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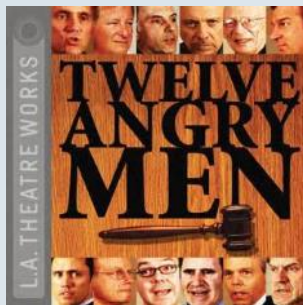
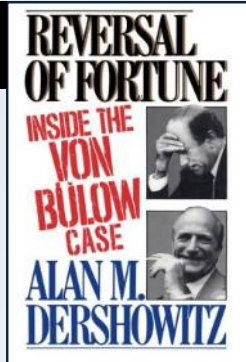
Saturday, January 21, 2017

12:00 noon

Kabab and Curry Restaurant

8445 Main Street

Williamsville, NY 14221



We will see film clips from "Twelve Angry Men" and "Reversal of Fortune" with commentary and discussion.

Dr. Mary Ellen Shaughnessy  
Presenter

Mary Ellen, a Buffalo Branch member, holds a PhD in Literature and Psychology from SUNY Buffalo. She is a professor emerita of SUNY Empire State College and consultant in communications. Dr. Shaughnessy also taught in Prague, Czech Republic.

**Includes Buffet Luncheon**

The deadline for each issue of the *Advocate* is the 10th of the previous month. Send articles to Laurie Eikemeyer via e-mail:

[laurie.eikemeyer@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.eikemeyer@gmail.com).

Please be sure to put "AAUW Buffalo Advocate" in the subject line.

Something you'd like to see in the newsletter? Let us know! Send a message to Laurie Eikemeyer!



### RESERVATION FORM

Cost: \$18.00 per person

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check payable to "AAUW Buffalo Branch" to:

Patricia Micelli

330 Sagewood Terrace

Williamsville, NY 14221

**RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY January 14, 2017**

## CAROL'S CORNER

Dear AAUW Members,  
Let your membership in AAUW help enhance your résumé! At the Summer Leadership Conference this past summer, AAUW NYS President Roli Wendorf mentioned that younger members are looking for "résumé builders". Active participation in AAUW can be beneficial to your career.



these programs need many volunteers for their success.

One way to build leadership and organizational skills is to hold an office or work on a committee of an organization. There is a second means of building your résumé: The Buffalo Branch has several

elected offices and committees that can help build your résumé.

In addition to building your résumé, participation in AAUW provides a chance to meet others and form new friendships. This can result in networking opportunities as well.

Carol Golyski,  
Co-President

Many employers look favorably at participation in community service in their employees or prospective employees. Volunteering to work at our annual book sale, Tech Savvy, and Sister to Sister can provide community service hours. Proceeds from the book sale are used for scholarships and community grants. The Tech Savvy program provides female junior and senior high school students an exposure to career opportunities in the sciences and technology. All of

## CYNTHIA'S INSIGHTS

### THE YEAR 2016 IN REVIEW

The year 2016 was quite eventful for the AAUW Buffalo Branch. To start, our January program emphasized families coming to America and adapting to American culture. In February, the topic was our health with a program on Exercise and Nutrition. March 8th was International Women's Day with a program by a former Peace Corps volunteer. March was also our annual Tech Savvy program held at SUNY Buffalo to encourage young girls to pursue careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.)

April featured a program on "Read to Succeed" for young children, and the month of May was our Annual Awards Luncheon with the Achievement Award presented to Dr. Teresa Gessner. In June, our annual book sale was overwhelmingly successful.

The fiscal year began in September with a program and dinner welcoming new members. In October, we welcomed author Lauren Belfer for the second time. This time she gave a presentation of her latest book, *After The Fire*. In November, another luncheon with Assunta

(Sue) Ventresca, R.N., M.S.N., presenting information about health related services for the students in the Buffalo Public Schools. In December, we ended the year with holiday music and classical pieces by Jimmy Burger, a senior student from Tapestry High School.



In addition, during the year, several AAUW members attended the State Convention in Saratoga Springs, the Summer Conference in Cazenovia, and the District Conference in Jamestown, NY.

As you can see, this past year has been more than a busy one, and yet we look forward to 2017 with anticipation of more to come. And now with family and friends, we wish you a Happy Holiday to celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Rohatsu, or any of the many other religion-related holidays.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season and a new year full of the best that life can offer.

Cynthia Mehary,  
Co-President

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Irish Classical Theatre

This production of *Amadeus* is at Kleinhans Music Hall, 3 Symphony Circle, Buffalo, NY 14201, 829-7668. The play is acted by the Irish Classical Theatre and the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra plays Mozart compositions on January 20-22, 2017, at 8:00 pm.

### Kavinoky Theatre

320 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY, 829-7668. *Grounded* from January 6-22, 2017, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:30 pm. There are also performances on Saturday at 3:00 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm. This is a one woman show and the story of a hot-rod fighter pilot who is grounded and re-trained to fly remote controlled drones in the Middle East from an air conditioned trailer in Las Vegas.

### Shea's Theatre

646 Main St. Buffalo, NY, 14202 847-1410  
*42nd Street* January 20, 8:00 pm;  
 January 21, 2:00 and 8:00 pm,  
 January 22, 2:00 and 7:00 pm.

Judy Weidemann



## BUFFALO BRANCH JANUARY STUDY/INTEREST GROUPS

### THE HAPPY WANDERERS

*PROGRAM:* First, we will meet at Buffalo City Hall on Friday, Jan. 6th for a **NOON** tour. Please be prompt. Then we will walk a few blocks to one of two restaurants – Osteria 166 (166 Franklin – Italian cuisine (<http://osteriabuffalo.com/>) OR Taki's (45 Court St. – Greek cuisine – <http://www.takirestaurant.com/>) for lunch.  
 RSVP: Betty Preble at 662-0608 or [bettypreble@gmail.com](mailto:bettypreble@gmail.com). by Wed. Jan 4th and indicate your preference of restaurant. Betty will make reservations for the group at the restaurant the majority chooses. (Popular vote, not electoral votes!)



### KNITTING GROUP

When: Wednesday, Jan. 11th (weather permitting) from 2-4 pm.  
 Where: Barnes and Noble Café on Transit Rd. near Main St.  
 What: Bring your knitting and/or crochet project.  
 RSVP: Karen Howard at 480-3652 or email [kkhoward@roadrunner.com](mailto:kkhoward@roadrunner.com)



### WNY CULINARY DELIGHTS

When: Tues. Jan. 17th at 6 pm.  
 Where: Fuji Grille, 736 Maple Rd. Williamsville  
 What: AAUW Study Group for members to share dinner and conversation.  
 RSVP: Barbara Libby at 836-8303 or [bplibby1@verizon.net](mailto:bplibby1@verizon.net) by Jan.15th.



### BEAD WEAVING & JEWELRY MAKING

No meetings in Jan., Feb., or March.



### DINNER BY THE BOOK

When: Wednesday, Jan. 18th at 5:30 pm.  
 Where: Family Tree Restaurant, 4346 Bailey Ave., Amherst Interior closed room reserved for the book club  
 Book: **The Boys in the Boat** by Daniel James Brown  
 Leaders: Fran Witnauer – Facilitator  
 Diane O'Brien – Discussion Leader  
 RSVP: Fran Witnauer at 688-5708 or [grandmafran44@yahoo.com](mailto:grandmafran44@yahoo.com)



### CLUELESS MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

When: Wednesday, Jan. 25th at 5:30 pm.  
 Where: Bob Evans Restaurant Mtg. Room, 1925 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst  
 Book: **The Unquiet Dead** by Ausma Zehanat Khan  
 Facilitator: Paula Salamone  
 RSVP: Suzanne Grossman at 580-7453



For General Questions, contact **Judy Huber** at 688-8170 or email [judyhuber62@yahoo.com](mailto:judyhuber62@yahoo.com)

**We welcome all current and prospective members to attend any of our study group activities.**

## AAUW NEEDS YOU

Membership is every member's job. The best representative of our branch is YOU!

**As you work on your community projects, be sure to highlight AAUW's activities to others you know.** Encourage your friends to donate books to our annual book sale. Let them know that the proceeds from the book sale fund scholarships, grants, and loans, providing local women educational opportunities; plus the national educational and action funds. Publicize the opportunities for

scholarships, grants, and loans available on our website:

<http://aauw.buffalo.edu/loanindex.htm>.

**Attend activities hosted by other women's organizations** and discuss with them the ways AAUW can help them. For instance, their programs may be eligible for grassroots grants from AAUW. Or their



membership may benefit from AAUW's salary negotiation workshop, Work Smart, which helps women negotiate for fair pay. Collaboration is a great way to build our membership and gain recognition in our community.

**When you participate in a special program, invite neighbors or colleagues to attend with**

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# PUBLIC POLICY

## PERSONNEL DECISIONS ARE POLICY DECISIONS

The AAUW Washington update asks if you ever thought about the many ways the federal government affects your life, and that includes the appointments currently proposed by the president-elect. Consider student loans, social security, veteran's benefits, military benefits, immigration, small business loans, government contracts, civil rights violations, discrimination in employment and education, to name a few issues that should be of interest to all of us. Cabinet members meet regularly with the President to advise him on matters relating to the duties of departments that comprise the huge bureaucracy of federal agencies that administer these programs. AAUW reminds us that personnel decisions are policy decisions.

AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls while we speak to women's needs, aspirations, and concerns.



First of all, appointments should reflect the makeup of our nation. They should reflect the diversity of experiences and backgrounds that make up the United States. Each nominee should be free of conflicts of interest. Full vetting of each nominee by the Senate should include a healthy skepticism regarding personal, business, or political relationships with the president-elect. AAUW outlines issues that impact women, girls, and families in the Departments of Education, Labor, Justice, and Health & Human Services. Note issues such as vouchers for private schools, issues of harassment, sexual assault, pay-back of student loans, and equal access to education among decisions within the Department of Education. Note enforcement of the federal minimum wage, protection of retirement plans, enforcement of laws that prohibit discrimination, equal pay, and advancing family and medical leave policies in the Department of Labor. Note the issues of human trafficking, and

equal access to the ballot box, in the Department of Justice. Medicare and Medicaid, the Affordable Care Act, health care policy, and reproductive health care are issues of importance in the Department of Health & Human Services.

There is some criticism that Donald Trump's inner circle is packed with Goldman Sachs alumni. Trump picked former Goldman bankers to lead the Treasury Department, another to be chief strategist in the White House, while another is a member of Trump's transition team. The nominations seem to contradict Trump's attitude toward the bank on the campaign trail, when he attacked Hillary Clinton's

ties to it. Some suggest that President-elect Donald Trump appears to be relying on instincts and personal relationships over any grand design scheme or ideology. Wealthy, connected donors and bankers are scooping up influential positions in the new administration. As TIME magazine gave him the tribute of Person of the Year, the accompanying article stated, "to his believers, he delivers change – broad, deep, historic change" while "to his detractors, he inspires fear both for what he may do and what may be done in his name."

American families are looking to the Senate to instill confidence in and restore regular order to our nomination and confirmation process. AAUW hopes the senators in the 115th Congress are up to this significant task, and AAUW will be monitoring its work in the new year.

Marian Deutschman,  
Public Policy Chair

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Please give a warm welcome to our new members:

### Kristin Maki

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Degrees:

Ithaca College - MS Communications 2010

SUNY Geneseo - BA Communication 2008

Tompkins-Cortland Community College - AS  
Communications & Media Art 2006

Occupation: PhD Student in Communication  
at University at Buffalo

Interests: Community Action, Scholarship  
Committees, Sister-to-Sister Summit, Dinner  
by the Book, Knitting Group, WNY Culinary  
Delights, Happy Wanderers

### Ashley Lewis

16 St. James Place

Buffalo NY 14222

Phone: 622-8900

E-mail: [realashleylewis@gmail.com](mailto:realashleylewis@gmail.com)

Degrees:

Pennsylvania State University - BA Psychol-  
ogy 2006

Boston College Law School - Juris Doctorate  
Law 2010

Occupation: Attorney and Consultant

Skills: Desktop Publishing, Copy Editing,  
Event Arrangements, Marketing/Publicity/  
Public Relations

Groups and Committees: Community Action,  
Cultural Interests, Educational Equity/Legal  
Advocacy, Human/Civil Rights, Internal Rela-  
tions, Newsletter, Program Committee, Pub-  
lic Policy, Publicity Committee, Scholarship  
Committees, Sister-to-Sister Summit, Tech  
Savvy

## UPCOMING PLANNING DATES FOR TECH SAVVY 12

- Planning Teleconference: **Saturday, January 7, at 9:30 am**  
Dial 716-566-5719  
Meeting ID: "SAVVY" or 72889
- Planning Teleconference: **Thursday, January 26, at 7 pm**  
Dial 716-566-5719  
Meeting ID: "SAVVY" or 72889
- Planning Teleconference: **Saturday, February 11 at 9:30 am**  
Dial 716-566-5719  
Meeting ID: "SAVVY" or 72889
- Tote Bag Stuffing, Name Tag Assembly, and Bag Stuffing (**We need about 20 people to help!**)  
March date TBD United Way on Delaware Ave. Let us know if you would like to be placed on the list of volunteers. (Dress comfortably; pizza served.)
- **Friday, March 17** - Reception
- **Saturday, March 18:** Tech Savvy at UB's North Campus (Meet at Student Union... Ample Parking in Furnas Lot.)

### Questions about Tech Savvy?

Call Tamara Brown at (716) 949-2413

### Sign up to volunteer or participate:

Email Yvonne Curry  
[yon104@roadrunner.com](mailto:yon104@roadrunner.com) by  
February 15 (or mail the form on the next page.)

**CHECK OUT the NEW conference information website!**

[www.originaltechsavvy.org](http://www.originaltechsavvy.org)



## Tech Savvy Girls: Absolutely, Amazingly, Authentically YOU!

### Tech Savvy 12: Saturday, March 18, 2017

Ready for Tech Savvy 12 on Saturday, March 18? We will welcome about 500 girls in 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the middle school program and approximately 100 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders in the *Tech Savvy Girls on a Roll* program. We are also expecting up to 200 parents and teachers, all in the name of encouraging STEM for girls with a fun theme that is all about them!

The conference is designed to inspire middle school girls to pursue STEM careers (science, technology, engineering, and math)—and to



provide the adults in their lives with relevant information. *Tech Savvy* features 20+ workshops for the girls, plus four savvy skills workshops introducing critical life success skills such as advocacy, negotiating, interview preparation, and ethical decision making. Since *Tech Savvy* is not just for students, adults will enjoy fun and enlightening sessions that include the best of ways to help girls to see the bright, fantastic futures that exist and how STEM can help to solve the problems in the future.

Research tells us that girls often don't see

themselves in STEM roles, and so this year, we'll focus on how girls don't need to lose themselves while becoming a STEM practitioner.

Our keynote speaker is Bo Young Lee, Global Diversity & Inclusion Practice Leader for Marsh International. Bo has over 15 years of Diversity & Inclusion and organizational development experience, both internally as a diversity leader and as a consultant. Bo Young understands the nuanced complexity of driving diversity in an organization, embedding it into core people, business and operational functions, and the need to balance innovation with communication, education, and collaboration. She holds an MBA from New York University Stern School of Business and a BBA *magna cum laude* from the University of Michigan

Ross School of Business.

Bo loves what we are doing with thousands of young girls and looks forward to being part of this year's activities.

We also need YOUR help in the following areas. Call Tamara to help in one of these tasks:

- College student relations
- Reception planning
- Adult session planning
- Bus support
- Food Planning

**Join us for the reception on Friday, March 17.  
Meet Bo, other guest speakers, and other volunteers.**

**Join us for the adult activities on Saturday, March 18.  
Registration begins at 8:30 am, and the sessions begin at 10 am.**

**Volunteer for all or part of the day on March 18.**

**(We need more than 70 volunteers for the day between 7 am and 5 pm.)**

***See Participant Registration Form on Next Page***

## BOOK SALE NEWS

January marks the half-way point in preparations for the 2017 book sale. First on the agenda will be finding a sale site. We ask every member to be on the lookout for a possible site: that would be a large building bearing a "for lease" sign. Also, if you know any property management people that might be helpful. Betty Preble or Marianne Crapol would love to hear from you.

Volunteers have been keeping up with the brisk pace of donations. Outstanding workers include Janet Ostrow and Roberta Travis who have been working both days each week and those who show up every



week for at least one shift. We are indebted to Jean Hubbard for some cheerful signing in the sorting room and Madeeha Almashhadany for picking up donations and moving sale property from the former sorting site at Kensington-Bailey to the new location in Calvary Episcopal Church.

Helpers and more donations are always appreciated. Boxes, especially banker's boxes with lids, and fat liquor boxes, are in demand.

Pat Swift-MacClennan  
Book Sale Executive Committee

# Women Making a Difference



# AAUW 2017

## New York State Convention

# WOMEN & POWER

Mark your calendars for the  
**American Association of University Women  
New York State 2017 Convention**

**April 21 to 23, 2017**

at

**DoubleTree by Hilton Syracuse**

*6301 State Route 298*

*East Syracuse, New York 13057*

*Phone: 315 - 432 - 0200*

Plan to come early Friday for a tour and High Tea at the  
**Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation**  
and a tour of the **J.G. Stickley Museum in Fayetteville.**

### **Tech Savvy 12 Participation – Registration Form**

**Questions about Tech Savvy? Call Tamara Brown at 716-949-2413**

**NEW!!!! Conference Information website: [www.originaltechsavvy.org](http://www.originaltechsavvy.org)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Helping with Bag Stuffing at United Way on Delaware

\_\_\_\_\_ Planning to attend Tech Savvy Reception at 5:30 pm on Friday, March 17, (Location: TBD)– No cost to attend

\_\_\_\_\_ Planning to Volunteer at Tech Savvy (Saturday, March 18) – Shift times will be confirmed.

Morning shift (7am – 1pm)

Afternoon shift (noon – 5pm)

All day (7am – 5 pm)

Available other times: \_\_\_\_\_

### **For those NOT volunteering on Saturday, March 18:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Attending *Tech Savvy* adult session, including morning refreshments, lunch, tote bag and materials - Please include \$5 payable to "AAUW Buffalo Branch". You may also register online by Feb 15 at the website above.

**Save a stamp.... You may email this information to Yvonne, or alternately, send this form to:**

Yvonne Curry, 172 Hamlin Road, Buffalo, NY 14208 - email [yon104@roadrunner.com](mailto:yon104@roadrunner.com) or call 716-553-3925

## AAUW EDUCATIONAL FUNDING AND AWARDS



AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 230 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and non-profit organizations in the 2016–17 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities — breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, and tackle the educational and social barriers facing women worldwide.

The Buffalo Branch is proud to have supported these funds over the years and, in fact, has created three fully-funded opportunities. An American fellowship established in 1982-83 in honor of the Buffalo Branch Centennial was awarded last year to a UB post-graduate student:

**Name:** [Sunday MoultonWakefield](#)



**Award Year:** 2015-16  
**Award:** American Fellowship  
**Institution:** State University of New York, Buffalo  
**Location:** Buffalo, NY  
**Discipline:** Anthropology and archaeology

**Degree and Specialization:** Ph.D., Anthropology

**Project Name:** Joplin, Missouri: Post-disaster Identity in Context of Social Memory and Landscape. Sunday Moulton Wakefield's research focus on disasters, primarily how local culture influences a community's vulnerability and recovery,

stems from personal loss during the 2011 Joplin, Missouri, tornado. Her project focuses on how communities remember and memorialize their experiences and how these activities influence personal and group recovery. She wants her work to provide theoretical understanding while including humanitarian applications.

A Research and Projects Grant established by the Buffalo Branch in 1977-78 is helping sponsor this project in Alabama:

**Recipient:** [AAUW Birmingham \(AL\) Branch](#)



**Project Director:** Audrey Salgado  
**Award Year:** 2016-17  
**Award:** Community Action Grant  
**Location:** Sylacauga, Alabama  
**Term:** Two years  
**Project Name:** Girls

**STEAM Project**

The Girls STEAM Project will serve 200 girls in seventh and eighth grades in Talladega County, Alabama, by expanding their horizons in STEM and art. A collaboration between the AAUW Birmingham (AL) Branch and the Comer Museum and Arts Center, with support from Central Alabama Community College, the program will develop a replicable model to change stereotypes around women in STEAM and empower participants, parents, and community volunteers.

And we're proud to announce that another American Fellowship (in honor of the branch and Hillary Rodham Clinton) was just completed (\$200,000!) It will be able to help another post-doctoral student in the next round of awards.

Check out the national website ([aauw.org](#)) to see if there's funding available for YOUR project!

## AAUW NEEDS YOU

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**you.** This month's program, "Literature and the Law" promises to be an interesting and thought-provoking presentation by Dr. Mary Ellen Shaughnessy. Upcoming programs are listed on our website at:

<http://aauw.buffalo.edu/events.htm>

**Ask your friends to join you in helping with our annual book sale or Tech Savvy.** See information about Tech Savvy on page 5 and the registration form on page 6. More than seventy volunteers are needed for Tech Savvy on March 18<sup>th</sup> alone. For more information, visit the Tech Savvy website at:

<http://originaltechsavvy.org>

**Become an AAUW Salary Negotiation Facilitator.** AAUW's Start Smart and Work Smart Salary Negotiation Workshops help college students entering the workforce and women already working, negotiate for fair pay. In keeping with our mission, this program is focused on closing the pay gap for women. Becoming a facilitator is easy! For more information, contact Laurie Eikemeyer at 440-7596 or email: [laurie.eikemeyer@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.eikemeyer@gmail.com).

**Become an AAUW leader.** Participating on our local AAUW board will look great on your résumé! And that's just the beginning...AAUW leaders will mentor you and give you the opportunity to advance to the state and national level. Retired? AAUW needs you to mentor women new to the workforce.

Membership is every member's job. You can promote AAUW in your activities, programs, and with your friends and neighbors. Volunteer for a program, become a salary negotiation facilitator, or become an AAUW leader.



# Upcoming Dates to Remember

**Jan. 4 at 6:15 pm - Board Meeting** at Daemen College

**Jan. 21 - January Program** at the Kabab and Curry

**April 21-23 - AAUW-NYS Convention** in Syracuse

**May 31-June 4 - Annual Book Sale** - location TBA

**June 14 - 17 - AAUW National Convention** in Washington, DC



AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

**Mission:** AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

**Vision:** AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

**Value Statement:** By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

*In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.*

Moving? Please contact Freddie Cheek at 835-6945.

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