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"Those Who Cannot Remember the Past are Condemned to Repeat It"

by Amy Smith

The program twelve Prep students attended on March 11, 1993 was entitled "Holocaust and Genocide Learning Through Experience", and everyone did learn something. Whether it was for the first time, or it was learning more about their own religion all participants came away with a new understanding of their part in our world. Randi Schwartz, Liz Sugarman, Kiera Westphal, Jill Glazewski, Kaman Price, Sharon Salamon, Sara Catona, Amy Halpin, Todd Hoyt, Amy Smith, Eireann Corrigan, Mrs. Wacker, and Mrs. Goosen went to the program at Raritan

Valley Community College.

The program started with greetings, and then keynote speaker Mrs. Gerda Weiss Klein. Mrs. Klein is a writer who was also in a concentration camp in Silesia during the Holocaust. About 450 women had been taken on a death march to this camp, most had died on the way, but about 100 were left. This was too many for the Nazi's, so they put the women in an abandoned building and placed a bomb in it. Fortunately the bomb never went off, and soon they heard shouts that the war was over. Mrs. Klein walked out and came face to face with

an American soldier. The first thing she said to him was, "I'm Jewish". His answer, "So am I." One year later that American soldier was to become her husband.

After the presentation by Mrs. Klein, the group broke up and went to two different workshops. The topics ranged from Contemporary Events in Europe to Native Americans, to Prejudice and You. One of the first workshops five Prep students attended was Living Witnesses. Five local teens had traveled to Poland last year on a "March of the Living" where they visited the three

major concentration camps. They showed slides and told of their experiences.

The second workshop some of the prep students attended was Anti-Semitism Today, given by Jerry Flanzbaum, an area lawyer and head of the NJ Holocaust Commission. Mr. Flanzbaum talked about the resurgence of anti-Semitism and what can be done to overcome growing prejudice to protect Jews from violence and to keep everyone aware of the problem and away from ignorance. Many of the participants had experienced of anti-semitism first hand; these and many other situations and topics were brought up.

The closing remarks were presented by Dr. Penelope Lattimer, a member of the NJ Holocaust Commission and the assistant Superintendent of curriculum and instruction for the New Brunswick public schools. Dr.

Lattimer talked about racism today. One phrase she repeated over and over again, and the accompanying story, stick in my mind. "You have to be carefully taught." Dr. Lattimer was driving to church one day, and was driving at the same speed as an older white couple who had what she thought their 4 or 5 year old granddaughter in the back. The little girl kept staring at her so Dr. Lattimer finally waved. The girl promptly gave her the finger. "You have to be carefully taught."

We are all taught of the awfulness of Holocaust and Genocide. We always think things like this can't happen, but unfortunately most of us know they do. We always want to think there isn't much racism or prejudice, but unfortunately most of us know there is. This program may not end prejudice and racism, but hopefully it will make people more aware.

World Games

by Lauren Lineback

On April 5, the students at Rutgers Prep were surprised to find out they would have no classes that day. Instead, they were to play the World Game Workshop, sponsored by the World Game Institute. The game took place in the Fieldhouse and all upperschool students participated. John Dietz, the workshop facilitator and representative from the World Game Institute, directed the whole affair. A map the size of half the gym floor set the stage for the game. The game involved the simulation of the world where groups of students represented various regions of the world. Some students acted as international organizations such as the United Nations,



Trevor Young helps with a demonstration during the World Games.

UNESCO, and the World Bank. Students had to solve all of the problems of the world during the 4 hour simulation by buying or selling food and natural resources. Another goal of the students was to solve all racial, ethnic, and civil conflicts in their regions. The game ended with a

slide show of inspiring quotes and photos.

Though there was some controversy about the unexpectedness of the game on the part of the students, there was an overall appreciation of the World Game experience among the student body.

Beach Sweep

by Debbie Rothberg

On Saturday, April 24, twenty-four environmentally conscious Prep students will put on their hard-soled shoes, gloves and sunscreen to brave the filthy world of trash that washes up onto our shores. This beach sweep, sponsored by Clean Ocean Action of Monmouth and Ocean counties yearly is a practical, positive way for any

person willing to give the time to help give our beaches back the beauty they once had. The Environmental Club has participated in this event in past years, but never with the vigorous support received from the student body this year. Students participating in the sweep, working as "Beach Captains" are: Elizabeth Sugarman, Danielle Snieder,

Beth Arsenault, Jill Glazewski, Abigail Michaels, Ria Rasalan, Amanda Heron, Debbie Rothberg, Ana Moral, Sara Papa, and Diana Liscinski, along with Mr. Mazza. These students will also receive community service hours for putting in time and energy to making our beaches cleaner and more pleasant for everyone.

Annually, at this time of the year, the Merit Scholarship selection process takes place. The candidates are faced with many the pressures of competition. To ease the tension, the candidates and their parents were invited to Prep on March 10. This gave them the opportunity to see the school and what it has to offer. The Key Club helped with the orientation. After the members of the key club gave a tour of the campus, the candidates were invited back to the library to ask any questions and to get to know each other. What made the event more relaxed was that the key club members were the ones who answered the questions. The parents and faculty formed their own group where the parents asked questions of the faculty. Some of the questions that came up concerned homework, sports, activities, and teachers. The candidates were very pleased because they got an "inside" look at

Prep from the members of the Key Club. The members shared their feelings about Prep and the experiences they've had. They also gave some advice on starting out in the school and talked about the difference between going to a public school and a private school. The candidates seemed very excited about attending Prep and had a lot of questions. Student speakers were chosen by Ms. Leroy to talk about certain subjects. Luis Garcia spoke about how he felt about going to Prep, the activities that were available, and he also gave advice on time management. Erin Armistead spoke about sports, clubs, and activities; she explained how important it was to get involved in the school. Amanda Cruz spoke about her experience as a Freshman coming to the school and the changes coming from a public school to a private school. About 15 members of the Key Club participated.

Merit Scholarship Tour Day

by Amanda Cruz

Abortion Bill Applauded

by Uma Ayyala

Recently a bill proposing the lifting of a ban on Medicaid funding of abortions for poor women was passed. The restriction proposed by Representative Hyde more than a decade ago, restricted the use of federal Medicare money to fund the abortions of women who could otherwise not afford one.

I applaud President Clinton for his swift actions involving this issue. Though there is a great controversy upon the subject of abortion, the issue here is not abortion, nor is it whether a woman has the right to choose. It is more about equal opportunity for the women of this country, both the wealthy and the poor. With the former Hyde restriction, only wealthy women could

afford to have an abortion. Impoverished women could not afford abortions even if pregnancy was the result of rape or incest. For a country so proud to advertise its equal opportunity attitude, this is a direct and clear violation of what this nation preaches. With the changes being made in our present health care system by the Clinton administration, it is only proper to have lifted this ban accordingly; providing health care for the poor. Those opposed to this bill claim that the tax payers should not have to foot the abortion bill of others. What they fail to think about is that the taxpayer would be better off helping these poor women once rather than having to pay for an unwanted, unplanned child on welfare.

Governmental Funding for Abortions Opposed

by Paul Constantinides

During the week of March 29, President Bill Clinton issued an executive order that changed a long-standing governmental policy. From now on, states will allocate government money to the cost of abortions. This means that every taxpayer will be footing the bill for abortions. The issue of whether abortion should remain legal is one that stirs emotions. Both sides of the issue have clear and concise arguments. My objective in this article is not to voice my opinion on the issue of abortion, but to bring into question the use of the taxpayer's money to pay for something so controversial.

The Pro-Abortion movement advocates argue that religion dictates when life begins. Hence, the justification of moralizing the abortion of a pregnancy is done by begrudging the fetus life. If, as they claim, government has no right to regulate religion, how then is the government allowed to take the side of the abortion activists. Abortions have remained as a form of birth con-

trol, a matter of convenience; making government money available will only put abortions into the hands of more people. In the future it will become the most preferred option to dealing with unwanted pregnancies. There are other options, but they will fade to the cheaper alternative of abortion. If abortions are constitutional, and it is a matter of choice, government has no role in pushing the pernicious option.

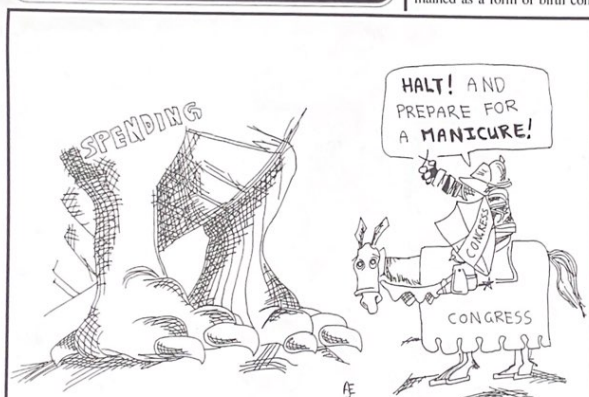
Even more surprising that such a drastic move was taken, is that the issue was hardly covered by the media. The issue came and went in a day. There was no debate, and no time to contemplate the move. In the Sunday New York Times of April 4, there was not even a mention of the decree. Truly how many Americans know that their money is paying for abortions. My opinion is that each state should put the issue to a vote, and let that vote decide whether abortion is legal in that state. Amendment X of the constitu-

tion gives states the right to regulate things like this. After the vote, if abortion is decided legal, no funding will be made available; the cost will be covered as is any other medical treatment, paid partially by the patient and partially by insurance. Anyone residing in a state where abortion is illegal would need to travel to a legal state and acquire services there. This alternative would slow the controversy by putting the decision into the hands of the American people, who would decide their own fate.

It is my conclusion that the president has acted in a rash manner, and not taken into account any opinion other than that of the liberal Democratic platform. In addition to this, the liberal media has not done its job in conveying to the American populous the fact that something of such importance has taken place. The alternative offered in this article could have no controversial backlash, because everyone has their say, as it should be in a democratic society.

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opinion?

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what you want to say!



Roving Reporter

by Lauren Lineback

Where do you draw the line between flirting and sexual harassment?

"When they tell you to stop and you don't."

Doug Mayle

"When they start touching you in places you don't like."

Pat Singh

"When you start to feel uncomfortable."

Melissa Rosenbaum

"It depends on whether or not the woman is a consenting partner."

Sheila Patel

"Sexual harassment is when the conversation and actions become more vulgar than playful. If a girl protests and a guy doesn't listen, it's sexual harassment."

Uma Ayyala

"When a guy touches a girl against her own will."

David Bilenker

"If the man and the woman think it's O.K. then it's flirting. But, if either of them feel uncomfortable and tell the other to stop, then it's sexual harassment."

Anthony Edison

Date Rape

by Patrick Cahiwat

In the past, the experience of moving onto college from high school was harrowing enough, however, it seems this day and age offers a new element to fear in the transition: date rape, also known as acquaintance rape.

On the last Wednesday of March, Mrs. Halpern and Mr. Nichols organized an assembly to educate Prep's college bound seniors on the very same subject. The assembly centered around a film that showcased the true experiences of four rape victims, all

suffered during their college experience. The film, unlike many which are shown to students, was educational and moving. In fact, it is a film which many college and universities show to incoming freshmen to warn them of the possible impending danger.

Among the crimes committed in today's world, sexual crimes against women are possibly the most heinous. They could be the most frustrating as well because they are relatively easy to prevent. In most cases, they never

should have occurred. Taking such steps as traveling in groups, avoiding dark, isolated areas, and making prudent decisions are good preventive measures. Although they are no guarantee, they can decrease the chances of many crimes taking place.

Rape is more than the violation of a woman's body. No matter how much physical damage is inflicted, it pales in comparison to the emotional pain that is suffered. Although the body will heal, the mind may never.

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Panorama Italiano

by Julie Ciamporcero

Luckily missing a huge blizzard by a matter of hours, a group of students from Rutgers Prep, accompanied by chaperones Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell and Mr. and Dr. Lange, went on a ten day tour of Italy over Spring Break.

After landing at the Malpensa airport of Milan, the group joined other groups from South Carolina, Texas and Mississippi on our red-and-white tour bus, which proved to be our main mode of transportation throughout the trip. The bus driver's name was Walter; he was Torinese and spoke little English. However, the ACIS tour guide, Vincenzo or "Vinnie," was half-American and spoke perfect English - throughout the entire trip, over the bus loudspeaker.

The group's first two nights were spent in the Pensione La Meridiana on the island of Lido, a suburb of Venice. The first day of the trip was spent touring Venice proper, seeing glass made, eating the best pizza in Italy, and participating in other activities such as an afternoon gondola ride. The next day was a "bus day," a phenomenon which would prove to be common on the trip; a majority of the day was spent on board Walter's bus in transit across the beautiful Italian countryside, every inch of which was faithfully narrated by Vinnie.

From Venice, the group moved on to a quick stop in Pisa before arriving at the Albergo Centrale in Montecatini. The following day proved to be one of the most exciting stops, both for sightseeing and shopping: the

city of Florence. This city is famous for its gold and leather goods in addition to its numerous monuments such as Santa Croce, where Michelangelo, Galileo and Dante are buried, and the David of Michelangelo at the National Academy. Florence is also home to what is arguably the best gelato (ice cream) in the country in the tiny backalley storefront of Vivoli.

That evening the group was offered an optional excursion to an Italian discotheque, Space Electronic. According to freshman participant Winona Packer, "The music there was old - they played Ice Ice Baby - but it was worth it to watch Oke do karaoke."

The next day, the group moved on to Siena and the small fortified medieval town of San Gimignano, famous for their fruitcakes and weapons respectively. From there until late evening, the day turned into another "bus day," during which the entire group sang camp songs to pass the time until the bus arrived at the Majestic Palace hotel in Sorrento.

The next day was spent on an excursion to the island of Capri. After visiting the Blue Grotto, the group took the funicular railroad up to the mountaintop city for which the island is named. Everyone in the group loved Capri; senior Gabriella DeSantis says "It was so beautiful, I almost cried." Senior Catherine Sarafian agreed. "I am definitely going there on my honeymoon," she says. Capri was the original home of mozza-

rella cheese; it is still made there the old fashioned way, such that milk pours out of it like a sponge. Of course, Vinnie emphasized a point in its pronunciation: it is actually called CA-pri, and not ca-PREE as Americans are accustomed to.

Coming back from Capri, the ferry dropped the group off at the bottom of Sorrento, providing for a harrowing bus ride of cliffside roads and hairpin turns up to the city proper. Sorrento is famous for its inlaid wood crafts; the group watched a demonstration of the wood-inlay technique and made many purchases afterwards.

The following day, the group went on a tour of the Roman ruins at Pompeii, a city which was buried under volcanic ash from Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. From Pompeii, the day became another "bus day," with the bus finally arriving in Vinnie's home town of Rome in the evening. He then took the group on an optional "Rome by Night" excursion, which culminated in a round of gelato at the Delle Palme, the major competition with Florence's Vivoli for best



The ACIS group inside the Colosseum in Rome

gelateria in Italy. The final hotel on the tour was the Hotel Presidente in downtown Rome - ironically, a Best Western franchise.

The following and final day of sightseeing was spent in Rome, including such sights as St. Peter's and the Vatican City, the Vatican Museum (although the Sistine Chapel was closed) and the Spanish Steps. Dinner that night was in a local restaurant in Vinnie's neighborhood of Trastevere, the area of Rome on the other side of the Tiber river.

The next morning Vinnie and Walter had left earlier, so the Prep group took a separate bus to Rome's Fiumicino airport. Although

the flight was an hour late in taking off, the group was not overly bothered since every extra minute spent in the country was a gift. It was finally late on the night of Sunday, March 21 when a school bus brought the tired and jetlagged group of travelers back to Prep: Anthony Accardi, Daniel Schenck, Winona Packer, Corrie Graham, Bhanu Yerramilli, Kartik Joshi, Luis Garcia, Amy Holliday, Catherine Sarafian, Gabriella DeSantis, Jill Glazewski, Marnee Richman, Danielle Snieder, Julie Ciamporcero, Erica Golliday, Coulby Smaldone, Heather Driver, Stephanie Verb, and Robert Billard.

Phonathon Fundrasier

by Sheila Patel

Recently, members of the senior class worked on a joint project with the Development Office. Approximately twenty-two seniors participated in the Phonathon and raised \$3000 for Prep. In exchange for calling alumni for donations, the seniors were treated to pizza and 25% of all the contributions made.

On the first of the two nights, April 6, Seniors Marnee Richman, Liz Sugarman, Danielle Snieder, Amanda Heron, Bobbie Kader, Sheila Patel, Matt Macia, Brian Schaeffer, Ryman Maxwell,

Geoff Fear, and Reena Patel were present and helped out. Sharon Salamon raised the most pledges and received a music gift certificate for her efforts. On the second night, April 7, Pat Cahiwat, Lynne Schwartz, Jill Glazewski, Stacey Burton, Chris Davis, Catherine Sarafian, and Julie Ciamporcero participated enthusiastically. The certificate winner on the seventh was senior Lynne Schwartz. Hats off to Randi Schwartz, Andrea McLaughlin, Sharon Salamon, and Luis Garcia who helped

out on both nights. Each of the volunteers worked about three and a half hours and received community service recognition.

On a whole, the two nights seemed to be very successful and helpful to both the Seniors and the school. The remaining 75% of the funds will be used to support various activities throughout the school. The opportunity to work and the actual work was appreciated by the seniors and the Development Office respectively.

New School Council

by Uma Ayyala

The new School Council administration has gotten off to a good start. The new Council sponsored its first dress down day on April 5 with all money going to: former Lower School librarian Mrs. Vanderporten's grandson in order to help pay for his hospital bills. Council has also finished Club Allocations, successfully allotting its yearly budget of \$2900 to various clubs in the Upper School including the Drama Club, Junior Class, Junior Statesman, and the Yearbook.

Council plans on holding a variety of social and sporting events for the rest of the school year. One social event in planning is a Tour de France on tricycles with Upper school students participating. As always, Council would like to increase school spirit by hold-

ing another Spirit Day where students would attend an afternoon of home games. Council welcomes all students to come to meetings and to give their input or new ideas for Council to act upon.



Uma Ayyala making her election speech

Drew Rafalaf, Randi Schwartz, Tim Ruiz, and Julie Ciamporcero rehearsing for Neil Simon's 'Odd Couple.' The Spring production looks certain to be another success for the Rutgers Prep Drama Department.



Prep Drama presents Neil Simon's Odd Couple

(the female version!)

Staring Randi Schwartz and Julie Ciamporcero

Show runs April 28 through May 1
At 8:00 in Holley Hall

Tickets: \$4 in advance
\$5 at the door

Experienced Softball Team Takes the Field this Season

by Tara Auciello

This year's Softball team is brimming with experience. The team is made up of seven seniors, one junior, three sophomores and one freshman. Eight players, Amy Holliday, Cherie Gallini, Andrea McLaughlin, Idallia Bonilla, Reena Patel, Lynnie Schwartz, Sara Papa, and Tara Auciello, are veterans of the Prep team. Coaches Kernan and Klinger are looking for these players to provide support to the new players under the guidance of Captain Cherie Gallini.

In the infield, Andrea McLaughlin returns with her

sure glove at first base, and has also made great strides in her offensive skills. Lynnie Schwartz is back for her final season at second and has emerged as one of the team's top bunters. One of last year's All State selections, Cherie Gallini, will be at shortstop, turning double plays with ease. Newcomers Kelly Bubnis, Andowa Newton and Amanda Cruz will probably split the time at third.

The outfield boasts three starters from last season. Amy Holliday will be in center, between Reena Patel in left and Idallia Bonilla in right.



Tara Auciello pitches during the softball game against Saddle River.

Golf Starts on a Soggy Note

by Matt Scherb

Although you couldn't tell from the weather, once again it is time for spring sports, and the golf team is ready for competition. Before the spring break members of the team diligently worked on the mechanics of their swings at a nearby driving range. Now, the golfers are bringing their skills to the Quayle Brook Golf Course, where our home matches will be played.

Unfortunately, the ill weather has made the golf course seem more like a swamp; making the already frustrating game even more so. The weather has also been the reason for the cancellation

of our first match on Thursday, April 1st. It will be awhile before the turf has a chance to dry out and return to satisfactory playing conditions.

We have a wide range of students partaking in golf: seniors Ryman Maxwell, Doug Feldt, Brian Schaeffer, juniors Gia Bocra, Jeff Salzberger, Brian Lessing, sophomores Bill Bocra, Scott Gwiazda, and freshmen Andrew Farrelly, Chris Pink, Matt Scherb, Melissa Stass, Rhea Rasalan, and Sid Singh. The coaches Mr. Forney and Mr. Nichols, as well as the entire golf team, look forward to a good season.

Jill Glazewski, of basketball fame, has joined the team and is giving these outfielders a run for their money. The coaches are not only looking for hustle and speed in these players, but also offensive skills.

Sara Papa and Tara Auciello will make up the battery this season. Sara, with her sure-fire arm that can easily reach second on a pick off, will be behind the plate. Tara, with a fastball, a drop, and a change-up, will be on the mound.

Coaches Kernan and Assistant Coach Klinger, disappointed with hitting and baserunning in the beginning of previous seasons, have started practices out this year concentrating on those areas. The team members are confi-

dent in both their offense and defense and will try to make a run for the state championship. One thing that could stand in their way is injuries. So far they have had their share, but they must try to remain healthy for the season if they want to

win, because they have almost no depth to their bench. Although their first two games were rained out, the team hopes that this will not be a premonition of future game days. Pray for sun, and come support the Softball team!

A Team on the Rebound

by Eric Kelner

"Rutgers Prep tennis on the rebound" is the theme for the 1993 team. After several consecutive disappointing seasons, coach Mike McElreath, our new Prep tennis coach, will lead a young, improving team into the '93 season. All four returning

starters from last year's team are underclassmen.

The captain, Suresh Murthy, a returning starter, is among the top players in the Prep B division. Cory Heimburg, Aaron Silverstein, and Eric Danzeisen are the remaining players in the singles line-up. Cory Heimburg, a returning junior, should have a strong year and newcomers Aaron Silverstein and Eric Danzeisen will play a major part in this season's outcome.

The doubles positions should have strong performances this year. Bill Passonetti, David Kahn, and Eric Kelner should do well with the experience they gained in doubles last year. Rohin Singh and Scott Skorupsky will add to the team makeup.

With the returning starters and the new young players, the Rutgers Prep tennis team looks to improve on last year's season. Prep tennis will try to be up to the hard challenge ahead of them.

RPS Lax: Nothing to Lose

by Dean Barber

After a long winter season boys lacrosse has finally begun. Although at first it seemed as though there wouldn't be a lacrosse team because of the amount of graduating seniors, the team has made a conscious effort to gather as many players as possible. Coaches Cullinane, Tyree, and Szeles feel that if the team works hard they have the potential to do just as well if not better than last year's squad. The team includes seniors Rob Gonzalez and Steve Hostinsky; juniors Matt Hobbs, Dean Barber, John Young and Steve Lenard; and sophomore Dan Gonzalez; from last year. The team was surprised to

see that there were no freshmen out for the team this year. However, there are some promising newcomers: seniors Scott Ryan and Trevor Young; juniors Paul Constantinides and Rajiv Singh; and two new goalies, Craig Fallon and Adam Simnett. The team's first game was April 8 against Gill-St. Bernard's at Gill; this game had special significance because it was the first lacrosse game with Gill. Prep won, 8-1. We hope that during the season we will be able to get more people to come out for the team and we welcome any fan support at our home games.

Varsity Baseball

by Matt Maccia

The Varsity baseball team is looking forward to another competitive and fun season. The team is ready to play despite a Spring that provided many obstacles which

kept it from training outside. However, we are not the only team in the area who had to deal with this Spring's weather.

The team is counting on the

returning starters to perform well and to show the younger players leadership. The returning starters consist of two senior hurlers, Matt Maccia and Chuck Somers. Paul Kermizian completes the battery, displaying strong offensive and defensive prowess. Mike Maccia will also be returning to begin his second season at shortstop, which will hopefully be even more successful than his first. The returning veterans are great to have, but the season could very well rest in the hands of the rookies, all of which look promising. We hope to see many fans out to cheer for the baseball team because it should be an exciting season.



Brian Siegel at the plate during the game against Newark Academy.

Team Records

as of 4/1993

Boys Lacrosse	1-2
Girls Lacrosse	0-3
Softball	2-1
Baseball	1-2
Golf	0-3
Tennis	1-3

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