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This month, our cover page is dedicated to Paul McCartney, the Beatle who visited us and offered what is considered by many the best concert ever given in Costa Rica. Even though tickets were not cheap, more than 20.000 fans got together to enjoy Mc Cartney's best music as a soloist and as a member of his legendary band. Estadio Nacional was home to this great event, part of Paul Mc Cartney's tour Out There. For those who enjoy good music, this was a historic moment that we would like to have again. Enjoy it!

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EDITORIAL

Making My Wants Few

By Trent Hamm

"I make myself rich by making my wants few."

- Henry David Thoreau



When we wonder where our money went, it went to wants. When our money trickles away due to stuff we don't need, it's all about the wants. When we see a credit card bill start to build up, it's usually wants that made it happen.

The more we want, the harder it is to be happy with what we have and the more we feel pressed to spend our money to alleviate those wants.

Thoreau puts it so well. If we want riches – not just in terms of money, but in terms of a rich life – we need to get our wants in check.

This is the hardest part of personal finance. I struggle with this constantly and I've tried many tactics to master it. So far, I've only found a few things that genuinely work.

Turn your interests away from acquiring stuff and toward enjoying the experiences. Instead of focusing on buying a new book, focus on *reading*. Don't worry about where that next book is going to come from – after all, there are libraries.

That philosophy works with almost any hobby or personal interest that requires *stuff*. Stop obsessing or even *thinking* about the stuff. You'll find the *stuff* you need when you actually need it. Until then, focus on *experiencing* what you have.

Buy well-made multitasking items so that the tasks you can't easily complete quickly become few. Whenever you struggle with a home task, it's easy to start thinking about items that can solve this problem. When your home is filled with poorly-made items and items that aren't flexible in their use, it's easier and easier to run into hard tasks, which leads to a desire to buy a fix.

Instead of buying a pile of Teflon-coated pots and pans, get a cast iron

skillet and a couple of enameled cast-iron pots. You'll never need another.

Look for items that will solve your problem for as long as possible as well as solving lots of other problems in your home. When you do that, situations where you're stymied by a problem you can't easily solve with what you have become less and less frequent.

Stop spending my time with things that "generate" more wants. "Best of" lists are largely useless and do nothing but generate new desires. Avoid them. Hobby publications often do the same thing. Avoid the ones that talk about new items to buy/want and stick with things that discuss technique.

"How will I find better stuff?" you ask. When you actually have a genuine reason to acquire something new – like when you've read all of the books you own or you've played all the games you own to death – research it at that point, not before.

Extract desires from my mind as quickly as possible. If you do stumble upon something that you might want to buy, get it out of your mind. Find some consistent way to record these desires for later, so you don't have to think about them.

If you keep that desire in your mind, it will twist around in your head and keep popping up in your thoughts, reinforcing itself and convincing you (eventually) to buy. If you write it down in a "want list" or something like that, not only have you taken a responsive action, you've recorded it for looking at later – and you *know* you've recorded it. This helps your mind to let go of that desire – and when you let go of it, the urgency often fades. The want fades away.

I'm far from perfect – I still want lots of things. However, these tactics have drastically cut into those desires, which make it far easier to spend less money and build toward your bigger goals in life.

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Teacher Training

On April 24th, PIT organized a workshop for the TOEFL Test. Associate Director TOEFL & GRE Client Relations Colombia Mariela Gomez was in charge of the workshop. English professors from all UTN campuses attended the activity and were glad for the opportunity to learn more about this important test.

Test of English as a Foreign Language or TOEFL is a standardized test of English language proficiency for non-native English language speakers wishing to enroll in U.S. universities. The test is accepted by many English-speaking



academic and professional institutions. The four-hour test consists of four sections, each measuring one of the basic language skills (while some tasks require integrating multiple skills), and all tasks focus on language used in an academic, higher-education environment. Participants received a

certificate and a kit with three books and a CD with materials they can use in class. This activity is one of several UTN and PIT organizes as part of the constant training professors need to incorporate fresh knowledge to their classes and in this way improve the language acquisition of UTN students.

Bettors Professionals, Better Education

The ILE major wants to congratulate three of its professor who during the months of March and April finished their master degrees. Veronica Oguilve got her master's degree in English Language Teaching in UCR, Xinia Nagygeller got her master's degree in English Language Teaching in ULACIT, and Eric Herrera got his master's degree in Educational Technology in UNED.

"I am so happy because what I learned will help me implement some projects I have in mind to adapt the use of technology to my English classes." said Eric Herre...

Beside these three ILE professors there are two more who are about to finish. The ILE staff is aware of the importance constant learning has in today's society. They want to help UTN offer better courses and learning experiences for its students. The dedication of these professors is worth celebrating.



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UTN Celebrates the World Book Day

April 23rd marks the anniversary of the birth or death of a range of well-known writers, including Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra and William Shakespeare. For this reason, UNESCO's General Conference chose this date to pay tribute to books, the authors who wrote them, and the copyright laws that protect them. World Book Day is an occasion to pay a worldwide tribute to books and authors and to encourage people to discover the pleasure of reading.

Since the first term was over, and the second one had not begun, UTN decided to celebrate this important day on



May 15th. During the whole day, there were conferences in which different experts shared with the UTN community information that helped us not only to learn but to reflect about the importance of books and reading.

The conferences hosted lectures by ex MICITT deputy minister Keylor Rojas, who spoke about the importance of reading for the new

society where knowledge and innovation are key aspects; writer and historian Ivan Molina, who took the audience into an interesting journey since the beginning of printed books to the digital ones; Tech Solutions CEO for Central America Cristina Lara, who spoke about the importance of digital libraries today; UCR Professor Rodolfo Mejías, who gave us up dated information on how to write magazine articles; and finally, LATINDEX Director Saray Córdoba closed the day with a lecture about scientific communication.

Besides conferences, there were bookstands with the UTN publishing house latest releases.



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First FATLA Graduation at UTN

Last Saturday, April 26th, a group of UTN professionals finished a specialization in e-learning. Milagro Tencio, Guadalupe Camacho, Carolina Carpio, Yetty Lara, Jose Soto and Eric Herrera graduated from the FATLA program. The graduation ceremony took place in Sede Central auditorium, and members from FATLA and Centro de Formación Pedagógica y Tecnología Educativa (CFPTE) were in charge of presentation of titles and the traditional scarf to 49 students from all over the country. Tecnología Educativa Director Nury Bonilla was very happy to see UTN members graduate. So far she has been promoting this program as an excellent alternative to train UTN staff.

FATLA (Fundación para la Actualización Tecnológica en Latinoamérica) is a digital community with the objective of sharing information and



knowledge with professionals who want to implement technology tools in their classes. FATLA built this 100% virtual world and learning environment, which means that they do not have physical facilities. FATLA works thanks to volunteers who give their time and knowledge in order to offer everybody the opportunity to access a high level education through the World Wide Web. FATLA was born in 2000 and has suffered several changes to become what it is today: one of the leading educational organizations in Latin America. FATLA is a

member of the Virtual Group Corporation, so it receives high standard technological support. FATLA offers its students a big amount of technological tools such as: access to virtual educational platforms, video conference rooms, on-line libraries, access to 3D educational environments, among others. FATLA also offers scholarships giving the chance to more and more people to learn and have access to the most updated information. Some of the programs that FATLA offers are: e-learning, e-commerce and digital means of communication.

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Uruguay Reveals Cannabis Sale Plans

Uruguay has said that consumers can purchase up to 10 grams of marijuana per week at less than \$1 per gram, as the country embarks on an experiment in drug regulation.

In December, the South American country became the first in the world to regulate the market for cannabis and its derivatives in what was considered a bold move by authorities frustrated with losing resources to fighting drug trafficking.

National Drug Board President Diego Canepa said on Friday that buyers would have to register first under the decree, due to be signed by ministers on Monday and published on Tuesday.

The government will call on private interests to



plant cannabis "no more than two weeks after the decree enters into force," he added, noting that two to six licenses would be issued.

Canepa estimated that legal marijuana would be available in pharmacies for public consumption in December. The cannabis will be sold to the public at a price of 20 to 22 pesos (\$0.90) per gram.

"There are no state subsidies," said Canepa, who added that the price was based on production costs and profits for the involved companies and pharmacies.

"The total volume consumed in Uruguay would be around 18 to 22 tons" of cannabis, National Drug Board Secretary-General Julio Calzada said. "Based on this, we need a maximum of 10 hectares (25 acres) to produce for this population of users."

Although it had not been illegal to use marijuana in Uruguay for decades, production and commercialization of the drug had been illegal.

The new regulations are part of an initiative by President Jose Mujica, a former guerrilla and doctor by training.



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Stars Boycott Hotels over Brunei Islamic Law

US television star Jay Leno has joined a growing list of celebrities vowing to boycott the Dorchester Collection, a luxury hotel chain linked to Brunei's sultan, after he introduced the first phase of a controversial Islamic penal code last month.

Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah announced last

Wednesday that he would continue with further implementation of the law that will eventually include tough penalties such as death by stoning. Former late-night talk show host Leno, speaking at a small protest outside the sultan-owned Beverly Hills Hotel in Los Angeles on Tuesday, said: "What is this,



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Berlin, 1933? This doesn't seem far off what happened in the Holocaust.

"Come on people, it's 2014. Evil flourishes when good people do nothing." Virgin group founder Richard Branson said at the weekend that Virgin employees would not stay at the exclusive hotel chain, which includes The Dorchester in London and the Beverly Hills Hotel, the AFP news agency reported. "No Virgin employee, nor our family, will stay at Dorchester hotels until the Sultan abides by basic human rights," the British billionaire posted on Twitter.



Others who have called for a boycott include comedian Stephen Fry, TV host Sharon Osbourne and comedian Ellen DeGeneres.

Late next year, punishments such as death by stoning for offences including sodomy and adultery will be introduced.

The US group Feminist Majority Foundation said it had also pulled its annual Global Women's Rights Awards, co-chaired by Jay and wife Mavis Leno, from the Beverly Hills Hotel in protest. The Dorchester Collection is reportedly owned by the Brunei Investment Agency, a sovereign wealth fund which comes under the

oil-rich sultanate's Ministry of Finance.

The sultan's decision has sparked rare domestic criticism of the fabulously wealthy ruler on the Muslim-majority country's active social media, and international condemnation, including from the UN's human rights office.

But the sultan has defended the implementation of the law, meant to shore up Islam and guard the Southeast Asian country against outside influences. Brunei government officials could not immediately be reached for comment. The Dorchester Collection also did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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Kidnapped Nigerian Girls Recount Escape

Some of the girls who managed to escape after being abducted last month from a school in northeastern Nigeria by the group Boko Haram have given harrowing accounts of their ordeal. Standing alongside their parents, the students described how the gunmen commanded the hundreds of students at the Chibok Government Girls Secondary School to

gather outside, before going into a storeroom and taking all the food.

"They then moved all of us to the main gate and brought their cars where they loaded the food they had taken and asked us to get in," one of the girls recalled.

"The girls that had no shoes on and were not wearing veils were told to go and fetch them as they started to set the school on fire."

More than 300 girls were abducted on April 15 from their school in Chibok in the country's remote northeast. Fifty-three escaped and 276 remain captive.

The escaped girls spoke to visiting Borno state officials on May 5. In the video, which was handed out by the Borno State governor's office, the women gathered at the school

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cried, as the students spoke of their ordeal.

Another girl recounted how she and her friend decided to run for their lives.

"I told my friend that it is better to be killed than to be taken to a place that we did not know," she said.

Parents of the girls still in captivity, pleaded for their rescue.

"Now we don't know if our children are eating, if they are sleeping on the floor, we do not know," said one distraught mother.

The government's inability to rescue the girls nearly a month after they were

abducted by Boko Haram has sparked worldwide outrage, protests and a social media campaign.

Rallies were held in several North American cities on Saturday to express outrage over the kidnappings.

Protesters held signs and chanted slogans in Atlanta, New York City and Toronto, all calling for the release of the girls and an end to human trafficking worldwide.

As further condemnation of the Nigerian abductions spread, Saudi Arabia's grand mufi Sheikh Abulaziz al-Sheikh said

Boko Haram rebels who kidnapped the schoolgirls had "set up to smear the image of Islam".

Sheikh said Boko Haram had been "misguided" and should be "shown their wrong path and be made to reject it".

The US and other countries have sent teams of technical experts to assist the search effort.

Nigeria's defense headquarters said on Saturday that two divisions of the military were now stationed in the border regions close to Chad, Cameroon and Niger to work with other security agencies.

At least 10 army search teams were trying to track down the girls in the remote far northeast, border guards were on high alert and the air force had so far flown at least 250 sorties.

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St Louis Draft First Openly Gay Player

Michael Sam has become the first openly gay player to be drafted into the US National Football League (NFL) when the St Louis Rams took him in the final round.

Sam, who starred as a defensive end for the University of Missouri and went public with his sexuality in February, had an agonizingly long wait for the historic moment on Saturday.

He was taken with the 249th overall selection on the final day of the three-day annual allocation of new talent for the country's most popular sport.

Sam will become only the second openly gay player in one of North America's four major professional team sports following basketball's Jason Collins, who joined the NBA's Brooklyn Nets this season.

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(Picture taken from http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Sam)



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Necessity Is the Mother of Invention

By Clare Goodman (ILE Professor)



As the old adage goes “*Necessity is the Mother of Invention.*” So, let me tell you why this saying relates to one of my own teaching experiences. One day a student that I teach private classes to in San Jose asked me why not teaching the class via Skype. In the beginning, I was a little skeptical because as teachers we sometimes do not take risks, and we just keep doing what has worked, but then I thought that I should give it a try.

For those of you who do not know what Skype is, it is a method of making phone calls through your computer using a peer-to-peer system that connects you with other Skype users. I wanted to start investigating online to see if I could find some information regarding teaching via Skype or online classes. I found a couple of things but not a lot of information was available. Well, it was time to start getting down to work and plan my class. As I started planning, I began to discover that I had the internet at my fingertips and that meant that I could use a variety of online resources. I chose some online grammar exercises, listening practices and conversation questions. I finished planning and was all set to teach my class the following morning. I rolled out of bed at 6:30, got ready, made myself a cup of coffee, turned on my computer and began my class. At the end of the class, I asked my student how she felt, and she said that she could not feel the difference between our face to face class and the Skype

class. Right then and there I knew that I had done my job and that it had been a success. Sometimes we are scared to try new things or even step out of our comfort zone, but when we do, amazing things can happen.

I am going to share with you some tips that have helped me in regards to teaching via

Skype, so that maybe one day you would like to use some of these amazing tools that the internet has to offer.

There are a few things you have to be aware of when teaching via Skype.

1. You can teach anytime and basically anywhere. You can set up a schedule that is convenient for both of you. The extra bonus is that you do not have to commute, so this saves both of you time and money.

2. How do you prepare your lessons? If you do not use a text book then you might end up spending a lot of time on lesson preparation so I suggest that you buy a textbook that you can both use. Then you can supplement the lessons with online exercises, listening practices, games, etc. Here are some great websites that you might want to use with your students. You can send them the links you have and work on the exercises together.

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Grammar:

<http://englishpage.com/>
http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/exercises_list/alle_grammar.htm

Listening:

<http://www.elllo.org/english/home.htm>
<http://esl-lab.com/>

Speaking:

<http://iteslj.org/questions/>
<http://www.esldiscussions.com/>

3. Is your computer and internet reliable? You will need a good internet connection and be aware that technical difficulties may arise, and you might have to cancel or reschedule your class. It is important to make sure that all your links work. You must also check that the lighting in the room is good, make sure that your Skype image is clear, and you need a good web cam with an echo canceling microphone. It is very important to check all of these things before starting your class.

4. You need to be organized! You can email homework in advance or send students links that they can do at home and then check it the following class. Also, make sure that your textbook, copies, and resources are within reach, so you are not getting up and looking for things during the lesson.

5. You can really focus on pronunciation and help your students improve by repeating or sending messages via the chat option, so you can give your students instant feedback, which your students will highly appreciate. You can also record your Skype classes, so you and your student can go back and review the class.

I am thoroughly enjoying this new way of teaching, and it shows because word of mouth has spread, and I now have several students. In the end, we can all teach an old dog new tricks; therefore, it is very important as professionals to be willing to explore and try new things because the world is changing. Teaching English online is growing, and it will soon be an excellent option for both teacher and student.

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Day against Discrimination and Homophobia: A Gay Point of View

by Alonso Salazar (ILE Professor)



Since I could recall, I knew I was different. However, I was taught that going against the flow was not a good thing. Therefore, I grew up in denial: always in an inner struggle to be someone else. Years and experiences passed, and they helped me realize I had to take control of my own life. There was no point in hiding who I was anymore. Then I came out with a proud smile on my face and a responsibility after me.

I consider the fact of being gay and a professor at the same time a happy coincidence. A teacher is someone that not only instructs but also educates. Precisely, that is what I am trying to do. I want to make students understand that there is nothing wrong with thinking out of the box. New generations need to comprehend that having a diverse taste does not turn a person into someone abnormal or of less value. During my time at UTN, I have had the chance of giving advice to some students that have taken advantage of my openness in regards to my sexual orientation. Most of them had nobody to talk about what they considered to be a problem and an anomaly. Nevertheless, after those conversations, I have seen them grow in self-confidence and emotional stability. Thinking back in my college years, I wish I had had a role model who could have made me realize there was nothing bad with what I was, or at least a place

where I could be heard without being judged.

During May and under the celebration of the Day against Discrimination and Homophobia on the table, I must say that even though it is a huge advance for a, sometimes, very close-minded society, there is still a lot that has to be done, at least in our university. Last year was the first occasion in which this important date was held in this campus. They raised a pride flag and projected a movie at the auditorium. It was a good start. I must admit I felt bigheaded when I got to UTN and saw that colorful symbol waving up in a pole. However, the activity did not receive the importance it deserved. This year I thought it was going to be the same, but I received the surprise that university authorities declared our university against any type of discrimination. I would have liked to be part of a commission in charge of organizing activities to celebrate such an achievement, but I was not taken into account.

Do not get me wrong. I really feel proud of being part of an institution that defends the liberty to love and being loved by whomever you choose. Nevertheless, there is a huge necessity of opening spaces for the gay community to express without fearing rejection, mockery or bullying. In the meantime, I strongly invite all gays and lesbians from UTN to stand our ground and never to be ashamed of what we are: just as normal as the rest.

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Mastering the English Language, Is It a Need or a Want?

By Marlin Pérez (ILE Professor)



Every term, universities, English academies and bilingual schools and high schools receive many students willing to acquire

English as a foreign

language. This is done not to follow merely a desire to learn a second language but because of the globalization process that is taking place in the entire world.

Demand for English skills comes chiefly from multinational companies that use English as their business language, whereas domestic companies use Spanish for internal and external communication. Despite the predominance of Spanish, the importance of English is significant and the number of English speakers in Costa Rica is growing.

Mastering a language is not easy at all; it requires commitment and a tenacious dedication. Students must learn grammar, reading techniques, spelling, phonemes, slangs, colloquialisms, idiomatic expressions and much more. At the beginning of their learning process students feel comfortable with the language but later on, the difficulty increases when they reach the basic communication level and it is the

moment to polish their verbal skills. Furthermore they have to cope with the fact that English picks up foreign words and gradually absorbs them into its lexicon until a point is reached at which they cease to sound foreign. They are not foreign but only of foreign origin. When learners take all of these aspects into account they might feel frustrated and stop trying to achieve the goal of mastering a language and they might resign with the basic knowledge acquired.

Some learners can think that mastering English as a foreign language is ludicrous but it is not; day by day more Costa Rican people are obtaining fantastic job opportunities because Americans are delighted with their level of English.

It is quite evident that there is a dire need for English communication skills in order to compete in a globalised world where English is the number 1 language. And if we want to be one with the world, English is the language to master.

Students need to realize that penetrating in the labor market will be possible only if they keep in mind that mastering English in all its forms is a need and not a want.

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A Day in the Life - The Night Ticos Met the Beatle



"We're gonna have a fiesta, on the first of May in San Jose". It was the first thing I heard my favorite Beatle Paul McCartney says about his long awaited visit to our country. May 1st has always been a double holiday for me due to San José Obrero being my saint patron (because of my first name), and this day was now going to be legendary as well as historical. It was seven o'clock in the morning, and the first thing I thought of doing was to keep it in the memories and let everyone know that Paul McCartney was going to be live in la Sabana, Estadio Nacional. I hit on FB and posted Hey Jude, and every forty minutes another and another video of the Beatles or McCartney alone.

I stopped my periodical reports at around one thirty, after enjoying two concerts I had in CDs, and played around with my guitar and keyboard all those songs I could play from the concert set list I knew I could play, and others from the supreme song list of the fab four. Every time I was getting so and so excited to hear and watch him play Yesterday, Blackbird, Hey Jude and Let it Be.

I had decided to leave home to go to the concert at 1:30 as my friend Silvia had been appointed by the meet the Beatles official fan club in CR to check Paul's arrival to the stadium and listen to the sound check. So I was invited, too.

I left the car in parking lot and set out to the stadium. There every one was wearing shirts, hairstyles, glasses, reminiscing on the memories of the 60's and 70's. There were the unofficial ticket resellers outside selling from the cheapest to the most expensive tickets, not very successful and worried looking. Three thirty and we could see how the crowd was getting together, and so we knew that Paul was about 10 minutes away. And there he was, very kindly

saying hi to all his devoted fans who had been waiting for him two or three hours. This was a big part of my dream come true, not planned though; see Paul from very close saying hi to us from this car window.



After that, it was all about going to wait until the concert started. Just a few ups and downs, and one hour later than the hour appointed, after watching a superb biographical video on the giant screens he carries to his Out There tour, there he was. All the Estadio Nacional exploded in excitement, happiness and many had tears in their eyes, and a funny feeling in the stomach and throat. I cannot deny I felt so as well. I met the Beatles back in the eighties and grew up listening to their music, then you can imagine what it was like to be there listening and watching to one fourth of the most legendary and iconic pillars of modern music. Everybody's dream had finally come true.

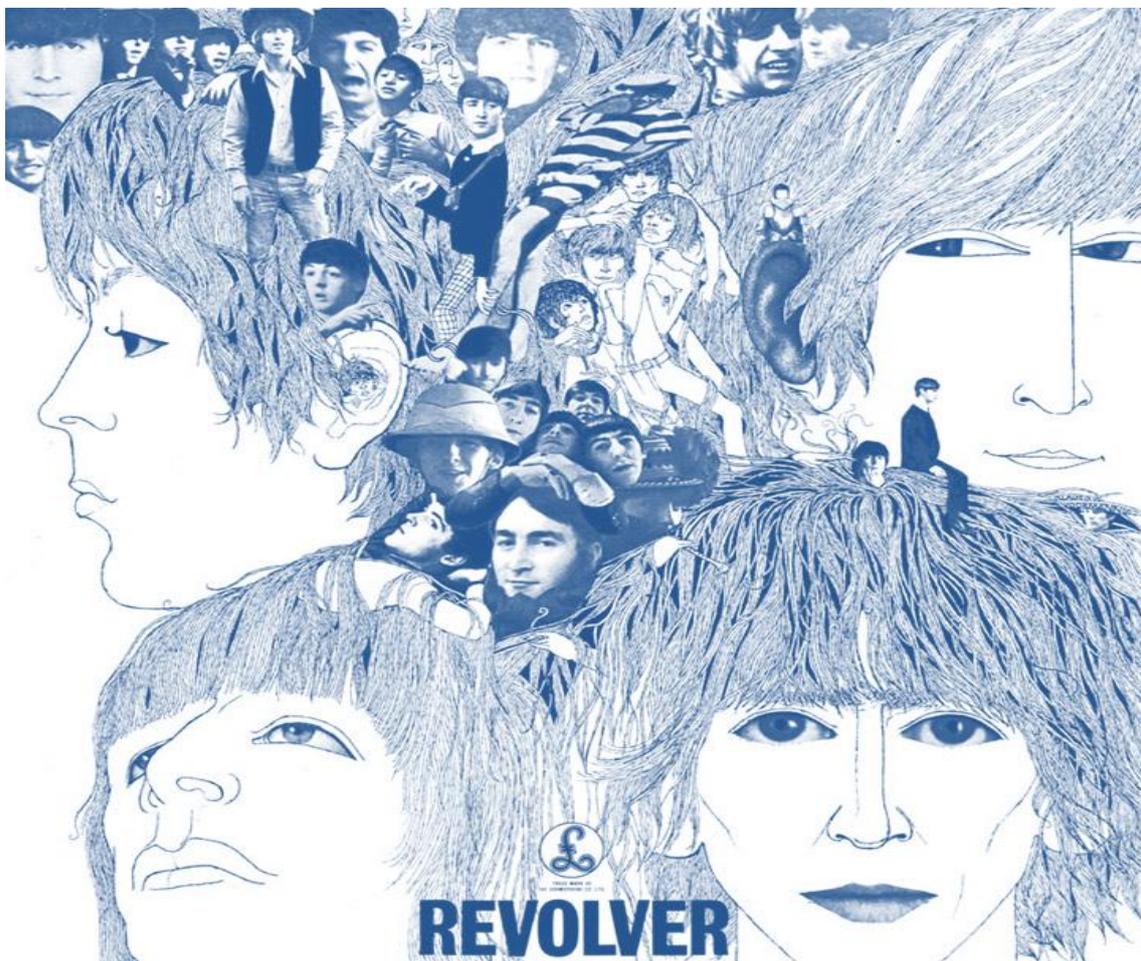
"Eight days a Week" was the first Beatles song ever played live by Paul McCartney in our land. And there he kept going for almost three hours going over his hits, the Beatles and Wings. Several top moments were every time he spoke to the stadium. He did his best in talking in Spanish to the Ticos, pronouncing it very clearly and even referring to men as *maes*, and "*tafies*" as fiesta... and of course, "*Pura Vida*". This really struck a deep chord in the audience that filled the stadium. The *abejón* de mayo sat on his hand, but he kindly blew it away

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and sat on the piano for one more song. He had Ticos eating from his hand the whole evening. He sang songs dedicated to his late wife Linda, and other songs dedicated to "my brother John", and "my brother George". It was definitely something to be there. My favorite songs came along, and all I did was to keep silent and enjoy the moment, as I gasped with every chord this old man now was playing. The song "Live and Let Die" literally exploded with fire and spectacular fireworks. The crowd just couldn't take it anymore.

As the night was coming to its end, Paul attempted to leave the stage three times, with three different encores including symbolic actions like waving the Costa Rican flag all around the stage along with the British flag.

A feeling of satisfaction, happiness, and incredulity of what had been happening for more than two hours was settling down in me and everyone. Costa Rica said good bye to Paul, who looked very pleased at how pura vida the Ticos had treated him. Once more, beatlemania took over the crowds and this concert will be remembered by many as the best one ever for many many years. "And In the End, the Love you Take, is Equal to the Love, you Make."



(Picture scanned from original album)

UTN begins Value of the Month campaign. For the month of May, the value is TEAMWORK. This campaign has the objective to permeate school life and, as students and staff live these values, their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development increases.

Equity

Equity in a workplace means everyone receives fair treatment. There's a transparency to cause and effect, and everyone knows what to expect in terms of consequences and rewards. When equity exists, people have equal access to opportunities. It sets up an advantageous environment for both the employees and the employer. The opportunities afforded by an equitable workplace motivate employees to achieve. Believing that rewards will be commensurate with effort, employees with ability and drive strive to shine. Equity also encourages employee retention. An employee who believes he can have a bright future with a company wants to stay and claim it. In addition, attracting talent is easier for companies that pursue workplace equity and foster a meritocracy than it is for those that do only enough to avoid breaking employment laws. Finally, diversity is often the result of workplaces that are functioning equitably, assuming that the potential workers have equitable access to educational opportunities. Diversity in a workplace means more experience, more perspectives and more source material to draw from in brainstorming, solving problems and creating innovative products or services. A company's intellectual capital gains depth and breadth through diversity.

Johnson, S., *The Advantages of Equity in the Workplace*. Taken from: <http://work.chron.com/advantages-equity-workplace-2635.html>

**Equity is not an attitude.
It's a professional skill
that must be developed
and exercised.**
Brit Hume





VOX POPULI

The UTN community includes professors, administrative staff and students. Each individual has something to say about everything. In this section, we give the university community the opportunity to express what they feel about different school, country and world issues that in one or another way affect or impact our lives, feelings and opinions. Professor Cindy Rodriguez is in charge of this interesting section. In this issue, we asked ILE students:

Do you agree or disagree with the MEP teachers strike?

"I agree because they need their salary to support their families."

Gian Carlo Padilla

"If I work, I deserve my pay on time. I do not work for free and my family depends on me. I completely agree"

Bryan Rodriguez

"How does the government expect teachers to go to work if they don't even have money for the bus."

Gilda Expinoza

"I agree because teachers' rights are violated by the government with this situation."

Valeria Vasquez

"Teachers are hard-working people. How may the government believe they can live without a salary for several months?"

Edwin Fallas

STOP THE STRIKE

"It is important to fight for your rights. The strike is a good way to stand up and remind the government of its responsibility. Teachers are giving the government a lesson. All workers need a salary on time."

Kattia Robles

"It is hard to believe that this is happening to teachers who have one of the most important responsibilities: educate people. They don't deserve it."

Carolina Morales

90 seconds with...



We see them walking around the UTN campus. They are always willing to help us when we need information, advice and guidance. UTN academic and administrative staff is an important element of the university. However, people hardly have the chance to meet them. In this section, we will try give you a glance of the other side of all those people who are behind UTN organization and functioning. In this issue, let's meet:

Emmanuel González Alvarado: UTN Central Campus Dean, Athlete, Nature Preserver

Where do you live?

I live almost in front of UTN, 200 meters South.

Best childhood memory?

The first time my parents bought me soccer shoes. I was about five years old, and I loved to go to El Llano soccer field and play there.



Favorite food

It has to be fish. It is my favorite food.

Most frequented restaurant and absolute favorite dish?

In Alajuela, I like to eat in *Las Tapas de Manuel*, in El Erizo.

Something you really can't stand.

Talking about food, I eat almost everything, but in the last years I have become lactose intolerant, so I try to avoid dairy products.

Would you class yourself as a day or night person?

With the job and the responsibilities I have, I am an all day long person. I start my day very early in the morning, and I go to bed late at night. Otherwise, I do not have enough time to do everything.

A good book

La Particula Divina (The God Particle) by Leon M. Lederman and Dick Teresi.

Favorite music

My favorite music is rock from the 80's; however, I also like country music. One of my favorite singers is Freddy Mercury from Queen.

90 seconds with...



What are your hobbies?

I enjoy jogging in the morning. When I have the chance I participate in short races.

What is your greatest fear?

My greatest fear is death. What to expect at that moment, and how it will feel.

First job

My first jobs were coffee collector, and I also used to work with my father. We called "Charolador". This is the application of painted varnishes to furniture.



Dream house: rural retreat or urban dwelling? Where would it be?

I could say I almost have it. I have a farm in Sarapiquí where I plant different things; I especially like to work with endangered species. This place is the one for me. I take care of it, and I receive tremendous gratitude when I see what I have produced there.



Best holiday ever taken? What's your dream trip?

When I was a teenager, I used to go to Jaco. At that time, it was very exotic, there was no electricity and I used to go camping with some friends.

Tell me a joke or proverb you remember right now.

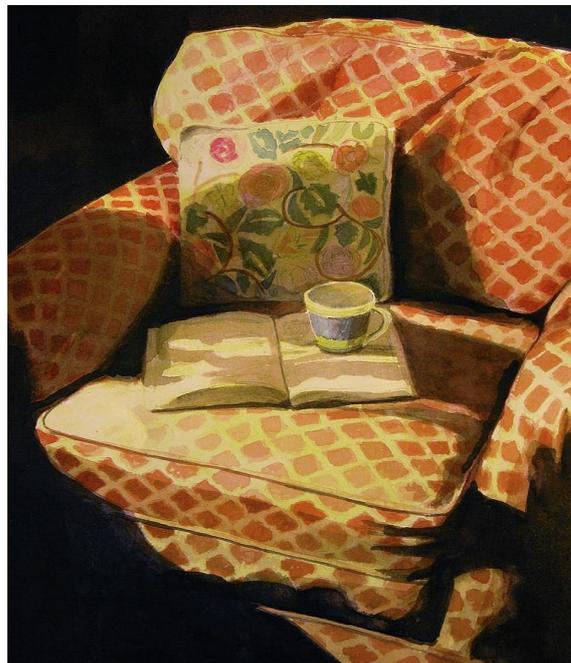
I try to think that **a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.**

The Attic of Bertha Mason

Coffee and Books



There seems to be a special relationship between coffee and books. At least there is for me and many other book lovers I know. Somehow the smell of coffee, the subtle vapor that crawls out of the coffee mug and even the ritual of preparation serves as a transition from the everyday world to the magic of the written word. What indulgence! Each sip of coffee becomes a celebration of a story well told, a poem that makes you go “Wow!” or the sudden death of your favorite character. I also love reading in coffee shops. There’s also some kind of ritual there, when you sit and wait for your cup. I wonder if there is a relationship between the type of coffee we drink and the books we read. I take mine with milk and sugar. I have been known to read anything from a self-help classic from Louise Hay (guilty pleasure) to Anaïs Nin. What would an espresso lover read? I might just be too cliché but I could imagine some Faulkner or Hemingway. I could be wrong and somewhere in the world there is right now a woman at a coffee shop drinking an espresso while devouring the pages of Winnie the Pooh.



Painting by Walt Maes

The Attic of Bertha Mason

The Reason of my Life

by Gladys Lopez (ILE Student)

*You're the light of my life.
You make me feel alive.
Now I can't feel alone,
Cause you make me feel strong.*

*I don't want to be away.
Tell me what, and I'll obey.
I only want to hear your voice,
That's my only choice.*

*Everything you have done
Has shown me your sincere love
Since day one to my death,
You're going to be my friend.*

Living without You

by Maira Fernández (ILE Student)

*I'm living in an empty land,
Which I know like the palm of my
hand.
Where have you gone?
Why you let me alone?*

*I heard you settle down,
And you're about to marry now.
I heard your dream came true,
But I can't be happy this time for
you.*

*I will never forget you,
Of that you can be true.
I will always love you.
And my heart is now blue.*

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Do You Know Juan Santamaría Museum?

By Priscila Alfaro (ILE Student)

Museums are educative and cultural institutions. They are created to show all treasures we have inherited from old generations. There are many kinds of museums: art museums, historic museums, science museums, archeological museums, etc. In Alajuela downtown, there is a historic museum called Juan Santamaría, in honor of the national hero who was born in Alajuela. He fought in Rivas, Nicaragua and burned a big building where the enemy was hidden during the battle on April 11th, 1856. Juan Santamaría died in that Battle, and because of that he is considered a national hero.



The museum's architecture has an important history because it is located in two patrimonial buildings: an old jail and an old military headquarter. Both were built during the XIX century. These buildings are very important to know Alajuela's history. Juan Santamaría Museum is located in front of Alajuela Central Park. The Museum has a library, a cafeteria, and a bookstore that all citizens can visit. Currently, Juan Santamaría Museum shows the history of the filibuster invasion at 1856, through out six exhibition rooms. Each exhibition has original objects from the war that have been conserved.

This institution also displays art exhibitions. These exhibitions include different types of art, and they change throughout the year. In that sense, visitors can see different artistic expression every two months.

The Museum also organizes cultural activities all year long. Plays, music, dance, and other cultural expressions are found

there.

Entrance is free and it opens from Tuesday to Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information you can visit www.museojuansantamaria.go.cr.

LANGUAGE BITS

SITUATION	FORMAL	RELAXED	INFORMAL
You heard a noise and you are scared.	That curious sound frightened me to the very core.	I'm really scared.	I'm wiggling out, man.
A baby is crying very loudly in a public place.	That infant child has tears streaming profusely from his face.	That baby is crying a lot.	That kid is bawling his eyes out.
Your friend is very angry about something.	He is completely incensed about what happened.	He's really mad and upset.	He's fuming. He's hopping mad.

(Information taken from Hot English Online Magazine #87, p.54)

Idiomatic Expressions

One of the most difficult aspects of a language to master is the usage of idiomatic expressions. An idiomatic expression or idiom is a combination of words that has a figurative meaning owing to its common usage. An idiom's figurative meaning is separate from the literal meaning. There are thousands of idioms and they occur frequently in all languages. There are estimated to be at least twenty-five thousand idiomatic expressions in the English language. During the next editions we will show some idiomatic expressions, and we will divide them according to a particular word or topic. Here there are some idioms that use animals:

IDIOM	MEANING	EXAMPLE
To pig out	To eat too much	<i>I really pigged out at the barbeque. I've never eaten so much.</i>
To be a pussy cat	A person who is very gentle	<i>Don't worry. He looks frightening, but really he's a pussy cat.</i>
To be an eager beaver	a person who is excited about doing certain work.	<i>Ever since he got his new drill set my husband has been an eager beaver around the house.</i>
To smell fishy	When a situation 'smells fishy' we think that it is dishonest or suspicious.	<i>My son's story smells fishy. He said that he'd been in the library all day, but I think it's closed today.</i>
To be a dark horse	A person who keeps their interests and ideas secret, especially someone who has a surprising ability or skill	<i>I didn't know that Sandra could play the drums. She's such a dark horse.</i>

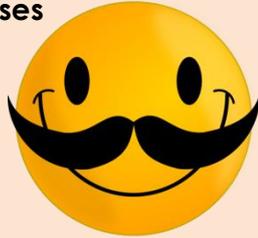
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HUMOR



In this edition, we want to share with you some of the most unbelievable rules

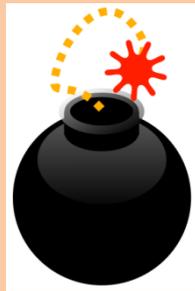
In Alabama, it is illegal to wear a fake moustache that causes laughter in church.



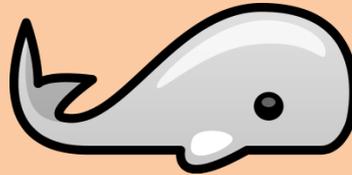
In Iowa, Kisses may last for as much as, but no more than, five minutes.



In California, a city ordinance states that a \$500 fine will be given to anyone who detonates a nuclear device within city limits.



In Kentucky, it is illegal to shoot game out of the window of a moving vehicle, with the exception of a whale



In Connecticut, you can be stopped by the police for biking over 65 miles per hour.



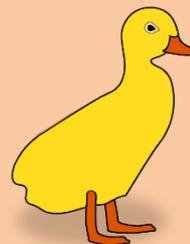
In Michigan, it is legal for a robber to file a law suit, if he or she got hurt in your house.



In Florida, a special law prohibits unmarried women from parachuting on Sunday or she shall risk arrest, fine, and/or jailing.



In Minnesota, it is illegal to walk across the Minnesota-Wisconsin border with a duck on your head.



Technology

Classroom

Google launched a new free tool called Classroom as part of its Google Apps for Education suite. In short, Classroom helps teachers create and organize assignments, provide feedback to their students, and communicate with their classes.



Google says Classroom, which is still in preview, is based on the principle that “educational tools should be simple and easy to use” and is designed “to give teachers more time to teach and students more time to learn.” Here is what the company is promising the tool will offer:

- ✚ Create and collect assignments: Classroom weaves together Google Docs, Drive and Gmail to help teachers create and collect assignments paperlessly. They can quickly see who has or hasn't completed the work, and provide direct, real-time feedback to individual students.
- ✚ Improve class communications: Teachers can make announcements, ask questions and comment with students in real time—improving communication inside and outside of class.
- ✚ Stay organized: Classroom automatically creates Drive folders for each assignment and for each student. Students can easily see what's due on their Assignments page.

Teachers and professors can apply for a preview of Classroom over at classroom.google.com/signup. Google says that based on the requests it receives, the company will invite a limited number of educators to try Classroom “in about a month.”

By September, Google plans to have Classroom available to all schools using Google Apps for Education. Developers can also sign up here to learn about integrating with Classroom.

Today's launch comes less than a week after Google stopped scanning emails for Education users and serving them ads. This allows Google to make the following statement: “Like the rest of our Apps for Education services, Classroom contains no ads, never uses your content or student data for advertising purposes, and is free for schools.”

While we can't commend Google for taking so long to change its stance on student privacy, the company is clearly pushing its education efforts once again. That's definitely an initiative we can get behind.

Information taken from: <http://thenextweb.com/google/2014/05/06/google-debuts-classroom-free-apps-education-tool-help-teachers-create-collect-assignments/>)

This Month in History

IT HAPPENED IN MAY

May 1 st , 1872	Yellowstone National Park is established as the world's first national park.
May 3 rd , 1937	Gone with the Wind, a novel by Margaret Mitchell, wins the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.
May 6 th , 1527	Spanish and German troops sack Rome; some consider this the end of the Renaissance.
May 8 th , 1898	The first games of the Italian Football League are played.
May 11 th , 1812	Waltz introduced into English ballrooms - Most observers consider it disgusting & immoral.
May 15 th , 1928	Mickey Mouse made his first appearance.
May 18 th , 1897	Dracula, a novel by Irish author Bram Stoker is published.
May 21 st , 1881	American Red Cross is founded by Clara Barton.
May 25 th , 1895	Oscar Wilde sentenced to 2 years hard labor for being a sodomite
May 27 th , 1942	Hitler orders 10,000 Czechoslovakians murdered.

FAMOUS PEOPLE BORN THIS MONTH

PERSON	JOB	BIRTHDAY
 Dwayne Johnson	Wrestler	May 2 nd , 1972
 Karl Marx	Philosopher	May 5 th , 1818
 Bono	Singer	May 10 th , 1960
 Megan Fox	Actress	May 16 th , 1986
 Novak Djokovic	Tennis Player	May 22 nd , 1987
 Lenny Kravitz	Singer	May 26 th , 1964
 Walt Whitman	Poet	April 31 st , 1879

This Month in History

Cinco de Mayo



Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Mexican army's 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War (1861-1867). A relatively minor holiday in Mexico, in the United States Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a celebration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with large Mexican-American populations. Cinco de Mayo traditions include parades, mariachi music performances and street festivals in cities and towns across Mexico and the United States.

In 1861 the liberal Mexican Benito Juárez (1806-1872) became president of a country in financial ruin, and he was forced to default on his debts to European governments. In response, France, Britain and Spain sent naval forces to Veracruz to demand

reimbursement. Britain and Spain negotiated with Mexico and withdrew, but France, ruled by Napoleon III (1808-1873), decided to use the opportunity to carve a dependent empire out of Mexican territory. Late in 1861, a well-armed French fleet stormed Veracruz, landing a large French force and driving President Juárez and his government into retreat.

Although not a major strategic win in the overall war against the French, Zaragoza's success at Puebla represented a great symbolic victory for the Mexican government and bolstered the resistance movement. Six years later—thanks in part to military support and political pressure from the United States, which was finally in a position to aid its besieged neighbor after the end of the Civil War—France withdrew. The same year, Austrian Archduke Ferdinand Maximilian, who had been installed as emperor of Mexico by Napoleon in 1864, was captured and executed by Juárez's forces. Puebla de los Angeles was renamed for General Zaragoza, who died of typhoid fever months after his historic triumph there.

Within Mexico, Cinco de Mayo is primarily observed in the state of Puebla, where Zaragoza's unlikely triumph occurred, although other parts of the country also take part in the celebration. Traditions include military parades, recreations of the Battle of Puebla and other festive events. For many Mexicans, however, May 5 is a day like any other: It is not a federal holiday, so offices, banks and stores remain open.

Many people outside Mexico mistakenly believe that Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of Mexican independence, which was declared more than 50 years before the Battle of Puebla. That event is commemorated on September 16, the anniversary of the revolutionary priest Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla's famous "Grito de Dolores" ("Cry of Dolores"), a call to arms that amounted to a declaration of war against the Spanish colonial government in 1810.



(Information taken from: <http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/cinco-de-mayo>)
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PROVERB OF THE MONTH

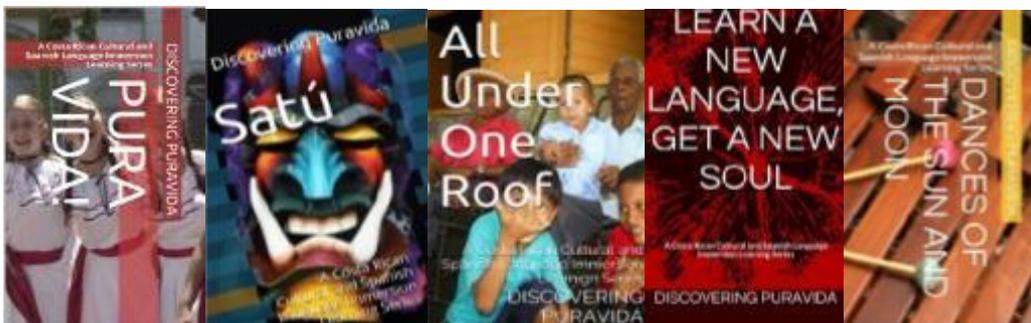
A proverb is a short saying or sentence that is generally known by many people. The saying usually contains words of wisdom, truth or morality that are based on common sense or practical experience. It is often a description of a basic rule of conduct that all people generally follow or should follow. Proverbs can be found in all languages. To close this month's edition, where we celebrated Labor Day, we leave you with this popular Italian proverb about work:

If you want to leave your footprints on the sands of time, be sure you're wearing work shoes.

~ Italian Proverb

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International Accreditations at UTN

by Marco Araya

Trinity College London offers its second roll of international accreditations this coming December. This entity honored **Universidad Técnica Nacional, Registered Examination Center 46172**, as the only representative institution in Costa Rica to test people who want to acquire a worldwide recognition in his/her English language skills.

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