Update* in the September issue. This important information on the relicensing of Bullard's Bar, statewide children's advocacy and a lawsuit challenging the Governor's use of the line item veto can be obtained by calling or emailing The Courier or online: camptonville.com/the_courier.html



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123 Grow Presents: "Guilt Free Discipline" By Birdsong Sundstrom

A large group of parents and staff gathered at the Camptonville Family Resource Center on September 16th for training from Child Development Behavior Specialist, Thelma Amaya-Andersen. Her topic was titled "Guilt Free Discipline That Works" and is based upon research by Dr. Becky A. Bailey, an internationally recognized expert in childhood education and developmental psychology. Thelma addressed moving as discipliners away from using techniques based on guilt and fear, which teach children to focus their attention and energy on their shortcomings instead of their progress and accomplishments. She pointed out that these old methods aren't successful, they stress the child and what effects stress has on the body. The body releases cortisol when under stress and higher, prolonged exposure to cortisol include impaired cognitive performance, blood sugar imbalances, decreased bone density, higher blood pressure, and lowered immunity. We don't want any of these things for our children!

Thelma went on to describe calming activities (for either you or your child) and changing our language to one that the young child will understand. She pointed out that children's minds do not operate the same way as adults; they do not begin to have inner speech (talking to ourselves and working problems out) until they are seven or eight. This makes it much harder for them to understand consequences or predict the results of their actions. We need to state in clear, positive language what it is we want and to use visual examples and routines to help them understand us better.

This is just a short summary of the wonderful presentation Thelma gave us. She is an employee of Yuba County Office of Education and is funded by Yuba First Five. She offers trainings throughout the county and will be back here in

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April. Call 749-4040 to find out her schedule and attend a future training. If you would like more information about guilt-free discipline, visit Dr. Becky Bailey's website at www.consciousdiscipline.com

C'ville School Board Notes By Steve Kelly

The Camptonville School Board met in the school's library on Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30 pm. The Board was informed that the school has enough instructional materials so that all students have their own textbooks. Next, Rhonda Marguette, from the Yuba County Office of Education, presented to the board the school's Unaudited Actuals, a budget report detailing how the school is doing financially. Everyone was pleased to hear that the school has so far avoided the major budget woes afflicting so many other schools, and that in many areas the school has been spending less than was originally budgeted. Keeping a close eye on where the school's money is going will remain a priority.

Mr. Kelly reported to the board that an updated 5 Year Plan will be presented to the board for approval at the next board meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 7th, 2009. This 5 Year Plan will list proposed maintenance projects such as painting, heating/cooling, and fire alarm system upgrades to be done during the next five years. After board approval, this plan will be submitted to the state. Mr. Kelly also updated the board on progress being made in improving communication with staff members and the Camptonville School Community.

Special Note: One of the ways communication with the school community can be improved is by an increased utilization of the school's automated messaging service. By using this service, the school can notify those in the system of important upcoming events at the school such as assemblies, after school programs, and any bus changes that may need to be made. If you didn't receive notification of last Friday's Constitution Day assembly, updating your phone number in our system may solve the problem. If anyone else in the community wishes to be added to the school's contact list, please send your name and phone number to: skelly@cville.k12.ca.us, or phone the school at 288-3277.

Jessi's Garden By Jessi Mullins

I would like to begin by saying THANK YOU to everyone who has supported Rebel Ridge Organics. You all have made it possible for a little bit of remodeling to take place. With a baby on the way, and an expanding business we are making a few changes to the store (barn building), just making it a bit more cozy for everyone. We closed for remodeling on September 27th, but we are still available by phone for any assistance you may need. Please call the nursery and I will check my messages often, 288-3222. Currently we are expecting to be closed through the New Year, but we will keep the progress of reopening updated.

It all started with tiny little seeds in the months of March and April. Four to five months later you've been enjoying the deliciousness that comes from your own garden. With happy bellies these last couple of months and healthier diets, it's looking pretty darn sad out there in the garden, the end for summer freshness is just right around the corner. My advice is to harvest as much food as possible and can, freeze, or dry it for the winter months. As many may already know, be very careful with those darn pressure cookers. Although it is very sad and hard to do, October is the month to begin to start pulling out and digging up your summer veggie garden. Not all is bad though, because you're preparing the soil and area for all the fun and interesting things you get to try over winter. As you are pulling the garden up, compost all those tomato plants - compost everything for next year. Your worms will love it all, and your soil will love the additional organic matter in the spring.

Fall and winter gardening begins as soon as there is an empty garden bed. With a couple more weeks of hot weather left, then rapidly cooling temperatures, all the greens will thrive for a good month or so. Rebel Ridge Organics is having a plant sale and flea market on October **10th from 9-1.** All of our fall vegetable starts will be available then. We have chard, kale, broccoli, cauliflower, chinese cabbage, pak choi, mustard greens, tatsoi greens and more. Garlic, onion transplants, flower bulbs, and cover crop seed will be available also on that big day of Oct. 10th. Garlic and onions is a great and easy fall crop to let overwinter. Enjoy planting them by the end of November and then leave it to Mother Nature to care for them. If Mother Nature leaves us with some dry spells, you may need a small amount of

supplemental water. Each clove of garlic planted in fall will give you a nice sized bulb of garlic in June. Onions need soft, loamy soil to get a good size to them, but when you pull off a good crop of onions, not only is it exciting and rewarding, you won't have to buy onions all summer long.

Throw some cover crop seed out on any area of the garden that is not being used. Cover cropping is the most cost effective, efficient way to prepare and improve your soils nutrients and structure. Be sure to get your cover crop planted by the end of October. The seed needs to have warm enough temperatures to germinate and then enough time to grow and get established before cold weather hits, but once in and sprouted, the fall rains and winter months should be all the care the cover crop needs.

Good for the environment, great for your health – garden organic!





New Program Available for Forest Landowners By Heather Morrison

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service) has partnered with CAL FIRE to offer technical assistance for forest landowners to create forest management plans. The goal of the NRCS is to help landowners identify resource concerns on their property and evaluate ways in to fix these. The ultimate goal of the NRCS is achieve nondegradation of natural resources, by working with landowners on a voluntary basis using incentives (such as cost-sharing).

Funds will hopefully become available for landowners in Sierra, Yuba, Plumas and Nevada counties, once the pilot program has been evaluated. These funds can be used to write forest management plans, which can be a golden key when it comes to securing funding to perform conservation practices on forestland. Questions? Contact Heather Morrison, Forester, RPF #2681 288-3531

A Good Sign By Carolyn Mumm

Our gardeners' market is indebted to Ron & Lucille Rovak and David & Carolyn Mumm for the new sign on Highway 49 at the intersection of Marysville Rd. Ron and Lucille made the sign, Carolyn supplied the wood. David donated and installed the post and the sign. Also, thanks to Ron and Lucille for the newer and smaller sign reminding us about our "market" that sits on Highway 49 heading south. May the colorful and tasty gardeners market flourish for many more seasons.



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Summer Remembered By The Ruffs

As the fall equinox is behind us let's look back at some the wonderful events our neighbor's have so graciously given their time to, benefitting the whole community. The Grower's Market available weekly for residents to buy their food locally, The Plant Sale & Flea Market, Hot August Days Classic Car and Bike Show, Cemetery Clean Up, the CVFD Benefit Picnic and of course mother nature's gift, the river. Enjoy the pictures!









Burgee Dave's - Reopening soon!







Chicken Chronicles By Stephanie Ruff

What a sweet way to bring in the fall equinox-we got our first little bantam egg and it sure is cute. Of the 8 bantams we received from the hatchery we think 3 have turned out to be roosters. Remember the crippled one? He's walking just fine now. Liam named him Franklin Delano Roosevelt, but he sure has turned out to be a nasty little guy. He's definitely the most unique looking of the bunch. Cletus the other rooster is definitely the most handsome and has mellowed out- the lady bantams seem to like him and he's a good "watch" rooster always on the look out for danger! Rooster # 3 is still in question-hasn't crowed yet but looking rather masculine.

We did find a home for Zeemic-he now resides near Mother Truckers on the other ridge. Hope he's being as sweet there as he was here....he just might get to live the life of a "real" rooster if he behaves himself. Otherwise you can say-"ring that dinner bell!!" Liam and I sure miss him. The girls are getting used to life without him. One tries to crow every now and then. We are about to integrate them with our senior flock now that they are coming of laying age. They are much larger now so they can defend themselves better against the older "Nellie" bullies and their bodies can handle the layer food. I installed another roost in the coop and we will sneak them in after dark. Crossing my fingers!



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Introductory Class Yuba Sutter Domestic Animal Disaster Assistance

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When: Saturday, October 24, 2009

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. <u>Where</u>: American Red Cross Training Room 2125 Onstott Frontage Rd., East Yuba City, CA.

FREE CLASS

To register: <u>volunteer@ysdada.org</u> or call 674-1190

Time Flies By Roy Ruff

Hard to believe its been a year since the call was put out to relieve Rod and Rochelle of the arduous task of editing and compiling The Courier and we took on the duties of editor. Don't be fooled however they, along with a dedicated group of core volunteers are still heavily involved in the production. It's been a great experience of learning and trial with plenty of errors but we are proud to say The Courier is still alive and kicking. While we appreciate the opportunity to volunteer in the community we'd like to remind readers that ours was meant as an interim editorship until another with energy and interest and possibly more qualifications felt ready for the task. It is a big job but an important one so remember if you or someone you know in the community would like to discuss the possibility of taking on the challenge, the position is still open! Please contact the editors or Rod Bondurant - rbon@jps.net, for more information. Remember, time flies like an arrow but fruit flies like a banana.

October Calendar:

School Board	Wed. Oct. 7 th , 6:30pm C'ville School Library
Yuba Co. Children's Council	Wed. Oct 7, 6:;30-8:30pm, Alcouffe Community Center, Oregon House
Plant sale & Flea Market	Sat. Oct.10 th , 9am-1pm, Rebel Ridge Organics
Harvest Stew	Sat. Oct.10 th 4:30pm-7:30pm, NSJ Senior Center
Courier Deadline	Tues. Oct. 20 th
Pumpkin Patch Potluck	Sat.Oct.24 th _4-8pm, Rebel Ridge Market
YSDADA Class	Sat.Oct. 24 th 10am-12:30pm, Red Cross Training Room Yuba City
Foothill Comm. Market	Every Saturday, 10am-2pm Grange Picnic Area, Dobbins
CCSD	Mon. Oct.19th (3 rd Mon. of month), 7:00 pm Camptonville School
Yoga	Tuesdays at 5:30 PM at the Camptonville School
Food Bank	Third Thursday at the Lake Francis Grange, Dobbins

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