

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST COMMUNITY OF EL PASO JUNE 2009



The Vince and Dorothy Lovett Memorial Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the Fall 2009 semester.

Any current or prospective student at UTEP is eligible to apply. Please contact Louis Irwin at 585-9251 or lirwin@utep.edu for requirements and application details.



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CAMP THUNDERBIRD!

SAVE THE DATES!

Our annual family camp will be held Wednesday, July 1 – Monday, July 6 this year. Save the dates and get your leave requests in early so that you can join us for a wonderful time in the cool Gila Mountains. If you enjoyed camp last year, it will be even better this year. We will have a dress-up night with a Recycle and Reuse theme and prizes. We will have our usual sack lunch day, fun run and talent night. If weather conditions permit, we plan to have a bonfire one night. Brochures are out and contain a financial aid form for financial assistance in the form of jobs or camperships. If you would like to lead an activity, you may qualify for a one day campership. Financial assistance forms are due May 15 and registration forms are due June 1 unless you want to pay the late fee of \$15/form. Note that this year you must send 2 (two) checks with your registration form – one for registration and one for camp fees (the second check may be postdated July 1, 2009). If you didn't get your brochure either by email or by mail, we have more at UUCEP. The fee is only \$38 a day or \$190 for the entire camp (half-price for children under 12). Can't come for the whole time? That's okay. You can still come for part of the time at the daily rate. Cabins are available or you can bring your own gear. Remember, the fee is the same whether you stay in a cabin or bring your own gear. We hope to see you all there. This is a great time to relax and do as much or as little as you want. Meals are provided by the camp staff so we don't have to do any cooking. It is also a great time to get to know each other better. Contact Carol Veit, Pat White, Joe Knapka, Alex Ceely, or Deb Simon for more information.



SUNDAY JUNE 7TH

U.U. Principles Part 1
Presented by Nancy Del Campo

Join us for an intriguing perspective on Unitarian Universalist principles and their importance to our community at large.

Worship Associate: Joe Knapka

SUNDAY JUNE 14TH

From Colored to Black to African American to Black Again
Presented by Alex Ceely

During her genealogy research, Alexandra Ceely followed two very different sets of black families in 19th and early 20th century America. Her findings shed light on some of the perceptions we have of African Americans today, perceptions that may be truer than we like to think. Follow her journey in celebration of Juneteenth, a uniquely Black Texan holiday.

Worship Associate: Tina Priester

SUNDAY JUNE 21ST

Midsummer Medley
Presented by Mike & Tina Priester with CYRE

Explore the unique meanings behind this special day. Not only do we celebrate Midsummer, also known as The Summer Solstice and Litha, but today is also Father's Day.

Come and celebrate with us on this special day!

SUNDAY JUNE 28TH

Veterans for Peace
Presented by Eric Murillo

Veterans For Peace is a national organization founded in 1985. It is structured around a national office in Saint Louis, MO and comprised of members across the country organized in chapters or as at-large members. There is an annual convention each year attended by our members, families and supporters from across the nation. Members receive periodic VFP publications.

The organization includes men and women veterans of all eras and duty stations from the Spanish Civil War (1936-39), World War II, the Korean, Vietnam, Gulf and current Iraq wars as well as other conflicts. Our collective experience tells us wars are easy to start and hard to stop and that those hurt are often the innocent. Thus, other means of problem solving are necessary.

Worship Associate: Joe Knapka
4th Sunday Collection

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE & RECEIVE SERVICE:

If you have concerns for yourself or for others or need a ride, please call 562-4001.

Food Bank: Clear box with a blue lid next to the Sanctuary information table. Food is donated to the Missouri Street Shelter.

Chalice Lighting, Flowers & Music: For opportunities to help with Sunday morning programs, please call 562-4001.

Recycling at the Community: Please look before you put garbage in a container at the Community. The blue container with the swinging lid is for recycling only. There have been times when we were unable to recycle due to garbage in the container.

Address Changes: Anytime you move, change your phone number or your email address, please let Ginger, our office administrator, know so she can update our records and the directory. Just send her an email: UUCEP@UUELPASO.ORG

Volunteers Needed: We need volunteers to help with Sunday Services. There is a sign-up sheet to bring snacks on the table next to the double doors in the sanctuary. People are also needed for set-up and clean-up. Please contact Mary Walsh with any questions or if training is needed to perform these tasks. Her phone number is 526-6469.

Orders of Service and Bulletin Announcements need to be to Ginger no later than Wednesday of that week. 915-562-4001 or uucep@uuelpaso.org

Please remember to observe the 20-minute rule. (No community business the first 20 minutes after service ends.) Please use this time to greet our visitors.

This congregation welcomes the participation of all members, friends and visitors without regard to race, class, national origin, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, or gender identity/expression.

Important Community News

President's Message



Keith
Thompson

Intolerance comes in many disguises. Too often we believe so strongly in the "righteousness" of our ideas we feel justified in imposing our will on others or by rationalizing away the ideas and expressions of others as unworthy. As Unitarians we value the natural inalienable right of every person to express themselves free from prior censorship. Once an expression has been made then, each one of us must bear responsibility for both the intended and unintended consequences of our expressions.

But, the rest of us should not be quick to rush to judgement. Open minded individuals will look beyond an apparent expression of unpopular viewpoints and attempt to find the true intent, behind the remarks. Often, if we are patient, the process will leave us enlightened about different views and broader horizons about the ideas and experiences of others.

Keith

Thank you to everyone that came to the Mother's Day CYRE service!

Thank you to everyone that purchased ice cream sundaes and floats. With your generous donations, we raised over \$90 towards our end of year CYRE bash! Don't forget to sign up to bring something for the party!

Denominational Affairs

Mountain Desert District (MDD) Office:
District Executive: Rev Nancy Bowen
executive@mdduua.org
2242 S Albion Street Denver, CO 80222
(303) 756-1378/(303) 756-1407 FAX



MDD Conferences:

General Assembly (GA) will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 24-28, 2009. This is a great opportunity to meet other UUs.

The Russell Lockwood Leadership School will be held July 26 – August 1, 2009 at Estes Park, Colorado.

The MDD Annual Meeting will be held this fall October 15 - October 18, 2009 at the Marriott Hotel in Fort Collins, Colorado. The theme this year is "Spiritual Harmony: Finding Your UU Voice" and will feature a Thursday evening concert with the incomparable Holly Near! She will also be the Keynote speaker on Friday evening. There will be a sUUPER saver rate available for early birds, and great programming for those under 18, too! (Room rates at the hotel are an awesome \$99 dollars!) Save the dates so that we can have a group attend the conference. If you can't attend GA, this is another great opportunity to meet other UUs.

The MDD has a new website at <http://mdduua.org/>. Please check out the bold new look of this site.

Check the UUA homepage for some interesting new sites and email lists: <http://www.uua.org>



REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE

Membership Committee Chair: Andrea Crowley

Email: acrowley79902@yahoo.com



Andrea
Crowley

If **YOU** are interested in membership in this Community, please ask the greeter for a membership application. After completing the form, please put it in the offering basket or give it to a greeter at the end of the service.

The Membership Committee meets every other second Sunday 30 minutes after the service. All are welcome to attend. If you need a new nametag, please see a greeter on Sunday morning. You do not have to be a member to wear a nametag.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

If you have been visiting and feel that you would like a more vital role in our Community, we would welcome you as a member. Please complete a Membership Application card and give it to a greeter to start the process.



Program Council Committee Updates:

Administration & Finance Chair: Ken Muncy

Email: kenmuncy@hotmail.com

On-going fund raisers

The Albertsons card is easy to use. Just give it to the clerk to scan when you checkout. We receive 1% of what we spend each month. If you don't yet have your new card or know someone who would like one, see Carol Irwin or Ken Muncy. We are also selling our UUCEP t-shirts & cookbooks on Sundays. The t-shirts are \$15 for adult sizes and \$10 for children's sizes. We have 1 cookbook left at \$10.



David Wyatt

Buildings & Grounds Chair: David Wyatt

Email: wyattfamily2001@yahoo.com

No date set yet for the next work party.



Mary Walsh

Hospitality Chair: Mary Walsh

Email: mary.walsh@us.yazaki.com

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People are needed for set up, clean up & to make the coffee. Please contact Mary Walsh with any questions or if you need training to perform these tasks. Mary's phone number is: 526-6469.



Aurolyn Luykx

Nominating Committee Chair: Aurolyn Luykx

Email: aurolyn2@yahoo.com

Stay tuned for updates as they become available.

The Welcoming Congregation Committee is busy preparing workshops to share with the congregation.

Religious Education Chair: **POSITION OPEN**

Email:

We are in need of more volunteers to help teach our youth. Please consider teaching or helping out with CYRE.

****Please help ease our youth's hunger & bring snacks & drinks for them. If we can have juice boxes & snacks donated once every other month, we will be able to keep up with the demand.**

Sunday Programs Chair: email:

Thank you to Joe Knapka who is taking care of Sunday Programs.



The Board of Trustees will meet in the Sanctuary the third Sunday of each month after the Service. Regular meetings are open meetings with no set agenda. Members and friends of UUCEP are invited to attend and present matters for consideration by the Board.

Want to Know What is Going On?

Copies of the minutes from Congregation & Board Meetings are posted on the door between the middle hallway & Fellowship room. Reading these minutes is a good way to keep up with what is happening in our Community.

Please take the time to thank these wonderful and amazing people for their commitment to our community, they deserve it.



Sharon Cornet



Apologies! We had the appointment and plans set up for a social justice effort to install insulation in the attic of a family's home in a colonia about the same time last month's newsletter came out; however, at the last minute the family had to cancel because they realized that some electrical work needed to be done before anyone could go in there to install anything. All the volunteers had to be called and the project cancelled (temporarily) because of the delay. The family has been working on getting the electrical supplies so the work can get done, but it's not quite there yet. Once finished I will let the community know when we can pick up where we left off and get that insulation installed!

Sharon



Janet Kincaid

U.U Social Justice at work

Border Interfaith

If anyone would like to get more involved with the Border Interfaith project please contact Janet Kincaid and she can put you in contact with the right people.

Annunciation House

Searching for a social justice opportunity? Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner at The Annunciation House, 1003 E. San Antonio St. All ages are welcome to attend this outreach activity. Children must be with an adult. We will set up tables, prepare food, eat dinner with the guests and help with cleanup. What a wonderful opportunity to practice your Spanish and make new friends! There is a sign up sheet in the Sanctuary. For additional information, contact Janet Kincaid or Ann Singer. Donations of food, kitchen items and linens are appreciated.



Ann Singer

Rainbow Objective

Dear Friends,

We at Rainbow Objective would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all of the support that you rendered during the Toy Joy Drive. It was a tremendous success providing toys and clothing for more than 200 El Paso children infected & affected by HIV/AIDS.

Sammie Wade, Rainbow Objective's Founder, has teamed up with Avon and along with his other work, is now an Avon Representative. 10% of all of Sammie's profit will go to the Rainbow Objective organization. Mrs. Christine Breeze, Avon's eastside District Manager is now working with Sammie & they hope to have Avon as a National Sponsor by 2010! Who knows what's next for us...global sponsorship?

If you have any questions or would like to help in any way, feel free to contact Sammie Wade or William Reed at 915-875-8203, or see either of them after services on Sundays. Again, thank you all for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Sammie Wade & William Reed



Sammie Wade & William Reed





Pagan Spirituality Group



MAY 2009



6TH 7pm Full Moon Esbat
11TH 7pm Tarot Class
20TH 7pm Midsummer/Litha & Pot Luck

EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SANCTUARY EXCEPT FOR THE TAROT CLASS WHICH WILL MEET AT THE CRANE HOUSE.

If you need further information on any of these events or about tarot or Paganism/Wicca in general, please do not hesitate to ask.



Tarot Class Instructor
Mary Rodriguez



Email: Tarot_Circle@yahoo.com

The Tarot Study Group will meet Thursday, June 11th @ 7pm. The group is open to all who are interested in the Tarot - no experience required. This month the emphasis will be on reading. Hope to see you all there! For more info and discussion, please consider joining the El Paso Circle Yahoo Group. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Tarot_Circle/

CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE!!!



The Pagan Spirituality Group has formed a Pagan Counsel. (Please note that the Counsel is NOT set in stone! Anyone wishing to contribute on even the smallest level is encouraged to come.) The counsel has planned out the Sabbats & Esbats up through Lughnasadh/Lammas/September. Moon Darks are open to those that wish to hold a special event and/or a class on a specific subject. **The next meeting will be July 7th and will be held at the Crane House.** Anyone that would like to take a more active roll in the Pagan community, please contact Tina Priester at MIKENINA1997@aol.com and she will get with you on what you would like to do & schedule time for you to speak at the next counsel meeting to present your ideas. ALL IDEAS WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND WELCOMED.
ALL ARE WELCOMED & ENCOURAGED TO COME TO MEETINGS!



Radical Knitters & Crocheters



The Radical Knitters and Crocheters are looking for folks to help out with our charity work.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

They and others can help you learn and/or give you some ideas for projects. Bring with you a crochet hook (Size G is a good size for learning) or knitting needles and a skein of yarn. We knit and crochet things for charity or to benefit the community like donations to the service auction. We are making blankets for infants as well as cancer caps.

They will be meeting on the 3rd Sunday of each month in the fellowship hall after the service & refreshments.

See Mary Walsh or Barbara Peters for more information.



Special Message from Ginger:

Events taking place at UUCEP will be listed on the calendar when a room reservation (Building Usage Form 1-A), has been made through the office. Forms are available in the hutch outside the office. Forms need to be submitted 30 days before the event.



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

"Our choir is always open to new members, no audition required. Adult choir meets at 7:00 PM on Monday evenings, childcare provided. Vocalists and instrumentalists desiring to perform solo at Sunday services are welcome, too. Contact Stanley Ross, Music Director, at 845-5847 or e-mail at rossstudios79912@yahoo.com"

***Adult choir on recess from June 22 – Aug. 17**



Recycling at the Community

There is a blue container for recycling that moves around. See if you can find it and use it for your Order of Service and other paper, plastic 1 or 2, or cardboard items.

Thank you for helping our Community support El Paso's recycling.

Please do NOT put garbage into this container!

Caring Corner

As many are aware, Sharon Cornet's husband has been incarcerated for the past couple of months. For anyone wanting to write him, here is the information she gave me.

It's important people know he can receive letters and pictures, but NO OTHER ITEMS (i.e., no candy, no clothes, etc.) in the mail. People can send him books, but they have to be softbound only and directly from a book company like Amazon.com.

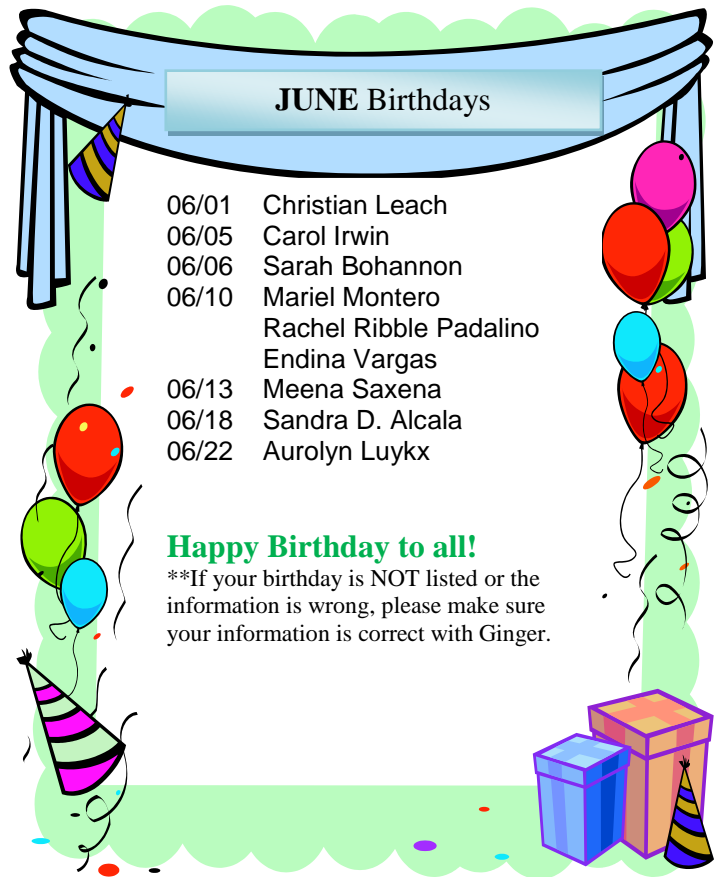
Also, magazine subscriptions are OK, as long as there are no ads or information or pictures regarding sexual things or weapons/guns. That's about all concerning the prison rules. Here's Bruce's address so people can write to him if they so choose...

Walter B Cornet #01553441
Middleton Unit
13055 FM 3522
Abilene, TX 79601

For more information on Stephen Mills, please contact his wife Julia. Hopefully this will be straightened out soon. The justice system moves swiftly for some, and like a snail for others.

Please continue to give you love and support to Sharon, Julia and their families. Please take time to help those in our community in need. Some may need rides to the grocery store or to the community, or just some company to help pass time. To know that someone else cares for you, can mean the world. The benefits to you will be apparent as well.

If you have concerns you would like printed in the newsletter that are not political in nature, please submit them for consideration to Mikentinap1997@aol.com. Every effort to include as many as possible will be made.



JUNE Birthdays

06/01 Christian Leach
06/05 Carol Irwin
06/06 Sarah Bohannon
06/10 Mariel Montero
Rachel Ribble Padalino
Endina Vargas
06/13 Meena Saxena
06/18 Sandra D. Alcala
06/22 Aurolyn Luykx

Happy Birthday to all!

**If your birthday is NOT listed or the information is wrong, please make sure your information is correct with Ginger.

UU Bed & Breakfast:

NAPA Valley B&B provides accommodation and optional wine country tours. Proceeds will benefit the construction of UU sanctuary.

Call Tom at 707-254-7443 or email
2wilsons1dog@comcast.net.

ADULT CHOIR ON RECESS FROM JUNE 22ND TO AUGUST 17TH.



Newsletter Editor: Tina Priester

Email: MikenTinaP1997@aol.com

Midsummer Blessings to All!

Hope everyone is having a good year so far! Every month presents new and exciting challenges to creating the finished newsletter. There is so much information that is given and putting it in an understandable format has posed some challenges. I will continue to meet these challenges head on and do my best to make sure that the newsletter is informational as humanly possible.

**Due to some compatibility issues that still linger when trying to open the newsletter, those members will receive the newsletter via postal mail.

The newsletter is now being sent out in Microsoft Word 97-2003 & Adobe Acrobat PDF formats. Hopefully this will help with some of the compatibility issues that have come up recently. If you have trouble opening the newsletter, PLEASE EMAIL ME & I will send you out the original. A few have had trouble opening up the newsletter after it has been forwarded.

The due date for newsletter is JUNE 15TH 2009. If this is not possible, please contact me to let me know when I can expect your submission. *Please* do not assume I know to keep your information in the newsletter, unless you receive an email from me confirming it.



Child Youth Religious Education Program 2009~2010

Mark Your Calendar for Monthly Events

JUNE 7TH

CYRE End of Year Bash!
10:30 a.m. to ? At the
Crane house!

Sign up sheet located in RE
Library.

**Remember to bring your
swimsuit! Jumping balloon &
waterslide along with a cook out!
Everyone welcome to celebrate
with us.

June 20th

Practice for Father's
Day/Midsummer Medley at 1pm in
the Sanctuary! Please remember
to bring your wings & costumes!

June 21st Father's Day service with
CYRE participating.

CYRE Sunday Class Schedule:

*Summer time is play &
crafting time.*

*Each Sunday we will be
doing various crafts and
having a grand ole time.*

*Volunteers are needed to
teach their special gifts
to our youth.*

*Please see Janet Kincaid
and/or Tina Priester to
set up a Sunday you
would like to teach on
and what supplies will
be needed.*

JUNE 7TH

**CYRE END OF YEAR
BASH!**

10:30 to ?

*Please sign up to bring
something. Sign up
sheet is on the table in
the RE Library.*

*Don't forget your
swimsuits & sun screen!*



Janet Kincaid
Director of CYRE

Unity

By Cleo V. Swarat

I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there,
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher:
the tools she used were books, music & art;
One was a parent
With a guiding hand and gentle loving heart.

And when at last their work was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had worked into the child
Could never be sold or bought!

And each agreed she would have failed
if she had worked alone.
For behind the parent stood the school,
and behind the teacher stood the home!



Janet

Pat

Nick

Alex

**The CYRE is looking for more people to volunteer to
help teach our youth. If you are interested, please see
Janet Kincaid for more information.**



CYRE at a Glance:

**Our school year is now over and we had a
terrific year!**

**Not only did the students learn many things
over the past year, but the teachers did as
well.**



We have many activities planned for the
summer for the youth & teens. We have a
few field trips in the works as well.

We had many social justice activities during
the year that gave our youth first hand
knowledge of the various ways they can help
out in their community. From bunny bingo to
visiting the border wall, the teens and youth of
our community have not only given their help
to these social justice efforts, but in asking
questions and taking part in discussions to
further promote the inherent worth of each
and every person, starting with themselves.

Our Mother's Day service was an over view
of all the work we have done this year.

The youth & teens did a fantastic job
with the service.

*We hope you enjoyed it as much as we
did.*

We have a number of projects planned
for the fall that will require items to be
donated. Please make sure items are
clean prior to bringing them into the
community. Items needed:
Toilet paper, paper towel & wrapping
paper rolls; Plastic coffee & ice cream
containers; Felt, Paper/card board egg
containers, fabric glue & thread

If you need more information, please
contact Tina Priester.

June 2009

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | <p>Office Closed</p> <p>7 p.m. - GnUUs Choir Rehearsal, FH</p> | | <p>8-9:30 p.m. - NA, Sanctuary</p> | <p>8-9:30 p.m. - NA, FH</p> | | <p>7 p.m. - Esbat, Sanctuary</p> |
| <p>10:30 a.m. - Service</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - CYRE</p> <p>End-of-Year Bash, Crane House</p> <p>2-4 p.m. - Rosicrucians, FH</p> | <p>Office Closed</p> <p>7 p.m. - GnUUs Choir Rehearsal, FH</p> | | <p>8-9:30 p.m. - NA, Sanctuary</p> | <p>7 p.m. - Tarot Class, Crane House</p> <p>8-9:30 p.m. - NA, FH</p> | <p>7 p.m. - New Covenant Group, Sanctuary</p> | |
| <p>Flag Day</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Intergenerational Service</p> <p>12:30 p.m. - Membership Meeting, Library</p> | <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>7 p.m. - GnUUs Choir Rehearsal, FH</p> | | <p>8-9:30 p.m. - NA, Sanctuary</p> | <p>8-9:30 p.m. - NA, FH</p> | <p>7 p.m. - Sunday Programs Meeting, Library</p> <p>7 p.m. - Fun Friday, UUCEP</p> | <p>1 p.m. - CYRE Service Rehearsal, Sanctuary</p> <p>7 p.m. - Midsummer Celebration, Sanctuary</p> |
| <p>Father's Day</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Service</p> <p>112 p.m. - Board Meeting, Sanctuary</p> <p>12 p.m. - Radical Knitters, FH</p> <p>2-4 p.m. - Rosicrucians, FH</p> | <p>Office Closed</p> | | <p>8-9:30 p.m. - NA, Sanctuary</p> | <p>6:30 p.m. - Program Council Meeting, Sanctuary</p> <p>8-9:30 p.m. - NA, FH</p> | | |
| <p>10:30 a.m. - Service</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - Children/Teen RE Classes, Crane House</p> | <p>Office Closed</p> | | | | | |