Annual outdoor fair scheduled to kick off March 26

The 2022 Outdoor Family Fair is set to take place on Main Plaza on Saturday, March 26, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Families of all ages are welcome to join the fun.

This community-focused event provides Kendall County families with the opportunity to learn about services and organizations that are available in the area, while enjoying a day of play and entertainment in downtown Boerne. Each booth will have helpful information about the services that they offer the families of Kendall County as well as fun interactive activities for kiddos.

The event is co-hosted by the Kendall County Child Service Board and the City of Boerne Parks and Recreation Department. Any questions or comments can be directed to the Boerne Parks and Recreation Department at 830-248-1653 or Emilio Viera at 830-248-1605 or eviera@boerne-tx.gov.

BISD proposes $165M bond in May election

By Connie McFall Clark

Recently the Boerne ISD Board of Trustees accepted the recommendations of the district’s Long Range Steering Committee, composed of more than 80 community volunteers including parents, teachers, students and business members. The committee met seven times over a span of five months to discuss ways to manage the district’s growth by reviewing enrollment projections, facility condition assessment information and stakeholder feedback from surveys and other district committees. This analysis eventually led to the creation of the proposed bond package.

Boerne ISD will hold a bond election on Saturday, May 7, 2022. The ballot will consist of two separate propositions, totaling $165.64 million dollars, and will focus on safety, growth and technology.

Proposition 1 has a total cost of $162.64 million dollars and includes:
- Aquatics learning center
- Expansions at secondary campuses to accommodate growth
- Aquatics at secondary campuses to accommodate growth
- A water quality center

Proposition 2 has a total cost of $3 million dollars and includes:
- Construction of the district’s eighth elementary school
- Expansion of secondary campuses to accommodate growth
- A learning center

The total package he presented came to just under $43 million dollars with five projects deemed most needed. In no particular order, with five projects deemed most needed. In no particular order, Development Services.

In preparation for celebrating Easter, St. Mark Presbyterian invites Boerne residents to stop by the cross erected in front of the church at 208 W. Bandera Road and leave a prayer. Supplies are in a plastic tub near the cross.

Al Auxier, Kendall County Sheriff

SHERRIF SAYS

When policing intersects with mental health crises

In my last article, we discussed mental health challenges across the nation. This month, I would like to focus on what is happening in Kendall County

It should be no surprise that Kendall County is not exempt from the same or similar issues that law enforcement officials across the country deal with on a regular basis. You just may not hear about it.

Working the road as a State Trooper, I met many people on the road and in local residences that were challenged with mental health issues. I have had many chats on the side of the road with individuals dealing with mental issues including a woman headed west on IH-10 and talking about the flying saucers she was seeing overhead.

In those days, there was no training for troopers to prepare us to deal with individuals like this woman. We did the best we could, but most of the time, the way to deal with them was to separate yourself from them as quickly as possible.

Boerne council talks street improvements

By Christina Ryrholm

One of the benefits of daylight saving time is sometimes being able to go home after meetings while the sky is still blue.

Such was the case on Tuesday when, for the second Boerne city council meeting in a row, the group adjourned before 7:30. Mayor Tim Handren was unable to attend, T. Wolosin conducted the session. Joe Macaluso, Bryce Reddy, Quinten Scott and Nina Woodard were present.

Instead of having a third workshop prior to the regular meeting to discuss potential bond priorities for streets and sidewalks, it was part of the regular session.

Knotty Stack, Assistant City Manager, gave a brief synopsis of the time meetings workshops (park and open space followed by facilities) and then passed the hat to Jeff Carroll, Director of Development Services.

The total package he presented came to just under $45 million dollars with five projects deemed most needed. In no particular order, improvements:

- New sidewalks
- New crosswalks
- New street elements
- New bike facilities
- New street construction

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Course teaches inmates skills to be successful outside jail

March 7 marked the inaugural completion of the Prepped for Life course for the female inmates at the Kendall County Jail.

Supported by Sheriff Al Auxier and Lieutenant Robert O’Dell, Sue Pennock, Monay Boring and Lt. Robert Green.

Six seasoned instructors volunteered their time to teach and empower the women over the five-week training inside the jail. The goal of the course is to help the women become healthier, happier, more productive citizens by providing the knowledge necessary for them to deal with the deepest issues in their life that may be causing them difficulties.

Monay Boring, CJC’s Programs Coordinator, said, “Six women completed the training stronger and better equipped for life. Three other women were unable to complete the course due to prison transfers.”

A three-time repeat offender told the Sheriff, “I learned so much, I have never received any kind of teaching like this before.”

CJC’s plan is to train new female inmates yearly with the ultimate goal to reduce recidivism.

CJC and HC Services are working together with the Kendall County Jail to identify and fill the gaps for the female inmates when they exit the jail.

CJC also provides job and life-skills classes for women on probation and any other women in the community. To volunteer, attend or learn more about CJC contact them at CG@Boerne.org, or call the main office at 830-911-3910.

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The answers for the Sudoku are Crossword puzzles on Page 8 can be seen below.

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Wildfires wiped out homes and a majority of the small town of Dalls, Texas. The Dallas Morning News reported on Saturday, as four fires west of Dallas burned 54,000 acres and killed a sheriff’s deputy who was helping people flee. The four fires, designated as the Eastland Complex, have raged since Wednesday or Thursday they will keep singer Dolly Parton on their 2022 nomination list, despite Parton’s request Thursday they will keep singer Dolly Parton on their 2022 nomination list, despite Parton’s request to withdraw her name. Earlier this week, in a statement shared on Parton’s social media accounts, the country star said that while she was “extremely honored and grateful” for the nomination, she didn’t think the country would stand by its decision to split because of me, so I must respectfully withdraw my name. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.”

The Senate gave itself a pat on the back earlier this week when senators voted with one objective: make daylight saving time permanent. However, America tried this before – and the country hated it. In the early 1970s, America was having an energy crisis as the government tried an experiment. Congress passed a law to make daylight saving time permanent year-round, but just for two years. In 1975, the thinking was that saving an hour of power for a whole year would reduce the nation’s energy consumption. Americans did not like changing their clocks, but they disliked even more going to work and school in the dark for months – the price the nation had to pay for more sunlight in winter evenings. If we didn’t reduce energy consumption as intended, in 1976, Congress repealed the law. The reason the two-year experiment was even up. Nearly 50 years later, Congress back at it.

The Reveille is a lake in Texas – which marks the beginning of astronomical spring in the Northern Hemisphere – occurred Sunday was one of two days out of the year – the other being the day of the autumnal equinox in September – when the Earth’s axis is neither tilted toward nor away from the sun, resulting in roughly 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness almost everywhere on Earth. It’s also one of only two days each year when almost every spot on Earth experiences a sunrise at due east and a sunset at due west. So it’s an “equal night,” which is where the sun’s equatorial transit is zero. From the Earth’s perspective, the sun appears to move directly overhead in the sky.

At long last, spring 2022 is finally here. The vernal (aka spring) equinox—which marks the beginning of astronomical spring in the Northern Hemisphere—occurred Sunday at 10:33 a.m. CDT. The equinox marks the precise moment the sun sets at night and rises the next day. The exact moment was 10:33 a.m. CDT. The equinox does not mark the first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. That honor went to March 20. The equinox does mark the precise moment the sun sets at night and rises the next day.

Finland may be the world’s happiest country for five years running—but the U.S. fell this year to third place. In the annual National Geographic–U.S. News & World Report–Citrin Cooper Jacobson report, Finland topped the list, followed by Switzerland and the United Kingdom. The U.S. was tied for third with Australia and the Netherlands, just off the 10th annual World Happiness Report, released Tuesday, by the London School of Economics and Canada. The U.S. ranked 10th in 2017. Finland’s ranking is based on surveys of the world’s happiest countries, the United States, Canada, and the Netherlands. That’s a three-spot gain from last year, when the U.S. was ninth. The U.S. now ranks above countries like China, Russia, Belgium, and France in an array of happiness metrics. There’s an “Island of Misfit Toys” in the popular Christmas classic, “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.” The emphasis on banned books does not seem to be controversial in Malinicus Island, the world’s most remote and isolated community. With only 100-year-round residents, a live-and-let-live tolerance and appreciation for differences is essential.
DRT chapter to mark Texas History Month

March is Texas History Month as designated by the Texas Legislature in 2003. The Joshua D. Brown Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas is hosting events in honor of the 1836 victory for independence and all Texians who sacrificed so much in the formation of the Republic.

The second event was Alamo Heroes Day, celebrated on March 6, when we remember those of the most renowned events in the history of Texas. The event was held in honor of individuals who became heroes of the Texas Revolution. It commemorates the defenders of the Alamo who died in the battle.

The third event is Goliad Day, celebrated on March 27. After the fall of the Alamo, the Texian army under General Sam Houston制定了 a plan to prepare for further military action. However, the battle at Goliad was a disaster for the Texians. The Battle of Coleto, near Goliad, also occurred on March 27, 1836. In near freezing temperature, 54 delegates from all municipalities in Texas convened in an unfinished building at Washington-on-the-Brazos on March 1, to appoint a committee to draft a declaration of independence from Mexico.

The fourth event was The Canary Islanders in Early Texas. Anyone who is interested in tracing their lineage from the Canary Islands is invited to attend. It celebrates the contributions of the Canary Islander community to Texas history. The event will feature speakers discussing the little-known history of the Canary Islanders in Texas.

The fifth event is Texas Flag Day, and the birthday of Sam Houston. On March 2, 1903, the Texas Legislature passed a resolution designating March 2 as Texas Flag Day. The resolution mandated all Texans to fly the Texas flag and promote the state’s history and heritage.

The sixth event is the celebration of the centennial of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. The DRT chapter will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the organization’s establishment. It is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to Texas history.

The seventh event is the commemoration of the three Texas Honor Days that fall during the month of March, as they are among the most significant events in the formation of the Texas Republic. The three days are Alamo Heroes Day, Goliad Day, and The Canary Islanders in Early Texas.

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A man was observed utilizing a crossbow to shoot at a cow in a nearby area. He was reported to have loaded the crossbow with an arrow and was aiming it at a rancher's property. He was arrested and incarcerated, and he was found to be in possession of a loaded crossbow.

A woman reported someone using her mailbox for receiving mail. She said she was aware of the incident and promptly notified the mail carrier. The postal service was contacted, and they are investigating the matter.

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Boerne residents have say in city’s financial priorities

By Ty Wiskin

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Let’s talk about Bond

Roger Moore or Sam Gentry?

The two City leaders—City Manager Roger Moore and Mayor Sam Gentry—have heard Boerne ISD will have a bond election in May of 2022 and the school district is seeing such growth, including in Lubbock, that it will not lead to higher tax rates. By the time of this going to press, we should have had our third workshop on roads and tax rates. This will mostly, if not all, be updates to existing topics.

All topics come straight from the Boerne ISD bond package, which is called the citizens’ house. In a perfect world, we could comb through the bond package to see what a tax rate would be affected. However, adding the vote to the bond package and looking at a larger tax package, the council will have about all three topics, and then the public would want to know how much it would all impact the tax rate.

Part of the negative with being a fast-growing city is how quickly all things City related can get out of control. And, finally for roads, the update to Adler Road at Boerne Supermarket will likely be one of the top priorities is the completion of a new public safety will always be the top priority. Adler Road will also be on the list of areas that are due for updates, and the council foresees that it will be one of the top projects for the coming years.

I am assuming that by now you have heard Boerne BID will have a bond election in November of 2022. The goal of the bond package is to have a member of a BID council for over 50 years.

The goal of Genevieve’s life was to see the face of God in everyone. She was a true lover one. She led a very active and meaningful life and for sure was able to look back on her life and know that she had lived a life full of faith. She spent a lot of time in prayer and meditated over the words of the Bible. She was also a very strong woman and was an example of what we can strive to be.

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What an amazing experience it was to be able to spend time with Genevieve. She was a very strong woman and was an example of what we can strive to be.

The family would like to thank the staff of Heritage Village, the staff of Allabades, and all of the caregivers at The Garden Home of Boerne. To share a memory of Michalia’s Life was held at Ebensberger-Fisher Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Hospice of South Texas. Arrangements are under the care of Ebensberger-Fisher Funeral Home of Boerne.

Michal de Jonerus

July 29, 1994 – Feb. 21, 2022

Genevieve Clara Engel Jones • Oct. 3, 1923 – March 12, 2022

Genevieve Clara Engel Jones, 98, of Boerne, Texas, passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2022. She was born on Oct. 3, 1923, in the family home in Be...
Our youngest council member, Chelle Bliss, closed Thursday’s meeting by going in a different direction from her other council’s discussions. She specifically said that there was something that she would like to bring up. The mayor opened the discussion by saying that she would like to bring an item up that was brought up at the last meeting. She mentioned that there was a difference in the way that the city council minutes were prepared and how many of the options cost council members. She also mentioned that there was a need to attend the City Council. Chesley commented that knowing the options would allow them to continue to discuss their plans and budget. The council members then discussed what they thought about the options and how much they would cost. The mayor then mentioned that the council would need to discuss the options and how much they would cost. She also mentioned that there was a need to continue the discussion and how much the options would cost.
On Thursday, March 22, at 6:46 a.m., Boerne Police were dispatched to a truck in the 5900 block of Interstate 10 eastbound, near mile marker 598. Upon arrival, police officers observed a man next to his truck who appeared deceased. The victim has been identified as Jerome McGee, 48, of Kerrville.

At this time, it is believed McGee was driving his truck for unknown reasons when he was struck by a passing motorist. The driver of the passenger vehicle that struck the victim immediately pulled over and remained on scene. Investigations found the truck McGee was driving stopped on the right-hand shoulder of the interstate. The truck’s brakes were on and a right-side blinker flashing; however, the emergency flashes were not functional.

McGee was pronounced deceased by Judge Jina Prewitt, Justice of the Peace Precinct 4. Next of kin has been notified.

One lane of 1-10 remained closed for several hours while officers conducted their investigation.

This is Boerne’s first traffic fatality of 2022. Boerne Police continue their investigation.

On March 3, Mayor Tim Handren welcomed several of our community’s residents. Pictured from left are Dusty Fisher and Billy Parkhill for The Tapatio Springs Mens Golf Association sponsored a tournament on Saturday March 19. The tournament was 55-14-23 and the winner was outside of his truck for unknown reasons.

The bond propositions meet the projected need for Boerne ISD. Projections from Boerne ISD’s Demographer, PASA, estimate the district’s student enrollment is capable of nearly 21,000 students by 2031. Bond money cannot pay for the dollar amount of instruction that will take funds from the education of a school; it cannot pay teachers, general maintenance and operations that is not inherent to the school’s academic program; it cannot pay for the technology that is not inherent to the school’s academic program; it cannot pay for the technological facilities that are already in the school and maintenance upgrades for aging network infrastructure that is not inherent to the school’s academic program; or maintenance upgrades for aging network infrastructure that is not inherent to the school’s academic program.

If approved by voters, the 2022 Bond will provide for an additional $155 million dollars. The proposition will fund the purchase of educational devices for students and staff district-wide, as well as a general fleet of educational devices. The proposition will also fund the implementation of technologies that are not inherent to the school’s academic program, as well as a general refresh and focus on the purchase of technological facilities that are already in the school and maintenance upgrades for aging network infrastructure that is not inherent to the school’s academic program.

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George M. Rapier III, MD, founded WellMed in 1990 as a single clinic in the Medical Center area of San Antonio, Texas. It was simple: provide proactive, preventative care and build strong relationships with his senior patients.

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TRIVIA TEST
by Jina Prewitt

1. **LITERATURE:** Who wrote the poetry collection, “The Waste Land”? [T.S. Eliot]
2. **HISTORY:** Which early European explorer named the Pacific Ocean? [Cortés]
3. **HISTORY:** Who was the famous American painter, Vincent van Gogh? [Kirk Douglas]
4. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where is the Tyrhenian Sea located? [Between the west coast of Italy and the islands of Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica]
5. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is the primary ingredient in the canned product Greene promote in the “Meet Joe Greene” TV commercial? [Pork]
6. **ADVERTISING SLOGANS:** What product did football player Joe Greene promote in the “Meet Joe Greene” TV commercial? [SPAM]
7. **TELEVISION:** Eric Taylor was the dad in which 2000s TV drama? (“Friday Night Lights”)
8. **MOVIES:** Who was the famous costume designer in the movie, “The King and I”? [Lynne Stewart]
9. **1953:** Which model year was the first Chevrolet Corvette built? [1953]
10. **EXPLORERS:** Which early European explorer named the Pacific Ocean? [Cortés]

**Answers**

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2. Cortés
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**GOLF SCORES**

Tapatio Springs Mena Golf Association sponsored a March Madness Tournament Saturday March 19. The first was 55-14-23 that the second was 52-23-5 on the Par 3, on the Par 4, and 2 scores on the Par 5.

**BISD Bond**

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• Maintenance upgrades for aging facilities
• Land purchase for future projects
• Upgrading and refreshing network infrastructure

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**Boerne Council**

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The first discussed was Old San Antonio Road. Here the goal would be to have the entire length of the road, with the third lane a dual left turn lane. Estimated cost is $18 million.

Part of the improvements at the Cascade Creek area will be done by 2023 as a project selected by the Alliance Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Another area, which will be a joint project with Kendall County for drainage improvements.

Next is the Adler Road project. This is a two-lane road that will be totally torn up and rebuilt as a three lane road. Once again there are two areas that will have drainage improvements in a joint project with Kendall County. The estimated cost is $13.5 million.

**Free Roam Brewing Company’s Grand Opening:**

**Champion teens named National Merit Finalists**

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**CarriConnect** has added a great new welcoming CarriConnect to our Boerne Business Community with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony today! CarriConnect is an award-winning credit and payment integration for businesses. With CarriConnect, businesses can offer their customers a variety of convenient payment options, from credit cards to cash, without the need to integrate multiple systems. Visit CarriConnect today and see how their suite of products can help your business thrive. For more information, contact their sales team at 504-201-4013 or melody@cardconnectcp.com!
MOMIX mesmerizes with artistry, illusion. With nothing more than light, shadow, fabric, projection and imagination, MOMIX continues to astound and amaze audiences on two continents. From its base in Washington, Connecticut, the company has developed a world-wide following. MOMIX has thrilled fans in over 23 countries and has been featured on stage and television. Acclaimed Dance Meets Pendulum theatre creates and immerses the audience with imagery, classical and contemporary technique to combine dance, routing music, notation costumes, and props and pure talent to create an enigmatic multimedia experience that will surprise, delight and astound audiences everywhere. New York Times review describes MOMIX as, “a lesson between science and art, apprehension and excitement” while The Huffington Post declares them to be, “Just Magic!”

Boerne Performing Arts is pleased to close its nine months to bring internationally acclaimed performing arts to the community through the sponsors for the MOMIX performance: the GVTC Foundation, H-E-B, Cordillera Ranch, Richter Tavern and the City of Boerne. Thanks to these sponsors and patrons, one thousand third grade students will attend a special sneak peak program earlier at the day to no cost to the students. Spotlighting local talent found right here in Boerne, Boerne High School students will be featured in the lobby and Boerne High School Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Skidmore to perform before the show and during intermissions. In addition, concessions will be offered during the evening performance by the Boerne Chamber Orchestra Front Orga- nization. The performance will be at the Boerne Champion High School Auditorium at 7:30 pm. (Tickets $25(20)) and meal tickets are available on the website for this and all other Boerne Performing Arts events at www.boerneperformingarts.com. They can also be purchased in person at the Greater Boerne Chamber of Commerce and phone requests may be made at 830-331-9079.

MOMIX transports audiences to a fantasy world with the use of magical lighting, imagery and outrageous costumes.

Irish Dance Performance
10 A.M. SATURDAY, MARCH 26

We are delighted to once again showcase a performance by the Inishfree School of Irish Dance. The Inishfree School is a competitive one, with locations throughout the United States and abroad in Belfast. Inishfree dancers consistently place highly in regional, national, and world levels. Combining foot-tapped combinations with toe-tapping Celtic tunes, Inishfree performance never fail to thrill audiences.

The dancers regularly perform at a variety of venues that have included performing with The Chieftains, Spor's Hall of Fame performances, Good Day SA, on the Firewalk, the San Antonio Highland Games, the San Antonio Folklife Festival, the Austin Celtic Festival, the North Texas Irish Festival and corporate events.

As noted in the school’s website, while the dancers have consistently won championships, the objective of the school is not just to produce champions, but to continue to pass on, to its students of all ages, the traditions and lore of Irish dance.

Our lives are enriched immeasurably through the sharing of cultures. As we sample the music, dance, literature, cuisine, and philosophies of other peoples, we find ourselves in global awareness and appreciation. We see, too, that by understanding other’s differences, there is much that we share. The depth of our commitment to tolerate – not just our height of our walk nor lack on our doors – will keep us a world of peace for all humanity.

Mama Rabbit Storytime
10 A.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Easter is just weeks away, and Peter Rabbit’s Mama will be at the beautiful Herff Farm Amphitheater (153 Herff Blvd) to share tales, tunes, cutting, a tasty treat with children. A “Hoppy” time is guaranteed for all.

Toddler Storytime
10 A.M. WEDNESDAY

Many working parents or those who have toddlers in preschool during the weekday have requested an afternoon storytime. Our Youth Department team always love to hear your request. We are delighted to add this storytime for toddlers age 2 up to and better serve you. Enjoy tales, tunes, and crafting.

Chess with Charlie
10 A.M. THURSDAY

Some parents are always keen on teaching their child chess. We are happy to oblige.

Brazos Jam
AgriCultural Heritage & Arts Center, 102 City Park Road

Join us for the outdoor family jam session. It’s free, but donations always appreciated!

Museum Tours & A Quilt Presentation
Kuhlmann-King Museum, 402 E. Blanco Road

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Celebration Irish-American Heritage Month
By Constance Keremes Special to the Hill Country Weekly

March is Irish-American Heri- tage Month, a time to celebrate the many accomplishments and contributions that those of Irish heritage have made to our nation. Statistics show that nearly one in ten Americans are of Irish heritage, with 1.9 million residing in Texas. Historians note that Irish Americans started coming to what is now the United States in the early 17th century, the descendant of one of whom contributed to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Increasing numbers of Irish people came to the new nation, with an estimated 3.5 million arriving between 1820 to 1910. A great many came during the Great Irish Famine of the 19th century, seeking a better life than the one of object poverty and disease they felt behind in Ireland.

There has not been an easy immigration to our nation, with Irish immigrants often challenged by some poverty and prejudice. Yet they persevered, and buoyed by unfaltering, spirit and opportunity, they helped build and strengthen our nation. From literature to performing arts, performance, and every Irish-immigrant of past and present is to be honored not only in March, but for all times.

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