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Mountain Bike Race

By Evan Kramer

June is breaking out all over which means there's only one month until the Port Orford Jubilee Mountain Bicycle Race. The Race is sponsored by the Sixes Grange along with NORBA and will be held on Saturday, July 6.

There are six different races which will all be going on at the same time, all sharing parts of the same race course. Here is a description of each race taken directly from the Bike Race brochure which Mirleen O'Hearn and Julie Hawthorne have so diligently been working on and distributing.

Youth Sunset Course

The Sunset course, 1.5 miles, is all on Hensley Hill, through varied terrain on off-road trails and logging roads, in a forested setting. Start and finish lines are in a rural neighborhood of Port Orford.

Christmas Tree Trail

This course is 2.5 miles, starting on a gravel road on Hensley Hill, followed by a challenging hill through a Christmas tree farm, then on old logging roads through a forested setting to finish on Hensley Hill.

Bagley Creek Trail

Bagley Creek Trail is 16 miles, starting at the Elk River check point. It follows Elk River Road to the Bonnaville Sub Station, turns up Bagley Creek via a challenging hill, cresting in a forested area. It continues on the ridge into Port Orford's Hubbard Creek watershed, finishing in town at the Community Building.

Marsh Ranch Run

This is a 20 mile course starting from the Elk River check point with a 3 mile warm-up on pavement, proceeding through the Marsh Ranch, up a staircase incline to the ridge above Elk River. This challenging trail winds through varying terrain of forest on off-road trails, logging and paved roads, finishing at the Community Building.

Masters Pleasure Route

The Masters Run is 16 miles starting from Hensley Hill, north on a paved to gravel road along a ridge overlooking the Elk River, through a Christmas tree farm, into forested shade, across the North Fork Hubbard Creek, up a short steep hill finishing at the Community Building.

Touring Course

This course starts from the Elk River

check point and follows the Marsh Ranch Run. This is a noncompetitive ride, so you can take time through the same scenic area and finish in downtown Port Orford.

Independence Day Parade

Participants are invited and encouraged to take part in Port Orford's Fourth of Jubilee Parade. Interested riders should come to the parade's line-up at the City Hall on 20th St., west of Highway 101 at 10:00am and look for the mountain bicycle contingent.

There are several categories based on your age and an entry fee for the race.

The youth categories are 6-7, 8-9, and 10-12. The entry fee for youth is \$3.

Other age groups are juniors, 13-15 and 16-18, entry fee \$15. Seniors are 19-25 and 26-34 and the entry fee is \$25. Veterans are 35-44 with an entry fee of \$25. Masters are 45 years and older with an entry fee of \$25. The touring or noncompetitive category is \$15 to enter and the single speed (all ages) is \$15 to enter. These early entry fees are good through July 3, 7:00pm. After that a late fee of \$5 is added. The age category you fit in is determined by your age as of December 31, 1995.

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Port Orford Tide Report

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| Date | High | Low | High | Low |
|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Thu Jun 6 | 3:08am 7.4 | 10:19am -0.7 | 4:59pm 6.9 | 10:44pm 2.7 |
| Fri Jun 7 | 4:11am 6.8 | 11:11am -0.2 | 5:52pm 7.1 | 11:58pm 2.4 |
| Sat Jun 8 | 5:26am 6.1 | NONE — | 6:47pm 7.3 | 12:06pm 0.5 |
| Sun Jun 9 | 6:49am 5.6 | 1:14am 1.9 | 7:39pm 7.5 | 12:59pm 1.1 |
| Mon Jun 10 | 8:13am 5.4 | 2:26am 1.4 | 8:29pm 7.7 | 1:58pm 1.6 |
| Tue Jun 11 | 9:28am 5.4 | 3:28am 0.7 | 9:14pm 7.9 | 2:54pm 2.1 |
| Wed Jun 12 | 10:32am 5.6 | 4:21am 0.2 | 9:57pm 7.9 | 3:45pm 2.4 |
| Thu Jun 13 | 11:28am 5.7 | 5:06am -0.2 | 10:37pm 7.9 | 4:35pm 2.4 |

Mobile Mammography

Curry General Hospital's mobile mammography unit will make its monthly visit to Curry Family Medical clinic in Port Orford, Wednesday, June 12. The unit comes to the Port Orford clinic every second Wednesday.

Low-income women can get funding for free mammograms through the Texas-based Susan G. Komen Foundation. Check with the clinic for eligibility details.

The American Cancer Society recommends a first-time mammogram for most women by age 40. Mammograms are recommended every one to two years for women 40 to 49, and annually for women 50 and older. Those 60 and older should be especially aware of the importance of early detection because they are at increased risk for developing breast cancer.

Besides scheduling visits in Port Orford,

patients can schedule mammograms throughout the month at Curry General Hospital in Gold Beach.

Also, as part of the Curry Breast Health Network's mission to "protect and educate Curry County women," groups and organizations can request a speaker on topics such as breast cancer detection, up-to-date methods of finding tiny tumors, and alternatives to surgical biopsies. Bets Byrtus, coordinator of the Curry Breast Health Network and breast cancer survivor, also speaks to groups of any size. Drawing from her personal experiences with family, friends and doctors, her frank discussions can include topics "you've always wanted to know but were afraid to ask." For more information, phone Byrtus at the Breast Health Network at (541) 247-6621.

To make an appointment in Port Orford or inquire about eligibility requirements for a komen free mammogram, phone Curry Family Medical at (541) 332-3861.

Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford
Public Utilities Department

| Date | High | Low | Rain |
|------------|------|-----|------|
| Sat May 25 | 66 | 52 | — |
| Sun May 26 | 59 | 51 | — |
| Mon May 27 | 59 | 47 | — |
| Tue May 28 | 58 | 46 | — |
| Wed May 29 | 59 | 45 | — |
| Thu May 30 | 60 | 43 | — |
| Fri May 31 | 62 | 48 | — |

To make an appointment in Gold Beach, phone Curry General Hospital at 1-800-445-8085, or (541) 247-6621, ext. 116.

Police Calls

People have been asking about our new police chief Barney Issel. They want to know how to contact him when they have a problem. One way and the way that should be used only in an emergency is dial 911. Chief Issel will be contacted by 911 even if he is at home and not on duty. He will be backed up on 911 calls by the Oregon State Police and Curry County Sheriff's Department.

The city has acquired a new phone line just for the police department to be used for problems that require police assistance but are of a non-emergency nature. That number, and you might want to save this for future reference, is 332-9013. If Chief Issel is off duty or unavailable you can still call the city hall number at 332-3681 and tell them your problem.

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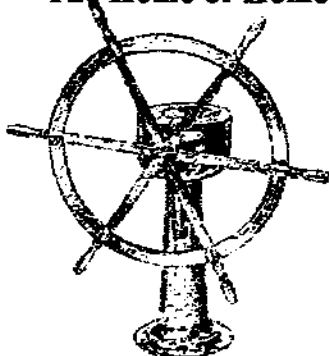
Senior News By Mary Yoder

This is going to be a long one. First the birthday people for June - Gerri Werner the 1st, Vance Noble and Jim Rhodes the third, Sally Gordon and Jim Galford the 5th, Charles Quillen the 10th, Bessie Dishner the 11th, Greta Carver and June Dennison the 13th, Helen Duke and Florence Quillen the 15th, Edith Edland the 21st, Myrtle Clark, Priscilla Harris and Joyce Waters the 23rd, Dee Hansohn the 24th, Dutch Heinauer the 25th, Fred Leoyd the 27th, Mickey Harper the 29th, Bessie Laursen and Wilma Morgan the 30th. The birthday party was Sunday June 2nd. The volunteers working were - Leo Welch, Betty Harper, Peigie Stalh, Jim Galford, Lee Heyl and me. Paul Garrott made the birthday cake. There was a nice turn out and all enjoyed singing happy birthday.

The Ice Cream Social on June 1 turned out nice - lots of kids, some parents and like me grandparents. Those who did a good job were Bessie Laursen, Thelma Lagace, Dot Matthews, Peigie and Clare Stahl. Oh yes the group liked it so much they wanted to know when there would be another one.

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It's Twins

By Marilyn Adams
Sixes General Store

For the past few days I have been watching 3 deer in the field across from Sixes Store. Yesterday I saw something at the feet of one of the deer, so I grabbed my binoculars, and saw a new fawn. Then I saw two babies at the feet of the little deer and realized it was twins.

I think this is a beautiful sight and if you are going up the Sixes River Road, you might want to look to the left when you leave Highway 101, and you may see the new babies. Just be alert so if they are near the road you don't hit one of them.

I also want everyone to know the big fuchsia in front of the Sixes Store is not the one that was stolen. The new one was given to the store by Coastal Gardens and I want to thank them very much for their kind generosity. If you are out their way stop and see all the beautiful plants they have for your yard and vegetable garden.

A "user friendly" program doesn't have a 600 page manual!

A Blueberry is purple, except that when green it is red!

Monday night June 3 pinochle. Ladies high - Mary Sherod - low Judy Klein, men's high E. David Klein - low Clare Stalh.

June 9th is the breakfast 8am till 2pm. The rummage sale is on the same day.

Now for the new officers - President - June Dennison, Vice President - Lorraine Hass, 2nd Vice President Mary Yoder, Secretary - Thelma Lagace, Assistant Secretary - Nadine Viles, Treasurer - Clare Stalh, Assistant Treasurer - Pauline Lenox. Members at large will be Henry Kron and Robert Viles.

Saturday June 8th Nancy Dowdy will be the speaker at the luncheon. Did someone say nothing going on? Now just a reminder the dance will be June 29th instead of June 22nd. That's it for this time.

Boy Scouts Help At Ceremony

The American Legion was helped with their Memorial Day service ceremonies by the local Boy Scout troop. Those Boy Scouts helping were Jason and Ryan Randolph, Jonathan Farmer and Aaron Martin. The leader of the troop is Eric Martin and the assistant is Chris Martin.

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fellow and asked: "Have you caught anything yet?"

The village idiot looked up and studied the stranger, before saying: "Aye, you be the seventh today."

Life is like a simile.



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This two session astronomy workshop will be held Friday June 14 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm, with a lecture at the Gold Beach SWOCC Office and Saturday, June 15, students will view the night skies

from 8:30 - 11:30pm. The cost is \$18.
Pre-Registration is required.

The "c" in "rap" is silent.

Black holes are where God divided by zero.

Imagine, if you will, a world without hypothetical situations.

Free Ophir Beach Hike

Join Carolyn Cronberger of the Audubon Society for a Ophir Beach hike. Hike the beach at low tide to explore tide pool life. Bring water and a sack lunch. This two hour hike is scheduled for Sunday, June 8, at 10:30am. Meet Carolyn Cronberger at her home, on the west side of Highway 101, opposite Euchre Creek Road. Sponsored by Southwestern Oregon Community College and the Audubon Society.

For more information call SWOCC at 247-2741, or 469-5017.

We're alone in the universe or we're not; either idea is mind-boggling.

A "reel" fisherman can be very a-luring!

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**Computer Comments
by Valerie Jean Kramer**

Chicken Little may have been wrong about the sky falling but computer prices have sure tumbled a lot in the last six months. Last Thanksgiving we were selling a multimedia 486-100 with 8Mb RAM and 630Mb hard drive for \$1700. Today we can offer a multimedia Pentium 100 with 16Mb RAM and 850Mb hard drive for \$1449 (see our ad for details).

Two factors have combined to cause this price collapse. Intel has been fast and furiously releasing new CPU chips. They are expected to formally release their 200Mhz Pentium this month and a 300Mhz chip is being developed. As



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new chips are released, prices drop on the older ones.

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prices have dropped greatly. 28.8kbps modems are down as are the prices on audio cards. Most other prices remain fairly stable.

While its difficult to predict future prices, I'm being told RAM prices have started to rise slightly. CPU prices may continue to drop a bit but it looks like we are at about the bottom of this current price cycle so this is probably your best time to buy. (note: that's my opinion, not a guarantee!)

For a long time, I've advised people that they should expect their new computer system to last about 3-5 years. Not that it would break that quickly but because it would become obsolete and wouldn't be able to run the newest software or use the newest hardware. I derived that time frame empirically but recently put a couple of other facts together to confirm a basis for it.

A while back I read a magazine column in which the author recommended that one not upgrade their computer unless the new one was about four times faster. That sounded right to me and is just about the normal range being sold. Here are

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Computer Comments continued

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|------------------------|-----|
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| 486-66 | 100 |
| 486-100 | 150 |
| Pentium 75 | 140 |
| Pentium 100 | 188 |
| Pentium 133 | 270 |
| Pentium 166 | 335 |

To all of the above, add Moore's Law which states that computer power doubles every two years and you have an 4x speed upgrade every four years. Allowing for personal tastes and variations in systems being purchased yields my 3-5 year estimate. If you assume that a system costs about \$2,000 then this also means you

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should budget at least \$500 per year on average for hardware upgrades or replacements for each computer you own.

I feel that today's best value is a multimedia Pentium 100 or 133 system with 16Mb RAM and a 1Gb or larger hard disk. Despite the substantial cost, I really like the 17" monitors. I hope their price will continue to drop over the next year or two. You should get a 28.8kbps modem since the Internet is becoming an

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invaluable part of almost all computing. If you have two or more computers, consider adding a network card and linking them to share files and printers. Network cards are cheap and Windows already has the software built in. Don't forget to plan for a way to back up your software!

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Community Meetings

Port Orford Chamber of Commerce holds its monthly board of directors meeting on Monday, June 10, noon, at the Wheelhouse Restaurant.

Port Orford City Council meets on Monday, June 10, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers. This meeting is preceded by a budget hearing at 6:30pm.

Port Orford Rural Fire Board meets on Tuesday, June 11, 7:00pm, in the city hall fire station.

Port Orford/Langlois School Board meets on Tuesday, June 11, 8:00pm, in the library room at Pacific High School.

Al-Anon meets every Thursday at the Lutheran Church at 8:00pm.

Port Orford Arts Council meets on Friday, June 7, 7:00pm, at the Port Orford Senior Center on Jackson St.



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Fireworks, Foreworks, Who's Got the Firesorks By Donna Lindberg

Every year the Jubilee Committee works very hard to provide the best ever fireworks display in Port Orford every 4th of July. The main fund raiser for this event is the Jubilee Auction held each year. You can help with this event by donating usable items that can be sold at this years auction. Clothing, shoes, belts and purses are not usually good items. Your old unwanted tools, bikes, good fishing things, plants, lamps, tables, and a variety of other items are what we are looking for. This is the week to really come up with your unwanted treasures. The Jubilee Auction is Saturday June the 8th and begins at 6pm.

We celebrate freedom on the 4th of July. The freedom of speech, freedom to individual open religious beliefs, freedom to vote in an election and pick the candidate of our choice, freedom of the press and choices for education. We are given the freedom to make many choices that other countries only dream of. We are the United States of America. A People with a broad range of ideas a people with differing moral values. Never the less we are "One Nation" united by freedom in the signing of "the Declaration of Independence" in 1776. Get involved this year and contribute to the Jubilee Auction. We need help setting up and picking up things people cannot deliver themselves. Call Donna, auction chairlady,

332-5006 or Viola 332-2352 if you have donations that need picked up. You can bring donations to the community building anytime after 10am on Friday, June 7th and Saturday June 8th until 3pm. You may also make your donation for the dedication of fireworks to your sweetheart or friends at the Auction. I'm looking forward to wonderful weekend of fun filled events.

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Demolition Derby At The Fair

Rules and entry blanks are now available at the Curry County Fair office for the giant Destruction Derby that will climax the Curry County Fair on Sunday, July 28, at 3:00pm.

The winner of the giant destruction finale is guaranteed \$600, with cash prize money being put up by the promoter. Prize money and trophies will be awarded for second through fourth in the finale. Cash and trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in each heat event.

The Demolition Derby at the Curry County Fair will be the third of the giant \$6,500, four derby series produced in the area. Any driver may enter this derby. Drivers do not have to be entered in the four derby series to run individually in the derby but do have to run all four derbies to be eligible for the additional \$1000 point fund on the line for top finishers in the derby series.

The four events demolition derby with \$6,500 in prize money has been announced by the Northwest Sports, producers of the events.

The events are scheduled for the following locations and dates: Eureka Fairgrounds, Sunday, June 30; Crescent City Fairgrounds, Wednesday, July 3; During the Fair at the Curry County Fairgrounds Sunday, July 28, and finally during the Del Norte County Fair at the Crescent City Fairgrounds on Sunday, August 4.

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Inquiries may be made by calling Dave Emery at 916-934-2671.

Rules and entry forms are available at the office on the Curry County Fairgrounds, 29392 Ellensburg Ave., Gold Beach. The phone number is 541-247-4541 or fax them at 247-4542.

Art Workshop Classes

Marleen Olive, art instructor for Southwestern Oregon Community College will offer four new art workshops this summer. These short session creative art workshops include Drawing and/or Painting on Location, Papermaking, Gallery Tour, Collage. In addition, students can take the Open Painting Lab a full Summer Term class. This class will be held at the Manley Art Center starting Monday, June 24, from noon to 4:00pm.

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Letter To The Editor

The Yachats Coastal Gems Volkswalking Club sincerely thanks all who helped make our recent Volkswalking events in Port Orford such an overwhelming success. The raves about the scenery at Cape Blanco, the friendliness of the townspeople, the wonderful meals and accommodations all made for a memorable Memorial Weekend for over one hundred fifty walkers.

We all have nothing but praises for your lovely community and your hospitality to us and our walking companions.

Most Sincerely,

Yachats Coastal Gems
 Phillipp and Margellen Hanson

Hike At Ophir Beach

Join Carolyn Cronberger for a hike along Ophir beach at the mouth of Euchre Creek. Meet Carolyn at 35111 Highway 101, across from Ophir School and on the west side of 101. The hike will be preceded by a visit to the Pioneer Cemetery. You will see shore birds and visit the "Blow Hole". The hike is approximately 2 hours, level ground and good for all ages. Remember to bring binoculars.

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HELP WANTED: DINNER COOK, pick up application at the Truculent Oyster Restaurant, Port Orford.

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FIVE PARTY GARAGE SALE June 8 and 9. 9am to 4pm both days. 92621 Knapp Road. New and used two garages full.

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What's Your Problem By Donna Hoffmann

Can you believe it? It's almost County Fair time again! We Master Gardeners are really excited because we're going to have TWO displays this year! One will be in with the flower and vegetable displays building emphasizing Deer Resistant plants. Notice I didn't say Deer Proof - the only thing that might be deer proof would be silk flowers and I wouldn't take bets on that! Anyway, it will hope-

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fully give you an edge on the war with our four-legged foe. We'll also have a booth in the county extension building and Master Gardeners will be there to answer your questions about gardening and water and septic problems. Plus, we'll be having an election to elect the WORST gardening problem you have, whether it is deer, snails and slugs, wind, rain, or even soil. We'll find out Curry County gardener's Public Enemy #1, with some of the runners-up and I'll give the results of the election in this column. Stop by our booth and cast your vote!

Now that plants are growing in the flower and vegetable gardens, "things" come along and munch on them. There are lots that munch, but this time I'm addressing bud worms - the little green worms that eat the flower buds on petunias and geraniums before they open, and the big tomato worm everyone knows - the tomato horn worm. *Bacillus thuringiensis* is readily available at any nursery, which will do these guys in. Mix as the label directs and spray your affected plants. Within hours, the worms stop eating. It can take up to 2 weeks for the worms to actually die, but they can't eat the plants they've been feeding on. What's so good about B.T. is it's totally natural and can be used on vegetables too. You don't have to wait before harvesting and eating. You can spray in the morning and pick the veggies for tonight's dinner if you wanted. It works on most all caterpillars and worms. One draw-back is if

you want butterflies, make sure of the caterpillar you are spraying! (It's easy with the bud worms - you can see them eating the buds and the horn worm is easily identifiable.

Speaking of tomatoes, have just received a bulletin from O.S.U. suggesting the use of black plastic when planting heat-loving plants like tomatoes, peppers, squash and melons. The sheeting will warm the soil and keep the heat in at night. They suggest laying the plastic down before planting, making holes where you'll be placing the plants. If you have drip irrigation, put drip lines under the plastic. If you use sprinklers to water, dampen the soil first, lay the plastic and cut the holes for your plants larger than 6 inches, to ensure that enough moisture gets to the ground around the plants. Also said to use a pitch fork to make holes in the plastic so water could soak through. (be careful of any drip lines!) And, though it wasn't mentioned, the plastic would help keep the weeds down.

We had a very good response at our Master Gardener's Plant Clinics at the Volkswalk in Port Orford and the Azalea Festival in Brookings. Met lots of wonderful people and were able to solve problems and give out information concerning gardening. In case you couldn't make it, we're still available on Wednesday's 9:00am to noon. And start thinking about your #1 gardening problem so you can "vote" at the Fair. Good gardening!

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One reason for the entry fees being what they are is the race promoters have taken out a 5 million dollar insurance policy for the races. Now wouldn't be a bad time to get those bicycles ready and start getting in shape for uphill climb ahead.

Homing Pigeon Finds New Home By Alice Pfand

On May 27 I received a call for help. A pigeon had walked into the visitor center at Battle Rock Park and refused to leave. The pigeon was sleek and slender and had bands on both legs. I guessed it might be a lost homing pigeon. I took the bird home and gave it food and water. It was very tired and hungry. After eating its fill it took a long nap.

Now to find its owner. I immediately thought of the Internet and soon located the Homing Pigeon Flightline in Hous-

ton, Texas which features a lost bird report email address. I entered the bird's tag number and location. The next day I had an email reply. The pigeon's home club was in Vancouver, Washington. I called the club contact and was informed that they had a 400 mile race on May 25 from Glenn's Ferry, Idaho. Because of bad weather it took some of the pigeons 15 hours to return home. Our bird was really lost, had flown approximately 15 degrees off its flight plan, and spent an estimated 56 hours flying time.

They didn't want the pigeon back. Homing pigeons that can't find their way home aren't much use as racers. But Orville Laursen was happy to adopt the bird. He used to raise homing pigeons.

To find out more about pigeon racing check these pages on the Internet:

<http://www.houstonhub.com/hpfl>

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<http://www.jdir.net/~tpflight/links.html>

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