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Council News

As announced recently, Mount Scopus College has purchased the property known as 'Tudor Court' in Kooyong Road, Caulfield North, and plans to develop new school facilities on the site in the future.

We believe that the College is best able to serve the future needs of the community by having a strong presence in the Caulfield/South Caulfield area. The Kooyong Road property will provide greater availability and access for many families.

The College has yet to decide how best to use this new property. However discussions and consultations have already begun and it is envisaged that the new facility will be operational within the next few years.

We believe that this is the most significant development the College has embarked upon in recent years. It is a very exciting time and we are all looking forward to a future that will continue to define Mount Scopus as a premier Jewish day school.

Our search for a new Principal is proceeding on track with local and international candidates under consideration. In addition to discussions with local candidates, we have also brought two international candidates to Melbourne for further interviews. Our pursuit of an outstanding person to be the next Principal continues to be focussed, determined and rigorous.

Chazak Ve'ematz

Ann Wollner
College President

A Show with Attitude



The inaugural Smorgon Family Primary School Musical, 'Attitude' was a show with a message. Featuring 150 students from Years 4 to 6, 'Attitude' was a moralistic tale of children who don't work well together, causing mayhem due to some rather unfortunate attitude problems.

The IB Primary Years Program places a strong focus on attitudes and the musical explored some of the attitudes we are trying to instil in our students through the lens of Noah, Adam and Joseph. These biblical figures shared their positive attitudes and provided examples of how they too needed to work on some challenging attitude issues.

Written by staff members Layla Sacker and Dani Aisen, students were involved in all areas of the musical; acting, dancing and singing, costumes, sets and backstage.

We thank Darryl Driver from Driver Bus Lines for donating the after-school buses to help get students home after rehearsals.



Learning for life



YEAR 7 STUDENTS STUDY THE HUMAN BRAIN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEMSELVES. FRONT: CHLOE BEDER, REBECCA LEIBEL. BACK: CALLI NORISKIN, JEREMY BUCHANEK, CATHY NATHAN (STUDENT SERVICES)

The Middle Years Program is designed to teach students to become independent learners who can recognise relationships between school subjects and the world outside.

Community and service start in the classroom and extend beyond it, requiring students to participate in the communities in which they live. This encourages responsible citizenship as it seeks to deepen students' knowledge and understanding of the world around them.

Year 9 students are working with the City of Whitehorse on a project to improve local waterways, while Year 8 students are studying Australia's indigenous people as part of their Humanities unit.

Along with the implementation of the MYP, all teachers are receiving the necessary training and professional development to enable them to bring the language of the MYP into the classroom.

Hold the Date
Community Farewell for Hilton Rubin
College Principal 1996-2006
Monday 27 November 2006, 7.30pm
Gandel Besen House

Please see invitation inserted with this edition of Kaleidoscope or contact Jan Whytcross on 9888 9022.

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Rabbi's Rap



NATALIE RATHNER, JOSH BERLINSKI, RABBI RALPH GENENDE, DAVID BULAFKIN, JAMIE CALLIS, BRETT SACKS, ALON TAKAC

In true Jewish style, Rabbi Ralph Genende's day usually starts the evening before. A typical weeknight will see him running a Scopus adult education evening or Bnei Mitzvah workshop, attending an executive meeting of the Rabbinical Council of Victoria, or meeting with the College's senior educators team.

Early next morning, the excited Bar Mitzvah boy being called up in the Bursztyn Synagogue on the Gandel Campus listens intently to Rabbi Ralph's short sermon.

As the first school bell rings, Rabbi Ralph is off to teach a Year 8 Talmud or Year 9 Tough Choices elective class, before dashing off to one of the other campuses to address a Primary school assembly on the upcoming Chag.

'Rap with Rabbi Ralph' (a discussion of topical events), a special Mincha service or a quick meeting for the annual Year 6 Shabbaton occupy his lunchtimes.

Constant interaction with individual students, parents and staff make up a large part of the Rabbi's day, as does working with small groups of students on special projects, like the College's Outreach and Tefillah programs. Then there's the weekly Parasha Rap or Beit Midrash session to prepare.

Before heading off to lecture at a Melton adult education class, there's time to fit in a home visit to a sick student or member of the Beit Aharon Congregation, of which he is also Chief Minister.

After that it's off to meet with two Old Collegians soon to be married by Rabbi Ralph, before finally heading home to prepare for the next day's classes.

What is worth learning?

At our last parent forum, parents were asked the question: What is worth learning?

The IB Primary Years Program (PYP) of Inquiry is designed to engage all students with different levels of knowledge and ways of learning, in the study of global issues such as health, conflict resolution, the environment and poverty.

Students are encouraged to develop their own questions related to the materials being studied. Through questioning, they learn there is a broad range of 'right' answers and they begin to appreciate the enormous, complex world in which they live.

In the past, students studied the festival of Passover through its customs and the story of the exodus. In the PYP Inquiry unit students explore the central idea that 'An appreciation of freedom can be achieved through understanding what slavery is'. In the past they studied Australian animals, now the unit has a more global focus and is an inquiry into the central idea, 'We share the planet with many animals and our actions can affect their habitat'.

"Students cannot possibly learn everything of value by the time they leave school but we can instil in them the desire to keep questioning throughout their lives."

Grant Wiggins



JACOB SILVER LEARNED ABOUT JOBS IN THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE AND DESIGNED A MACHINE TO DO ALL THE FAMILY'S COOKING AS PART OF THE UNIT OF INQUIRY ON 21ST CENTURY JOBS

Multiple maths minds

Over 200 maths minds converged at Scopus earlier this term, when the College hosted the Maths Association of Victoria Year 10 state-wide Mathematics Games Day.

Fifty-four teams from 25 schools competed in the day, as maths problems were debated and solved and new friendships formed.

Maths Games Days are an opportunity for students to develop their mathematical talents and thinking skills in a fun and exciting setting. Teams of four students compete for a variety of prizes, where team work and lateral thinking win the day. Mount Scopus finished in 8th position.

Maths Games Days are held for all levels during the year. Scopus won the Year 9 Maths Games Day held at Brunswick Secondary College in May.



JAKE NEWSTADT, SAMUEL SHARP, DANIEL SILPERT AND OSCAR HANNER WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE A PROBLEM

Annual Giving

Our hard working chairpersons Tammy Lincoln, Ginette Peterfreund and Brenda Steinberg guided volunteers and callers during the Annual Giving campaign with dedication and teamwork. Their passionate efforts ensured a successful outcome and are greatly appreciated.



BRENDA STEINBERG, GINETTE PETERFREUND, TAMMY LINCOLN

SASHA JONTOF-HUTTER, CLIVE LAWTON,
SAMSON ADAMS

Conference confronts

Students confronted controversial issues and dilemmas at the annual Year 11 'Kehilati' (my community) conference. The three-day conference brings together a host of local and international guest speakers and community leaders to challenge students and have an influence on their lives long after they have left school.

From the serious and sensational, to the lighthearted and entertaining, students selected from sessions presented in four streams: Jewish Life in Australia, Issues Facing the Australian Community, The Centrality of Israel and Text Study.

Keynote speaker and UK scholar in residence, Clive Lawton, opened the conference, while local presenters tackled topics including; 'The ultimate gift – the Jewish attitude to organ donation', 'Can Israel at the same time be a democracy and a Jewish state', 'They tried to kill me – confessions of a cult buster', and 'The whole of the bible in one hour'.

The Hon. Jeff Kennett from beyondblue was keynote speaker on day 2, and in a new addition to the conference, the afternoon of the second day was devoted to artists' workshops.

For over 130 Year 11 students the conference was one of the finest educational experiences of their school lives.

Co-operation is the key

Students at Gandel Besen House have been developing their co-operation skills this semester.

Through learning these important skills we hope the children develop resilience and the ability to manage their own emotions. This will enable them to better cope with life's challenges, at school and throughout their lives.

Kindergarten children have been encouraged to be more independent with their belongings, as well as making decisions and negotiating through play situations.

In the Primary School, programs have been introduced to support resilience, emotions and developing social skills to get along with others.

In addition a 'toy trolley' has been introduced, which children can access during lunch time. This trolley holds games that are interactive, encourage co-operation amongst students and provide children with an opportunity to interact with others.

Co-operation will continue to be a focus at GBH, and will be discussed at assemblies, at class level and modelled at every opportunity.

YEAR 3 STUDENT EMILY KLOOGER WORKS IN
CO-OPERATION WITH PREPS EMILY LEDERMAN AND
JADE KLOOGER ON AN ALLITERATION ACTIVITY

CROSSING THE BORDER

Kakadu explorers

During the last term break a group of 35 Year 11 students and staff set off to explore the heart of our great country.

Travelling to Darwin by bus, they were captivated by the wonderful sights of Coober Pedy and its opals, the size of Uluru and the Olgas, and Alice Springs with its Australian history.



AT THE TOP OF ULURU

Shabbat was spent in the town of Katherine, where warm hotel rooms and soft beds were welcomed by everyone, after the nights of camping.

Katherine Gorge, Mataranka Springs and Kakadu National Park allowed students to appreciate the incredible wildlife and birdlife that co-exist in Central Australia.

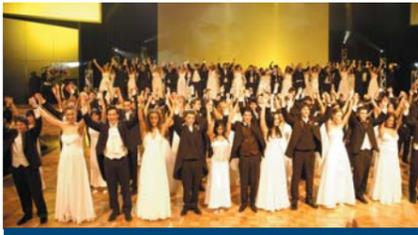
In Darwin they witnessed the effects of the Japanese attack on our shores during World War 2, as well as the devastation caused by Cyclone Tracy.

Register NOW for 2008, 2009 and 2010 places in our Early Learning Centres

Szalmuk Family and Fink Karp Ivany Early Learning Centres are now approved Long Day Care Centres, incorporating our educationally focussed kindergarten program and extended hours care to further assist our families. Long Day Care is available 48 weeks of the year, including school holidays (excluding Chagim).

Both Early Learning Centres are eligible for the Federal Government Child Care Benefit and the opportunity to claim the new 30% Child Care Tax Rebate.

Demand for class placements is extremely strong, therefore registering your child at a very young age is advantageous. For all enquiries regarding enrolment, programs, hours and charges, please contact Judy Fetter, Director of Admissions: jfetter@scopus.vic.edu.au or phone Admissions at the Gandel Campus on 9808 5722.



Presentation Ball

The 2006 Presentation Ball, convened by Jo Hansky, Jeanette Mass and Rhonda Rothschild was an outstanding success.

Approximately 1,800 people attended a remarkable production where 206 students were presented to their parents, grandparents, family and friends.

The College is extremely fortunate to have such selfless volunteers as Jo, Jeanette and Rhonda who worked tirelessly to produce an outstanding Business Directory, create fabulous decorations and recruit dedicated volunteers amongst their many tasks.

The support of the following sponsors is greatly appreciated: Caprice Australia Pty Ltd, Fella Hamilton, The Gandel Group of Companies, Knox City Orthodontics, Momentum Builders Pty Ltd, Rothschild Clothing Group, and the families of Yvonne and Ian Fayman, Helen and Tony Gandel and Mira and David Kolieb. We are proud to announce that over \$110,000 was raised for the College.

Our Year 12 Ball participants continued the Scopus tradition of donating to a charity in lieu of gifts for their partners. This year, \$3197 was donated to the One Family Fund which supports victims of terror in Israel.

Mazal Tov and thank you to all involved – Parents' Association, volunteers, students and staff.



BALL CONVENORS: JEANETTE MASS, JO HANSKY, RHONDA ROTHSCHILD

State champion



Mazal Tov to Year 12 student Daniel White, who won the state final of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority Plain English Speaking Award. He also contested the National Final in Brisbane.

Celebrity Trivia Night

The Celebrity Trivia Night hosted by Jane Flemming and Steve Bedwell at Lincoln of Toorak was a fabulous, fun event. Much laughter filled the venue with guests thoroughly enjoying the interactive PowerPoint trivia questions, table games, live auction and 'mystery envelopes'.

We are most grateful to the generous donors of the wonderful prizes. Many thanks go to our sponsors: Lombard the Paper People, Gourmet Kids, kp1 and Vignette, to our supporters Hocking Stuart (Caulfield), Dinergy and Orbit Travel, and to our amazing co-convenors Helen Reizer and Leanne Rostovsky for their contagious enthusiasm in organising this function. Helen and Leanne were ably supported by committee members: Rachelle Givoni, Annette Gubieski, Rachel Kessel, Vicki Lustig, Dana Rosen, Rhonda Rothschild, Lana Sheezel, Ellie Smorgon and Susan Yarrow.



BACK: YVONNE FAYMAN, RACHEL KESSEL, HELEN REIZER, LEANNE ROSTOVSKY, RHONDA ROTHSCHILD, BEV BLODE, LANA SHEEZEL, VICKI LUSTIG. FRONT: RACHELLE GIVONI, ANNETTEE GUBIESKI, DANA ROSEN, ELLIE SMORGON

We are honoured

Mount Scopus College is always delighted to acknowledge honours and awards received by members of our community.



Roy Tashi was awarded an OAM 'for his service to the Jewish community, particularly through a range of aged care, educational and cultural organisations'.

Mount Scopus College has been a grateful beneficiary of Roy's passion for over three decades. He has always been actively involved, held many key leadership positions, both policy making and fundraising, and is a committed Life Foundation Executive member of the College's Foundation. He is also a proud Scopus grandparent.



Joe Gersh, OC '72 and Scopus parent, was awarded an AM 'for service to business, commerce and public sector administration, and to the community, particularly through

Jewish organisations'. In addition to all his many other involvements, Joe's Scopus resume includes Member of the College Executive, College Vice President and Life College Councillor.

We wish them both a warm and hearty Mazal Tov and a Yasher Koach for these most deserved honours. We also thank their families for their unwavering support.

Scope Shop

The Scope Shop has recently taken in a record daily income and continues to sell clothing, household goods, jewellery and collectibles. Second-hand summer, winter and sport uniforms are available for sale to Primary and Secondary students at up to 50% off the new price. Parents are invited to sell their clean, good quality uniform items on a commission basis.

For those who have a few spare hours, please contact Bev Blode on 9888 9011 or Brenda McMahon, Scope Shop Manager, on 9523 0692 to volunteer in a warm and friendly environment. The shop is open 9.30am to 4.30pm weekdays.



VISITING JAPANESE STUDENTS WITH THEIR SCOPUS HOSTS

Konichiwa and Shalom

Japanese students from Hokkaido, the northern island of Japan, spent 12 days at Scopus recently. Most of the eight visiting students were hosted by two different Scopus families each and were exposed to both Australian and Jewish culture.

During their stay, the exchange students attended classes with their hosts and enjoyed an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. Our students also gained a lot from the visit, with improved Japanese language skills soon evident in class. Above all, everyone realised that friendship is borderless.

Thank you to our host students and their families, as well as the staff who made this visit such a great success. We hope the individual friendships between students continue to develop, and we look forward to another group visit at the same time next year.

Students reconcile

Aboriginal Reconciliation Week at Scopus provided students with a new appreciation of indigenous Australians.

Visiting didgeridoo players allowed students to appreciate indigenous culture, while indigenous football players from Hawthorn Football Club showed their talents on the footy field and engaged students in the universal language of sport.

Students enjoyed a boomerang throwing workshop with World Champion thrower Rob Croll at lunchtime, with varying levels of success achieved by the students in getting their boomerangs to 'return to sender'!



JASON SHULMAN, SERA BORENSZTAJN, NORMAN OWEN OAM (CHAIRMAN AND FOUNDER OF ABW), JOEL GORY

Australian Business Week win

Scopus students took out the top award in the Video Commercial section of the National Australian Business Week (ABW) Awards.

We were the only Victorian school represented at the National Awards and were delighted to win the Video Commercial section and come 4th place overall, from a field of over 150 schools.

Mazal tov to Team Ronde'view: Sera Borensztajn, Joel Gory, Brogan Efron, Sasha Jontof-Hutter, Jeremy Kraus, Jonathan Mond, Elise Nankin, Daniel Rosenthal, Jordan Snir, Wesley Wise and Danielle Kozminski and to teacher Jason Shulman who coordinated Scopus' ABW commitments.



DANIEL SPIVAK, JESSE ROSTOVSKY, MR ROB CROLL, DAVID STERN, JULIUS OLENSKI



HANNAH GERSH, RICKI SHER, ERIN BLASHKI, ADAM SEGAL (HEAD OF SMORGON FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL), EMMA KLEIN, ANDREA LIPSHUTZ

Sharing their Simcha

The College continues to gratefully receive donations marking special Simchas in the lives of our supporters.

Thank you to the five Year 6 girls, Erin Blashki, Hannah Gersh, Emma Klein, Andrea Lipshutz and Ricki Sher who requested donations to the College on the occasion of their recent Bat Mitzvahs. We are delighted by the example and values displayed by these B'not Mitzvah.

We are also grateful to the family and friends of Rebecca Krass (OC '63 and current grandparent), who generously donated to the College on the occasion of her 60th birthday.

Mazal Tov and thank you to all our supporters.

Little children, big hopes

During a weekly assembly at Fink Karp Ivany Campus the question was raised 'Why does Hashem not just bring peace to the world?'

This question was pondered upon for a while and students concluded that if we keep quiet no one will hear our prayers for peace. "It is up to us to get the message across", suggested one Year 3 student.

The students then decided to write poems on 'a recipe for peace' to send to various consulates around the world. Extending this theme, the upstairs corridor at FKI was turned into a 'walkway of peace' and students investigated different peace symbols and how to say peace in other languages.

We can see the effect the PYP program has had on our young students, who recognised a need, questioned why things happened, discussed what they could do to help and then took action.



JOEL FINK AND GABBY TAUBER IN THE WALKWAY OF PEACE

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Dor le Dor – Generation to Generation

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BIRTHS

Moran (Alfasi) '93 and Gill Dvir, Layla Candice (Kovacs) and David Bracka '87, Louis Sharon (Gance) '88 and Tony Rechtman, Coby Emma (Bloom) and Peter Robenstone '71, a son Kim Ashton and David Cohen '85, Shai Nicole (Potasz) '88 and Jeff Klein '85, Max Rosalie (Holsman) '87 and Jason Keddie, Jordan Michelle (Lewinsohn) '91 and Alex Azarkhin, Olivia Leeora (Rabinowitz) '95 and David Attias, Gur-Arieh Rosalin (Zeltser) '95 and Oliver Virnik, Alan Shelley (Smulevich) '77 and Bill Hatzis, Lillie Erroleen (Fung) '91 and Anthony King, Isabella Lisa (Brooks) '92 and Nathan Pastor '92, Deborah Louise (Bayth) '91 and Stephen Shostak '88, Bradley Rhonda (Butman) and David Nussbaum '86, Bailey Danielle (Mor) '91 and Jon Gordon, Abby Ruth (Boltman) '85 and Doodie Ringelblum, Hillel Melanie (Parker) '97 and Avraham Adelst, Moishe Natalie (Okun) '87 and Andrew Bassat, Benjamin Hadas (Cohen) and Michael Schwartzbord '93, Zohar Jordi (Rynderman) '93 and Alexander Sheard, Madeleine Valeria Minz '96 and Igor Gringruz, Seth Tamie (Grokop) '98 and Chaim Rosenthal, Yudis Karina (Valdivia-Florez) and Leon Szwidar '79, Lanie Lynne (Gaddie) and David Wilson '95, Ella Kiyomi (Mineura) and Joe Baladi '75, Joshua Daphna (Eshel) '94 and Daniel Klarnet, Aviv Ilana (Goldberg) '87 and Gary Starr '85, Maya Rebecca (Goodman) and Jeremy Glick '96, David Michelle (Moss) '88 and Noah Pereira, Raphael Monique (Hitler) and Boaz Stark '80, Joah Sabina (Bracka) '84 and Paul Berman '87, Jonah and Ruby Jaime (Guthry) '94 and Scotty Newett, Harry Sigale (Levy) and Michael Leipnik '88, Carley Charlotte (Morrow) and Adam Myer '91, Jesse Seveda (Ramadan) and David Simmelmann '89, Jada Lauren Levin '84 and Ra'anan Ben-David, Nathan Natalie (Muscatel) '91 and Ari Priester, Mia Davina (Samuel) '95 and Daniel Onas, Jesse Rachel (Benedikt) '84 and David Szmulewicz, Romy Karen (Ginsburg) '87 and Joshua Liberman '87, Raphael Melinda (Ashkenazy) '86 and Tony Tassone, Cara-Mia Ilana (Goldenberg) and Adam Pincus '87, Sara Monique (Haller) and Rohan Filer '90, Jasmine

Debra (Sacker) '94 and Kit McPhee, Lily Tamara (Feiglin) '92 and David van den Berg, Taya Elissa (Epstein) '86 and Mark Gaddie, Myles Melissa (Arnheim) '91 and Dudi Cohen, Eden Micaela (Bennion) and Simon Szmerling '87, Chelsea Debbie (Rose) '85 and Gideon Poratt '84, Noa Melissa (Bergman) and David Blumenthal '93, Sharni Ronit (Shoshana) and Marcus Chrapot '91, Ramel Tammy (Eliau) '88 and Ari Lederman, Abby Bonnie (Steel) and Roland Berman '88, Elijah Dana (Kramer) '96 and Adam Davidson '94, Benjamin Michelle (Buntman) '92 and Mick Ioannidis, Natiya Kate (Smorgon) '95 and Dean Mohr '94, Joshua Loni (Wajzman) '93 and Shane Binstock '89, Taya Karen (Rawack) and Lionel Katz '89, Samantha Christina (Sun) and Simon Edelstein '87, Skye Nicole (Murry) and Simon Rosenberg '90, Millie Tanya (Silverman) '90 and Tony Tsiakos, Ethan Cassie (Rosenberg) '96 and Jason Wrobel '89, Jesse Danielle (Wrobel) '87 and Richard Davies, Joshua Amber (Richmond) and Jamie Schwarz '88, Maya Belinda (Rapaport) '90 and Robert Minc, Hannah Laini Liberman '90 and Ben Rozenes, Charlie Michelle (Naftal) '93 and Andrew Casper '88, son

MARRIAGES

Tammy Simons '80 and Jeff Nadelman '86
Tamara Slomovic '98 and David Goldberg '97
Kara Fireman and Gilly Zimmer '93
Adele Grant '95 and Adam Lang
Judith Montag '95 and Daniel Perlstein
Rachel Little '91 and Leonard Samuel '91.
Rebecca Jaffe and Adam Burman '94
Thali Margalit and Jonathan Lipshut '88
Melissa Feldmann and Darren Lewenberg '90
Hiba Moussa Shoufany and Michael Goldberg '82
Kirsti Binko '91 and Mark Pessio
Naomi Moitz-Teroi and Dovid Cohen '82
Georgie Bancroft and Simon Bergman '92
Leora Muchnik '91 and Michael Schmulian
Nicola Atkin and Darion Pohl '90

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Terrence A Campbell AO	Rachel Kalman OAM
Joseph I Gersh AM '72	E Rifka Knox OAM
Michael S Gudinski AM '69	Zipporah Oliver OAM
Colin L Rubenstein AM '60	Maxwell Shavitsky OAM
Joseph Aarons OAM	Geoffrey M Sussman OAM
Peter A Bancroft OAM	Roy R Tashi OAM
Reuven S Herzog OAM	

Reunions

Please visit the Scopus website and register as an Old Collegian to receive your reunion information and reconnect with fellow classmates: www.scopus.vic.edu.au and click on 'Old Collegians'.



The **Class of 1966** laughed and reminisced at their 40 year reunion. As well as catching up, they enjoyed some hilarious anecdotes and a special dedication. Thank you to Meera Freeman and Nerrida Pohl and all those involved in organising the day.

Class of 1996

Sunday 17 September 2006
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Class of 1986

Wednesday 22 November 2006
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Class of 1976

Tuesday 28 November 2006
(Please note change of date)
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Class of 1987

Sunday 29 April 2007
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