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## A Bittersweet Farewell

After 15 years of dedicated service, Betsy Rodriguez has resigned from the Lead Administrator position in the SHHA office. We will surely miss Betsy’s cheerful presence and her incredible depth of knowledge in all the areas handled by the office and the Board. And we wish her all the best going forward.

In the interim, Diane Barney is helping Angela Moreno in the office. Selection of a new Lead Administrator is ongoing. In the next GRIT, we’ll introduce the successful candidate.

## Already a Brush Fire Near the Foothills?

By Susan McCasland

On March 9 as I was driving south on Tramway, I spotted smoke that appeared to be from High Desert or Glenwood Hills. I then tried to track down the smoke. It was considerably south of my initial estimate, being in the Four Hills area or maybe the mouth of Tijeras pass. March 9 may seem way too early for brush fires, but it’s not. On that same drive home from the airport, I’d passed another fire burning right beside I-25. Please be careful with fire: cigarettes, fireworks, barbeques, parking hot catalytic converters over dry grass. It doesn’t take much to cause what could become a catastrophic fire.

And, by the way, the fire shown below that I was tracking down Tramway turned out to be a prescribed burn near Kirtland. Phew!



# Save Elena Gallegos Open Space

## Current Status

### Environment and Safety Committee

**Lawsuit Status.** The “Save the Elena Gallegos” (STEG) nonprofit and eighteen citizen plaintiffs filed a lawsuit against the City of Albuquerque (CABQ) on December 22, 2022, to uphold the deed to the Elena Gallegos Open Space, which prohibits buildings on the land. On February 23, 2023, the City responded and filed a motion for summary judgment in the City’s favor on the grounds that citizens cannot enforce the deed because citizens “are not the intended beneficiary” of the deed. STEG is in the process of filing a cross-motion for summary judgment in the plaintiffs’ favor that they have a standing to enforce the deed. STEG believes they have an extremely strong legal case; the deed is unequivocal in prohibiting buildings, and who, if not citizens, would be the intended beneficiary of the deed? However, they can’t know how the case will unfold, which is why they continue to grow the social movement.

**CABQ Parks Open Space Status.** Dennis Vasquez, Deputy Director of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation, provided an update on the City’s activity. He is not aware of any upcoming public meetings but says these are planned. There were a number of public meetings advertised by Groundwork Studio regarding EGOS. These were cancelled at the request of the City of Albuquerque and are not currently rescheduled.

In March, a study of Simms Road was completed by Parametrix Engineering and is being reviewed by CABQ. The Parametrix study was requested to look at “improving bicycle safety on Simms Road.” Funding and road revision, if decided on, will be handled through the Department of Municipal Development. So far there are no public meetings scheduled on this.

There is a habitat impact study ongoing to look at the impact of development within Elena Gallegos. This is being conducted by Tetra Tech, which is an international municipal environmental engineering firm. CABQ is also planning to do a current use survey of the entire foothills park system to include EGOS, likely a survey of open space users. After all of the

above surveys are completed, the City will review and potentially revise their plan. They plan to have public input, however there is no set timeline on this yet.

**Call for Action.** The Elena Gallegos Open Space, adjacent to the National Forest, is a tremendous asset to both Sandia Heights and the broader communities, and should remain as natural and unchanged from its original natural state as possible. Bringing crowds in buses, expanding Simms Rd, and constructing buildings and parking lots will destroy the natural habitat and open space and overcrowd an already heavily used trail system, resulting in more abuse, noise, traffic and crime in our neighborhood, and erode the quality of life we so appreciate in Sandia Heights.

Each of us can play an important role in supporting the deed restriction and making our voice heard, by being informed and signing the petition (see next section), by contacting others and letting them know what is happening, by contacting City leaders or influential people within Albuquerque city and/or Bernalillo County, and voicing our concerns. Building a single building establishes a precedent regarding future building in Elena Gallegos.

**How can you take a more active role in preventing the development of the education center?** You can support the cause by signing and sharing STEG’s petition (which now has more than 11,000 signatures) at [change.org/saveelenagallegos](https://change.org/saveelenagallegos) or by displaying a “Save the Elena Gallegos” sign in your yard. Email [saveelenagallegos@gmail.com](mailto:saveelenagallegos@gmail.com) to request one. You can also join the STEG Google Group to be notified of ongoing opportunities and requesting to be added to their group by emailing [saveelenagallegos@gmail.com](mailto:saveelenagallegos@gmail.com).



## Reminders from Your Covenant Support Committee

**Room Rental.** Big house? Feeling lonely? Want to meet new folks? There are many ways to satisfy this need, but doing an Airbnb or room rental is not one of them. It is tempting to rent out that extra bedroom in order to make extra money. However, your covenants do not permit this.

Short-term rentals also create concerns about maintaining security in your neighborhood. As a short-term landlord, you are inviting transient renters into the area, which may pose a threat to your neighbors. The Sandia Heights Security Patrol, available by subscription, does a great job of patrolling and looking for unfamiliar cars in your area. But by doing short-term rentals, you make their job much more difficult.

If you have your home listed as a daily room rental, please immediately remove your listing. If your neighbor is involved in room rental, please file a covenant complaint so that we may investigate.

**Trash Cans.** Trash containers visible from the street are a major source of complaints. The trash bins should be wheeled behind a fence or screen or put in the garage. The containers may be put out on the day before collection in the late afternoon, although it is far better to put them out the morning of pick up because of scavenging bears. Bins must be stored out of sight after the trash is picked up. At some times of year, we also generate more paper and boxes than will fit into our recycle bins. If this is your case, consider using some of the off-site recycle bins throughout the city (found on the BernCo web site) or divide the load up for two pickup cycles. You can also call Sandia Heights Services and ask what other options, such as a special pickup, can be arranged.

**Parking.** Most of our covenants address cars that have not moved from a lot or driveway in some time or that are unlicensed. These may be a covenant violation which the CSC will investigate. However, we do get complaints about cars parked on the street or in communal parking areas as well. The CSC does not handle these parking issues and they should be referred to the Sheriff's Department. SHHA does not have the authority to enforce parking on Bernalillo County roads or common areas. The Sheriff can and will tow cars at the owner's expense. Once towed, it may be difficult or expensive to reclaim your car, so be mindful of where you park.

**Weeds and RVs.** The summer will be here soon. It is the time for weeds to grow on your lawn and RVs, trailers, campers, boats, etc. to grow in your driveway. From handling complaints from your neighbors, it is apparent that a lot of folks are unaware that they agreed to abide by covenants when they bought or rented their homes. If you are not sure what your covenants say, stop by the SHHA office for a copy or look them up on the SHHA website.

This brings us to weeds—especially if you have pebbles in your front yard. It seems like weeds grow by inches overnight. If you don't keep up with them, they become overwhelming. If you treat them like eating an elephant (a little at a time) you wouldn't have to resort to an herbicide or to letting your property go to seed. Again, it's a good neighbor thing—keeping property values up.

**Covenant Enforcement.** We often get complaints involving annoyances, safety issues, or nuisances. Sometimes these involve enforcement of county codes or ordinances (e.g., barking dogs, traffic, parking on the street, excessive or all-night lighting, etc.). When you file these complaints we do investigate them, but you may receive a letter instructing you to contact the County for enforcement. The CSC does not have authority or ability to handle many of these issues.

Please understand that SHHA is not a property management organization. It is staffed by volunteers (other than our hard-working office staff) and we have very few people that want to help us and work on committees. So, it takes some time for the CSC to do investigations and resolve issues. The 38 different sets of covenants, one for each Unit, are far from perfect; however, only Unit owners can change them.

Speaking of the office staff—when you come to the office, we know that sometimes you may be frustrated and may want something done about your problem and want it done now. Please, don't take your frustrations out on the staff. Try to be respectful; they are there to be helpful and don't deserve abuse.



# FEBRUARY CALLS TO SANDIA HEIGHTS SECURITY PATROL

The following statistics are the latest provided by Sandia Heights Security since the last GRIT. **Please be reminded that Sandia Heights Services (they provide water, sewer, trash and recycle collection, and security services) is a subscription service separate from Sandia Heights Homeowners Association membership.** Also, Membership in SHHA does not include Sandia Heights Security membership. You can call Security to confirm your membership with them. If you have questions, please call **Sandia Heights Security** at (505) 856-6347, **mobile** (505) 263-4654.

February 2023	# of calls		# of calls
Alarms	6	Special Request/Vacation	73
Customer Assist	2	Suspicious Activity	2
Customer Inquiry	1	Suspicious Person	3
Dump/Spilled Material	1	Suspicious Vehicle	7
Fire/Smoke	1	Theft	1
Fireworks Complaint	1	Threat/Personal	1
Lost/Found Pet	1		
Newspaper/Package Pickup	19		
Salesman Complaint	1	<b>Total Calls</b>	120

**Useful Numbers: Emergency Police/Fire/Rescue:** 9-1-1 (Be sure to let the operator know you are in Sandia Heights – an unincorporated area of Bernalillo County) **Bernalillo County Sheriff Non-Emergency:** (505) 798-7000 **Bernalillo County Fire Department Non-Emergency:** (505) 468-1310 **SHS Water/Sewer Emergencies (M-F 7AM – 4PM):** (505) 856-6345 **SHS Water/Sewer Emergencies After Hours:** (505) 888-5336 **NM Gas Co. Emergencies:** (505) 697-3335 **PNM Outage & Emergencies:** 1-888-342-5766

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- **Office hours:** Monday – Thursday 9 AM – 4 PM.  
Fridays 9 AM – NOON.
- **Notary services (Tues–Thurs, by appointment), copies (20 per month) and faxes, e-mail alerts, and contractor evaluation binder** are *free* to members.
- **Committee meeting dates** are posted on our website calendar: [www.sandiahomeowners.org](http://www.sandiahomeowners.org).
- **Classified ads** can be found on the website on the top bar menu under Notices and Information/Classifieds.
- **Safety vests for sale** in the SHHA Office. \$2.50 per vest for members, cash or check only.
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## HOW TO BOOST THE APPEAL OF A PROPERTY FOR SALE WITH HOME STAGING

Trends of home staging ebb and flow based on a variety of outside factors, from the seasons to the state of the economy. Design preferences tend to fluctuate rapidly and real estate professionals, like me, must stay attuned to emerging styles. Individuality is key-long gone are the days of formulaic interiors and bland décor.

Professional staging not only displays a property in its best light, but it can also decrease the number of days on market by as much as 33-50%. Typically, professional staging, combined with professional photography and a comprehensive marketing plan, will boost the sales price by as much as 5% or more. Home staging costs vary, of course, from one market to the next, and rates depend on whether the home is currently occupied, or if it will require structural or architectural updates in addition to décor alterations, accessorizing, or furniture substitution.

Home staging allows potential buyers to see beyond the lifestyle of the current owners and visualize how the home will adapt to both their family needs and individual personalities. Staging addresses such things as color, light, and room use, and even touches on improving curb appeal, landscaping, and maintenance issues. Effective staging not only enhances the appearance of the property but often improves functionality to elicit an emotional reaction as well.

### BLUR THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN INDOORS AND OUTSIDE

Natural light and views, outdoor plantings, and indoor greenery—a home that merges the natural environment with comfortable indoor living spaces is one that provides both shelter and comfort. Strive to achieve a balance between interior and exterior that offers easy transitions between defined rooms and the home's natural surroundings.

### MOVE BEYOND ALL-WHITE KITCHENS

Emerging trends still focus on clean-lined, functional workspaces, but are shifting towards natural materials, surprisingly soothing darker color schemes, and a more personalized approach. Look for colorful art and accents, a mix of shiny metallics, unique lighting that can be dimmed and brightened as desired, and “easy-on-the-eyes” personal touches that complement the rest of the home. Note that the modern kitchen is often used as much a “living space” as the living room!

### EXPLORE ALTERNATIVES TO SCANDINAVIAN

While contemporary interiors are not likely to fall out of favor completely, there are some outstanding new contestants for design excellence in residential interiors. Have a look at the latest mid-century modern styles for an updated twist on contemporary or revisit the appeal of industrial design and Euro-tech for a new take on luxury interiors. Depending on the specific market, shabby chic, farmhouse familiarity, or Southwestern casual may also be in favor.

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## Raptor Nesting Project Update

By Diane Barney, Finance Committee and SH resident

This article is a follow up to the one in the Dec 2022 GRIT on the raptor nesting project.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, is a video worth millions? I have posted videos at the link below to see night life of the Western Screech Owls (WESO) beginning to nest in our area. Unfortunately, the videos also show a not-so-positive ending. The link is <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1poD-fOiZcehXoqLhXMvo4YMEBHRysPyi?usp=sharing> (Click on the video you would like to watch, then click on the small “screen” that comes up on the right side of the page.) Notice in video 4 at about 1 min 25 sec, you’ll see a WESO return to the nest with a mouse. They can eat up to 5 mice a night.

The owl/raptor nesting project started in Sandia Heights in October 2022. The intent is to help promote wildlife and residents’ interface living. We are fortunate that we live in an area with close proximity to wildlife and have an opportunity to observe their behaviors. The project is meant to supply nests in areas that attract raptors and to monitor status and trends in nesting: the numbers of eggs laid, how many hatchlings survive, etc. The project only succeeds with your input and everyone working together as a community. It requires residents to adopt a more natural approach to pest control and a willingness to abandon any use of rodenticide or poison to kill mice and rats.

Known worldwide, owls are beneficial as natural predators in their habitats and surrounding ecosystems. For humans, they help control prey like mice and rats that sometimes can be considered nuisances or pests around homes.

Also known worldwide with research validation, rodenticides are not single-use in an area where so many of our wildlife rely on the targeted pests as a food source. Using poisons disrupts the local food chain. Yes, we still see wildlife in Sandia Heights, but the numbers and frequency have significantly declined in the past 20 years. Regrettably, remaining wildlife will soon disappear if we continue to upset the natural food chain. They belong here; this is their habitat.

Suggestions for your community support:

- Stop using all poisons outside your home.
- Use wire mesh to close off any openings you suspect are allowing the mice/rats inside. Mesh should be 1/4" or less.
- Get a cat or dog. They will let you know where the mice and rats are, making them easy to trap.

- Use a trap-and-release method, or use spring-loaded mouse/rat traps and kill the mice. Leave the live rodents or carcasses outside in a remote location. Hungry wildlife will eventually find and eat them nightly. I know several residents do this and every couple of days the dead rodents are gone.

I’ll continue to monitor the nests and provide updates with information at the link above. As of March 10<sup>th</sup>, no owls have returned to the nests. It is a sensitive balance, and I encourage you to be an advocate for our wildlife through your actions. If you have any questions or difficulties with the link, please contact me at [diane-barney@gmail.com](mailto:diane-barney@gmail.com).



Screen shots from Diane’s videos, all made since the Dec GRIT article

## ACC Activity Log

Summary of **Approved Projects** activity since the last GRIT:

3 Juniper Hill Loop – Repaint Garage Door
16 Juniper Hill Loop – Roof PV Installation
33 Cedar Hill Pl – Roof Solar PV System Installation
431 Live Oak Loop – Reroof
720-29 Tramway Lane – New Window & Door Install
726-16 Tramway Vista Dr – Reroof
805 Tramway Lane - Extend Backyard Wall
883 Tramway Lane Ct - Re-stucco
940 Bobcat Blvd – Replace 2 Doors, Re-patch Stucco
979 Antelope Ave – Reroof & Replace Skylights
1101 San Rafael Ave – Re-stucco
1102 Marigold Dr - Landscaping
1136 Marigold Dr - Reroof
1136 Marigold Dr – Stucco Repairs
1136 Marigold Dr – HVAC Replacement
1162 Laurel Loop – Replace Courtyard Brick/Add Gate
1178 Laurel Pl - Reroof
1203 Marigold Dr - Stucco Repairs
1206 Marigold Dr - Stucco Repairs
1719 Quail Run Ct. – Re-Stucco/Repair Canales
2426 Tramway Terrace Ct - Reroof
2724 Tramway Circle – New Window Installation
2724 Tramway Circle – Re-stucco
2745 Tramway Circle – Repaint Garage Trim
2775 Wolfberry Pl – Roof Solar PV System Installation
2801 Tramway Circle – Replace Wooden Fence
2819 Tramway Circle – Replace Cedar Fencing
2878 Brushwood St. – Trimming Backyard Trees
9104 Lynx Loop – Roof Mounted Photovoltaic Panels Installation

Visit the website: [www.sandiahomeowners.org](http://www.sandiahomeowners.org) to read about all projects currently under ACC management.

**ACC Color Reference Guide** is available to borrow in the SHHA Office for up to 30 days. \$20 refundable deposit is required. Cash or check only.



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Check out the entire SHHA Member Benefits Program and the discounts offered to SHHA members at [www.sandiahomeowners.org](http://www.sandiahomeowners.org), under the **Notices and Information** tab. Each participating merchant offers a discount to SHHA members. The following is a list of currently participating merchants:

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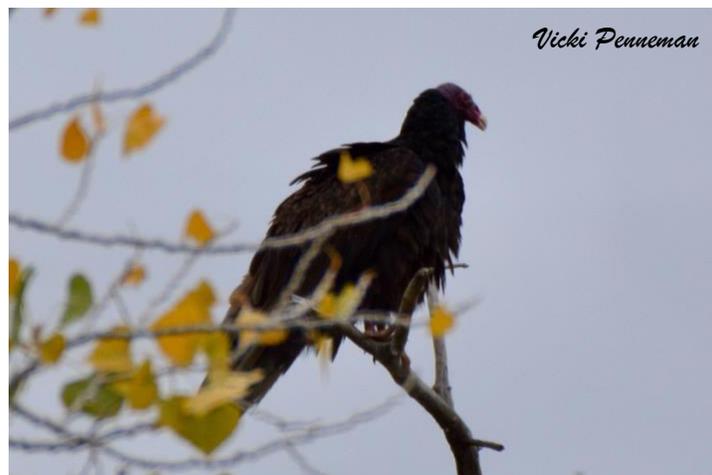
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## Birds

Each year Sandia Heights' amateur photographers submit many amazing photographs to the competition for the cover of the *Resident Guide and Directory*. The GRIT is showing some of the best during the year, grouping them by subject matter. This second installment shows images of birds. If you're reading the paper GRIT, we suggest you check these out in color on the SHHA website. They're fantastic. Stay tuned for more of your neighbors' excellent photos in future issues.



## Monthly Fun Fact

This month's fun fact is for the City of Albuquerque which, of course, we in Sandia Heights are adjacent to, but just outside of. The parkland area in Albuquerque is 23% of the total area of the city or 42.9 square miles (111 square kilometers). This percentage of park area is one of the highest of the United States' large cities. Around 82% of the residents of Albuquerque city reside within easy walking distance of a city park. The total area of the city of Albuquerque is about 188.9 sq mi (489 sq km).

Here are pictures of some parks in Albuquerque.



Roosevelt Park



Rio Grande Nature Center State Park



Loma Del Norte Park



Mariposa Basin Park

## MailBox Theft—What Can We Do?

By Susan McCasland

A resident recently contacted the SHHA office, concerned about seeing open mailboxes and the implied theft of their contents. I took the opportunity at the recent Annual Meeting of discussing this topic with Mr. John Shorey, the Operations Manager for Sandia Heights Security. His suggestions were as follows:

- Install a locking mailbox
- Sign up for a post office box
- If you know you're going to be gone and have something of value arriving, arrange for it to be delivered to a neighbor who will be home

And I'd like to add one other:

- If you are mailing something of value, such as a check, take it to the post office and use the indoor mail slots. Mail thieves can use sticky tape to fish letters out of the outdoor drive-by boxes!

When our mail was stolen a few years ago (thief got a used paperback and a rotary dog-nail grinder—both well known as high-value items with local fences), we opted for the locking mailbox. In researching them, I learned that you want one that is sturdy and also won't allow someone's arm to reach inside to grab the delivered mail. And it needs to be mounted such that a swift whack with a baseball bat doesn't dismount the box.

As always, neighbors watching out for neighbors goes a long way in deterring would-be criminals. But it hardly takes any time at all to open a mailbox and grab the contents. Also, get to know your mail carrier's usual delivery time to your mailbox, and retrieve your mail as soon as possible.

If you do decide to install a locking mail box, get one approved by the U.S. Postal Service and then file an application with SHHA's Architectural Control Committee. Applications are available on the website or in the office.



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 42 Homes Closed past year to date | Avg Sold Price \$833,924 Avg Sold price/sf. \$253.51

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## Sandwiched Between

By Stan Davis

When viewing the Sandia Mountains from Sandia Heights, it looks like the gray Madera Limestone layers at the very top rest directly on the Sandia Granite. However, there is a distinctive, recognized geologic formation called the *Sandia Formation* “sandwiched” between. It is the Pennsylvanian-age Sandia Formation that rests directly on the *Great Unconformity* that marks the top of the Proterozoic (“Precambrian”) Granite. The Sandia Formation contains colorful, layered sandstones and conglomerates that are mostly marine in origin—consisting of sediments originally laid down on the near shoreline and Continental Shelf.

The Sandia Formation can be seen in cliff faces for a short distance along the Crest Highway near the Cienega/Sulfur picnic area turnoff. The Formation occurs here at relatively low elevation due to complex faulting in the East Mountains; otherwise, you have to hike up high and long distances to find it. But there are reasons why the Sandia Formation may often go unnoticed by a hiker. The Sandia Formation is not very thick, certainly compared to the overlying limestone and underlying granite. Where the topography is

steep on the western side of the mountains, for example along the upper stretch of the Pino Trail, the lateral extent of the Sandia Formation is relatively short and easy to miss. What’s more, thick vegetation, forest soils and limestone debris that has rolled downhill from above may also conceal the formation from view.

There are places where a coincidence of gently tilting rock strata and gently inclining eroded ground surface has exposed the Sandia Formation along some portions of trails so you can hike right on top of it. Good examples are short stretches along the upper La Luz and South Peak trails. But the longest stretch of Sandia Formation in the mountains exists along a part of the South Crest Trail. This part of the Trail is the southernmost extent that is still located at relatively high elevation in a sparse Ponderosa zone. Here, long, gentle switchbacks will take you hiking across the Sandia Formation for an hour or so, depending on whether you are going uphill or down. A brief uphill departure from the trail above the junction with the Hawk Watch Trail will take you to a stunning setting not seen anywhere else along the edge of the Crest, where the colorful Sandia Formation forms the western facing edge of the Crest, as shown below.



View looking north along the literal edge of the South Crest, standing on colorful Sandia Formation sandstone, which has been exposed in a wide swath due to the overlying Madera Limestone having been eroded away

## Community Events Bulletin Board

*These groups are not sponsored by SHHA. Information is provided to keep residents informed.*

**Sandia Heights “Cork & Fork” Dining Activity:** We are happy to announce that Cork & Fork has resumed our bimonthly dinners. We gather in the homes of our members. Each small dinner group is typically 6–8 people, including the hosts. The host decides the menu theme and prepares a main dish, with attendees contributing to some part of the meal—along with a wine to go with their dish. The emphasis is on food and fun rather than formal elegance. Though most of the dinners are smaller, there are 2 whole-group dinners during the year. All adult Sandia Heights residents are welcome. To inquire or join any time of year, call Rene Kessel at (505) 504-3886 or email at [rene.kessel@cblegacy.com](mailto:rene.kessel@cblegacy.com).

**Sandia Heights Artists.** Coming in September, we will once again have the Sandia Heights Art Tour. Keep September 9 & 10 at the top of your list for this special event. We are celebrating twenty years of art tours with fifteen houses open and fifty artists working in a huge variety of media. The houses will be open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on both Saturday and Sunday. Flyers and maps will be available at a later date. Do plan to join us in September and celebrate 20 years!

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**Welcome to spring!**





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