



# news nuggets

## **Adventist Church in North America Responds to Hate, Violence in Charlottesville »**

Tragedy struck the city of Charlottesville, Virginia, on Aug. 12, 2017, when demonstrators at a white nationalist rally, after a day of protests and clashes, were hit by the car of an Ohio man whom authorities claim held radical views. Thirty-two-year-old Heather Heyer was killed; according to news reports, nine pedestrians were injured in the crash with injuries ranging from minor to life-threatening.

The local Adventist churches are working together to help with the healing process. The Allegheny West church in Charlottesville, Bethany Seventh-day Adventist Church, took part in the counter rally on Sabbath; members of the Potomac Conference's Charlottesville church have banded together in prayer.

Daniel R. Jackson and G. Alexander Bryant, the president and executive secretary of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, issued the following joint statement on August 14, 2017:


"We are deeply disturbed by the violence and hate that descended upon Charlottesville, Virginia, this past weekend. We are heartbroken by the tragic death of Heather Heyer, who was standing up against bigotry and hate when her life was senselessly cut short. We pray for Heather's family, the community of Charlottesville, and all of those who were injured by the attack on those who rose up in solidarity against evil. As Christians and followers of Jesus we stand with Him against the white supremacist groups that spread racism and violence. We pray for the day when all of God's children, of all races, treat each other with love and respect rather than bias and hate."

Below is the response Daniel Xisto, the pastor of the Charlottesville Seventh-day Adventist Church in Virginia, shared on Facebook in a commentary titled "I'm Not OK." Xisto started by addressing the numerous messages he had received from concerned friends who knew he and his family were in Charlottesville. He responded by writing "in all

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love releases it.  
Hatred confuses life;  
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Hatred darkens life;  
love illuminates it."


— [Martin Luther King Jr.](#)

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**Hispanic Camp Meeting  
(GVR)**

honesty, I'm not OK," and listing reasons why in several statements.

His first statement: "I'm not OK because white supremacy, white nationalists, neo-nazis, KKK members, and other domestic terrorist groups thought they could come in to my town and cause my friends to fear." Xisto continued, writing that he wasn't OK because a young woman and two police officers died as a result "alt-right, fragile-ego foolishness." The commentary, which initially was a blog post that Xisto decided to share on Facebook, ended with declarations that Xisto is going to be "alright."

He writes, "I'm going to be alright because I have so many friends and family who have been checking up on me. I'm going to be alright because Scripture foretells that the days of the hate groups who came into town this weekend are numbered. ... I'm going to be alright because our church will continue to gather, sing, pray, read, and respond. ... I'm going to be alright because one day soon, we will live in freedom together, in the garden of the Lord."

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### **Camp a Success at Mills Spring Ranch. Capacity Reached for August 21 Solar Eclipse Weekend »**

Immediately following Wyoming camp meeting, Matt Moreland and his summer camp team dove straight into Mills Spring Ranch camp activities with 32 excited campers. The kids participated in many activities ranging from archery and horseback riding to canoeing and swimming. "Above all, we had a wonderful staff that shared the love of Jesus with the campers," reports Matt.



Only twenty minutes after the last camper left, the first Maranatha volunteer pulled in. "We had 40 volunteers arrive to help with improvements around the camp. Among many projects, the Maranatha volunteers helped to paint, remodel self-contained cabins, re-floor the cafeteria, and carpet the auditorium," according to Matt.

With Maranatha's departure, we are preparing for a full solar eclipse in Casper, a rare natural phenomenon. Though

*September 1, 6:00 a.m. -*

*September 3, 6:00 p.m.*

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### **Labor Day -- Office Closed**

*September 4, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.*

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### **Staff Meeting**

*September 5, 8:00 a.m. - Noon*

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### **Executive Committee**

*September 12, 8:00 a.m. - Noon*

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### **One Day Women's Retreat**

*September 17, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.*

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### **VOP Boot Camp**

*September 29, 7:00 p.m. - October 1, 9:00 p.m.*

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### **Hispanic Evangelism Training (Denver)**

*September 30, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.*

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### **Story Guidelines: We want to share your news! »**

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to be observed across the country, Casper, as one of the best spots to observe the eclipse, is preparing for an influx of eclipse-viewers. Adventists from across the U.S. are planning to join in the event and Matt says the camp site is already at capacity.

Following the eclipse weekend, user groups are registered all the way into October. The summer will wrap up at the beginning of October with the Casper Church Hay Ride.

The Mills Spring Ranch activities were part of the RMC Youth Department's summer camp program. According to Kiefer Dooley, Glacier View Ranch camp director, "during our summer camp season we ministered to over 70 young adult staff members and over 650 campers at GVR and MSR. We kicked off the summer with a successful staff week that saw friendships develop, camp unpack and spirituality develop on campus," he said.

"We had fun at our activities and were blessed with 100 decisions for Jesus, 12 of whom requested follow up in their local community and one who was baptized at camp," Kiefer added.

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### **Vista Ridge Academy Begins School Year with Substantial Increase in Enrollment »**

Recent marketing efforts at Vista Ridge Academy, a preschool–8th grade school located in Erie, Colorado and supported by the Boulder, Chapel Haven, and Twin Peaks churches, appear to have paid off! The new school year began on Wednesday, August 16 with 72 students enrolled. That number represents a 25 percent increase over last year's enrollment. Principal and fifth and sixth grade teacher Sandy Hodgson said, "There's a lot of energy. Parents are excited; students are excited. I'm looking forward to building friendships and getting students enthusiastic about learning. I also look forward to building better community with families, the community in Erie, and our constituent churches."



VRA is known for its supportive and caring community.

**Mountain Conference to share with us relevant information – about developments, issues, notable events, as well as experiences of church members.**

**Please email your story to [nuggets@rmcsda.org](mailto:nuggets@rmcsda.org) so we can share how God is working through His people in your territory. When submitting your story, please include the following: the Ws (who, what, where, when, why...also how), a personal quote, a photo and the name of the photographer.**

**Please consider time constraints and always send in fresh new stories instead of outdated ones. Submission deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.**

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Jessyka Albert, associate pastor at Boulder Adventist Church, said, “There’s a warm family feeling when you walk in the door. You don’t feel alone; you’re instantly making connections and friends. Kids feel valued, important and loved.”

Lucy Trujillo, who is enrolling her daughter at VRA for the first time, echoed this sentiment. “We chose Vista Ridge for our daughter because it’s family oriented with a small community. Everyone knows each other. We feel really good about the school. She’s happy and we’re happy!”

While the children found their way to their classrooms, received their locker combinations, and spent a few minutes getting to know new friends and greeting old ones, parents enjoyed a quiet breakfast in the library. School officially started with an all-school prayer session where faculty were introduced and constituent church pastors offered prayers of blessing for a great new year.

Judging from the happy faces of the children, it certainly does appear that the year is off to a great start. Of course one of the eighth graders, when asked about what he is most looking forward to this year replied, “Summer.”

According to the RMC Human Resources office, nearly 20 new teachers have joined RMC's education team for the new school year, a transition that happens each fall.

Contact: Vista Ridge Academy, 3100 Ridge View Drive, Erie CO 80516; Phone, 303.828.4944; Email:

[shodgson@vistaridge.org](mailto:shodgson@vistaridge.org) Website: <http://www.vistaridge.org>  
[Becky DeOliveira; photo by Marsha Bartulec]

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## **Fort Lupton Family Ministers to Elderly Lady in Hospital »**

When someone is hospitalized, physical health is usually the main concern, but spiritual and psychological health are just as important. Fear, aloneness, and depression are common emotions accompanying hospitalization. A short visit can minister to the patient and help to heal the soul. Every church can tell a story of hospital visitation. Here’s one from the Fort Lupton Church.

Lexi Contreras, a member at Fort Lupton, has suffered from an autoimmune disorder that causes muscle weakness from the time she was very small. Anointed at the age of eight, she went into a five-year remission. At 13, the difficulty returned.

Doctors decided to remove her thymus gland, a procedure thought to improve the weakness caused by MG.

During her hospital stay, the Rocky Mountain Conference received a request for someone to visit an elderly lady at University Hospital Anschutz Center.

Regulars at visitation, Lexi and her family, already close to University Hospital, received the invitation.

Grateful for a successful surgery, yet weak and sore when she was discharged from Children's, nevertheless, Lexi and her parents went to visit Shirley, the elderly lady at University.

"So, are you guys in the right room?" the lady, asked when they entered. "I don't know you."

"We're from the Fort Lupton Church," they explained, and "we're here to visit you!"

Warmly received by both the lady and her nursing staff, the family was thrilled to bring some joy to Shirley, who gets very few visitors.

They talked about Shirley and how she was feeling. They talked about Lexi's struggles and her surgery and they prayed together.

"This is wonderful, what you're doing," said one nurse with tears running down her face. "To think that people who have never met this lady before would come to see her, especially with Lexi just getting out of the hospital herself . . ."

The warmth in the room enveloped everyone there.

[Carol Bolden; photo by Chantal Hahn from Loves Expressions Photography]



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## RMC CAMP MEETINGS

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**Hispanic Camp Meeting »** From **September 1-3**, Glacier View Ranch will host Hispanic Camp Meeting with the theme *Small Groups*. Guest speakers include Omar Grieve and Nussy Pittau-Grieve, both from the Hispanic Voice of Prophecy, and Julio Chazarreta from Pacific Press. Lourdes Chazarreta will present music through voice. Worship and activities will be held for the children. Glacier View Ranch is located at 8748 Overland Road, Ward CO 80481. For more information, contact Ruben Rivera at 303-910-1614.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Just weeks away, the month of October will offer the opportunity to recognize pastors throughout Rocky Mountain Conference in a special way. October is Pastor Appreciation Month, a time to express special**

appreciation to the pastors God has allowed to impact lives within our church. A time to surprise your minister with a special moment showing how meaningful their leadership is to your congregation and community.



Time to plan something special and let your creativity shine in the spirit of 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13a - "Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work."

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**Twin Peaks Church »** CELEBRATING LIFE, a 14-week program presented by Cheri Peters, takes a biblical approach to restoring people to sanity. Participants will be part of a supportive group who will open up to each other and to God, allowing His Spirit to lead them into healing. Begins August 17 and continues every Thursday from 7 - 8:30 p.m. through November 16 at the Twin Peaks Church, 9696 Paschal Drive, Louisville CO 80027.

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**Brighton Church »** is co-hosting the free Brighton Car Show and Dyno Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. September 10 at Brighton Adventist Academy. Check out the Jeeps, Corvettes, trucks, and whatever YOU would like to show off. Reserve a

space for \$15. Also, Colorado Mobile Dyno will be there testing horsepower and torque. Pre-registration price for three pulls is \$85.

Come enjoy the food, family games, and prizes. Don't forget your lawn chair so you can comfortably watch the dyno action. All proceeds go to BAC Student Aid Fund. For more information, email Melissa at baabilling@gmail.com or call 720-308-7563. Brighton Adventist Academy is located at 567 E. Bromley Lane in Brighton.

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**Longmont Church »** Women's Ministry is hosting a female police officer at 6 p.m. Thursday, August 24, who will present information on **personal safety for women**. Come at 5:30 p.m. for tea and refreshments, followed by the presentation at 6 p.m. The church is at 1712 Mountain View Avenue. Email cathy.mccluskey@gmail.com for more information. Join us for Women's Safe Tea!

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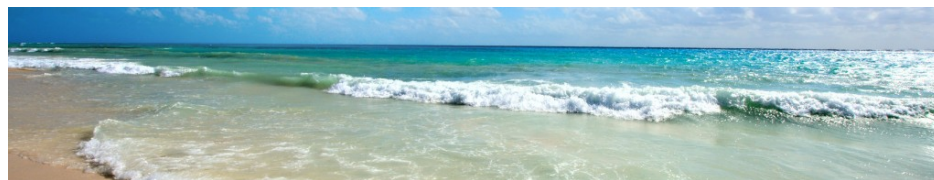
**SeaSide Escape »** Need a day at the beach? A time to slow down, wiggle your toes in the sand and bask in the warmth of God's presence? Join us at SeaSide Escape. a beach-themed retreat you won't want to miss!

**Location:** Mills Spring Ranch, Casper Mountain, Casper WY

**Date:** August 26-27, 3 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**Cost:** \$50 for meals and activities. Lodging available for additional cost.

**Contact:** Rhonda McDonald at 307-259-8147 for information and registration.



**RMC Women's Ministries »** invites you to two events in September:

A free community concert will be held at **6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 16** at the Greeley Church, 1002 21st Avenue in Greeley.

A one-day retreat will be held from **9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, September 17**, at Pinehurst Country Club, 6255 West Quincy in Denver.

*Jaclynn Huse is a professor of nursing at Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, TN. As a Christian singer/songwriter she has followed God's calling of speaking for women's retreats and conventions. She is the very proud mother of her co-speaker,*



*Shelby Huse.*

*Shelby Huse is a 17 year old senior at Georgia Cumberland Academy. She has traveled internationally with her mother and has developed her own passion for ministry and speaking about what God has done in her life. She started speaking to women and teens at the age of 15 and has traveled extensively with her mother to participate in the music ministry as well.*

***The Best is Yet to Come** focuses on hope, a theme in the Bible with many examples of life lessons with the belief that these stories were included so that we could understand the concept of hope and redemption. Each presentation will include several original songs that enhance the meaning of what is presented with each session.*

**Register for one-day retreat by September 8**

**\$39.00 per person, includes noon meal on Sunday**

**BY MAIL** – include your name, address, phone, email address

*Enclose check payable to RMC-WM or credit card – include CC number, security code, zip code and *mail* to Ginger Bell, 1035 Midland Street, Brighton, CO 80601.*

**BY PHONE** (with credit card) Call Ginger at 720-980-9006

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**Sanitas Lectureship »** A special one-day event with William G. Johnsson will be held September 23 based on his recent book, *Where Are We Headed? Adventism After San*



*Antonio. Q & A after sessions:*

9:30 a.m. -- It's All About Jesus

11:00 a.m. -- *Will the Women's Issue Split the Church?*

2:00 p.m. -- *The Promise of Adventism*

Boulder Church is located at 345 Mapleton Avenue, Boulder, Colorado 80304, [www.boulder.church](http://www.boulder.church)

The Sanitas Lectureship was established in 2016 to create a safe space for people to connect with God as presented through the lens of the Bible. The annual event includes presentations from world-renowned Old and New Testament scholars designed to demonstrate how the God of the Bible continues to work on the shared story of humanity.

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**Women's Ministry Retreats 2017 »** RMC Women's Ministries is excited to announce the Area Women's Retreats for 2017:

**Wyoming:** *Seaside Escape—a study of Sarah and Hagar*

Mills Spring Ranch on Casper Mountain

August 26, 27

Contact: Rhonda McDonald: 307-259-8147

**Colorado Western Slope:** *Falling in Love Again*

Speaker: Darla Sherman

Mountain Top Retreat (15 miles from Montrose)

October 6-8

Contact: Linda Johnson: 970-245-2294

**Colorado Metro, NE/SE:** *The Best Is Yet To Come*

Speaker and Musician: Jaclynn Huse along with her daughter Shelby, age 16

Begins Saturday night

September 16

with free concert

at Greeley Adventist Church

Everyone is invited! -- not just for women.

Followed by one-day Women's Retreat

Sunday, September 17

at Pinehurst Country Club in Littleton

Contact: Ginger Bell: 720-980-9006

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# SOLAR ECLIPSE AUGUST 21, 2017



## MILLS SPRING RANCH CASPER, WYOMING

**Full Solar Eclipse Coming in August »** Come join us for an epic view of the full solar eclipse at Mills Spring Ranch in Casper, Wyoming! Casper is right in the middle of the solar eclipse path and you can get the best view on top of the mountain at Mills Spring Ranch.

**Who:** All churches, Pathfinders, and schools are welcome!

**When:** August 18-22, 2017

**Where:** Mills Spring Ranch in Casper, Wyoming

**Prices:** (See below)

Family Cabin of 4: \$50/night

Bunk House: \$10/person per night

RV Space (includes electricity): \$25/night

Tent Camping: \$15/night

Space is limited, so call to reserve your space!

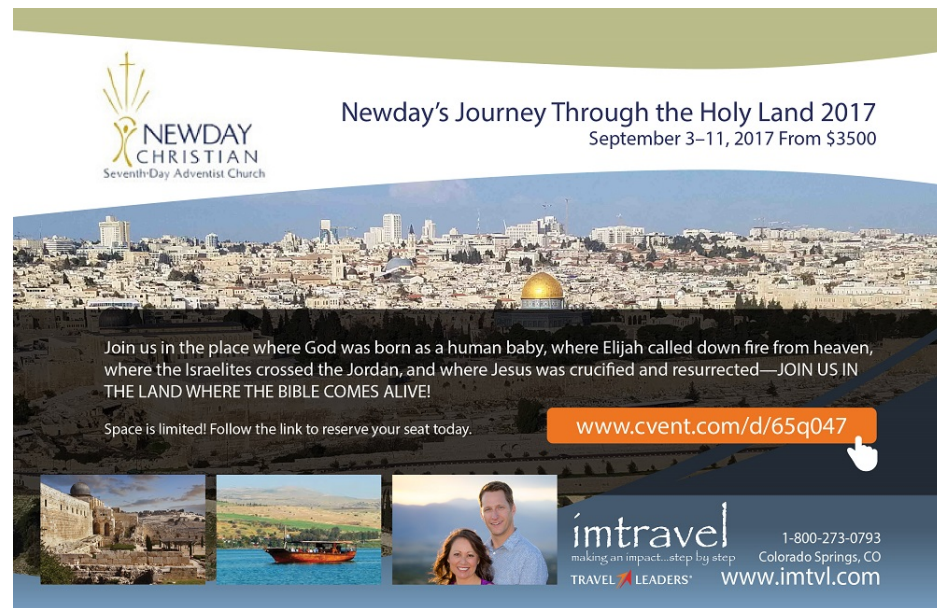
Call or email Matt Moreland, [661-805-](tel:661-805-6797)

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**Journey Through the Holy Land »** You are invited on the trip of a lifetime! Join others from the RMC on September 3-11 as we explore the land where Jesus walked. This is a spiritual pilgrimage that is guaranteed to be deeply impactful

to your faith. A 4-day extension trip to Eilat and Petra is also being offered. The trip is limited to 30 people, so don't wait. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#), or email [pastordave@newdaysda.com](mailto:pastordave@newdaysda.com).



The banner features the Newday Christian logo on the left, which includes a stylized cross and the text "NEWDAY CHRISTIAN Seventh-Day Adventist Church". To the right of the logo, the text reads "Newday's Journey Through the Holy Land 2017" and "September 3-11, 2017 From \$3500". Below this, a wide photograph of Jerusalem is shown, with the Dome of the Rock visible in the center. Overlaid on the bottom half of the photo is a dark blue box containing white text: "Join us in the place where God was born as a human baby, where Elijah called down fire from heaven, where the Israelites crossed the Jordan, and where Jesus was crucified and resurrected—JOIN US IN THE LAND WHERE THE BIBLE COMES ALIVE!" and "Space is limited! Follow the link to reserve your seat today." To the right of this text is an orange button with the URL "www.cvent.com/d/65q047" and a white hand cursor icon. At the bottom of the banner, there are three small images: a historical site, a boat on water, and a couple smiling. To the right of these images is the "imtravel" logo with the tagline "making an impact...step by step" and "TRAVEL LEADERS". Further right, the text "1-800-273-0793", "Colorado Springs, CO", and "www.imtvl.com" is displayed.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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**Mile High Academy »** has immediate openings for the 2017-18 school year for two part-time bus drivers. Qualified candidates will be at least 21 years old, possess, or be able to obtain, a current Colorado driver's license (commercial driver's license preferred), have no more than two traffic citations and no at-fault accidents during the last three years. The candidate must also possess current U.S. work authorization. While maintaining the dignity and respect for all students, the bus driver's primary responsibility is the safety of students while transporting them to and from school. To request an application, send an email to [vivienv@rmcsda.org](mailto:vivienv@rmcsda.org) or call 303-282-3653.

Three positions are also available on their extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde Campus. Room and board is provided, along with one round-trip ticket and insurance during stay. The science (1) and ESL (2) teachers will be using MHA's curriculum as well as their books and philosophy. For more information, go to <http://www.gdsysd.com/Home/IndexEnglish> and/or contact Toakase Vunileva at [tvunileva@milehighacademy.org](mailto:tvunileva@milehighacademy.org).

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**Campion Academy »** is looking for a part-time English teacher with a master's degree and SDA certification. To apply, send your resume to Don Reeder at [don.reeder@campion.net](mailto:don.reeder@campion.net).

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In order to make our eNewsletter accommodate an increased volume of announcements, our editorial work proposes to present information in a more efficient approach, ensuring that all timely promotions and announcements be included in a weekly, Friday release of *NewsNuggets*. **Submission deadline for stories, news, and announcements is at noon on every Wednesday. Please send all your submissions to [nuggets@rmcsda.org](mailto:nuggets@rmcsda.org).**

Thank you for your contribution, but also comments, as *NewsNuggets* continues to serve the church in an efficient and effective way.

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--Editor

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