

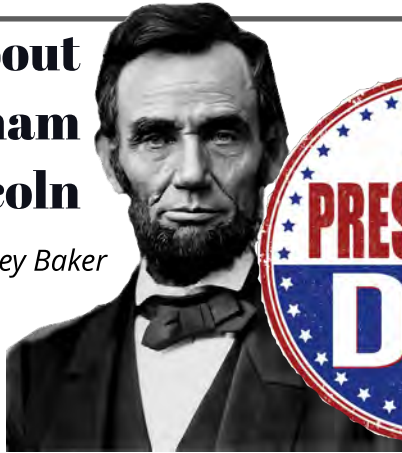
The Chronicles of Trinity

February 2023

All About Abraham Lincoln

by Riley Baker

"I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not



bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light I have." Abraham Lincoln

You may know Abraham Lincoln for being the sixteenth President or for his famous speech, the Gettysburg Address. If you still don't know him, that's alright! Let's start by looking at his childhood, Abraham Lincoln moved many times in his childhood and a few times in adulthood. He was born in Kentucky in 1809.

From the time he was a child, Lincoln he loved to read. He was so honest he gained the nickname of Honest Abe as a boy. When his neighbor lent him a book and he destroyed it by accident, Lincoln admitted what he had done to the book. He also said he would find a way to replace the book or repay him. The neighbor told him not to worry about it because he was honest and didn't lie. In 1818 his mother, Nancy Lincoln, died from milk poisoning. When Abraham was nine and his sister Sally was eleven, his father (Tom Lincoln) left for town to find a wife. He was gone for six months leaving them with very little to eat. When Tom

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George Washington

by Sophia Garcia

George Washington was the first President of the United States. He was 57 years old when he became President and during his Presidency, Washington commanded the Continental Army of the American Revolutionary war. While he was president, he started to lose his teeth and an abscessed tooth was the reason that Washington did not smile in his portrait. George Washington died on December 14 due to a severe throat infection, but will forever be remember as the first President of the United States of America.



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returned he had a wife whose name was Sarah Bush Johnston. She was a widow with three kids. When Sarah learned how much Abraham loved to read she brought him six books from Indiana. His father was not always the nicest person. His father thought that reading was laziness and thought that his time would be better spent doing work. His father would also punish them physically. They moved to Illinois from Kentucky in 1830 but Abraham was not 21 yet. When Lincoln turned 22, he left his home and moved to New Salem Illinois. Six months after Lincoln came to New Salem he announced himself as an independent candidate for a seat in the Illinois State legislature. Soon after entering the race, Lincoln signed up for a 30-day term to fight in the Black Hawk War in 1832. In 1835, he began to study law. Lincoln started becoming more well known when he became a lawyer in 1836 at the age of 25. In 1840 he met Mary Todd (his future wife). They got engaged against her family's wishes, but in 1841 Lincoln called off the engagement. Later they began dating again and got married on November 4, 1842. They had four kids together whose names were Robert Todd Lincoln, William Wallace Lincoln, Edward Baker Lincoln, and Thomas (Tad) Lincoln. During his 1846 election campaign, Lincoln did not make the U.S. entry into the Mexican American War an issue, an omission that likely helped him to win by a significant majority. In November of 1860, Abraham Lincoln was elected as the 16th President of the United States of America. Lincoln left his home in Springfield, Illinois, to go to Washington, DC, on February 11, 1861. Lincoln led the country through the Civil War, but did they win? As one book stated, "The Gettysburg Address, for all its brevity, was an eloquent eulogy to the sacrifices made by the soldiers who died in battle, but it was also a reminder that a grateful nation had an obligation to honor their sacrifice with a renewed dedication to freedom." In answer to the previous question, yes! Lincoln led the country into victory. In the election of 1864 Lincoln won again and was re-elected as the president. One thing that I especially admire about Lincoln's life is he was an honest person all the time.

He stood for the things he did in his life and didn't lie. He would always tell the truth no matter what. Unfortunately on April 14, 1865 the Lincolns went to see the play "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater. While they were watching the play, Lincoln's bodyguard left his post and never came back. The Lincolns were sitting there minding their own business. John Wilkes Booth came up behind President Lincoln and shot him in the back of the head. Doctors tried to keep Lincoln alive, but as his breathing faded on April 15 at 7:22 a.m. - nine hours after the President had been shot - Lincoln died. On May 4, his body was brought back to Springfield, Illinois.





February 22

Ash Wednesday - Lent begins

What is Lent?

Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten season as the pastor uses ashes to make the sign of a cross on each believer's

forehead. Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Without a

Savior, sin marks us. We can't wash it away or erase what nailed our Savior to Calvary's tree, but we are new through Christ on the cross.

Isaiah writes, "He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

Lent is forty-day season of repentance: a time for God's Church to examine our hearts before celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

Just as rain fell on Noah, as the children of Israel wandered, and as Jesus fasted and was tempted in the desert, so during the forty days of Lent, God's people contemplate the cross, fixing their eyes on a Savior, who bore the sin of the world.

With it, the Lenten season brings solemn midweek services. Alleluia, meaning "Praise the Lord," is omitted from the liturgy until Easter.

Some choose to fast or give something up to more clearly focus on our Savior through prayer and study.

Deep violet drapes the Lenten altar—the color of royalty and repentance—as we turn from sin toward the mercy of Christ, our King.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17

Watch the video, "What is Lent?" from Concordia Publishing House at: <https://tinyurl.com/LENT-cph>.



March 3

Minute to Win It

Friday Family Fun

Game Night

6:30 to 8 p.m.

**FREE & OPEN TO THE
COMMUNITY**

**Game time for
all with activities
designed by
Trinity's 5th
through 8th
graders.**



March 10

Grandparents' Day

8:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Grandparents (and honorary grandparents) are invited to join their students in a half day of special Friday activities, beginning with a light breakfast, followed by a chapel service presented by Trinity's kindergarten through 2nd grade students. Enjoy a performance by Trinity's student handbell choir, activities, and a classroom visit.

**Parents, please complete the RSVP form
for Grandparents' Day at
<https://tinyurl.com/TLS-grandparents>**

National Cherry Pie Day & National Cherry and Berry Month by Angelina Iverson

National Cherry Pie Day is February 20, 2023. Cherry pie is a delicious treat to eat anytime of the year! I have an easy and pretty quick way to make a delicious cherry pie.

Ingredients:

- 1 box of softened pie crusts
- 2 cans (21 oz each) cherry pie filling
- 1 teaspoon milk
- 1 teaspoon sugar



Heat oven to 425°F. Make pie crusts as directed on the box for Two-Crust Pie, using a 9" glass pie plate.

Spoon pie filling into a crust-lined plate. Top with second crust; seal edge and flute. Brush top crust with milk; sprinkle with sugar. Cut slits in several places on the top crust.

Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until the crust is golden brown. After 15 to 20 minutes of baking, cover the crust edge with strips of foil to prevent excessive browning. Cool at least 1 hour before serving.

March is the month of both Cherries and Berries. There are a couple types of berries I bet you enjoy eating, but what if you made a pie for three of them! A triple berry pie sounds good, especially if you like berries.

- 1 1/3 cups Gold Medal™ all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup plus 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups fresh mixed berries, such as blueberries, raspberries and coarsely chopped strawberries

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray a 9-inch glass pie plate with cooking spray. In a small bowl, mix flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; set aside.

In a large bowl, beat 3/4 cup sugar, the melted butter and sour cream with whisk until well blended. Beat in egg and vanilla. Stir in flour mixture until smooth. Stir in 1 cup of the berries. Spread batter on a pie plate. Sprinkle remaining 1/2 cup berries and 1 teaspoon sugar over top.

Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool 20 minutes. Cut into wedges; serve with whipped cream.

National Banana Bread Day

by Ava Harrison

Would you like a tasty treat? You'll love this day: National Banana Bread Day is Thursday, February 23, 2023. If you have some brown bananas, preheat your oven because that's the day for it.

Banana Bread

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup softened butter

and of course...

- 3 very ripe bananas.

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees, and grease a 9" x 5" baking pan.

Whip together the flour, sugar, salt, and baking soda. Mix in the egg, butter, vanilla extract, and bananas. Pour the mixture into the baking pan and bake for one hour. Let it cool a while after removing from the oven, then slice, eat, and say yummm.





Meet Mrs. LaMontagna *by Riley Baker*

Mrs. LaMontagna has been a preschool teacher for about ten years. Here's a Q & A so you can get to know her a little better.

Q. What made you want to become a teacher?

A. I just always wanted to be one ever since I was little.

Q. What is your dream vacation?

A. Anywhere in Europe

Q. What is the best part about teaching preschool?

A. Seeing the children grow and learn so much from the beginning of the year to the end of the year

Q. How long have you been teaching?

A. About 10 years

Q. What is your favorite activity to do with preschoolers?

A. Mixing colors

Q. If you weren't a teacher what would you be?

A. A veterinarian

Q. Who is your favorite singer?

A. Andrew McMahon

Q. Where did you go to school?

A. Concordia University Chicago

Q. Are you a coffee or tea person?

A. Tea and probably chai tea.

Q. Do you have any siblings?

A. Yes, I have two sisters

Q. What do you think is the most challenging part of being a teacher?

A. Getting everything done during the day

Q. Do you have any hobbies, if so what are they?

A. Playing softball

Q. What is your favorite color?

A. Purple



Meet Miss Molly

by Josie Woods and Aidan Harrison



Q: What is your name and age?

A: My name is Molly Williams and I'm 18.

Q: Where are you from?

A: I'm from Lombard Illinois.

Q: What is your favorite hobby and why?

A: I like to read because it gives me an escape.

Q: What is your favorite class you're taking in school and why?

A: I'm taking sociology because I get to learn more about how people work in groups.

Q: Why did you choose to work at Trinity Lutheran school?

A: Because it was close and I've always liked working with kids.

Q: What is your major weakness?

A: Not putting enough faith in myself

Q: Where do you see yourself in ten years?

A: Hopefully working as an occupational therapist

Q: What is your biggest fear



A: My two biggest fears are losing siblings and I also have a fear of spiders.

National Bubble Gum Week: March 12–18

by Roscoe Barnett

National Bubble Gum Day 2023 was February 3, but National Bubble Gum Week is coming up March 12 to 18.

Top 5 Bubble Gums

1. Dubble Bubble

The original, introduced in 1928.

2. Big League Chew

This was created to mimic the chewing tobacco often used by baseball players.

3. Bubble Yum

Introduced in 1975, Bubble Yum was the first soft bubble gum on the shelves.

4. Hubba Bubba

Hubba Bubba comes in a roll similar to a tape measure or scotch tape. Each roll is six feet long.

5. Bazooka

The iconic gum, introduced in 1947, features a wrapper with a "Bazooka Joe" comic.

Reasons why people love gum.

It teaches kids about charity

Bubble Gum Day teaches children the value of charity and of giving to a worthy cause. By requiring a 50 cent donation for the right to chew gum on Bubble Gum Day, children understand they're part of a day that is doing some good in the world.

It is long lasting and taste good

It's not just the sweet taste — though sugar-free gum is recommended by dentists — that makes children love to chew bubble gum, it's also the bubbles of course. For that matter, bubble gum also lets adults feel like kids when they pop a piece into their mouths and start blowing away.

World-record bubble

American Chad Fell set the Guinness Book of World Records mark for biggest bubble gum bubble, which measured in at a diameter of 20 inches. His secret to success was using three pieces of Dubble Bubble. Dubble Bubble got it right.

National Snack Day: March 4

by Angelina Iverson

What's your favorite snack?

Alex: popcorn

Riley: apples

Ian: fruit snacks

Emma: popcorn

Josie: Airheads

Aidan: Pringles

Roscoe: fruit

Sophia: Big Mac

Ariana: Chicken Nuggets

Addison: ice cream

Ava: Pizza Pringles

Angelina: croutons





Walther Bandfest

by Sophia Garcia and Addison Meredith

WALTHER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY This year, Trinity's non beginner band students had a great experience. On February 8, we went to Walther to play some music together with band students from other Lutheran grade schools. At Walther we first gathered to play in one big group. Later on in the day the different instruments separated into different group clinics and learned new things about their instruments. After the clinics we had a two hour rehearsal, and then we took a break for lunch. During lunch everyone played Hostess football - which is where everyone fights to get Twinkies that are thrown across the room. After everyone cleaned up, we got to meet and pet Miss Rose's dog. We enjoyed music by Walther's high school jazz band, and in the evening the parents arrived and we gave a concert for them. It was a busy day after which we all went home to bed.



What is Your Favorite Holiday?

by Emma Serwas

- Ava: My birthday
- Ariana: Nowruz
- Josie: Halloween
- Aidan: Halloween
- Emma: Easter
- Mr. B: Christmas
- Angelina: Christmas
- Sophie: St. Patrick's day
- Addison: Christmas
- Alex: Halloween
- Riley: Christmas



"Doing" Duolingo by Ariana Mehrazar and Sophia Garcia

Duolingo is a fun educational app to help you learn different types of languages. Duolingo has up to 40 languages. The most frequently selected language to learn is Spanish. Duolingo was created in 2011 by Luis von Ahn and Severin Hacker. If you want to learn any languages, I would recommend using Duolingo!

It is very easy to learn on Duolingo! A lot of people at this school use it! If you try it, I wish you the best of luck on mastering the language(s) you want to learn!



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GREEK MYTHOLOGY

by Emma Serwas

Greek mythology has many stories that I enjoy. Here's one I'd like to share:

There are 12 Olympians in Greek Mythology. The twelve major Greek gods are Zeus, Poseidon, Hades, Hera, Hephaestus, Athena, Ares, Apollo, Artemis, Demeter, Dionysus, and Hermes. Hestia used to be an Olympian, but she gave up her throne for Dionysus so a war wouldn't start between the gods.

Prometheus was the son of Clymene, and Iapetus. Iapetus was the Titan of mortality, and Clymene was the Titan of fame and renown. Prometheus gave fire to man, and as punishment he was chained to a rock while an eagle ate his liver for eternity. Prometheus couldn't die from the eagle eating his liver because he was immortal, and his liver would just come back.



Persian Valentine's Day

by Ariana Mehrazar

You might be wondering, "What is Sepandarmazgan?" It is the Persian holiday for Valentine's Day! Sepandarmazgan or Espandegān, is an ancient Iranian Day of Women with Zoroastrian roots dating back to the first Persian Empire, the Achaemenid Empire. This day is dedicated to Spənta Ārmaiti (Avestan for "Holy Devotion," Spandārmadin Middle Persian, Spendārmador Sepandarmaz), the Amesha Spenta who is given the domain of "earth." The date of the festival as observed in the Sassanid era was on the 5th day of the month Spandarmad. When the name of the day and the month of the day were the same, a "name-feast" celebration was always done. According to the testimony of al-Biruni, in the 11th century CE there was a festival when the names of the day and the month were the same. The deity Spandarmad protected the Earth and the "good, chaste and beneficent wife who loves her husband". According to him, the festival used to be dedicated to women, and men would make them "liberal presents", and the custom was still flourishing in some districts of Fahla.

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THE WEIRD 50 by Sophia Garcia

As you know the U.S is made up of 50 states, but i am going to tell you about weird things that they have or are interesting about them. So here is a list of the 50 states weird facts about them:



1. Illinois - The first McDonalds was born in Des Plaines, Illinois
2. Iowa - Iowa is home to the National Hobo Convention.
3. Wisconsin - Nearly 21 million gallons of ice cream are consumed by Wisconsinites each year.
4. Indiana - 13 different species of bats call Indiana home.
5. Ohio - Ohio has a field of corn sculptures.
6. Michigan - Michigan is the wolverine state but there has not been one wolverine there in over 200 years.
7. Colorado - Denver is the only city to turn down an Olympic bid.
8. Montana - There are more elk deer and antelope than people here.
9. North Dakota - The world's largest french fry feed is here.
10. South Dakota - There is a monument bigger than Mount Rushmore.
11. Idaho - For New Year's they drop a potato not a ball.
12. Wyoming - There are only two escalators in this state.
13. Florida - Both crocodiles and alligators live here.
14. Alaska - Vegetables grow extra large here.
15. Georgia - It has an official state possum.
16. New York - The Empire State Building has its own zip code.
17. Maryland - You have to pay to use your own bathroom.
18. West Virginia - It has a peculiar October tradition.
19. Virginia - Colonial Williamsburg is the largest living history museum in the world.
20. North Carolina -The Venus Fly Trap is native there.
21. South Carolina - There is a monkey colony.
22. Maine - It has a desert.
23. Hawaii - Iolani Palace is America's only royal palace.
24. Oregon - It's home to the world's largest living organism
25. California - It is both the highest and the lowest state.
26. Texas - It is larger than any country in Europe.
27. New Mexico - It is the only state with an official state question.
28. Arizona - Cutting down a cactus can result in jail time.
29. Nevada - It is home to most of the country's wild horses.
30. Tennessee - Great Smoky Mountain National Park is the most visited in the United States.

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31. Kentucky - You can buy bourbon anywhere in the state.
32. Vermont - It has the smallest state capital in the US.
33. New Hampshire - Wolfeboro is the oldest summer resort in America.
34. Connecticut - The Hartford Courant is the oldest newspaper in the US.
35. Rhode Island - The White Horse Tavern is the oldest in the US.
36. Pennsylvania - Charles Dickens' pet raven lives there.
37. Minnesota - It has a very long shoreline.
38. Oklahoma - The state has the most man-made lakes.
39. Alabama - There is a store that sells unclaimed baggage.
40. Mississippi - It's responsible for the teddy bear.
41. Missouri - It is the cave state.
42. Washington - Six out of every ten apples are grown there.
43. Utah - Everyone loves Jell-O there.
44. Kansas - It has the largest ball of twine.
45. Nebraska - It is the popcorn capital.
46. Massachusetts - It has the longest name in the US.
47. New Jersey - It has the most horses in the US.
48. Delaware - Chickens outnumber humans 260 to one.
49. Arkansas - It is the Diamond State.
50. Louisiana - Lake Pontchartrain Causeway Bridge is the world's longest over a body of water.



Planets Outside of Our Solar System

by Alexandra Harris

Did you know that there are planets beyond our solar system? Planets that aren't in our solar system are called exoplanets. Scientists have put these exoplanets into four categories. The categories include gas giant, neptunian, super-Earth and terrestrial exoplanets.

First there are gas giants, gas giants are planets that are mainly made of gas. So far there are 1,626 discovered gas giants, but I'm sure that there are more out there. Discovered in 1995, 51 Pegasi b is an exoplanet that is a gas giant. Its mass is 0.46 Jupiters, and it takes 4.2 days to orbit around its sun. Coming up next there are neptunian exoplanets. Neptunian exoplanets are planets that have similar measurements to Neptune or Uranus. There are 1,822 discoveries of these exoplanets. Discovered more recently in 2018, Kepler-1655 b is a neptunian exoplanet that is similar to Neptune. It has the mass of 5 earths, and it takes 11.9 days to orbit its sun. Now we are onto super-Earth exoplanets. Super-Earth exoplanets are planets that are about twice the size of earth, but lighter than ice giants like Neptune or Uranus. There are currently 1,595 confirmed discoveries of these exoplanets. GJ 15 A b is a super-Earth exoplanet. The last category are terrestrial exoplanets. There are 195 confirmed discoveries of these exoplanets. Planets outside of our solar system that are between half of Earth's size to twice of Earth's radius are terrestrial planets. Terrestrial planets are rocky planets as well. An example of a terrestrial exoplanet is TRAPPIST-1 e. Who would have thought that there are so many other planets out there?



About Orcas by Ariana Mehrazar

Orcas are very fascinating creatures. They are so strong that they can even take on Great White Sharks! Their nicknames are killer whales. They are at the top of the food chain. Sadly, they are endangered. There are only 50,000 left. This is because of people polluting the ocean. Pollution of the ocean also affects other animals in a bad way, and people need to make an effort to stop dirtying the waters.

Now, you might be wondering, "Aren't Orcas dangerous? I mean, their nickname is killer whale after all!" Even though they have sharp teeth, there have never been reports of Orcas attacking and killing humans in the wild. It's bad when people keep Orcas captive, in a small body of water - to make them perform tricks. Orcas move a lot, and they need to be free - in an unpolluted ocean.

World Whale Day is February 19, 2023

National Love Your Pet Day by Ava Harrison and Emma Serwas

Does your pet want more attention than you can give? Instead of giving your animals an overload of special attention everyday, you can dedicate one day in the year to loving your pet to the extreme. National Love Your Pet Day is



on February 20 . If you have a pet you can participate in this cool day .

Your pet would love it and you know that . You could do cool things that you wouldn't normally do with your pet. Take your dog on an extra long hike or a walk to get you and your dog some fresh air, shower your cat with gifts, give your guinea pig delicious new treats, or prepare your pet an extra special meal. You'll both enjoy it.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ARMADILLOS by Ava Harrison

Armadillos are crazy cool creatures. They are fascinating. Armadillos are mostly nocturnal. They stay inside their burrows when it's hot and come out at dawn, dusk, or at night to look for food. Armadillos are kind of weird. Armadillos look like a mixture of a huge roly-poly bug, a pig, and a medieval knight - with a bit of giant insect mixed in. But they're actually mammals, closely related to anteaters and sloths. Armadillos have an interesting way of protecting themselves. They have a hard outer shell so they use that for protection. They roll up into balls to protect themselves so nothing can be scratched or bitten. Armadillos may seem mean and hostile but they are actually nice to humans and not aggressive. Though they can spread Hansen's disease. They use their tongues to look for ants and bugs living in the ground. Fun Fact: An armadillo can eat thousands of ants each meal. I hope you learned something new about Armadillos.



History Of the Whopper by Ian Lesch

The Whopper sandwich from Burger King has been available for 55 years, making it one of the most durable menu items in the history of quick-service restaurants. From December 6 to December 9, 2022, Burger King sold the Whopper for a special anniversary price of 55 cents per sandwich. Although the business declined to disclose the precise number of burgers sold during the initial 55-cent sale, the bargain was so successful that the business is



running it again. The consistency of the Whopper has been the key to its success, according to Eric Hirschhorn. Hirschhorn served as Vice President of Market Intelligence and Worldwide Innovation at the Miami-based corporation with more than 7,200 locations in the United States. The ingredients used in the burger - ground beef, tomatoes, lettuce, and a toasted sesame-seed bun - haven't changed despite the fact that it has gone through multiple variations. In an email, he claimed, "Throughout its 55-year history, we've kept the heart of the Whopper sandwich the same, never veering from the great-tasting sandwich that our guests have cherished."

Preschoolers' Favorite Seasons by Ava Harrison and Addison Meredith

Mason - Winter * Julia - Winter * Oliver - Summer * Linnea - Summer * Vinny - Winter * Anna - Summer * Carson - Winter * Daphne - All of Them * Ethan - Winter * Lizzie - Winter * Kensa - Summer * Charlie - All of Them * Summer - Summer * Mia - Summer * Emma - Summer * Haylee - Fall * Warren - Spring * Sara - Winter * Julian - Summer * Jack - Spring * Isaac - Winter * William - Summer



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