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OFFSHORE MAINTENANCE



Brad Scott of The Pool Company was at Pampa's water park today making minor adjustments following the park's opening this summer.

Montgomery compliments PAWS' work

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The head of Pampa's Animal Control office has nothing but praise for PAWS (Pampa Animal Welfare Society) volunteers.

Monty Montgomery, head of Pampa's Animal Control Department, commended PAWS volunteers this week for the work they've done with the city's animal shelter.

He said their efforts at the city's animal shelter and their adoption program have been greatly appreciated.

"I'm also proud that there are people in the community who are willing to foster animals," Montgomery said.

Faustina Curry, who heads PAWS, said the volunteers are dedicated and persevering.

"What else can anyone say about such a great group of volunteers," Curry said. She said they are "wonderful and amazing."

The 25 adults and several children that make up the volunteer groups have been critical in giving abandoned animals a chance at life, she said.

Curry proudly added the volunteers are working this summer under unbearable conditions that include 106 degree heat.

"PAWS is so blessed," Curry said.

She noted that, at an adoption event this past weekend, the organization found new homes for eight dogs and seven kittens.

"One dog and two kittens went to foster homes," Curry said.

Still, Curry said that much work is left to be done. Despite finding the new homes, she said the shelter cannot hold any more cats.

One of her volunteers took four kittens and four adult cats home to her barn after they were given rabies shots at the volunteer's expense.

"Now, we just hope that no one drops 10 cats in the drop box tonight," Curry said. "We need a breather."

She said a couple of volunteers

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Phone book recycling drive under way

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With the delivery of new Yellowbooks to the Pampa area, Clean Pampa is kicking off another phone book recycling drive to help local residents dispose of their old directories.

According to Melodie Dosch of Clean Pampa, there are currently two big boxes for phone book collection set up at the parking lots at Coronado Center, on the corner of Hobart and Somerville, and Fiesta Foods, 300 E. Brown.

Dosch added that United Supermarket is contributing a pair of large produce bins to set up as collection boxes at two more locations — the Pampa Mall on Hobart and Lovett Library at 11 N. Houston.

"It's going to be our fourth time doing phone book recycling," Dosch said. "We usually do it once a year in conjunction with Amarillo and AT&T phone books. We've already done it with them (in 2010) and this time, we're doing another one on our own because there's such a big need to collect them."

The boxes will be out for about a week, Dosch said, though if the boxes fill up quickly, another one may be added at another location.

"The ones at Fiesta and the library seem to do the best," she said. "We might end up putting more (boxes) out there and doing it another week."

After collection, the phone books will be taken to Amarillo Recyclers for processing. Phone books, Dosch explained, are easily recyclable because they are

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Travis Dosch of Clean Pampa puts up a collection box for the Clean Pampa phone book drive. The boxes are located at the Coronado Center, Fiesta Foods, Pampa Mall and Lovett Library.

82nd TEXAS LEGISLATURE Lawmakers adjourn legislative session

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House ended the first special session of the 82nd Legislature on Wednesday passing critical bills, but failing to pass perhaps the most debated: a measure to criminalize airport security searches without reasonable suspicion.

The House adjourned a day after the Senate, which wrapped up business on Tuesday. Both chambers sent must-pass budgetary and insurance bills that were the impetus of the special session. Approval of those bills means there is little reason for another special session before the next regular session in January 2013.

The Texas governor may call a 30-day special session whenever he or she feels it is warranted and can dictate what lawmakers can take up. Gov.

Rick Perry praised the Legislature Wednesday for passing most of the measures he put on the agenda, except for a stricter immigration enforcement measure and the so-called anti-groping bill aimed at the Transportation Security Administration.

"Although the airport pat-down bill did not pass, it did initiate a public discussion and some changes in airport security procedures," Perry said.

The bill, which attracted national attention, did not get a final vote because lawmakers failed to suspend the Constitutional rule that a bill be voted on twice over two separate days. The bill's supporters needed 120 out of 150 lawmakers to suspend the rule to vote on it twice on the same day, which also happened to be the last day of the special session.

The motion to suspend the Constitution failed on a 96-26 vote. There are 101 Republicans and

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PAMPA FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 98 Low 66	High 96 Low 68	High 96 Low 68

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 71. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 98. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66. Windy, with a south wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 96. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. Breezy, with a south wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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"There's a lot of reasons why we should recycle these phone books," Dosch said. "When they're put

in the trash, they create more trash in the landfill," Dosch said. "We could always save more landfill space not only for the community costs but because of the space that's being taken up by landfills. We'll save trees, too. Just a greener Earth."

Dosch said that the last drive netted four and a half tons of used phone books, and that Clean Pampa is currently shooting to match or exceed that number.

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Obituaries

Edna Ruth Sweeney Futch, 87

Edna Ruth Sweeney Futch, 87, of Temple, died Wednesday June 22, 2011, at a Bartlett nursing home.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2, at First Assembly of God in Paducah with a luncheon to follow. A graveside service will be held prior to the memorial service at 9 a.m. at Garden of Memories in Paducah. Visitation will be 6 - 8 p.m. Friday at McBee Family Fun



Futch

eral Home in Paducah.

Mrs. Futch was born on January 19, 1924, in Ada, Okla., to James Thomas Sweeney and Dora Mae Bottoms Sweeney. She moved with her family to Paducah at an early age. She graduated from Gro School. She married J. Lynn Futch on September 18, 1943, in Hollis, Okla. He preceded her in death on March 9, 2007. She was a member of First Assembly of God in Belton.

Survivors include one son, David Futch and wife, Laura; and one daughter, Deborah Futch Yeakey, all of Temple; two sisters, Mildred Mayberry of Plainview, Mary Hill of Metarie, La., one brother, James Sweeney of Paducah and two grandsons, Matthew Futch of Temple and Gary Davison of Holland. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews, including Howard Smith, Jim Sweeney and Brian Sweeney all of Paducah.

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents over the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

There were 31 traffic-related incidents.

Animal control officers reported 14 animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS responded to five ambulance calls.

The Pampa Fire Department reported four medical-related incidents.

Wednesday, July 29
An escort was provided in the 200 block of N. West.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 200 block of N. Cuyler.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 300 block of N. Ballard.

Harassment was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

An escort was provided in the 1200 block of S. Banks.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 2800 block of N. Charles.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 400 block of N. Lowry.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 700 block of N. Lefors.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of N. Wells.

A motorist assist was reported in the 1000 block of N. Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 2600 block of N. Chestnut.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of N. Sumner.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of N. Sierra Dr.

A special assignment was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1100 block of W. Sirroco Pl.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1000 block of N. Wells.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 600 block of N. Short.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 600 block of E. Francis.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 100 block of Hampton Ln.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1100 block of W. Sirroco Pl.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1100 block of N. Garland.

A motorist assist was reported in the 1400 block of N. Duncan.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1000 block of Christine.

Theft was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hobart.

A missing person was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of Rosewood Ln.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1100 block of Willow Rd.

A building check was reported in the 1400 block of N. Sumner.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of N. Sumner.

Theft was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hobart.

A medical incident was reported in the 1600 block of W. Somerville.

A gas drive-off was reported in the 1000 block of W. Wilks.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 2700 block of N. Navajo Rd.

A welfare check was reported in the 600 block of E. Frederic.

A welfare check was reported at Sunset and Ballard.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1700 block of N. Mary Ellen.

An assault was reported in the 2100 block of N. Hobart.

A prowler was reported in the 1900 block of N. Lynn.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1900 block of N. Nelson.

Harassment was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A threat was reported in the 900 block of Cinderella Dr.

Thursday, June 30
A threat was reported in the 1000 block of N. Sumner.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of S. Barnes.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of W. Harlem.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of W. Brown.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of S. Dwight.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of N. Faulkner.

A motorist assist was reported at Hobart and 18th.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000

block of N. Wells.

Sheriff's Department

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, July 29
Joel Stacy Guel, 23, of McLean, was arrested by deputies on bond surrender in connection with burglary of a building in Potter County and assault causing bodily injury in Potter County.

Jennifer Lynn Helsley, 37, was arrested by deputies on charges of engaging in organized criminal activity and burglary of a habitation in Randall County.

Jeffrey Giuttari Snarke, 48, of Miami, Fla., was arrested by deputies on charges of engaging in criminal activity.

Antonie Deshaun Williams, 39, was arrested by deputies on charges of engaging in criminal activity, theft of property over \$500, under \$1500, and burglary of a habitation in Randall County.

Salvador Rodriguez, 33, was arrested by deputies on a bench warrant.

Isaias Garcia, 23, was arrested by police on capias pro fine warrants in connection with charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license and failure to appear.

Jerah Janaerose Lesperance, 19, was arrested by police on a capias pro fine warrant in connection with charges of illegally passing on the right.

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Burning ban in 236 counties

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The record number of Texas counties with outdoor burn bans has reached 236 as the drought continues.

A Texas Forest Service map Thursday showed southern and northeast parts of the state as the only areas without burn bans. Texas has 254 counties.

Texas in January 2006 had a record 221 counties with outdoor burn bans, but that mark was broken earlier this month during wildfires and lingering dry weather.

The Texas Forest Service says nearly 3.3 million acres have burned during the current wildfires season.

Agency officials are urging caution during the Fourth of July holiday weekend and use of fireworks.

Houston protests census count

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston is one of several U.S. cities planning to file appeals arguing their 2010 census counts are too low.

Census figures released earlier this year showed that during the past decade, Houston's population grew by 7.4 percent to 2.09 million.

Janice Evans, a spokeswoman for Houston Mayor Annise Parker, says the city is preparing to formally challenge the count. She declined to comment on details of the challenge because it has not been finalized.

Cities have two years to contest their counts under the appeals process, which began this month.

In March, Houston added two new city council seats, even though the 2010 count showed it fell 549 short of the population required to do so.

It remains the fourth-largest U.S. city, behind Chicago, which has 2.7 million residents.

Rep. resigns, moves from district

BRYAN (AP) — A veteran Central Texas legislator has resigned because he has accepted a new job and is moving from the district.

Texas House member Fred Brown's resignation is effective Thursday.

The Republican from Bryan has spent more than a dozen years in the Legislature. Brown made his announcement Wednesday, the same day that the House ended the first special session of the 82nd Legislature.

Brown says he plans to run a car dealership in Temple, which is outside District 14.

Gov. Rick Perry will set a date for a special election to replace Brown.

Town furloughs police, bank hit

ALTO (AP) — Four people have been caught allegedly trying to rob a bank in an East Texas town where the police force recently was laid off to save money.

The Cherokee County Sheriff's Office has handled law enforcement in Alto, located 130 miles southeast of Dallas, since the city council furloughed the five-person police department in mid-June.

Sheriff James Campbell says a call came in Wednesday afternoon about masked people trying to enter a bank in Alto. The bank in the town of 1,300 had closed for the day and the door was locked, but employees saw a person with a gun and called for help.

Authorities say three men and a woman were caught after a chase to nearby Rusk. All will face charges of aggravated robbery and evading arrest.

Couple charged for fake bills

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas husband and wife have been accused of passing \$500,000 in fake money in grocery stores, tanning salons and other Houston-area businesses.

A detention hearing is scheduled Thursday for 34-year-old Synaca Thomas and 25-year-old Brittany Jordan of Cypress.

Federal prosecutors say Thomas and Jordan allegedly obtained real \$5 bills that they reprinted as counterfeit \$100 bills.

Thomas and Jordan have been charged with conspiracy to counterfeit currency, making counterfeit currency and passing counterfeit currency. Thomas is also charged with two counts of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

The five-count indictment was returned June 23 and unsealed Wednesday after the couple's arrest. Details were not immediately available on attorneys for the pair.

DPS suggested felony charge

AMARILLO (AP) — A Texas accident report had recommended a Colorado legislator cited for misdemeanor violations in a head-on wreck be charged with criminally negligent homicide.

The Amarillo Globe-News, through the Freedom of Information Act, on Wednesday obtained Department of Public Safety documents on the December accident in which Sen. Suzanne Williams was driving.

DPS investigators also recommended charges of tampering with physical evidence and injury to a child.

A grand jury in May declined to indict Williams. Investigators say Williams might have been fatigued or distracted in the accident that killed a pregnant Amarillo woman in the other vehicle. Doctors saved the unborn son of Brianna Gomez. Her husband and their other two children were injured.

The lawmaker's son and two grandsons also were hurt.

N.M. fire could be state's biggest

LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) — With firefighters bracing for another day of strong, erratic winds, a wildfire near the nation's premier nuclear weapons laboratory and a northern New Mexico community was poised Thursday to become the largest in state history.

But fire officials remained confident the fire will not spread onto the Los Alamos National Laboratory or into the town of Los Alamos. Crews lit brush to create a 10-mile long burned-out area between the fire and the facility that created the first atomic bomb.

"It's looking good right now," Los Alamos County Fire Chief Doug Tucker said.

The fire has chewed up tens of thousands of acres a day since it started Sunday, charring nearly 145 square miles, or 92,735 acres.

Antique clock is a time traveler

ANNE MCCOLLAM

Q: I am 80 years old, and this walnut clock has been in my family for a very long time. My grandfather, who was a seaman, came to the U.S. from Croatia and purchased the clock from a factory in Brooklyn, N.Y. He then took the clock back to Croatia.

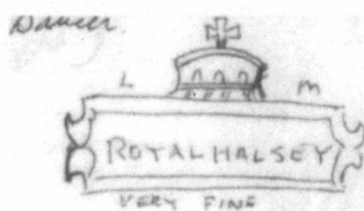
Recently, I visited the family home in Croatia and brought it back to the states with me. The clock stands 23 inches tall and is marked "Ansonia Clock Co. —USA." Still in good working order, it has an eight-day strike and bell on the half-hour.

It has great sentimental value to me, and I would like to know if you can give me any information on its age and value.

A: Ansonia made your mantel clock around 1880. Ansonia's King model contains the arch top with finials, the image of Minerva, the reverse painted door, the eight-day strike and scrolls that flank the side.

Your clock can be seen selling in the range of \$400 to \$500.

Q: Enclosed is a drawing of the mark on a porcelain footed cup and saucer that belonged to my great-grandmother. I would like to locate



Royal Halsey porcelain can be found on Internet sites like eBay.

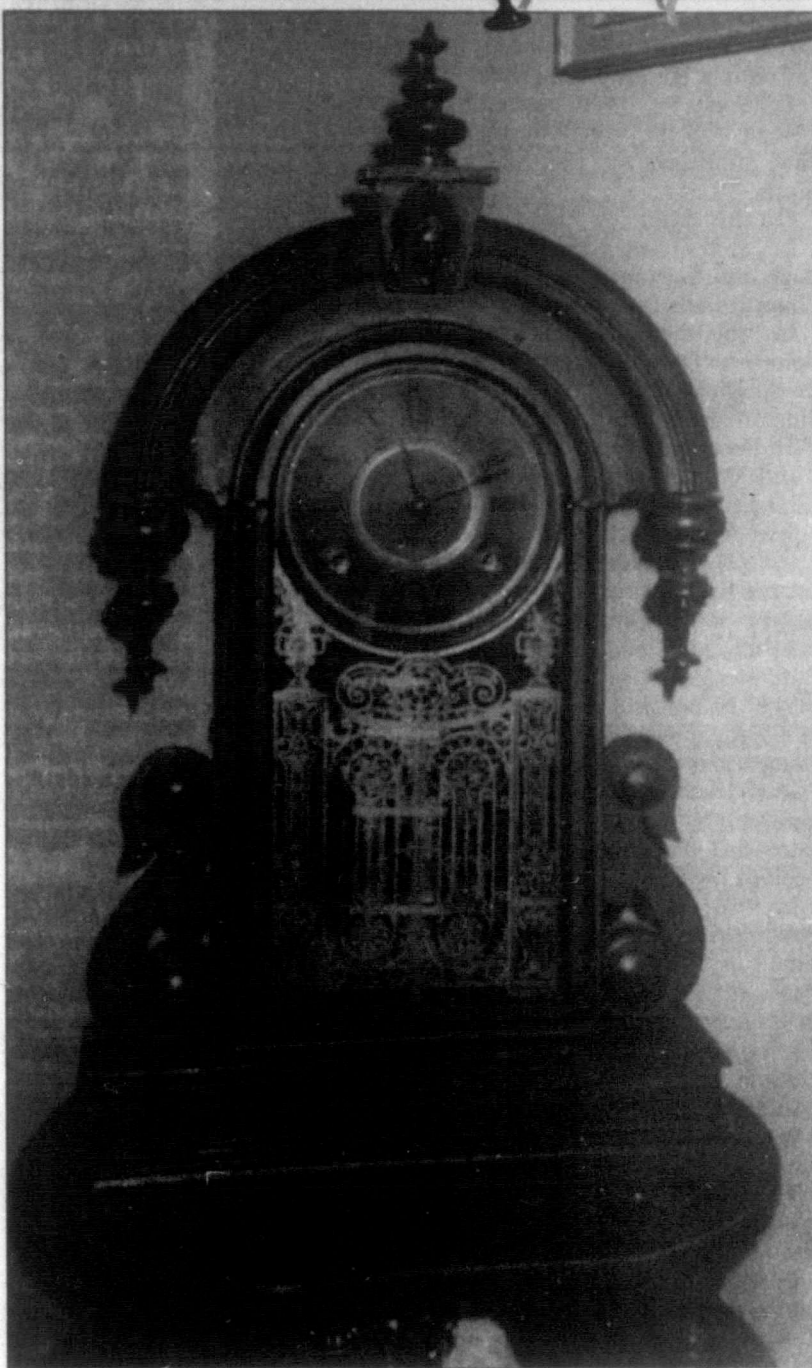
other pieces to the set to give to each of my five children. My two pieces are decorated with pink flowers and gold trim.

Do you have any advice?

A: Royal Halsey porcelain was exported from Japan. The Internet is teeming with porcelain with the Royal Halsey mark. You might consider beginning a search on eBay and Internet porcelain replacement services.

Most cups and saucers similar to yours were made in the mid-1900s and are worth around \$25.

Q: I am hoping you can help me. I have a set of bone china dishes that have been in my father's family since the early 1900s. The set consists of a service for 12 and



An Ansonia clock was made around 1880.

includes the serving pieces. All the dishes are decorated with pink and lavender flowers on a creamy white background. Each dish is marked "Weimar — Germany."

I'm interested in knowing if this set is worth saving and if it has any value.

A: Your dinnerware set was made by C&E Carstens Porcelain Factory that was located in Blankenhain,

Thuringia, Germany, from 1918 to 1945.

Similar sets would probably be worth \$500 to \$600.

If you have any antique inquiries, address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.

Senators concerned by photo ID requirement to vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sixteen Democratic senators want the Justice Department to look into whether voting rights are being jeopardized in states that require photo identification in order for people to vote.

The lawmakers wrote Attorney General Eric Holder on Wednesday to express concern that millions of voters do not have a government-issued ID. IC6 particularly older people, racial minorities, low-income voters and students.

The senators say the photo ID requirements have the potential to block millions of eligible people from exercising their right to vote.

Justice Department spokeswoman Tracy Schmalzer said the department is monitoring, as it routinely does, this type of legislative activity in the states.

"We urge you to protect the voting rights of Americans by using the full power of the Department of Justice to review these voter identification laws and scrutinize their implementation," the senators said in the letter to the attorney general.

The 16 senators include Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, Michael Bennet of Colorado, Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, Dick Durbin of Illinois, Patty Murray of Washington, Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, Sherrod Brown of Ohio, Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley of Oregon, Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire, Benjamin Cardin of Maryland, Mark Begich of Alaska, Tom Harkin of Iowa, Herb Kohl of Wisconsin and Tom Udall of New Mexico.

"Many of these laws effectively disenfranchise thousands of eligible vot-

ers," Bennet said in a statement.

The senators are seeking vigorous enforcement of the Voting Rights Act and federal civil rights law, which bars different standards from being applied to individuals within a jurisdiction. Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act gives the Justice Department significant authority to review laws before they are implemented in states with a history of discriminatory voting practices. Three states subject to Section 5 - Georgia, Texas and South Carolina - require a photo ID in order to vote. Texas and South Carolina enacted their laws last month.

Other states with a photo ID requirement are Indiana, Wisconsin, Kansas and Tennessee, according to the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, which gathers data nationally on election law.

Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan and South Dakota have voter photo ID requirements, but they do not necessarily prevent voters from casting ballots, according to the data gathered by the Moritz school. Voters may, for example, sign an affidavit in place of a photo ID.

Other states where the issue is pending or where such proposals were recently rejected:

•In Minnesota, Missouri,

New Hampshire and North Carolina, Democratic governors vetoed legislation.

•In Pennsylvania, state House Republicans pushed through a mandate this month that Pennsylvania voters have a government-issued photo ID. The measure was sent to the state Senate.

•In Ohio, the state House passed a bill to require voters to show a photo ID at the polls. The measure will likely be considered in the GOP-controlled Senate this fall.

Photo IDs are not the only controversial issue in the realm of voter requirements.

In Arizona, minority groups are in court challenging a state law that requires people to show proof of citizenship when they register to vote. The U.S. Justice Department urged the courts to overturn the Arizona law, saying it conflicts with the National Voter Registration Act. That federal law allows people to submit a mail-in voter registration card and swear they are citizens under penalty of perjury.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, June 30, the 181st day of 2011. There are 184 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 30, 1936, the epic Civil War novel "Gone with the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell was first published by The Macmillan Co. in New York.

On this date:

In 1859, French acrobat Charles Blondin walked back and forth on a tightrope above the gorge of Niagara Falls as thousands of spectators watched.

In 1860, the famous Oxford University Museum debate on Darwin's theory of evolution took place as Anglican Bishop Samuel Wilberforce led his side in denouncing the concept, while biologist T.H. Huxley rose to defend it.

In 1908, the Tunguska Event took place in Russia as an asteroid exploded above Siberia, leaving 800 square miles of scorched or blown-down trees.

In 1921, President Warren G. Harding nominated former President William Howard Taft to be chief justice of the United States, succeeding the late Edward Douglass White.

In 1934, Adolf Hitler carried out his "blood purge" of political and military rivals in Germany in what came to be known as "The Night of the Long Knives."

In 1958, the U.S. Senate passed the Alaska statehood bill by a vote of 64-20.

In 1963, Pope Paul VI was crowned the 262nd head of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1971, the Supreme Court ruled, 6-3, that the government could not prevent The New York Times or the Washington Post from publishing the Pentagon Papers. A Soviet space mission ended in tragedy when three cosmonauts aboard Soyuz 11 were found dead of asphyxiation inside their capsule after it had returned to Earth.

In 1985, 39 American hostages from a hijacked TWA jetliner were freed in Beirut after being held 17 days.

Ten years ago: Doctors implanted a dual-purpose pacemaker in Vice President Dick Cheney's chest.

Five years ago: A tired-sounding Osama bin Laden praised slain Iraq insurgent Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in an audiotape.

One year ago: President Barack Obama talked about the economy at a town hall in Racine, Wis., saying, "We got it moving again," and that he intended to get "our debt and our deficits under control," but warned he wouldn't slash spending at the expense of the economic rebound.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Tony Musante is 75. Actress Nancy Dussault is 75. Singer-Glenn Shorrock is 67. Jazz musician Stanley Clarke is 60. Actor David Garrison is 59. Rock musician Hal Lindes (Dire Straits) is 58. Actor-comedian David Alan Grier is 55. Actor Vincent D'Onofrio is 52. Actress Deirdre Lovejoy is 49. Actor Rupert Graves is 48. Boxer Mike Tyson is 45. Actor Brian Bloom is 41. Actor Brian Vincent is 41. Actress Monica Potter is 40. Actor Rick Gonzalez is 32. Actress Lizzy Caplan is 29. Olympic gold medal swimmer Michael Phelps is 26.

Thought for Today: "In order to go on living one must try to escape the death involved in perfectionism." — Hannah Arendt, German-born American philosopher and historian (1906-1975)



Republicans bicker over failed immigration bill

JIM VERTUNA
Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — When the Texas Legislature's special session began, Republican majorities in the House and Senate warned Democrats they wouldn't be able to stop an immigration enforcement bill that had sparked one of the toughest partisan fights of the year.

The bill would have given police more power to ask anyone they detain about their citizenship status, a measure Hispanic Democrats derided as racist and a tool to harass Latinos.

But when the bill died again this week without a vote in the House, Democrats smirked while Gov. Rick Perry and GOP lawmakers angrily blamed each other for its demise.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and the Senate blamed the House. The House blamed the Senate. Perry chimed in, picking on Sen. Robert Duncan and prompting colleagues of the lawmaker from Lubbock to rally around him.

Ultimately, the Republican majorities in both chambers left one of Perry's priority issues for dead and ended the session Wednesday taking aim at each other in a circular firing squad.

The Senate "failed," House Speaker Joe Straus said. Dewhurst tweaked the House by noting that twice in the previous week the House failed to get 100 members needed to show up to do work.

House Republican leader Larry Taylor of Friendswood had gone to the Bahamas on vacation with his family.

Dewhurst noted he cancelled a trip to France for D-Day invasion anniversary celebrations to stay in Austin.

"I didn't go on a 14-day trip to visit Normandy with my wife and little daughter and my two brothers and their families and I expect others to be here," Dewhurst said.

Perry, who is considering a run for president, made the so-called "sanctuary cities" bill one of his top priorities during the regular session and put it on the agenda of the special session.

Perry and supporters say the bill would have helped police fight crime committed by illegal immigrants. But opponents, including many police chiefs and sheriffs, said it would allow rogue officers to target Latinos.

Republicans in both chambers had the muscle to pass any bill they wanted during the regular session if they used it.

The Senate, where Democrats were able to block the bill during the regular session, passed the immigration bill on June 15 after several hours of tense, emotional debate.

That sent the bill to the House, where the Republicans hold a 101-49 supermajority big enough to pass bills whether Democrats even bothered to show up to vote.

The House had passed the bill by a wide margin during the regular session and was expected to do so again. But this time, the House let the bill languish and die in committee this time.

Perry and House Republicans tried to negotiate a version of the immigration bill into a must-pass budget

bill that included \$4 billion in public education cuts.

The theory was that because the immigration bill potentially withholds state grant money from law enforcement agencies if they did not comply, the budget bill was an appropriate place to put it.

That's where Duncan comes in. As the lead negotiator on the budget bill, Perry blamed him for standing in the way and the Senate refused to put in the immigration provision.

"Because of this action, the special session will not provide our peace officers with the discretion they need to adequately keep Texans safe from those that would do them harm," Perry said.

The Senate Republican Caucus told Perry to back off. Caucus Chairman Sen. Robert Nichols of Jacksonville said the group considered the change but told Duncan they wanted to keep it out of the bill for fear it would jeopardize the budget bill.

The House had its chance to pass the Senate version on its own, Nichols said. Democrats, meanwhile, watched the bill die without having to do anything to kill it.

"Latino citizens who faced racial profiling and discrimination under this bill can breathe a sigh of relief," said Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, chairman of the Senate Hispanic Caucus. "(The bill) would have forced a sizeable portion of the Texas population to prove their citizenship, perhaps time and again, just because of the color of their skin."

Obama, Dems: This is your economy; deal with it

President Barack Obama was hailed as the best communicator since President Ronald Reagan when he came into office in 2009, but at this current pace, his White House, and by extension the Democrats, appear more like King George VI in "The King's Speech."

The stuttering and stammering when it comes to discussing this economy is making the president and his party look like some of the most confused individuals you have ever seen. When the May job numbers came out, they call it a bump in the road. If the economic news is not moving as fast as analysts and commentators like, they revert to blaming President George W. Bush's porous stewardship of the economy in his final term. And when it is time to take ownership and accept the reality that it now boils down to them, they give that deer-in-headlights look.

Look, Mr. President, you wanted the job. Well, this comes with the job. If you do well, you get the praise, such as with the killing of Osama bin Laden (unless you bother to listen to a lot of your conservative media haters, who couldn't even bring themselves to giving you credit). But when things aren't going so well, such as our sluggish economy, you're going to take the hit. So deal with it.

That's why it was refreshing to see Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla.), and chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee, make a forceful statement last week that her party owns this economy.

"We own the economy," she said. "We own the beginning of the turnaround, and we want to make sure that we continue that pace of recovery."

Republicans reacted with glee to seeing a top Dem accept responsibility for the economy. They feel that it will be a yoke around the Democrats' necks come the 2012 election.

That feeling is perfectly understandable, but not entirely a negative thing.

For anyone to suggest that today's economy is worse than what we experienced in 2008 has to be nuts. It was stunning and debilitating to see

a monthly jobs report that showed hundreds of thousands of jobs lost every month. By the end of the year, we had lost 2.6 million jobs. Yes, 2.6 million. My CNN buddy, Ali Velshi, was Mr. Doom with his daily reports on the stock market. Our nation was in a panic, and no one knew where to go and what to do.

Yet today, we have seen 25 consecutive months of private sector job growth. Have they been small? Of course! But I sure as hell would rather see the gaining of 30,000 and 50,000 or 100,000 jobs a month then to see us losing 584,000, like we did in December 2008. The issue is that economists say we need closer to 300,000 new jobs per month to get back to normal.

Well, it's time for President Obama to stand up and say this is the new normal. So, we better get used to it.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke has said repeatedly that it may be several years before unemployment falls below 7 percent. He said to expect slow growth. It's time for our political leaders to stop lying to us, thinking we are going to return to the fast lane days. They need to make it clear that we're driving in the school zone today.

Folks, we've been so used to riding high on the hog with our inflated economy that we don't know what to do when it comes to reality. We lived through years of BS Internet companies, exploding off the pages with nonsensical valuations based on crack-like highs. And when the high wore off, we saw that we were in worse shape.

We've lived so far above our means with credit cards, a crazy homeownership market and outlandish spending habits that now we are paying the consequences for our actions.

So President Obama needs to make

it clear: Our economy is slowly getting better, and we might as well accept the reality that we are not going to sprint our way out of this recovery. This will be a marathon.

Yes, no one wants to hear that. We want to present our usual American optimism that isn't based on reality. Just be straight with the public and don't present a fictitious perspective on where we should be. This isn't 1984, so stop saying what President Reagan did. We didn't face a near meltdown of our financial system, coupled with the massive job losses, and a housing disaster.

Dems should say, "Look, we came in with a mess, and we put the plan of action to work to get us out of the mess. Did some stuff work? Absolutely. Did some stuff not work? Sure did, and we're fixing it."

You say it with confidence and conviction, and you defend your policies, even when your critics are blasting you. Instead, we get a president and Democratic Party that twists and turns in the wind, hoping a voice of confusion will mollify the critics.

It won't.

Yes, I'm grateful to have a job. But there is no guarantee I will keep it. So I'm saving my money, got all of my debts paid off, and hoping to ride this economy out like the three hurricanes I've lived through. It's going to be a rough period for some time. I know it, we feel it, so let's get used to it.

President Obama and the Democratic Party, no matter what you say or do, you'll be judged on the economy. If you get thrown out of office in November 2012 because the American people think someone else can do better, fine. But there is nothing worse than getting booted from office when you weren't even smart enough to go down fighting.

If President Obama and his administration, as well as his party, keep up their pitiful efforts in discussing this economy, go ahead and start drawing up plans for your library in Chicago. Because what they are doing now is embarrassing.



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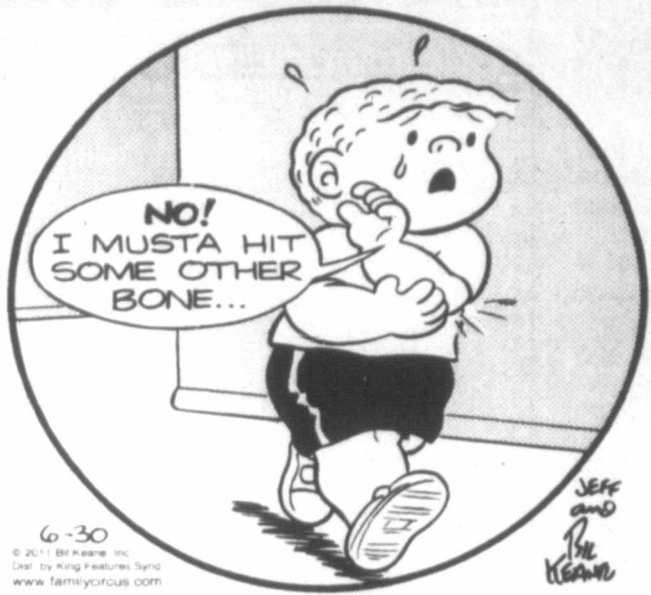
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July 1, 2011:

This year, when you blow out your candles and make your wish, know that your dreams could happen. A new beginning is likely in a chosen area of your life. For some, there will be a closing out first to make room for something better. At times, you could be a bit down. Change is not easy for anyone, not even you. If you are single, that status doesn't need to remain so. You could meet someone quite entrancing. If you are attached, your relationships could become much warmer with the caring you show your sweetie. A fellow MOON CHILD understands you well.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Pressure builds with the New Moon. You cannot avoid a domestic or personal matter much longer. Try not to make any major decisions today, but soon, if possible. A partner expresses his or her coldness or lack of enthusiasm. Tonight: Close to home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Express your feelings in a meaningful way. Many people could be a bit out of control, reflecting the present lunar activity. New beginnings become possible with a neighbor or close relative. Sign up for a class in communication, computers or some other subject related to the topic. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Curb a tendency to be possessive and difficult. You might not always understand what is necessary in a particular situation. You also might not care. Keep your eye on the big picture. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ The Solar Eclipse in your sign promises different opportunities. Clearly, you might not know which is the best way to go. Your instincts override your intellect. With any luck, your intuition is right-on. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Step back and let others run the show. It might be interesting to just watch, but you also can take on a personal project. Don't allow someone's negativity to become contagious. Let go of what could be a less-than-nice comment. Tonight: Nothing too

complicated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want. If you have had a wish you are not sharing, perhaps now is the time to start verbalizing it. Putting out this desire to be heard is the first step in manifesting it. You can create more of what you want. Tonight: Where the action is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Recognize that another person might not be intending to pressure you, but succeeds in doing just that right now. You could become reactive and make a strong decision. Once more, choose to respond rather than act on impulse. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You have the ability to see the big picture and not respond to an immediate situation. You could be feeling negative or tired. Let those feelings go. Look to the big picture and release previous judgments. You could be most surprised. Tonight: Opt for something very different.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Your ability to communicate and say what you think emerges. You have an impact on a close friend or loved one. This person might be looking at changing in some way. Be careful with a negative friend. He or she knows how to rain on your parade. Tonight: Dinner for two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Others can be sassy or touchy. Do you really care? You move in a new direction and try a different approach. No one needs to agree, fortunately. You are your own person and call your own shots. Tonight: Out and about.

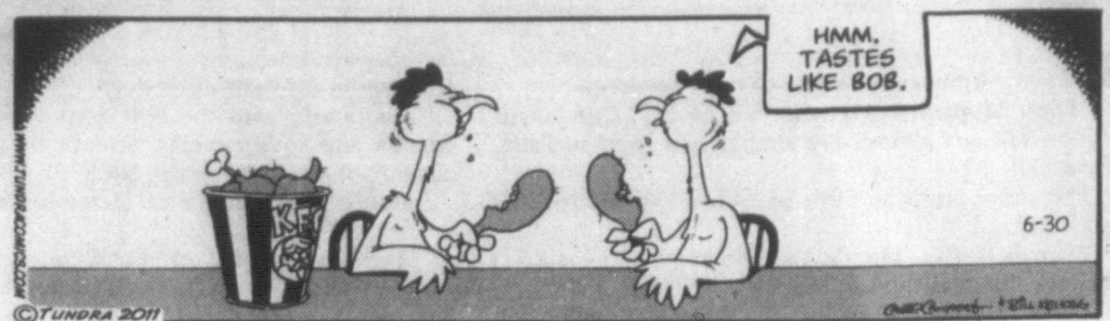
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Don't allow another person's stuffiness to get the best of you. This wavering back and forth can be a problem if you let it. Open up to positive changes. Know that you do make a difference. Relax and don't let stress take over. Get done what you must. Invite a key co-worker to join you. Tonight: Visit over some munchies.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ If you are single, your status could be changing. If you are attached, you might have a new addition. Married with children, your first child could transform in front of your very eyes. Artists and creative types will be far more productive in the near future. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

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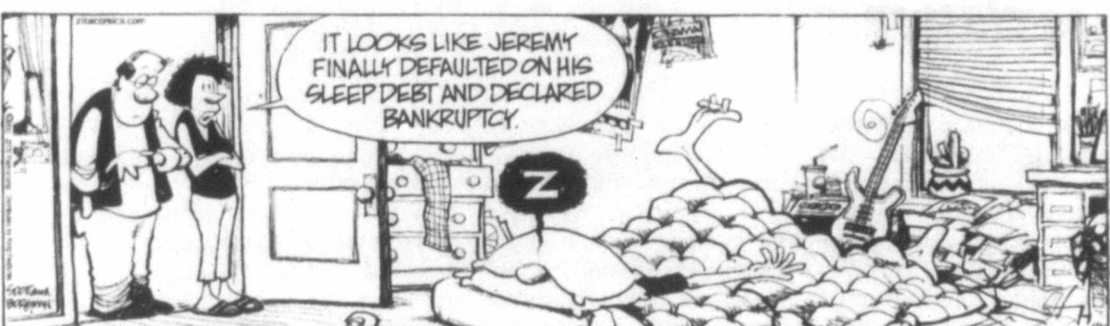
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Sports

PHS Sr. QB Miller gets into throwing rhythm at SFA

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Senior quarterback Reid Miller has spent his summer traveling to different quarterback camps across the country. On a hot June 24 afternoon at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, Miller was able to show off his arm.



Miller

Miller said he was able to get into a good throwing rhythm.

"The receivers down there were extremely athletic and they made some circus catches," Miller said. "When they can do that for you, you feel like you can throw it wherever you want and not have to worry about a defender making a play."

Miller threw to other wide receiver recruits who were

guarded by safeties and corners. The senior quarterback said he feels he can fit with some of the programs because they run a similar offense to Pampa.

"Most of them run the spread offense just like we run here," Miller said. "So it would be a lot easier for me to learn the concepts and get into the swing of things a lot quicker."

Miller also went to camps at Southern Methodist, Wyoming, Texas Tech, and North Texas. The senior said some people think it will add pressure for him but added he disagrees.

"I just look at it as this is now," Miller said. "My team here is more important. I have to perform to the best of my abilities and make sure to have a great season here."

Miller said while he thinks his camps at North Texas and SFA went well, Tech was the one that went the best.

"The receivers were freak athletes and I got in a rhythm," Miller said. "I just felt like I couldn't miss."

Miller's summer

- Southern Methodist Dallas June 2
- Wyoming Laramie June 5
- Texas Tech Lubbock June 9
- North Texas Denton June 12
- Stephen F. Austin Nacogdoches June 24

The senior quarterback said going to these camps was a big help in preparing him for his senior season.

"Instead of not doing anything, I'm doing this," Miller said. "It can only make me better than I was last season."

Miller enters his second season as the Harvesters' starting quarterback. Last season, Miller earned a first team All-District selection.

NFL LOCKOUT

NFL lockout hurts fantasy companies

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The NFL lockout has led Bruce Taylor to take some painful steps: He has scrapped publication of a fantasy football magazine that sold 161,000 copies last year, laid off an employee and took out a home equity loan.

Although players and owners are still trying to figure out how to divide \$9.3 billion in revenue and save the regular season, it's already too late for some of those who make their living from the widely popular fantasy football industry.

Usually by now, thousands of the estimated 24 million people who play fantasy football each year have already begun preparing for their leagues of made-up teams, with fortunes resting on real-life individual performances of their favorite NFL stars.

But as NFL franchises and players skip offseason workouts and free agents go unsigned amid the labor unrest, companies that depend on fans poring over statistics and incremental personnel moves to form their fantasy teams have had to cope with the reality of lost revenue.

The fantasy football industry brings in about \$800 million a year. While everyone involved hopes that most of that money will still be there if the NFL resolves its labor dispute, some — including magazines that help fantasy players select their teams — are already declaring 2011 a lost year.

"We'll be lucky if we make one-third of what we make in a normal year," said Taylor, the 46-year-old co-owner of Seattle-based Fantasy Index Magazine, Inc., which is not publishing its Fantasy Football Index magazine for the first time in 25 years.

"It's tough because we've had to lay somebody off — I've got another employee that I should lay off but I don't have the heart. We're a small company," Taylor told The Associated Press. "I try and be philosophical about it because when you hitch your wagon to somebody else's horse, you're going to take your lumps."

"It's a lot of money — they should fight over it — but I wish they'd fight over it faster," he said.

About 32 million people in the United States and Canada play fantasy sports each year, a number that has grown 60 percent in the last four years, according to an Ipsos Public Affairs poll commissioned by the Fantasy Sports Trade Association, the industry's largest trade group.

In fantasy sports, participants assemble teams

made up of real players and gauge success on how well those players perform in actual games, sometimes putting money on the line against their opponents. Football is by far the most popular fantasy sport, though players participate in leagues year-round for many sports.

The pastime's popularity has become far more visible recently, with high profile players like Maurice Jones-Drew bragging about drafting themselves, a cable sitcom called "The League" that follows friends playing together, and an entire pregame show on ESPN dedicated to fantasy roster decisions.

Paul Charchian, the trade group's president, said companies aren't as jittery now as they will be in August without a resolution (although the NFL and its players are working this week to come to an agreement). Even now, Charchian says, they are already starting to see lost business.

"It's still June, but normally right now, revenue is already starting for the football season," he said. "Once hockey and basketball end, a lot of people start turning their attention to football."

Charchian said his company, LeagueSafe, which lets fantasy owners pay league fees online, has seen less than half the revenue so far this year than it had collected at the same point last year.

Taylor said his company is down to the equivalent of four full-time employees from six last year, with one layoff and another unfilled vacancy.

To keep Fantasy Index operating, Taylor and his business partner took out home equity loans a few weeks ago, he said.

"If we crash the ship into the rocks, we can at least have lines of credit to get it afloat again," Taylor said.

Charchian said the industry has about 150 companies, including 15 publishers printing 25 magazines. Most are not printing this year, including those run by larger companies, including ESPN, he said.

CBSsports.com, an online arm of the CBS television network, has begun offering fans partial or full refunds depending on how many games are played this season.

One possible result of the lockout is that the NFL could play a shortened season. That would

throw off fantasy leagues, which usually schedule playoffs that coincide with the final games of the NFL's regular season.

The offer from CBS Sports promises players a prorated refund of league fees if games go unplayed, with a full refund if more than half the season is lost. A spokesman for CBS Sports declined comment.

Charchian said nearly all fantasy sports companies have been adjusting to try to keep players from hesitating to organize leagues.

"Companies don't necessarily want to say, 'We're not taking any money right now,'" Charchian said. "They'd rather take the money and then offer a refund."

Chris Fargis, a 31-year-old options trader from New York who plays in about four fantasy leagues each year, said he's not worried about the NFL lockout in terms of picking up fantasy winnings, but he'd hate to miss out on the games that bring him together with friends.

"Football season, and a big part of that being fantasy football, is a really fun thing that we all enjoy," Fargis said. "The social element of it is so big for me."

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