



# Western Regional Science Association

Summer 2008

Newsletter

*Call for Papers...*

## ***Our 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting ~ The Silverado Resort Napa Valley ~ February 22-25, 2009***

In 2009 we return to one of WRSA's most comfortable, gracious, and convivial meeting venues: The Silverado Resort in the Napa Valley of California.

Site of two previous Annual Meetings, the 27<sup>th</sup> in 1988 and the 35<sup>th</sup> in 1996, the Resort has since added the 16,000 square foot Spa at Silverado and a new restaurant. As at the two previous conferences, participants will be lodged in fully equipped condominium units.

The resort's Wine Country accommodations are found in private cottage suites clustered around hidden courtyards, secluded swimming pools, or lining the fairways of Silverado Resort's two golf courses. Each of the resort's cottage suites has its own unique decor, balcony or patio, and private entrance. As usual we have negotiated excellent rates! Our special conference rate for a one-bedroom fireplace suite is \$180 per night single or double occupancy (plus resort services fee and taxes). Each suite features:

- Master Bedroom & Bath
- Full Kitchen, with stove, microwave, refrigerator, and dishwasher
- Living Room with wood-burning fireplace
- Dining Area
- 590 - 650 total square feet of floor space

Our block also includes a few two-bedroom units. With 850 – 900 square feet of floor space, these are priced at \$265 per night (plus resort fee and taxes).

Amenities provided in all units include: 340 thread count Egyptian cotton linen, honor bar, in-room movies, in-room coffee and tea, hairdryer, iron and ironing board, *free wireless internet* and a no-tipping policy (included in the resort services fee).

Get working on a paper for submittal by the customary October 15 deadline! We'd also love to hear from anyone who won't have a paper ready to go, but would like a spot or two on the Program as a discussant or/or session chair.



### ***Papers on all regional science topics welcome!***

Potential session themes include:  
Resource Utilization; Impact Analysis; Regional Modeling; Location of Economic Activity; Housing; Regional & Urban Planning; Environmental Quality; Regional Development; Migration and Demographic Analysis; Transportation; Locational Criteria for Public Services & Facilities; Tourism & Recreation; Local Public Finance; Energy Issues; Regional Science Epistemology & Pedagogy.

Please e-mail your paper before October 15. Draft versions are acceptable at this stage.

Email your manuscript to Executive Secretary Dave Plane (plane@email.arizona.edu) as a file attachment. Word documents or PDF formats are both acceptable.

*See Napa '09 Plans continued on Page 2...*



*The Silverado Resort, Napa Valley  
(Additional photos at: [www.silveradoresort.com](http://www.silveradoresort.com))*

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### ...Napa '09 Plans (Continued from Page 1)

Please do not send extremely large graphic files at the submittal stage. For multiple-authored papers, clearly indicate which authors plan to attend, and include email addresses for all intended participants.

Remember WRSA Board policy requires the submittal of *complete papers*. All papers are screened by the Program Committee before formal invitations to present are issued. Program Committee decisions are never made on the basis of an abstract alone. Manuscripts may, however, be submitted in *draft* form, with the final version (the one to be sent out by the WRSA office to the discussant and session chair) due no later than December 31.

All Program participants at the conference are required to pay registration fees and be dues-paid 2009 members of WRSA. Only one paper may be presented per fee-paying registrant. (Coauthors not attending the conference are not required to pay registration fees.)

This year, for the first time WRSA Preregistration will be handled through the North American Regional Science Council's "E-Store." Participants will use a link from the WRSA website to reach our area of the NARSC E-Store. There they will register, making payment via major credit card, and save \$50 over the on-site price for the combined conference fee and 2009 dues.

**Reserve the Dates...** Please be aware that the main events of the 2009 conference will be held on a Sunday through Wednesday format (as in 2008).

An ample supply of condo units have been blocked for our group at the special negotiated conference rates beginning Sunday night, February 22 and extending through Wednesday night, February 25. We also have a more limited number of units being held for those wishing to come in early on Saturday night, February 21. The special group rates will also be honored, on a space-available basis, three days before and three days after the nights included in our block. See the WRSA website for the Silverado Resort reservation form.

### Overview of Our 2009 Annual Meeting Dates...

- ❖ **Sunday, February 22:** *Note: no paper sessions will be held on this day;* Registration opens in the mid-afternoon; Opening Plenary Session in the late afternoon, followed by the Welcoming Reception (for all participants and accompanying persons)
- ❖ **Monday, February 23:** Registration reopens and continues (throughout the day); Concurrent Paper Sessions (all day); WRSA Board Meeting (late afternoon; by invitation only)

- ❖ **Tuesday, February 24:** Registration continues (all day); Concurrent Paper Sessions (all day); Annual Banquet Luncheon (for all registered meeting participants; tickets and fee required for non-registered accompanying persons); Evening President's Reception (for all participants and accompanying persons)

- ❖ **Wednesday, February 25:** Registration continues (throughout the morning); Concurrent Paper Sessions (all day); Conference ends (ca. 6:00 PM)

**Getting to the Silverado...** Participants have several options for flying into the Meeting. The least traffic is likely to be encountered from the Sacramento Airport (70 miles from the Silverado); Oakland is the closest major Bay Area airport (approximately 50 miles); San Francisco International (SFO) is 63 miles via the Oakland Bay Bridge or 72 miles if you choose to go over the Golden Gate Bridge. Your visit to the Napa Valley (touring wineries, etc.) will be enhanced by having a rental car, however, van service can be arranged (we suggest you check with the Silverado's concierge for information).

**More Information...** For full conference information consult the WRSA website accessible at: [www.u.arizona.edu/~plane/wrsa.html](http://www.u.arizona.edu/~plane/wrsa.html)

Drop an e-mail to Executive Secretary Plane if you have any questions about our upcoming Napa Valley conference.

**Make your plans now!** Come and taste what WRSA's Annual Meetings are renowned for: a luxury venue (at a great price), warm collegiality, and high-quality seminar-style sessions – with a full 45 minutes and a discussant allocated to each paper. (Not to mention, this year there should be some exceptionally fine wines to taste as well!) Encourage your colleagues to participate.

## WRSA Newsletter

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## The Big Island 2008 Annual Meeting: A Fantastic Success

The setting was fantastic, as was the scholarship and collegiality at WRSA's 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting held February 17–20 at the Hilton Waikoloa Village on the Big Island of Hawai'i.

Final registration for the conference was 226, making it the largest of the decade (see related article, this page). Forty of WRSA's 'signature' seminar-style invited paper sessions took on the three main days of the conference, with the Final Program listing 167 paper presentations. Co-convening with WRSA this year, the W-2133 and W-1192 agricultural economics groups brought a number of participants and held joint WRSA-style paper sessions along with business meetings and other presentation sessions.

The conference kicked off on Sunday afternoon February 17 with a thought-provoking and lively Opening Session. Per WRSA tradition, the first talk given at the conference was about an aspect of the regional science of the local area. Carl Bonham, University of Hawaii, Manoa stimulated lively discussion with his presentation: "Riding the Wave: Transformations and Cycles in the Hawaii Economy." The second and featured paper at the session was WRSA 49<sup>th</sup> President T. John Kim's 'big picture,' futures-oriented, and graphically stimulating Presidential Address titled "Technology and Space." Discussant remarks were offered by Arthur Getis, 40<sup>th</sup> WRSA President. Immediately following, a well-attended Welcoming Reception was held on the resort's adjacent and lovely Lagoon Terrace.

Monday saw conference-goers participating in a full slate of eight morning and eight afternoon concurrent sessions, including the annual Western States Economic Outlook sessions cosponsored by AUBER and organized by Keith Schwer. Following the afternoon coffee break, the WRSA Board convened for its annual business meeting (see related story, page 7, this *Newsletter*).

Concurrent paper sessions continued all day Tuesday and Wednesday. Two spectacularly successful all-group activities also took place on Tuesday. The Annual Banquet Luncheon featured 'local' Hawaiian style food served buffet style. WRSA 48<sup>th</sup> President, Geoffrey J.D. Hewings was Master of Ceremonies for the luncheon program, which included a stirring encore rendition of the *March of the WRSA* played by WRSA's official composer/pianist (and Fellow) Jean Paelinck, as well as the announcement of winners and presentations of

both the Tiebout and Springer Prizes (see related stories, this *Newsletter*). Tuesday evening on the Lagoon Terrace the full group gathered for cocktails, Hawaiian guitar music, and good conversation as T. John Kim hosted the traditional President's Reception.

The Meeting wrapped up after a third full day of paper sessions on Wednesday. Among those were two Remote Regions sessions put together under the direction of WRSA Past President Lee Huskey. In addition, Wednesday's program featured a pair of special sessions presented in honor of outgoing WRSA President Geoffrey Hewings by various of his former graduate student advisees now working around the world in regional science positions. These sessions were organized by Sandy Dall'erna, University of Arizona (and one of several Hewings' students to have won the previous Tiebout Prizes).

Comments from participants enjoying the flamboyant opulence of the Hilton Waikoloa Village suggested this one – WRSA's third Annual Meeting held on the Big Island – was a fantastic success.



### The Koreans Are Coming!

Much to the delight of reigning WRSA President, T. John Kim, a record was set at the Big Island Annual Meeting. For the first time in Association history Korean participants were the second most numerous – exceeding in number all but those based in the U.S. President T. John was one of 12 surnamed Kims listed in the conference program.

With an all-time high of 16 registrants (which does not count the sizeable numbers of Korean-born or Korean-ancestry scholars based at American and other foreign universities), Korea edged out second-place Canada (12 registrants) and our recent years' record-setter, Sweden (which this time could boast of having 11 participants making the long trip half-way round the world). Japanese participants numbered 7; Austria and The Netherlands tied with 3; Estonia, Norway and Romania had 2 registrants. Other countries with 2008 participants included France, Portugal, Reunion Islands, Spain, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, and the U.K.

The 39 California-based scholars accounted for the largest number of U.S.-affiliated registrants. In second place were the 14 Arizonans. The GMU mafia boosted Virginia into 3<sup>rd</sup> spot with 11, barely nudging out the 10-strong Colorado delegation. Ohio had 8 registrants; Washington (7); Hawaii, Michigan, and Nevada (5 each); West Virginia (4). Overall, 38 of the 50 states were represented this time, as were 7 of the 10 Canadian provinces. WRSAsers, eh, truly come 'from far and wide'!



### *Lim Wins 12<sup>th</sup> Springer Prize*

Jaewon Lim, University of Arizona, was presented with the 12<sup>th</sup> Springer Prize in Regional Science at the February 19, 2008 Banquet Luncheon of the Big Island Annual Meeting. Making the presentation were Roger Stough and Euijune Kim, Coeditors of *The Annals of Regional Science*.

Dr. Lim's prize-winning paper, which was entitled: "Does Wage Differential Driven Migration Continue to Exist? Tests on the Role of Regional Economic Structure in Wage Differential Driven Migration," was presented on Wednesday, February 20 in one of the two special sessions honoring Geoffrey J. D. Hewings.

The Springer Prize is awarded annually for the best paper presented at WRSA Annual Meeting by an early career scholar (see full competition information below). In addition to an attractive certificate, Lim received a voucher good for \$300 of Springer books.



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## Springer Award

for outstanding papers in  
the field of Regional Science



The prize is awarded annually for the best paper presented by a recent post-graduate scholar of no more than 5 years\* at the Annual Meeting of the Western Regional Science Association.

### Prize US \$300.-

(to be awarded in Springer books of the winner's choice)

The paper will be published in **The Annals of Regional Science**, official Journal of the WRSA, and announced on the Springer Website.



### Qian 22<sup>nd</sup> Tiebout Winner

Haifeng Qian, doctoral candidate at George Mason University, was named at the Big Island Annual Meeting as the winner of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Competition for the Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science.

Qian's prize-winning paper titled, "Talent, Creativity, and Regional Economic Performance: The Case of China" was presented at the conference in the "Entrepreneurship and the New Economy."

Established in 1987, the Prize honors the memory of Charlie Tiebout, one of WRSA's founding members, for his many contributions to regional science before his untimely death in 1968. The Tiebout Prize is one of the oldest and most prestigious awards made in recognition of research conducted by a graduate student.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Competition was judged by a panel of the four most recent WRSA Past Presidents: Jack Osman, Lee Huskey, Juanita Liu, and Koichi Mera. Lee Huskey chaired the Committee, and Juanita Liu made the presentation at the Annual Banquet Luncheon held at the Hilton Waikoloa Village Resort on Tuesday, February 19, 2008. In addition to the Winner's certificate, Qian received a check for \$1,000.



*Tiebout Winner, Haifeng Qian, with Hewings, Kim, Plane and Liu*

### Tiebout Finalists: McLaughlin & Zhang

Two finalists were recognized in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Tiebout Prize Competition: Univ. California, Irvine doctoral student, Ralph McLaughlin, for his paper, "Do Smart Growth Programs Increase Housing Choice? Evidence from Maryland's Priority Funding Areas" and George Mason Univ. doctoral student, Ting Zhang, for her paper "The Role of Elderly Entrepreneurship in Metropolitan Economic Growth." They received certificates and registration waivers at the conference. Eunjoo Oh, Korea Research Institute for Local Administration, received Honorable Mention.

Attention Graduate Students!  
*Call for Paper Submissions...*



## 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Competition for The Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science

The Western Regional Science Association is proud to announce the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Competition for the Charles M. Tiebout Prize in Regional Science.

The Tiebout Prize is awarded for the best paper submitted by a full-time graduate student enrolled at an accredited academic institution (currently or during Academic Year 2007–2008). To be considered, papers should be in the general multidisciplinary realm of regional science: topics in the fields of regional economics, urban economics, urban/regional planning, economic and quantitative geography, and local public finance are especially encouraged. Papers will be judged by a Reading Committee of four former WRSA Presidents, and the decision of the committee (which will be rendered by late-November) will be final.

The author of the winning paper must present the research at the WRSA's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting to be held at the Silverado Resort, in Napa, California, during the period February 22–25, 2009. The winning author will receive \$1,000 to help defray the costs of attending the Meeting. The paper will be printed in the prestigious international quarterly journal *The Annals of Regional Science* (published by Springer) following standard review/revision procedures. Authors of all papers judged by the Program Committee to be worthy of presentation will be invited to deliver them in regular sessions of the Meeting. Registration waivers will be awarded to authors of papers selected for "Finalist" status in the competition.

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**Graduate students wishing to submit papers for the competition should send five (5) hard copies and e-mail as an attachment an electronic copy of the paper in Word or PDF format to:**

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 Department of Geography & Regional Development / University of Arizona / Harvill Building, Box 2  
 Tucson, Arizona 85721 USA  
*(If sending by express courier, please add: Room 409, 1103 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street; Phone: 520-621-1652)*

E-mail: [plane@email.arizona.edu](mailto:plane@email.arizona.edu)

**Deadline for Submission (hard copies of papers must reach WRSA no later than):  
 October 15, 2008**

- Submissions must include a cover page giving the paper's title, author's full name, address, telephone and fax numbers.
- Please indicate your Department and University affiliation and the name of your primary faculty supervisor.
- Text of the papers should be double-spaced. Only one submission per author, and only singly-authored papers will be considered.
- NOTE: Any paper exceeding 50 pages in length (inclusive of references, tables and figures) will NOT be sent to the Reading Committee.

This prize is awarded in honor of the outstanding contributions to regional science made by Charles M. Tiebout before his untimely death in 1968. In addition to his scholarly achievements, "Charlie" Tiebout brought wit, irreverence, and goodwill to everything he did and everyone he knew. He was particularly good in advising, counseling, and encouraging graduate students; thus, it is fitting that the WRSA's annual prize bearing his name be awarded to the best graduate student paper in regional science.

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***WRSA's 36<sup>th</sup> President  
Antoine Bailly  
Receives RSAI's  
Founder's Medal***

Professor Antoine Bailly, Professor Emeritus, University of Geneva, and WRSA's 36<sup>th</sup> President (1995–96), is the 2008 recipient of the Regional Science Association's International most prestigious award: The Founder's Medal.

Comparable to the highest awards in other fields without Nobel Prizes, such as the Field's medal in mathematics, or of the Prix Vautrin Lud for Geography, The Founder's Medal is presented only every four years.

The award is scheduled to be given in Liverpool on August 28, 2008 in a plenary session of the European Congress in Regional Science.

The RSAI Founder's Medal was established to recognize lifetime contributions to the field of Regional Science and to the Association by an eminent senior scholar.

Born in 1944, Antoine Bailly is Professor Emeritus of economic geography at the University of Geneva, Switzerland. He has served on the faculty of universities in Canada, France, Portugal and Switzerland.

Tony Bailly is a Past President of the European Regional Science Association, president of the Scientific Committee of the INRA PSDR (France) and of Forum Santé Gesundheit (Switzerland).

In 1995 Tony began his term as WRSA President. Long-time WRSA members will recall his Presidential Address and Presidential Reception (featuring some very nice wine!) at the San Diego Princess Resort.

From 2003 to 2004 Tony served as President of RSAI. He was the 7th person to have completed such a two-year term after the former Regional Science Association was reorganized in 1989 to become the Regional Science Association International.

He has published over 30 books and 300 papers in applied geography, economic and urban geography, and regional science. He is cofounder of the interdisciplinary field of regional medicometry.

Congratulations to Tony from your many long-time WRSA friends on this well-merited recognition of your outstanding lifetime leadership role in regional science!

**Board Elects Roger Stough  
Fellow of the WRSA**

At the Big Island Annual Meeting, Professor Roger R. Stough, George Mason University, was named as the 13<sup>th</sup> and newest Fellow of the Western Regional Science Association. WRSA Fellows are appointed by the Board of Directors in recognition of exceptional lifetime scholarship and service to the Association.

Roger is currently Vice President for Research and Economic Development and NOVA Endowed Chair and Professor of Public Policy at George Mason.

He received his doctoral degree in Geography and Environmental Engineering from Johns Hopkins. Prior to that he earned an MA in Geography from the University of South Carolina, and a BS in International Trade and Economics from Ohio State. His extensive publication record includes several hundred scholarly and professional publications, 12 books and nearly 100 journal articles.

Roger has been the principal investigator on numerous grants and contracts, which have totaled more than \$50,000,000 from various agencies including the U.S. Department of Transportation, the National Technology Information Administration, NASA, U.S. Department of Justice, Virginia's Center for Innovative Technology, the National Science Foundation and numerous state and local agencies.

Roger coedits the WRSA's official journal, *The Annals of Regional Science*. He served as WRSA's 43<sup>rd</sup> President (2002–03) and is currently President of the Regional Science Association International.

Stough joins 12 members previously accorded WRSA's highest recognition: Martin Beckman, Arthur Getis, Lay James Gibson, Michael Greenwood, Kingsley Haynes, Charlie Leven, the late Michael Mischaikow, Frank Mittelbach, Bob Monahan, Jean Paelinck, Tony Pascal and John Quigley.



*Stough, 43rd President, chairing the 2003 Banquet Luncheon*



## WRSA to Host North American Meetings November 18-21, 2009 in San Francisco

WRSA will serve as host organizers of the 56<sup>th</sup> North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International on behalf of the North American Regional Science Council.

The Meetings are scheduled to be held in San Francisco during the period Wednesday November 18 through Saturday November 21. The venue will be the the Grand Hyatt San Francisco.

The Hyatt's location on Union Square, its conference facilities, and our negotiated nightly room rate \$199 (plus tax, single or double occupancy) are all superb ones for a conference in "The City."

Professor Serge Rey, Arizona State University, is the Program Chair for the 2009 Meetings. Members interested in organizing sessions should get with Serge. WRSA members are encouraged to join in to help make this a spectacularly successful conference. It is not too early to start thinking about organizing a session or a slate of sessions!

David Plane, as Arrangements Chair, would be happy to answer questions you may have about the venue or other organizational matters and to discuss planning issues.

The 56<sup>th</sup> will be the first North American Meetings to be held in San Francisco. They will be the third North American meetings involving WRSA in a leadership role. We co-hosted (with the Department of Economics of the University of Houston) the 1993 conference. And we co-hosted (with the Department of Geography and Regional Development of the University of Arizona) the highly successful and memorable 1998 Meetings in Santa Fe.

WRSA also hosted the 17<sup>th</sup> Pacific Conference of the RSAI in Portland, Oregon in 2001.



## WRSA Board Taps Stimson as Incoming V.P.



## ... and Names David Holland President-Elect

At its annual business meeting held during the Big Island Annual Meeting, the WRSA Board tapped Bob Stimson, University of Queensland, Australia, as incoming Vice-President of the WRSA for the 2008–2009 year. Bob will succeed to become President-Elect at the 2010 Annual Meeting where he will give his Presidential Address and host the traditional President's Reception. Bob is Past President of the RSAI, having served in that capacity during 2005 and 2006.

David Holland, Washington State University, succeeds from Vice President to President-Elect for 2008–2009. David will present his Presidential Address and host the President's Reception at the upcoming February 2009 Annual Meeting at the Silverado Country Club.

T. John Kim's year-long reign as WRSA's 49<sup>th</sup> President began at the Big Island conference where he delivered the conference's opening address and hosted a lovely outdoor reception. Also at the conference, 48<sup>th</sup> President, Geoff Hewings, completed his year-long term. As 2008–2009 Immediate Past President, Geoff now begins a four-year term serving on the Tiebout Prize Committee. Our 47<sup>th</sup> President, Jack Osman will chair the Tiebout Committee for the upcoming 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Competition.



49<sup>th</sup> President Kim Hosts Reception at the Hilton Waikoloa Village

## Western Regional Science Association Board and Officers



### *Officers for the 2008-2009 Year*

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## *Regional Science Meeting Calendar*

### **55<sup>th</sup> North American Meetings of the RSAI, Brooklyn, NY, November 19–22, 2008**

The Meetings will be held at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge. Program Chair is Bill Anderson, Boston University, narsc@meetingsavvy.com; Local Arrangements Chairs: Andrew Haughwout, New York Federal Reserve Bank, andrew.haughwout@ny.frb.org, and Michael Lahr, Rutgers Univ., lahr@rutgers.edu. See the NARSC website for full details: www.narsc.org

### **48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Western Regional Science Association, Napa, CA, February 22–25, 2009**

See articles, this *Newsletter*, for details.

### **48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Science Association, San Antonio, TX, April 2–4, 2009**

The conference will be held at the Marriott Plaza, San Antonio, TX (Alamo City). Program Chair: John Connaughton, University of North Carolina-Charlotte: jec@unc.edu Conference info: www.srsa.org

### **21<sup>st</sup> Pacific Conference of the RSAI, Surfer's Paradise, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, July 19–22, 2009**

'PRSCO21' will be held at Conrad Jupiter's Hotel. A Call for Papers has been issued and is posted on the conference website accessible at: www.prSCO2009.com.au David Fuller, University of Wollongong, is Chairperson for the Conference. Questions? prSCO2009@uow.edu.au.

### **56<sup>th</sup> North American Meetings of the RSAI, San Francisco, CA, November 18–21, 2009**

See article on page 7, this *Newsletter*, for details.



### *Submitting Papers to: The Annals of Regional Science*

WRSA members are cordially invited to submit their best research for publication consideration in WRSA's official journal, *The Annals of Regional Science*, published quarterly by Springer.

For more information contact one of the three coeditors: Börje Johannson, jobo@jibs.hj.se and Eui-June Kim, euijune@snu.ac.kr; and WRSA Past President and Fellow (see article, this *Newsletter*) Roger R. Stough, rstough@gmu.edu. Or visit the *Annals* page on the Springer website:

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