



Newsmakers

► Items of interest about and for members of our Angus family

IN THE NEWS

Tosha Powell joined Angus Productions Inc. (API) Dec. 31, 2007, as assistant editor for the *Angus Journal* and *Angus*



Tosha Powell

Beef Bulletin. Her responsibilities include interviewing, proofing, magazine production, writing articles, and representing the *Angus Journal* and *Angus Beef Bulletin* at industry events.

Powell graduated from Oklahoma State University (OSU) with a bachelor's degree in agricultural communications and a minor in agricultural economics. While at OSU, Powell was a member of the OSU Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow (ACT), serving as secretary. She was also involved in community service projects, such as Hunt for Hunger and Into the Streets. She spent summer 2007 interning at the American Hereford Association as the communications intern for the *Hereford World*. In her last semester at OSU, she was chosen as co-graphics coordinator for the *Cowboy Journal*, a 52-page publication produced entirely by agricultural communications seniors. She directed a staff of 16 peers with magazine layouts, pictures and editing questions.

Raised on her parents' small commercial farm/ranch in Amber, Okla., she has a keen sense of livestock and the industry. While growing up, Powell was active in the

Oklahoma FFA and 4-H, showing livestock and competing in local, state and national FFA events.

Carl Moberg, a native of Brookings, S.D., began a six-week internship with API in January. Moberg attends South Dakota State University (SDSU), majoring in animal science. Moberg assists Eric Grant, Creative Media manager, and Crystal Young,



Carl Moberg

Creative Media coordinator, with department projects such as marketing communications, video and photographic productions.

He plans on using skills learned at API on his own cattle operation, as well as any freelance opportunities that come available.

"I want to learn more about seedstock merchandising and the advertising side of the cattle industry," Moberg says. "I would like to advance my cow herd and position within the industry with the knowledge I obtain from Eric and Crystal."

Moberg is a junior at SDSU where he is involved in the Block & Bridle Club. He also enjoys showing cattle, as he did in FFA and 4-H while in high school. He plans to return to school after his internship to finish his degree and then continue managing his herd and custom agricultural fencing operation.

"It's ironic that I am interning at the American Angus Association," he says. "As

an 8-year-old 4-Her, I gave my first public speech about the benefits of Angus genetics. Who would have thought I would end up interning here?"

Kenneth Eitel, Green Castle, Mo., has been named the Northeast Missouri Livestock Person of the Year. Eitel is just the fifth person to be inducted into the Northeast Missouri Livestock Hall of Fame.

Eitel and his family have been involved in the cattle business for more than 70 years. He has been a member of the American Angus Association since 1945 and is a charter member of the Missouri Angus Association, where he has served as a board member.

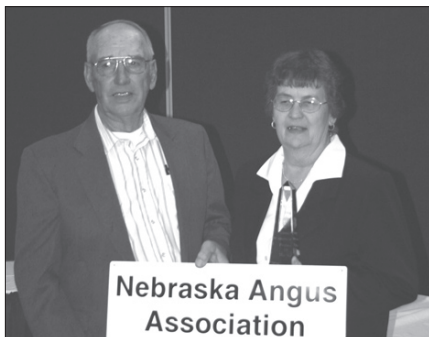
Catalpa Grove Angus Farm, owned by Eitel and his wife, Barbara, became nationally known through its successes in the showing. Eitel is the only exhibitor to have shown three grand champion steers at the American Royal.

The Catalpa Grove Angus herd has also produced champion and high-placing steers and breeding cattle at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS), Denver, Colo.; Southwestern Livestock Exposition, Fort Worth, Texas; the Chicago International, Chicago, Ill.; and the Houston Livestock Show, Houston, Texas. Eitel has also exhibited cattle at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky., and at the local Northeast Missouri District Fair. In addition, he has judged cattle shows all over the Midwest.

In addition to serving on their boards, Eitel has had several champions and top-

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Nebraska Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Dec. 7, 2007, Kearney



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► **Kenneth and Marion Dethlefs, Dethlefs Angus Ranch, Ravenna**, receive the Producer of the Year Award.



► **Bart and Dianne Trout, Filley**, receive the Pioneer Producer Award.



► **Virginia and Lewis Laflin, Laflin Angus Farms, Crab Orchard**, receive the Pioneer Producer Award.

selling animals at the Missouri State Angus Show and Sale, the Northeast Missouri Angus Association Sale, Green Hills Angus Association Sale and the Chariton Valley Angus Association Sale. Eitel received the Outstanding Seedstock Producer Award from the Northeast Missouri Beef Cattle Improvement Association.

A graduate of Kirksville High School where he was an FFA member, Eitel was also a member of the Liberty 4-H Club starting at age 8. He was a 4-H leader for 25 years, served on the Adair County Extension Council and served on the Farmers Home Administration (FHA) Board. Eitel has also received the Outstanding Young Farmer

Award from the Kirksville Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Kirksville Kiwanis Club and an Adair County 4-H Council award presented by the Bank of Kirksville. He was also a member of the Adair-Schuyler Cattlemen's Association.

Through the years Eitel has provided grooming and showmanship clinics for area youth, hosted numerous 4-H, FFA and university judging teams for practice sessions, hosted the University of Missouri Extension statewide cattle tour, was a stop on the Chamber of Commerce Farm Tour, and hosted the Kiwanis Club Picnic.

The Eitel herd was dispersed in December 2006.

Bud McBride, Benalto, Alta., Canada, was inducted into the Alberta Angus Hall of Fame Dec. 1, 2007, at Westerner Park,



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Bud McBride

Alberta Angus Association field days have been hosted at Riverbend, involving

Red Deer. McBride is among the first five inductees in the "Angus Breed Builder" category. As of 2007, purebred cattle have walked the pastures at McBride's Riverbend Farm for 71 years.

Indiana Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Dec. 28, 2007, Indianapolis



►The 2008 Indiana Angus Ass'n officers and board of directors are (seated, from left) **Mark Smith**, Whitestown, immediate past president; **Doug Sherman**, Laconia, president; **Bruce Lamb**, Milford, first vice president; **Chris Wickard**, Greenfield, second vice president; **Judy Brown**, Greenfield, secretary; **David Smith**, Greensburg, treasurer; (standing, from left) **Jay Davis**, Michigantown; **Leslie Carmichael**, Bloomington; **Karl Gillette**, Cloverdale; **Steven Shoup**, Thorntown; **Robert Dragani**, Plymouth; **Michael Haag**, Plymouth; **Philip Howell**, Winchester; **Bradley Ferree**, Jasonville; **Troy Thompson**, Vallonia; **Theodore Willer**, Greencastle; **Michael Kittle**, Centerpoint; **Andrew Howell**, Milltown; and **Cathy Watkins**, Middletown, American Angus Association Director.



►**Watkins** receives the Indiana Angus Ass'n President's Award.



►**J&J Angus, Joey Kubesch**, Peru, receives the Indiana Historic Angus Herd Award.



►The 2008 Indiana Angus Auxiliary officers are (standing, from left) **Jamie Lowes**, Greenfield, president; **Tracey Leeper**, Argos, first vice president; **Karen Smith**, Greensburg, secretary-treasurer; and **Sandra Carmichael**, Bloomington, past president.



►**Kade Patton** won the Jim Singleton Show Heifer of the Year Award. Pictured are (from left) Steve, Karson and Kade Patton, all of Frankfort.



►The **Ken Sherbahn family**, South Whitley, receives the Don Snett Memorial Award. Pictured are (from left) Rich and Pamela Lindamood, Edinburgh, presenting the award; Craig, Kenneth, Pam and Cari Sherbahn.



►**Left: Hanauer Angus** receives the Indiana Historic Angus Herd Award. Pictured are (from left) Barbara and Darren Hanauer, Bloomfield.

►**Right: Royale Manor Angus Farm** receives the Indiana Historic Angus Herd Award. Pictured are (from left) James Thompson and Troy Thompson, both of Vallonia.



►**Shadymere Farm** receives the Indiana Historic Angus Herd Award. Pictured are (from left) Kevin, Debbie, Kristin and Jeremy Swaim, all of Marshall.

demonstrations of livestock judging, tattooing, showmanship training, foot trimming and pasture programs. McBride has also done the same for 4-H clubs. A life member of the American and Canadian Angus associations, McBride has served on the board of directors of the Central Alberta Angus Club, the Alberta Angus Association and the Canadian Angus Association.

McBride started his judging career in 1945, winning the competition at the University of Alberta's young people's week. In 1947, McBride and David Bradshaw won the 4-H beef judging competition of Alberta and represented the province at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. He continued judging many 4-H competitions and major shows in Halifax, the Toronto Royal Winter Fair (three times), the Regina Bull Sale, Vancouver and a livestock show on the Borders, England.

For a number of years, McBride assisted Alberta and American Angus breeders with showing their cattle. Herds he assisted included Old Hermitage, Edmonton; Don Head Farms, Ontario; Great Oakes Farms, Michigan; and Homeplace Farms (owned by J.C. Penney), Missouri.

While helping Homeplace Farms at

the Chicago International livestock show, McBride had the opportunity to help prepare a steer from Iowa (owned by Janice Hullinger). The steer won the grand championship and the decision was made to send it to New York to appear on the *Ed Sullivan Show*. The Hullinger family asked McBride to care for the steer and help with showing him in New York.

In the 1960s the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. (CBC) had a half-hour television program that aired on Sunday afternoons called "Country Calendar." When McBride's family herd involving his parents dispersed in October 1967, the CBC came to the farm and filmed a piece that featured the farm and the sale.

McBride and his wife, Barbara, have two children, John and Susan. Susan resides in Big Timber, Mont., with her husband and son. John is the fourth generation to raise purebred Angus cattle and is the current manager of Riverbend Farm.

Rod Wesselman, Moses Lake, Wash., was awarded the Grant County Cattleman of the Year Award during the Grant County Cattlemen's 2007 Annual Meeting in October. The award was established

to recognize those Grant County cattle producers and stakeholders who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the cattle industry.



Rod Wesselman

Wesselman grew up on his family's wheat and commercial cattle operation in Bridgeport, Wash. He was an active member of 4-H and FFA, holding

leadership positions and raising livestock in both organizations. Wesselman followed his interest in agriculture and attended Washington State University where he was an active member of Block & Bridle and the Rodeo Production Committee. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in general agriculture and a minor in animal science.

After graduation, Wesselman worked on an Angus ranch in Washington state, then traveled to Australia for six months, learning about Australian cattle production and marketing. He also worked as a territory manager for Walco International, as an

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assistant manager for the Quincy Livestock Market, and as an area representative for the Shasta Livestock Auction/Western Video Market in California before becoming a regional manager with the American Angus Association in 1992.

Wesselman has been an active member of the Allied Industry Committee of the Washington Cattlemen's Association, which he currently chairs.

IN PASSING

Lou Ann Turner, 73, Eldorado, Texas, died Nov. 24, 2007, at her home.

Lou Ann was born May 2, 1934, in San Angelo, Texas, to Otis and Ora Deal of Mertzon, Texas. Her childhood through adult years were spent in Mertzon.

She married Jack Turner July 2, 1954. They owned and operated J&L Angus Ranch of Eldorado.

Life members of the American Angus Association, she and her husband also served together at Southgate Church of Christ. Lou Ann worked in the Schleicher County tax office for 17 years and was the Schleicher County tax assessor-collector for eight years.

In addition to her husband, Lou Ann is survived by daughters Theresa, Cindy and Amy; son Ricky; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mack Olson, 41, Saint Ignatius, Mont., died Dec. 10, 2007, as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident.

Mack was born Jan. 5, 1966, to Lloyd and Jo Ann Olson in Grinnell, Iowa. He



Mack Olson

graduated from BGM High School in Brooklyn, Iowa, in 1985. Mack's interest in the beef industry drove him to enroll in the beef program at Rick's College in Rexburg, Idaho. During college Mack

completed internships at various ranches, including Nelson Angus Ranch, Salmon, Idaho; and Sitz Angus Ranch, Harrison, Mont. After graduating from college, he went to work for B&L Angus Ranch of Shawnee, Okla.

In 1988, Mack went to work for Stewart Angus Ranch, where he met his true love, Wendy Stein. They were married Nov. 24, 1990, in Lewistown, Mont.

For the next few years Mack had his own custom-feeding and fitting business, traveling to various shows to fit show cattle.

Mack and Wendy moved to Midway, Utah, in 1991, where Mack managed River Meadows Ranch and later Duncan Angus Ranch in Aberdeen, Idaho.

In 1994 they moved to Saint Ignatius to manage the Inniway Angus Ranch for Bill and Pert Wunderlich. After the Inniway dispersion in 2002, Mack joined the Mytty Angus Ranch program. With cattle spread from the Bitterroot Valley to the Mission Mountains, Mack and Kevin Mytty established a herd of registered Angus cattle known worldwide.

Mack had been a proud member of the American Angus Association since 1994, the Montana Angus Association and the Western Montana Angus Association. He was a director for the Western Montana Stockgrowers Association and a beef superintendent for Lake County 4-H.

Mack was devoted to the local 4-H club and loved working with the youth. He had a passion for cattle and an eye to fit the champion of champions. He was always willing to share his knowledge, as well as his smile. In 1995 one of Mack's greatest accomplishments was winning the Herdsman Award at the Western National Angus Futurity in Reno, Nev.

Mack lived for his family and touched the hearts of many.

In addition to his wife, Mack is survived by daughter Kyla, son Kane, his parents, brothers Marc and Matthew, and sisters Mindy and Molly.

A fund to provide Angus youth scholarships in Mack's memory was started at the Angus Foundation with the sale proceeds from donated embryos at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) Angus Female Sale Jan. 18. Contributions to the Mack Olson Memorial Scholarship Fund can be made payable to the Angus Foundation and mailed to 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506.

Stanley Shaw, 68, Sun Prairie, Wis., died Dec. 16, 2007, of pancreatic cancer at University Hospital in Madison, Wis.

The son of Merval and Blanche (Ellis) Shaw, he was raised on a farm in the town of Moundville, Wis., near Endeavor. He was a graduate of Portage High School and the University of Wisconsin Agricultural Farm Short Course. Stan married Barbara Kennedy on Oct. 14, 1961.

Stan spent 30 years in the financial and securities field with B.C. Ziegler and Co. in West Bend. He then became director of development for the Wisconsin State Fair Park and was instrumental in developing

and building the new Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center facility.

In 1997 he was appointed by Tommy Thompson and Wisconsin Secretary of Agriculture Ben Brancel to serve as executive assistant to the secretary, followed by the position of administrator, agricultural development and marketing and international trade.

He was active in community service. A life member of the American Angus Association since 1973, Stan also served as president and board member for the Wisconsin Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Ozaukee and Washington counties 4-H foundations, Wisconsin Angus Association, Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, and the State Fair Park Youth Foundation.

He and his wife were named 1991 Advisors of the Year by the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). Other awards include a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; Friend of Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association for his work with youth programs; and the Service Award from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. His latest project was the development of the Wisconsin Institute for Heart and Lung Transplants Research to improve the quality and longevity of life for transplant patients.

Stan enjoyed time spent with his family, especially if it involved showing livestock.

In addition to his wife, Stan is survived by daughters Mary and Ann; his father; a sister; and five grandchildren.

Dennis Mitchell, 51, Centerview, Mo., died Dec. 25, 2007, at Saint Luke's East Hospital in Lees Summit, Mo.

Dennis was born in Kansas City, Mo., March 17, 1956, to Ruth and William Mitchell. He graduated from Ruskin High School in 1974. He married his high school sweetheart, Lyn Sydney, April 8, 1978.

Dennis was a third-generation telephone man, retiring from AT&T with 30 years of service in October 2007. He and his wife achieved their dream in 2000, when they moved to Centerview and started Clover Ridge Farms, a registered black Angus cattle operation. They became members of the American Angus Association in 2001. Dennis was also a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus.

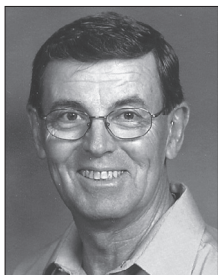
Dennis said his proudest accomplishment was his family. He coached his children's baseball and basketball teams while they were growing up, providing leadership on and off the field. Even after being diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS) in May

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2006, he continued to encourage others to “have the best day ever.”

In addition to his wife, Dennis is survived by son Matthew, daughter Crystal, his mother, brothers Steven and Kevin, sister Teresa, and two grandchildren.

Gary Brost, 65, Harrodsburg, Ky., a former longtime resident of Oxford, Ky., died Jan. 1 at his home in Harrodsburg.



Gary Brost

Gary was born May 27, 1942, in Lafayette, Ky., to Leonard and Viola (Evans) Brost. He was a graduate of Oxford High School and attended Purdue University. He married Linda

Barnard Aug. 11, 1962, at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Oxford.

Gary was a farmer and cattle breeder in Oxford for many years and a life member of the American Angus Association since 1973. While living in Oxford, he bred and raised two national champion Angus bulls. He was

named a Master Breeder at the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity. He and his family traveled many miles showing their prize-winning Angus.

In 1990 he turned his farming operation over to two of his sons and took a management position at Forsythe Land and Cattle in Marshall, Ill., where he built an elite Angus herd that produced many national champions. Gary retired in 2003 and moved to Harrodsburg. He continued to raise Angus cattle and served on the Mercer County Cattlemen's board of directors.

In addition to his wife, Gary is survived by daughters Glenda and Nancy; sons Chuck, Nick and Michael; 12 grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

► WEDDINGS

Joy (Thurman) and **John Bramblett** were married Dec. 22, 2007, in Gainesville, Ga. Joy is the daughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Thurman of Gainesville. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bramblett, Elberton, Ga. John, his father and family own and operate Bramblett Angus near Elberton. John and Joy will reside in Elberton.

► ANGUS ARRIVALS

Sam and **Jenniann Workman**, Bar DB Cattle Co., Prineville, Ore., announce the birth of their son, **Macquarie James**, born Dec. 3, 2007. He weighed 9 lb., 4 oz., and was 20½ in. long. He was welcomed home by sister Lia.

Grandparents are Curt and Maureen Workman, Prineville; and Guy and Sandra Cooke, Bend, Ore.

► INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Tom Frey, Creston, Iowa, won the Livestock Marketing Association's (LMA's) Eastern Regional World Livestock Auctioneer Championship (WLAC), Nov. 27, 2007, at the Fort Payne Stockyard, Fort Payne, Ala. The reserve champion at Fort Payne was **Dustin Focht**, Stillwater, Okla., and the runner-up champion was **Joel Martin**, Williamston, S.C.

In addition to the three winners at each of the four regional qualifying contests, the next five highest scorers will also move on to the June WLAC.

At Fort Payne, those five were, in alphabetical order, **Jeff Bynum**, Southside,

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Ala.; **Shannon Davis**, Yantis, Texas; **Eli Detweiler Jr.**, Ruffin, N.C.; **Ronald Knopp**, Watertown, Tenn.; and **Brandon Neely**, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

Matt Lowery, Burwell, Neb., won LMA's Midwest Regional Championship Dec. 8, 2007, at the Lamoni, Iowa, Livestock Auction Inc.

The next five highest scorers at Lamoni were, in alphabetical order, **Don Clark**, Winner, S.D.; **Charly Cummings**, Yates Center, Kan.; **Justin Dodson**, Welch, Okla.;

Gabe Spikes, Bowie, Texas; and **Al Wessel**, Long Prairie, Minn.

The 45th annual WLAC will be June 28 at Sioux Falls Regional Livestock, Worthing, S.D.

Steve Damron, Oklahoma State University (OSU), has been named a 2007 recipient of a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Sciences Excellence in College and University Teaching Award.

A member of the OSU faculty since 1988, Damron is an educational teacher and author. His book, *Introduction to Animal Science: Global, Biological, Social and Industry Perspectives*, is one of the most widely used animal science texts in the world.

Tracy Brunner, Ramona, Kan., was elected president of the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) Nov. 30, 2007, at the group's annual business meeting in Wichita, Kan. **Todd Allen**, Wichita, will represent KLA's 5,900 members as president-elect.

Steve Brown, a Missouri native with 25 years of service to agricultural education and the National FFA Organization, has been named executive secretary of the half-million member FFA. The federally chartered FFA operates in cooperation with the USDA.

Brown, who will assume his duties March 3, replaces C. Coleman Harris, who retired in September after 46 years in agriculture education.

In addition to his title of national FFA executive secretary, Brown will also become a program specialist for agriculture, food and natural resources sciences within the Education Department's Office of Vocational and Adult Education.

Accelerated Genetics recognized its top sales representatives at the company's annual Top Achievers Banquet at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison, Wis. Thirty-seven sales representatives, servicing customers across the U.S. and Mexico, were honored in the presence of the board of directors and staff.

Five individuals took home the top honor bestowed upon each sales position, the President's Award, given by Accelerated Genetics President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Roger Ripley. Winning the President's Award were **Jason Goke**, Belleville, Wis.; **Todd Wenzel**, Menasha, Wis.; **John Merrill**, Sulphur Springs, Texas; **Scott Brim**, Roswell, N.M.; and **Juan Martinez**, Torreon, Mexico.

President's Award runners-up were **Gary Hansen**, Richland Center, Wis.; **Dennis Thompson**, Mondovi, Wis.; **Ivan Smith**, Middleton, Idaho; and **Frank Cody**, Farwell, Texas.

The National FFA Organization honored **Lincoln Electric Co.** for its 60-year commitment as a sponsor at the organization's national convention in October in Indianapolis, Ind.

Gardiners claim AQHA Superhorse title

It might not have been Garth and Amanda Gardiner's first trip to the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) World Championship Show, but it was sure their first Superhorse title. Ridden by Brad Lund, their mare Shiners Diamond Jill won the 2007 AQHA Sooner Trailer Superhorse title.

"I never dreamt I would have the opportunity being down here doing this," Garth said. "It's not our first horse show or our first World Show, so we understand the degree of difficulty to accomplish what we've done."

"Jill," a 7-year-old daughter of Shining Spark and out of Zans Diamond Jackie by Zans Diamond Sun, qualified for four events: performance halter mares, senior working cow horse, senior heading and senior heeling. With Lund aboard, she finished third in senior heading and fourth in senior heeling, giving her 29.5 points and the Sooner Trailer Superhorse title.

"She's a once-in-a-lifetime individual," said her owner Garth Gardiner. "She has a tremendous amount of ability, but the guy



PHOTO BY JIM BRET CAMPBELL

► Shiners Diamond Jill, owned by Garth and Amanda Gardiner, Ashland, Kan., is the 2007 AQHA Sooner Trailer Superhorse.

on top [of] her has got about as much ability as she has."

In addition to a great horse, the feat requires a little bit of luck, Garth added, "because there were some tremendous horses. Any one of them could have won it. We're very blessed again, and I owe it all to God."

Following Jill in the standings were Kamanyawannadance, owned by Leslie

Lange; Luke Here Honey, owned by the Ann L. Call Estate; Show Diva, owned by Joe and Karen Moran; and Movin Artfully, by Melissa A. Doddridge.



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