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11/16/10

**HISPANIC CAUCUS MEETING
LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC
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President Barack Obama has called on the Senate to pass legislation this year that would allow certain foreign-born young people who entered the United States as children without documents to become legal U.S. residents. Obama urged action during a meeting Tuesday with leaders of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus . The legislation, known as the DREAM Act, failed to pass the Senate in September. It would permit young people to become U.S. residents after spending two years in college or the military. It would apply to immigrants who were under 16 when they arrived in the U.S., have been in the country at least five years and have a diploma from a U.S. high school or the equivalent. Obama also called for Congress to act on comprehensive changes to immigration law "at the earliest opportunity."

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11/17/10

**CONGRESS NEW CHAIRS
LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:16**

House Dems and GOP Expected to Keep Pelosi, Boehner and Other Leaders Today Despite an election that saw a wave of Republicans sweep the GOP into the House majority, when Congress convenes early next January both party's teams figure to closely resemble the current House leadership of the 111th Congress. The current Deputy Whip, Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R- Calif., stands to move up the GOP ranks to the third- ranking post in the Republican majority as House Majority Whip. Republicans are also expected to choose Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas, as the GOP Conference chairman, the party's fourth-ranking post being vacated by

Rep. Mike Pence, who is not seeking reelection to the House Republican leadership. More than 80 new House Republicans will vote to pick two representatives to serve at the GOP Leadership table. Rep. Kristi Noem, South Dakota, and Rep. Tim Scott, South Carolina have both expressed interest in the positions and are considered frontrunners for the posts. Democrats will first elect the Democratic Caucus Chairman, who will then preside over the remainder of the caucus.

STUDENT LEADER IMMIGRATION

VO: 24

The parents of popular Cal State Fresno Student Body President Pedro Ramirez always talked a lot about *el sueño Americano* - the American Dream. He was to study hard, get good grades and claim the prize, but it wasn't until that night in their kitchen when the high school valedictorian was filling out university applications that they told him a missing detail - he wasn't a United States citizen. He was born in Mexico. He came to this country when he was 3 years old. Now, an anonymous tip to the college newspaper has forced Ramirez to publicly expose his secret and has put this son of a maid and a restaurant worker into the thick of a debate on immigration and education that has reached a boiling point in recent weeks. Some have called for his resignation while others have rallied to his defense.

US SECURITY FENCE

VO: 23

The U.S. government has opted to continue development of a problematic "virtual fence" meant to secure stretches of the Mexican border for an additional 30 days, authorities said Wednesday. The Department of Homeland Security said it has exercised a contract extension through Dec. 18 with Boeing Co which has been developing the ill-starred SBInet program on parts of the southern Arizona border since 2006. "DHS is currently reviewing the independent, quantitative, science-based reassessment of the SBInet program," DHS spokesman Matt Chandler said in a statement.

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11/18/10

CHARLES RANGEL SENTENCING

LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:23

The House ethics committee's chief counsel recommended Thursday that veteran Rep. Charles Rangel be censured for financial and fundraising misconduct as lawmakers neared closure on an embarrassing 2 1/2-year-long scandal. Chief counsel Blake Chisam called for the punishment despite the veteran New York congressman's plea, in a prepared statement in advance of the hearing, for "a drop of fairness and mercy." If Chisam's recommendation is carried out, it would be the most serious punishment short of expulsion that could be meted out by the House. Chisam and Rangel argued their positions at a public hearing on sanctions, where the 80-year-old congressman acknowledged making mistakes in handling his finances and said he wasn't there to "retry this case."

GM STOCK MARKET/OBAMA

VO: 20

General Motors stock began trading on Wall Street again Thursday, signaling the rebirth of an American corporate icon that collapsed into bankruptcy and was rescued with a \$50 billion infusion from taxpayers. The stock rose sharply in its first minutes of buying and selling, going for nearly \$36 per share -- almost \$3 more than the price GM set for the initial public offering. The stock pulled back slightly by early afternoon. It had traded for less than a dollar when the old company filed for bankruptcy last year. On the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, a crowd eight deep jostled around the company's trading post, adorned with its familiar blue-square logo with an underlined "GM." CEO Dan Akerson rang the opening bell as raucous cheers went up and the sound of a Chevrolet Camaro's revving engine echoed through the room.

MARRIAGE OBSOLETE

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ/ NEW YORK, NY

PKG 2:11

Marriage is increasingly optional and could be on its way to obsolescence, according to a survey of more than 2,600 Americans that examines changing attitudes about relationships today. Among the 2,691 adults surveyed by the Pew Research Center last month, 39% say marriage is becoming obsolete, up from 28% who responded to the same question posed by *Time* magazine in 1978. "If four in 10 are saying it's becoming obsolete, they're registering an awareness of a very important social change," says Paul Taylor of Pew. "It doesn't necessarily mean

marriage is about to disappear or has disappeared." Census data reflect a declining percentage of married adults: 54% in 2010, down from 57% in 2000 and 72% in 1960. At the same time, the median age at first marriage increased in 2010 to its highest ever - 28.2 for men and 26.1 for women, according to Census. That's up from 26.8 and 25.1 in 2000.

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11/19/10

**AIRPORT SCREENINGS
JAIME GARCÍA/ LOS ÁNGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:11**

Controversial new pat-downs and full-body scanners will be tested as Americans flock to airports for holiday travel. For some travelers, thanksgiving will be their first taste of this - new measures some call intrusive, others ineffective. But, TSA officials say it's working. Body scanners have already captured passengers trying to smuggle marijuana, whiskey, even knives. The head of the Transportation Security Administration says the close-quarter body inspections causing a furor among some passengers and pilots are unavoidable in a time of terrorist threats.

**GROUND ZERO SETTLEMENT
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- More than 10,000 workers suffering health problems stemming from the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center have agreed to a \$712 million settlement with New York City, officials said Friday. More than 95 percent of the 10,563 workers had to agree to the deal for it to go ahead. The Garretson Resolution Group, which has been assessing the claims, said in a letter to the federal judge overseeing the case that 95.1 percent of the workers -- 10,043 -- had submitted documents agreeing to the settlement. The money will come from a federally financed insurance fund, the WTC Captive Insurance Company, created in 2004 with a \$1 billion grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The firefighters, police, contractors and others who worked at "Ground Zero" in the ruins of the World Trade Center sued the city and its contractors for claims of injuries associated with their rescue and clean-up work.

LAME DUCK CONGRESS

LOURDES MELUZÁ, WASHINGTON, DC

PKG 2:10

Jobless benefits will run out for 2 million people during the holiday season unless they are renewed by a Congress that's focusing more attention on a quarrel over preserving tax cuts for people making more than \$200,000 a year. It's looking iffy at best whether Congress will renew jobless benefits averaging \$310 per week nationwide that are presently claimed by almost 5 million people who have been out of work for more than six months. An extension of jobless benefits enacted this summer expires Dec. 1, and on Thursday, a bill to extend them for three months failed in the House.

Democrats brought the bill to the floor under fast-track rules that required a two-thirds vote to pass. Republicans opposed the legislation because they were denied a chance to attach spending cuts, so the measure fell despite winning a 258-154 majority. In Thursday's vote, 21 Republicans joined with Democrats in favor. Eleven moderate-to-conservative Democrats opposed the bill.

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11/20/10 (Saturday 6:30pm - 11:30pm)

OBAMA DEFENSA ANTIMISILES

VO: 18

U.S. President Barack Obama used the international stage Saturday to press his Republican opponents in Congress to ratify a new nuclear arms deal with Russia. Russian President Dmitry Medvedev also urged U.S. lawmakers to approve the START treaty swiftly and six European foreign ministers echoed the appeal in a joint appearance at a NATO summit in Lisbon. The treaty, signed by Obama and Medvedev in April, commits the United States and Russia to cutting deployed nuclear weapons by about 30 percent -- to no more than 1,550 -- within seven years. It also includes verification measures. Obama says the treaty is vital because it allows U.S. inspectors to gather accurate intelligence about the state of Russia's nuclear stockpile. "There is a time element to do this. We don't have any mechanism to verify what is going on right now on the ground in Russia," he told a news conference.

OBAMA AIRPORT SECURITY

VO: 22

President Barack Obama says he understands the frustrations of U.S. airline passengers who are subject to intrusive security screenings. He says he's asked security officials whether there's a less intrusive approach. But Obama says that security officials have told him that the current procedures are the only ones considered effective enough right now to guard against terrorist threats. Obama doesn't have to pass through normal airport security himself, so he says he hasn't experienced the new patdowns and imaging devices now in use. Obama spoke at a news conference during the NATO summit in Portugal.

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11/21/10 (Sunday 6:30pm & 11:30pm)

**TSA CONTROVERSY LATEST
ANABEL MONJE/ SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
PKG: 2:06**

The top official at the Transportation Security Administration is defending controversial new airport screening measures. In an online message on the T-S-A's website, Administrator John Pistole offers a number of tips for holiday travelers. Pistole also discusses body scans -- which are being used at dozens of airports nationwide -- and pat-downs.

**WOMEN STRESSFUL JOB ATTACKS
VO: 22**

Working women are equal to men in a way they'll wish they weren't. Female workers with stressful jobs were more likely than women with less job strain to suffer a heart attack or a stroke or to have clogged arteries, a big U.S. government-funded study found. Worrying about losing a job can raise heart risks too, researchers found. The results seem sure to resonate in a weak economy with plenty of stress about jobs - or lack of them. The mere fact this study was done is a sign of the times: Past studies focused on men, the traditional breadwinners, and found that higher job stress raised heart risks. This is the longest major one to look at stress in women, who now make up nearly half of the U.S. workforce.

**ALZHEIMERS & LATINOS
VO: 24**

Alzheimer's exacts a heavy toll among Latino Americans, who tend to get the condition almost seven years earlier than white Americans, according

to research from the University of Pennsylvania and UC San Francisco. Limited access to medical care and health insurance, lower levels of education and income, and higher rates of high blood pressure and diabetes contribute to above-average risks for Alzheimer's among Latino seniors, experts say. The Alzheimer's Assn. calls the situation "a looming but unrecognized public health crisis" and predicts that Alzheimer's and related dementias could afflict 1.3 million older Latinos by 2050, up from about 200,000 currently.

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11/22/10

**NEW FEES GO INTO EFFECT
JAIME GARCIA- LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:16**

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) reminds customers that its new fee schedule goes into effect Nov. 23, 2010. Applications or petitions postmarked or otherwise filed on or after this date must include the new fee, or they will be rejected. USCIS published the new fee schedule in the Federal Register on Sept. 24, following a comprehensive review of public comments received after publication of the proposed rule this summer. The new fee schedule increases application and petition fees by an average of about 10 percent but does not increase the naturalization application fee.

**SALAD BARS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
VO: 25**

A White House official says Michelle Obama will announce details of a plan to put 6,000 salad bars in public school lunchrooms within the next three years. Mrs. Obama was expected to make the announcement Monday at Riverside Elementary School in Miami. The National Fruit and Vegetable Alliance, United Fresh Produce Association Foundation and Food, Family, Farming (F3) Foundation are joining to support Mrs. Obama's campaign against childhood obesity. The first lady has made boosting fruit and vegetable consumption a major goal of her effort to get people to eat better. Riverside Elementary recently opened a salad bar.

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11/23/10

**SECURITY PATDOWNS
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ- NEW YORK
PKG 2:08**

Half of Americans say the enhanced passenger security patdowns at U.S. airports go too far, according to a poll published Tuesday just before the busy holiday travel season. But nearly two-thirds of those surveyed in the Washington Post-ABC News poll support the new full-body security-screening machines at the airports, as most say they put higher priority on preventing terrorism than protecting personal privacy. The poll found that 50 percent said the new patdown searches were unjustified, while 48 percent supported them and 2 percent had no opinion. The recently adopted screening methods that have drawn complaints from passengers and lawmakers in Congress rely on highly revealing full-body imaging scanners and physical patdowns for travelers who choose to opt out of the scans. Airlines expect 24 million people to travel over the Thanksgiving holiday period. Airlines say they have passed along passenger concerns to the Transportation Security Administration, the agency responsible for the new procedures.

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11/24/10

**HOLIDAY TRAVEL WOES
LOURDES MELUZA/ WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:01**

The roads will be jammed and the airline traffic is getting busy. The holiday rush continues to file into Reagan National Airport early Wednesday morning. Airport officials are urging travelers to arrive early to allow ample time to get through the new security check points. Holidays are the busiest time of the year for most travel companies, including the airlines. This holiday season appears to be no different with travelers dashing to catch their early morning flights Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving. The day before Thanksgiving is traditionally the busiest travel day of the year. Despite the threat of disruptions caused by "National Opt-Out Day" protests, lines at most airport security checkpoints appeared to be moving normally this morning, according to various media reports and reader responses.

DREAM ACT RALLIES

JAIME GARCIA/ LOS ANGELE, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:04

Rep. Gutierrez in Los Angeles to Give Thanks, DREAM Congressman Gutierrez (D-IL) will join Los Angeles procession and address upcoming DREAM Act vote in Congress. The annual day laborers and families Thanksgiving Day procession will be led by hundreds of white crosses, followed by meal for 500 people, and food basket distribution for needy families. The Los Angeles immigrant community gathers to remember those who have died attempting to cross the border, encourage the families of those who have been deported, and thank those who work hard and honestly to keep this nation moving forward. This Thanksgiving Day, immigrants celebrate one more year of struggle for dignity, respect, and humane immigration policies.

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11/25/10

OEA IMMIGRATION REPORT

LOURDES MELUZÁ/ WASHINGTON, DC

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The fact that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) granted you authorization to work legally in the U.S. while your adjustment of status (AOS) application is pending does not mean that it is safe for you to travel abroad just yet. You did not specify your status before you married a U.S. citizen, but we assume, since you have not been home in a while, that you currently are undocumented. If you have been unlawfully present in the U.S. for 180 days to a year and you travel abroad (including even a day trip to Canada or Mexico) before you are granted legal permanent resident status, you face a three-year bar from reentering the U.S. Unlawful presence for a year or more triggers a ten-year bar. These bars would apply to you despite your marriage to a U.S. citizen and pending AOS application. Likewise, the fact that you may have U.S. citizen children who were born here does not alter the situation. Therefore, it is crucial that you remain in the U.S. until you are granted legal permanent resident status at or after your green card interview in the USCIS offices here. Then you will be able to travel abroad for periods of up to six months and return to the U.S. with no problem and no need to apply for permission. Note: a green

card holder who travels abroad for more than six months is in a different situation and should obtain legal advice before such a trip.

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11/26/10

**GOOD OUTLOOK FOR JOBS
LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
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Some small businesses say they're finding it easier to get loans, a development that could help jump-start a tepid recovery and sluggish job market. Small firms with fewer than 100 workers employ half the labor force and typically account for two-thirds of jobs created in a recovery. So far, though, they've benefited far less from the upswing that began in mid-2009 than larger firms. That's because they generally haven't taken part in the export surge, and they rely on banks rather than corporate bond markets to borrow money. Many small businesses still complain credit is tight. But in a survey released this month by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the portion saying loans were harder to get than three months earlier was the lowest since September 2008. And senior loan officers surveyed by the Federal Reserve

**HOME FORECLOSURES
LILIANA ESCALANTE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:23**

With home buying season over and no tax credit to boost sales, Ocala sales fell 21 percent in October, on pace with the state slump, but foreclosures and short sales pushed median prices below \$80,000 for the first time in more than seven years. Florida Realtors reported 252 sales for the Ocala metro area, down 21 percent from 317 in October 2009 and the lowest total since 203 sales in January. It marked the second straight month of year-over-year declines after a year and a half of gains. Nationwide, foreclosures and short sales accounted for 34 percent of sales in October, but Ocala's housing market was particularly hard hit by the bust after years of new construction. One of every 251 Marion County homes was in the foreclosure process in October, according to RealtyTrac.

**DREAM ACT PRESSURE
LOURDES DEL RÍO, / MIAMI, FLORIDA**

PKG 2:00

The DREAM Act is a narrowly tailored legislative remedy for a specific population: undocumented students who were brought to the United States as minors, and have attended and completed elementary and secondary education in the US. The Supreme Court ruled in *Plyer v. Doe* (1982) that these students are not to be held liable for their immigration status and therefore are entitled to public elementary and secondary education. However, current law does not provide clear paths to citizenship or higher education for these students following high school graduation. The DREAM Act would provide those paths, and would return to the states the right to determine whether qualified undocumented students should be eligible for in-state tuition. The DREAM Act does **not** require states to provide any benefits to undocumented students, nor does it make these students eligible for federal financial aid. NACAC supports the DREAM Act as a college access initiative, and has been working on its passage since 2001.

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11/27/10 (Saturday 6:30pm & 11:30pm)

IMMIGRANTS ID CARDS

VO: 25

A Northern California city is moving forward with plans for a municipal identification card that is being touted as the first in the nation that would double as a full-fledged debit card. The Oakland City Council this month awarded a contract to issue the cards. The goal is to help any city residents, including illegal immigrants, who may have difficulty obtaining a state-issued ID. Card holders would also be able to load money onto their cards and use them wherever ATM cards are welcome. Oakland officials say that would allow people without bank accounts to avoid high check-cashing fees or the need to walk around with large amounts of cash. San Francisco and Washington, D.C., are among the other cities that offer municipal identification cards, although neither includes a full debit option.

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11/28/10

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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The House of Representatives voted down a bill to extend jobless benefits. Republicans blocked the measure arguing it would add to the deficit. Meanwhile, two million people will lose their benefits by the end of the year. And while Arizona's unemployment rate has dropped to 9.5%, competition for jobs is up. At One Stop, Pima County's employment services center, a sign placed near the entrance seems to greet the unemployed with a message of hope. It reads, "A Better Job Awaits."

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11/29/10

**WIKILEAKS REAX LATEST
LOURDES MELUZÁ/ WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:15**

The White House is condemning the new leak of hundreds of thousands of secret documents. Wikileaks published the first 219 of 251,587 diplomatic cables between the State Department and more than 270 American diplomatic outposts around the world. Some of the most interesting documents are about Iran, depicting Arab leaders practically begging the U.S. to prevent the Iranian government from getting nuclear weapons. The foreign minister of the United Arab Emirates says "Ahmadinejad is Hitler" and tells a top state department official that "the threat from Al-Qaida would be minor if Iran has nukes." The U.S. government is taking steps to make sure such a massive leak of classified information does not happen again.

**OBAMA PAY FREEZE
LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
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President Barack Obama announced a pay freeze for 2 million federal employees Monday and warned the American public that the move is the first of many difficult decisions that must be made to slash the nation's mounting deficits. "The hard truth is that getting this deficit under control is going to require some broad sacrifice, and that sacrifice must be shared by the employees of the federal government," Obama said. The two-year freeze would apply to all civilian federal employees, including those working at the Department of Defense, but would not affect military personnel. The freeze, which requires congressional approval, is expected to save more

than \$5 billion in savings over two years, \$28 billion over five years and more than \$60 billion over 10 years, White House officials said.

DREAM ACT LATEST

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ/ MIAMI, FLORIDA

PKG 2:13

The New York State Youth Leadership Council (NYSYLC) held a rally today in Time Square to urge Mayor Bloomberg and New York State representatives to support the DREAM Act a measure that would provide a path to citizenship for undocumented youths who complete two years of college or military service. From the red steps of Father Duffy Square, several dozen students held banners and chanted bilingual slogans for the attendant press and passerbys. Several attendees spoke out about their own struggles with their undocumented conditions. Melissa, an 18 year old who has been in the US since she was 8, explained her need to compete for grades and work harder than documented students. When she realized the precarity of her education during high school, she made the effort to identify the few college scholarships open to her. "I had to work hard to make the grades, otherwise I wouldn't be in college," she explained.

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11/30/10

OBAMA IN BIPARTISAN MEETING

LOURDES MELUZÁ/ WASHINGTON, DC

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Obama and Republican and Democratic congressional leaders are preparing for their first joint meeting since midterm elections altered the government's balance of power. The president and the House and Senate leaders from both parties will meet today at the White House to engage in talks about the Bush-era tax rates and a U.S.-Russia treaty to reduce nuclear weapons arsenals. The meeting will also help define the interaction between the White House and a divided Congress for the next two years. Republicans will take over control of the House in January and will gain seats in the Senate, weakening the Democrats' grip.

PENTAGONO HOMOSEXUAL IN MILITARY

LUIS MEGID/ SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:05

The Pentagon study that argues that gay troops could serve openly without hurting the military's ability to fight is expected to re-ignite debate this month on Capitol Hill over repealing the 17-year-old "don't ask, don't tell" policy. Officials familiar with the 10-month study's results have said a clear majority of respondents don't care if gays serve openly, with 70% predicting that lifting the ban would have positive, mixed or no results. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the findings hadn't been released. Defense Secretary Robert Gates

SENATE PASSES BILL TO BOOST FOOD SAFETY
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ/ NEW YORK
PKG 2:16

The Senate has passed legislation to make food safer in the wake of deadly E. coli and salmonella outbreaks, potentially giving the government broad new powers to increase inspections of food processing facilities and force companies to recall tainted food. The \$1.4 billion bill, which would also place stricter standards on imported foods, passed the Senate 73-25. Supporters say passage is critical after widespread outbreaks in peanuts, eggs and produce. Those outbreaks have exposed a lack of resources and authority at the FDA as the embattled agency struggled to contain and trace the contaminated products. The agency rarely inspects many food facilities and farms, visiting some every decade or so and others not at all.

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