

# *The Patriot Post*

May Issue

## **Congratulations to Molly Fane!**

**The 2010/2011 Student of the Year!**

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**The 2010/2011 American Legion**

**Award Winners:**

Emily Bay

Maggie Bushman

Evan Grady

Jacob Harrison

Alex Helander

Sydney Kitzman

Keenan Longan

Selvie Qulafi

## **Student of the Month**

**May**

**West Coast Side**

**Justin Wilson**

Justin Wilson was picked as the West Coast May Student of the Month! Justin Wilson is very involved at Reagan. His teachers said that he is always willing to help when needed and has a great attitude. He is currently participating in the sports: golf, hockey, and tennis. He also participates in Patriot Post, Yearbook, and Creative Writing Club. Justin says he feels honored to be chosen as Student of the Month. When Justin grows up, he wants to be a graphic designer. Justin's favorite teachers are Mrs. Breedlove and Mrs. Whitcomb. His favorite part of RMS is, "the teachers and staff because they're so congenial\*."

Article by Molly Fane

\*Vocab. Word!

## **Student of the Month**

**May**

**East Coast Side**

**Evan Grady**

Congratulations to Even Grady for becoming May Student of the Month! Evan was asked how he felt about being student of the month and he responded, "It's a real honor, I'm glad that I am one of the 18 kids that were lucky enough to get this award." Evan says his role model is definitely his dad, "He has so much integrity and he's full of advice. I'm very glad he's my dad and he's great."

Evan thinks Mrs. Renkes is the teacher that inspires him the most to work his hardest. He said, "She will always push your limits and test your abilities as a student, and she really gets the best out of me and I like her for that." Evan is involved in Track, Cross Country, Band, Office Monitoring, Scholastic Bowl, and many other activities.

Evan was asked what the best thing about eighth grade was and he said, "Options and opportunities. You have so many options in the eighth grade. You could do band, choir, track, patriot post, scholastic bowl, and then change your mind if you want to. All the opportunities and options gave me a sense of freedom knowing I could try whatever I wanted.

Article by Megan Cooper

**Check out the other Student of the Month interviews and all of the 2010/2011 Patriot Post issues at [www.dixonschools.org](http://www.dixonschools.org) under Reagan Middle School Patriot Post!**

## **A.R. Champion!**

Trent Scott has brought a new meaning to achievement in Accelerated Reader. He has broken A.R. records in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades by earning more than 1000 points each year. His name has been added to the 1000 point club plaque in the library for the past two years, and this year is no exception. This year Trent earned 1061.8 A.R. points! That's a lot of reading! The great thing is that from this point forward younger students can tie Trent's record of earning 1000 points for three straight years at Reagan, but no one can beat it. Trent will always reign as the first Reagan student to earn 1000 points for three years in a row. If anyone wants to attempt to tie his record, you will get your chance because Trent is heading off to the high school next year. Who will take his place as the Reagan Middle School A.R. champion?

## **2010/2011 RMS Students of the Month**

**September**—Molly Fane & Stephanie Tressel

**October**—Haley Fitzsimmons & Selvie Qulafi

**November**—Samuel James & Nayyab Sohail

**December**—Alex Helander & Cody Mighell

**January**—Maggie Bushman & Hannah Derksen

**February**—Christian Hicks & Keenan Longan

**March**—Meghan Fruin & Amy Rotella

**April**—Abbey Schaefer & Kylie Stahl

**May**—Evan Grady & Justin Wilson

**Congratulations!**

## Memorial Day Parade

The soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice was honored in Dixon by not only the adult denizens of Dixon yesterday. At ten o'clock in the morning on Memorial Day, our own Reagan Middle School Patriot Band marched in Dixon's Memorial Day Parade. After weeks of practice, the band was quite agreeable to the ear and well prepared. They played Pride & Glory March composed by Ken Harris. This was a great song to be played in honor of the fallen soldiers of our nation. Even if you don't play in the band you can still pay your respects by either going to the parade, or participating in the nation-wide moment of silence, or even visiting the graves of family members that had once served in the war. Memorial Day is a great holiday that should always be kept in American culture. We should thank the Patriot Band for helping Dixon honor our soldiers on Memorial Day.

By Molly Fane

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Green Project

By Zoey Colglazier

You may have heard the Green Project being orchestrated by the 6th grade. The Project is a chance to beautify the area outside the east wing. The Project originally started with the Challenge Classes, but has spread throughout the grade. Science and social studies classes researched soil and plant facts for our area. Math classes performed measurements needed and language arts' classes did writing assignments about the Project.

To raise funds and awareness, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade sold candy during lunch hours, and called the fundraiser "Pops for Plants". They 6<sup>th</sup> grade also applied for a grant, but it didn't work out. The total amount estimated to finish the Project is about \$800. With the money earned so far, they have purchased winter gem boxwoods, soil amendments and mulch. Many teachers also brought in bushes and shrubbery. The planting is hoped to be finished by the end of this week.

An exciting experience happened when Mrs. Leith (formally Ms. Sackett) who used to teach P.E. and now teaches horticulture read about the Project online. She said that she would come Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> to give the 6<sup>th</sup> grade information about horticulture.

## Project Harambee

### "Let's pull together!"

By Zoey Colglazier

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, found many students at the Project Harambee Dance, which raised \$520.00 total. Half of the proceeds went to Heifer International, a non-profit organization that sends animals such as cows and goats over to impoverished areas. It follows the "give a man a fish he eats for a day, teach him to fish he eats for a lifetime" idea. The other half went to the local Red Cross, helping people in poverty in America.

The dance was pulled off with help from the Student Council, and all of Mrs. Kitzman's social studies classes. Harambee in Swahili literally means "Let's pull together", and that is what the school did.

A big part of the dance was educating the building. Not only in why they should come, but when the dance was and what would be taking place. Many students went around the school from class to class talking about Project Harambee. Another part of the dance was creating the decorations and setting up the music. Mrs. Hamer allowed students to use her room to create flowers, masks and murals. These were seen at the dance.

A special thanks goes to Mr. Juenger, Mrs. Empen, Sandy Schuler, Mrs. Hamer, Mrs. Hertenstein, Mrs. Kitzman, the Student Council, and everyone who helped the dance be the success it was. Thanks!

## Government Day

On Monday, May 16th, the eighth grade Government Day took place. Two schools took part in this event; Reagan Middle School, and St, Mary's. Twenty-five students from RMS participated in this yearly event.

To find out more information on this subject, we asked Mr. Bishop for the details.

Q: What is Government Day?

A: Government Day is one day out of the year we take and have students go with officials from the city of Dixon. On that day, they follow them around for approximately two hours. Then at the end of the day, we go to a city counsel meeting in order to give students a chance to participate in the city council meeting, and see kind of what that is like.

Q: Where does Government Day take place?

A: Government Day takes place where we mainly start off at the Public Safety Building here in Dixon and then students kind of spread out all over the city of Dixon, depending on what their position is, some will stay downtown Dixon in City Hall, others will be in the Public Safety Building and still, others will go to different parts of Dixon and check out projects that the city is working on.

Q: When is Government Day?

A: Government Day was the 16th of May. It's always on a Monday because that's when they do City Counsel Meetings. So, we always have them on a Monday during the month and usually there is two city counsel meetings per month.

Q: Why is there a Government Day?

A: The reason there is a Government Day is because one of the goals for social studies class in the eighth grade is to get students involved with local government and hopefully give them an idea of what it means to be involved in the community and maybe spark some interest in that area.

Well, there you go! All in all, Government Day is a fun, educational excuse to miss half of our school day to chill with some totally hipster people.

For those of you in 7th grade, get ready to rumble— Government Day is not an event you'll want to miss out on.

Article by Selvie Qualifi

## **Justice Is Served**

By Amy Rotella

The September 11 attacks were a series of coordinated Kamikaze martyr attacks by the al-Qaeda upon the United States on September 11, 2001. On the morning of this tragedy, 19 al-Qaeda terrorists commandeered four commercial passenger jet airplanes. The hijackers purposely crashed two of the planes into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, killing everyone inside the airplanes and numerous people in the buildings. Within the first few hours, both the towers collapsed. Destroying other buildings near by and damaging others, many people were killed there. The third airplane the hijackers stole was crashed into a field near Shanksville in the rural area of Pennsylvania. Some of the passengers and flight crew on board tried to rebel against the terrorists, which was directed towards Washington D.C., to hit the Capitol Building. Close to 3,000 victims of this attack died, they won't ever be forgotten.

But to those whose loved ones or family members have died, justice has been finally served with a side of security. The leader of the al-Qaeda, Osama Bin Laden, has been hiding for a decade, but we finally found him. United States President, Barrack Obama, authorized an attempt on Osama Bin Laden's suspected location by Abbottabad, Pakistan. In the very early morning of May 2nd that operation was successfully carried out by our Navy Seals, with help from the CIA, shortly after the raid, Osama Bin Laden was shot in the chest and in his head, with a deadly shot. They genetically tested him to make sure it was him, and within the next twenty-four hours, his body was taken out to sea for burial. Justice was finally served... with a side of safety to those who suffered.

## **Our Trip to Hannibal**

By: Maggie Bushman, Becca Drezen, and Samantha Odenthal

On Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, a group of eighth graders from RMS took a four hour bus ride to the home town of the famous author, Mark Twain. While in Hannibal, Missouri we visited the homes of Samuel Clemens, Huckleberry Finn, and Becky Thatcher. Huck and Becky are characters from Mark Twain's (Sam Clemens) books. After this we all ate lunch on the Mississippi River on a River Boat. This was really cool because we got to see Hannibal from a different point of view. We also visited the Mark Twain Cave, the same cave that is in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. We walked through a few of the many, many tunnels of the cave. We witnessed several bats and experienced what it would have been like when Tom and Becky were lost inside with no light, what so ever. Towards the end of the day, we had a haunted trolley ride through the spooky neighborhoods of Hannibal. There is said to be many ghosts haunting several buildings, many of which grew up in the town. Our trolley tour led us to a supposedly haunted cemetery. There we explored alone or with partners, using dousing rods to lead us in the direction of the magnetic pull of the spirits. Some of us even captured white orbs of self-illuminating light, which were suspected to be spirits. After that thrill, we headed through the streets to a local restaurant to chow down. When we were done with dinner we walked the streets and explored the shops and other businesses. Free to wander, we took in our scenic surroundings. All in all, it was a tiring trip filled with lots of walking and learning, but it was truly a worthwhile experience. Don't miss out on this trip next year, 7th graders!

# Eighth Grade Last Wills

I, *Alex Ankney*, leave my awesome english teacher Mrs. Delhotel for you to have fun with, to **Jamie Aultinburg**.

I, *AnaMarie Augustyn*, Leave my awesome attitude and crazy comments in health to **Trent Anderson**!)

I, *Mia Avila*, leave my craziness, randomness to the **seventh graders**.

I, *Amanda Bally*, leave all the fun times in eighth grade to **any seventh grader**.

I, *Jessica Barnhart*, Leave my wonderful bright personality to **Alex Hall**.

I, *Michaela Bates*, leave all 150 vocabulary words to **seventh graders who like to learn new words**.

I, *Emily Bay*, leave my awesome wrestling manager skills, to **Clara Thorpe**!

I, *Katie Bell*, leave my favorite purple pen to **Brooke R**.

I, *Mae Bellovics*, leave my detentions to **any unfortunate 7th grader**.

I, *Abbey Blackburn*, leave all my common sense, book reports, and homework to **Brady Sibley**.

I, *Brice Bolhous*, leave my ability to annoy the teachers with tapping, to **Demonte Williams**

I, *Trevor Bolin*, leave my ability to be loved to **Brady Newman**.

I, *Lucas Bonnette*, leave all the detetion I could have got to **any 7th grader that gets in trouble**.

I, *Desiree Bridgeman*, leave my meomories and this awesome nickname Fluffy Rambo Squirrel to **my little sister that I love**.

I, *Dillon Burdick*, leave my childish ways behind cause my teachers taught me to act my age so I will.

I, *Maggie Bushman*, leave all the homework that is to come to **Hannah Acker**. Have Fun!

I, *Laron Carr*, leave wieght lifting behind and the basketball team for **Isah Robey**.

I, *Anthony Chacon*, leave my late homework an detentions to **Alex Bennet**.

I, *Cameron Charleston*, leave my shortness to **Sam Vaughn**.

I, *Alexander Clevenger*, leave my love of heavy metal music to **Mrs. Hamer**.

I, *James Cook*, leave my social skills to **who ever wants them**.

I, *Cheyenne Cooksey*, leave my patriot pride to **Sadie Burgess**.

I, *Megan Cooper*, leave my incredible flipping and tumbling skills to, the amazing, **Olivia Pultorak**.

I, *Ashley Currier*, leave my messy locker to **Caleb**

I, *Shauna Currier*, leave the good grades I had in English to **the 7th grader that love language arts**.

I, *Sam DeCrane*, leave my lunch detentions to **any 7th grader willing to suffer**.

I, *Spencer DeCrane*, leave my awesome sense of humor to **Frida Gonzalez**.

I, *Hannah Derksen*, Leave the made up games to **the 7th graders who mess around**.

I, *Katie Dewey*, leave my good grades to **Connor Sperling**.

I, *Madison Dixon*, leave my art skills to **Kenzie Barnhart**.

I, *Shana Drengenberg*, leave my book of Claire quotes to **Clara Thorpe**.

I, *Becca Drezen*, leave my sarcasm to **the stupendous and beautiful Train Tracks (a.k.a Hannah Acker) and Lauren Pillar. ;)**

I, *Miranda Dusing*, leave all of my awesome memories and good times and drama to **Isaiha Roby**.

I, *Aaron Eastman*, leave Miss Spencer's nonsense to **Espen Long**.

I, *Ashley Eich*, leave my crazieness to my cousin **Destiny Despain**.

I, *Hannah Edwards*, leave my doodling on my homework to **the art people**.

I, *Annie Etchison*, leave my so great dance talent to **Lauren Piller**.

I, *Molly Fane*, leave an entire year of Mrs. Renkes to **Erika Renkes**.

I, *Whitney Faley*, leave my Justin Bieber poster, to **Tayna Klenz** :)

I, *Jackie Felz*, leave my conveniently broken locker to **any lucky kid who receives it**.

I, *Haley Fitzsimmons*, leave behind all my great memories in 8th grade to **whomever gets my locker. (:**

I, *Jonathan Frey*, leave my grades to **Dean Wolber**.

I, *Meghan Fruin*, leave my funny humor to **Kylie Mitchell**.

I, *Jasmine Garcia*, leave my detentions from Mrs. Patterson to **the trouble making 7<sup>th</sup> graders.**

I, *Philip Garnhart*, leave the okay teachers to **Reece Childers.**

I, *Alex Gates*, leave pain killers for **the nurse.**

I, *Samantha Godare*, leave a spark of humor and lots of smiles to **Mr. Randick.**

I, *Mark Golden*, leave this Friday stay day slip, to **Mrs. Renkes**, the most evil teacher ever.

I, *Jade Glenn*, leave my awesomeness and ability to never get in trouble to **Tayna Klenz** and **Connor Sperling.**

I, *Evan Grady*, leave my motivational speeches to **Clara Thorpe** and I, *Evan Grady*, leave my height to **Jacob Fane.**

I, *Courtney Hale*, leave my out going personality to **Bryce Schaefer.**

I, *Aryana Halfman-Stephens*, leave my quirky, fun, odd, weird, and amazing personality to **Summer Rose** Barnhart and **Brooke Marie Rueter.**

I, *Jacob Harrison*, leave my fourth chair at IMEA to **Aaron Faivre.** Good Luck!

I, *Molly Harrison*, leave my good humor to **DUSTIN WOLBER!**

I, *Natalie Hatchett*, leave my locker (239) to **Jaslyn.**

I, *Sir Alex R. Helander*, leave my Awesomeness and Pac-MAN skills to **Josh Payne.**

I, *LB Helfrich*, leave my sense of humor to **Adeline Spangler!!!**

I, *Desiree Heniff*, leave all the teachers to **all the new eighth graders in 2011-2012!**

I, *Marie Hess*, leave my broken binder to **Tayna Klenz.**

I, *Christian Hicks*, leave my pencil and notebook to **any 7<sup>th</sup> grader that wants them.**

I, *Brandon Hill*, leave all the great teacher's to my friend **Kahil Edwards.**

I, *Lexie Hohlen*, leave my butt shaking to **Erika Renkes**, and my day-making entertainment to **Mekayla Anderson.**

I, *Austin Humphrey*, leave my old blue locker to **any seventh grader who wants a locker.**

I, *Errold F. Humphreys III*, leave locker number 240, to my brother **Thomas Humphreys.**

I, *Carissa Jacobsen*, leave my school to my little sister **Allysen Jacobsen.** She can rule the school all she wants. Make sure everyone is in line and everything is okay. Stop fights, stop start drama or anything and she will be Mature about it all!

I, *Samuel James*, leave my luck and fun in 8th grade to **Connor Sperling.**

I, *Ricky Jimenez*, leave my gym cloths to **Jisiah Avila.**

I, *Jakob Johnson*, leave my ninja skills to **Brandon Hey** so he can defend himself next time he gets jumped.

I, *Elizabeth Jones*, leave my humor to **Mr. Magnafici.**

I, *Kimberly Kehl*, leave all my unwritten notes to **Tia Cornell.**

I, *Nyree Kekstadt*, leave my witty jokes and funny pranks to **Rico S.**

I, *Sierra Kemp*, leave a brand new pair of eyes, to **Adeline Spangler.**

I, *Kelsey Ketchum*, leave my favorite teacher Mrs. Breedlove to **Tia Cornell.**

I, *Sydney Kitzman*, give up my made up funny words and nicknames to **Erika Renkes**, **Josh Payne**, and **Jazz McGlown**

I, *Emily Kullerstrand*, leave my terrific music playing skills to **all the seventh grade flutes.**

I, Taz Kuster, leave my broken desk that you can take apart in the class to **Mrs. Renkes** since it's in her class

I, *Lyss Kutz*, leave my legacy to **anyone and everyone who thinks they can take on the challenge of being as great as thou.**

I, *Carrie Lempke*, leave my writing ability to **Destiny Bridgeman.**

I, *Keenan Longan*, leave my pot of gold, bestowed upon me by leprechauns, to **Joshua Payne.** You can find a good use for it.

I, *Mikey Martinez*, leave my humor to **Cassie McClain**

I, *Chandler McClain*, leave my wire art project to **anybody who get'**

I, *Hunter McNelis*, leave behind my fun, positive ways, and creativity to **Brady Sibly.**

I, *Cody Mighell*, leave my pocket lint to **all the little seventh graders.**

I, *Chelci Miles*, leave the inside joke of "Chelci are you thinking about boys or something" to one of my favorite teachers **Mr. Randick.**

I, *Logan Miller*, leave my skill at kickball to **any student who likes to play sports.**

I, *Brittney Mills*, leave my squeaky locker number 245 to my cousin. **Gavin Brandon**

I, *Hailey Manzano*, leave my favorite 8th grade activities, my favorite 8th grade drama, and my favorite 8th grade teachers to **Tia Cornell.**

I, *Kolton Morgan*, leave the sweaty gym behind to **Thaison.**

I, *Zach Morrison*, leave my locker (#149) to **Espen Long**.

I, *Anisa Muhsin*, leave my sarcasm and laughter to **Hanan El-Ahmad** ^ \_ ^

I, *Zoiiee Myers*, leave many many Friday stay-days and office visits as well as fun times with friends to **Shae Bell, Chris Lozada, Serena Hall, and Karissa Stanford**.

I, *Allison Newman*, leave my bright smile and great memories to **Mrs. Kitzman**.

I, *Kyle Nutt*, leave luck for the **guys track team** for a chance at state next year.

I, *Samantha Odenthal*, leave a year's worth of happy memories to **Missy Goken**.

I, *Nate Olson*, leave my spirit and careness to **all of the people who will be coming to eighth grade this year**.

I, *Samantha Parish*, leave my volleyball talent to **Brooke R**.

I, *Gary Patterson*, leave my good grades to **Hunter Freed**.

I, *April Paul*, leave my purple pencil in locker #316 to **my sister Cassie McClain**.

I, *JJ Pieper*, leave my writing skills to **who ever wants it**.

I, *Matthew Pitts*, Leave my old and worn desk to, **William Mullan**.

I, *Emily Quaco*, leave my attitude, and my corner spot in Mr. Noack's class to **Sabrina Brimm**.

I, *Selvie Qulafi*, leave my lovely organizational skills to **Julietta Xheka**. (You're gonna need them!)

I, *Stephanie Raimonde*, leave my humorous jokes to **Phoenix**.

I, *Jonathan Reynolds*, leave behind my number 53 laptop to *the seventh graders*.

I, *Kaylyn Rice*, leave my blondeness to **Ally Jacobsen**.

I, *Bryce Robinson*, leave my happiness of 8th grade to **any 7th grader willing to take it**.

I, *Paige Rogers*, leave my attitude for not taking any drama or talk that comes my way and standing up for myself to **Courtney Rogers**.

I, *Amy Rotella*, give my best friend, the floor, to **Mrs. Renkes**.

I, *Katie Ruckman*, leave the 8th grade hallways, that i walked down to **the future 8th graders**, good luck.

I, *Mackenzie Ruckman*, leave my clean, and organized locker, to **any clean and organized 7th grader. Anyone who needs it**, it's yours.

I, *Matt Sanders*, leave an awe some school year to **Thaison and Thailer Somsri-Betts** and I, *Matt Sanders*, leave a time machine to **Matt Sanders**

I, *Katie Sauer*, leave my awesome craziness and loud voice to **Ethan Johnson (Squirt)**

I, *Angelica Segobaino*, leave my binder to **Kevin Lopez**.

I, *Abbey Schaefer*, leave my awesome flute skills to **Hannah Acker**.

I, *Joelle Schielein*, leave our handshake and all of the desks I've fallen asleep in to **Josh Wiseman**.

I, *Colton Schwartz*, leave my sleeping in class skills to **Sydney Fullington**.

I, *Samantha Scott*, leave my passing 8th Grade skills to hopefully **everyone** next year.

I, *Trent Scott*, leave my good grades to **Jamie Shafter**.

I, *Nayyab Sohail*, leave the tremendously hard algebraic and math equations, the lengthy book reports, and the wonderful teachers, to **Hanan El-Ahmed**.

I, *Brittani Sohn*, leave my memory of random handstands to **Erika Renkes** and I, *Brittani Sohn*, leave my memory of running hurdles to **Katie Hammitt**.

I, *Ian South*, leave my amazing trumpet playing skills to **Aaron Fairve**.

I, *Joel Spangler*, leave my Forrest Gump voice to **anyone that can do it as perfect it as I did**.

I, *Brittany Spears*, leave a pack of gum for **Mrs. Renkes** to put in the gum jar.

I, *Kylie Stahl*, leave all the detentions I should have had for gum to **David Ide**.

I, *Kennidy Summers*, leave my awesome hurdle and random handstand skills to **Erika Renkes and Katie Hammitt**.

I, *Bradley Taft*, leave my locker to **Josh Wisemen**.

I, *Stephanie Tressel*, leave my favorite teachers Mrs. Delhotal and Mrs. Breedlove to **any 7th grader that wants to have fun there 8th grade year**.

I, *Dan Troutman*, leave a piece of paper saying "I'm done" in locker 62 to **Tyler Fancher**.

I, *Rachael Turffs*, leave behind the infamous trials of eighth grade and Mrs. Renkes's homework to my unsuspecting sister, **Lauren Turffs** and any of her friends mean or otherwise.

I, *Kassidy Turner*, Leave all my drama and all my great times to **Hunter Freed**, My best friend's boyfriend!

I, *Devin Vaughn*, leave a bunch of good stuff to **Sam Vaughn**.

I, *Evan Ward*, leave my binder to **who ever wants it**.

I, *Ryan Webb*, leave my blackness to **Kyle Leblanc**.

I, *Justin Wilson*, leave my tennis photoed locker to my awesome 7th grade friend and my tennis partner, **Katie Hammitt**.

I, *Mitchell Wolfe*, leave my humor to **Tayna Klenz**.

I, *Kianda Yarbrough*, leave my popularity and courage to **Tionna Freeman**, and to **Kaylon Westmorland**, I leave my stinky socks.

I, *Megan Yater*, leave my decked out locker to **any Justin Bieber fan**.

I, *Austin Yore*, leave my courage to never back down to **all seventh grades who want it**.

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