



WEST WALKER WIRE

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SAVE THE DATE: Art In My Back Yard Exhibition

by Jackie Kazarian

ART IN MY BACK YARD'S third art exhibition will be held in a newly renovated storefront on Elston Ave. The show explores the American landscape through painting, drawing, and video, and features 10 artists who live and work on the northwest side of Chicago. The exhibition is free and open to the public.



Fletcher Hayes, Branching, 1996, acrylic on canvas

The show title "Buy Land" draws attention to the current real estate crisis and borrows from a Mark Twain quote: "Buy land. They're not making it anymore."

Exhibition title: Buy Land
Location: 4201 N. Elston Ave.
Date: October 2-30
Opening reception: October 2, 6-9 p.m. (continued on page 3)

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 12 • 2:30-10 p.m.
Ridgeway Festival
3800 block of North Ridgeway Ave.

September 13 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Farmers Market
Independence Park

September 13 • 2 p.m.
Performing Arts Series
Irving Park Lutheran Church
4100 N. Harding Ave.

September 14 • 7 p.m.
Adult book discussion, *The Maytrees*
Independence Park Library
3548 W. Irving Park Road

September 15 • 7:30 p.m.
WWCA General Meeting
Latvian Community Center
4146 N. Elston Ave.

September 16 • 7 p.m.
Beat 1723 CAPS meeting
17 District Police Station Community Room
4650 N. Pulaski Road

September 27 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Farmers Market
Independence Park

October 2-30
Art In My Back Yard Exhibit: "Buy Land"
Opening reception: October 2, 6-9 p.m.
4201 N. Elston Ave.

October 11 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Farmers Market
Independence Park

October 17 & 18 • 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Fall Festival
Athletic Field Park, 3546 W. Addison St.

You can also visit our
Community Calendar online at:
<http://westwalker.org/calendar.html>



Dear Neighbor,

NEWLY ELECTED WWCA President **Mike Webber** would be filling this space ordinarily, but because he's temporarily snowed under at work, I'm filling in for the month.

On behalf of Mike and the West Walker Civic Association Board, welcome to another year! At the May meeting, we said farewell to our previous editor, **Beth Tigue-Matos**, who so ably edited the *Wire* for nearly three years. Congratulations to Beth and her husband Ed on the birth of their daughter, Mia, in August. We also said goodbye to board member **Mark Pascale**. Thanks for your service, Mark.

At the May meeting, members elected a new slate of officers for the coming year, including Mike Webber as president, **Davor Engel**, vice president, and returning for second terms, **Carol Barry** as secretary and **John Minor** as treasurer. Although Davor has been involved in the Vision and Zoning committees for several years, this is his first involvement at the board level. Thanks for agreeing to serve, Davor.

Serving another year as board members are Pam (Maremont) Austin, Margaret McIntyre, Dorie Westmeyer, and me. If you're interested in serving on the board and are a resident of West Walker, please contact Mike at 539.8346. And don't forget that we're always looking for volunteers to deliver the *Wire*.

Welcome to **Anne Marie O'Kelley**, our new *Wire* editor. I admire Anne Marie for stepping in to take Beth's place and I'm certain everyone will give her support and a helping hand as she needs it. Help with writing stories and gathering calendar items is always welcome.

Because the WWCA membership year runs from September 1 through August 31, your dues are due! Please take a minute to complete the membership form on page 5 and send it to our treasurer. A strong neighborhood association is vital to the overall health of our community. Recently, the WWCA was able to provide support to neighbors and act as liaison with the police and Alderman Laurino's office following a gang shooting in the 4000 block of Harding. If that's not reason enough to become a member, see page 5 to find out what else you get for your \$10.

One lesson learned from the shooting incident is that it's not enough for neighbors to call 911 when there's a persistent pattern of illegal activity. The 17th District relies on input gathered at monthly CAPS meetings to identify problem blocks or residences. In addition to our regular representation at CAPS meetings, the WWCA will be working with CAPS and residents to form block clubs to identify problems as they emerge.

With that in mind, please plan to attend the next CAPS meeting. It's imperative that we have a strong, unified presence to make officers aware of the issues we are facing. See you there.

Liz Mills

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

West Walker Mission Statement

"The pursuit of the West Walker Civic Association is to make our diverse neighborhood the best it can be by securing the services, safeguards and improvements the West Walker community is entitled to have."

Celebrating more than 97 years of service to the West Walker Community

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Submit ideas and text to:

west_walker_wire@yahoo.com.

Please include a phone number in case we need to follow up with you.

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Man shot on 4000 block of North Harding

Incident Summary

A gang-related shooting occurred in front of 4035 N. Harding at about 6:40 on Friday night, August 21. Police describe the incident as follows: A car driving down Harding engaged a group of young people standing outside of 4033 N. Harding and flashed gang signs associated with the Simon City Royals street gang; the group flashed signs associated with the Latin Kings street gang; the car returned to the alley between Springfield and Harding; the shooter or shooters ran through the yard of 4039 N. Harding and fired at least four times at the group, hitting an adult male at least twice. Fire may have been exchanged from the group standing on the street. The male who was hit was not killed. Several neighbors called 911 and the police responded within minutes.

A group of about 35 West Walker neighbors met on August 23 to discuss the incident and formulate a response. Neighbors said the two-unit rental property at 4033 N. Harding has been the location of several incidents involving the police over the past nine months. The landlord of the house has been notified that there are activities at the house of concern to the neighborhood.

Neighbors also shared information that there may be a recent uptick in gang activity in our area possibly due to new conflicts over territory.

Response

The group that met discussed the following action steps:

- Any suspicious activity occurring in the 4000 and 4100 blocks of North Harding, including in the alley behind, should be reported by calling 911 immediately. This includes groups of young people loitering, loud music, yelling, fighting, or drug sales, as well as suspicious cars cruising through the neighborhood. A police response will be easier if there is a significant record of 911 calls. The more people who call, the more attention this issue will receive, so if an incident occurs, please let neighbors know so they can also call.

- **As many residents as possible should attend the next Beat 1723 CAPS meeting on September 16 at 7 p.m. (4650 N. Pulaski, 17th District Community Room), as well as subsequent meetings to keep**

attention on this situation. PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR NEIGHBORS TO ATTEND!

- The West Walker Civic Association will be proposing a meeting with our CAPS coordinator and/or Alderman Laurino, to be held on a day prior to the next CAPS meeting. Alderman Laurino's office is at 4404 W. Lawrence, 773.736.5594 or ward39@cityofchicago.org.
- Neighbors and the WWCA will work with the alderman's office and the building landlord.
- Report new graffiti by calling 311; specific graffiti may indicate impending gang conflicts. Take a picture to determine later if gang related. "Tagging," which is not usually associated with gang activity, features highly stylized initials or words. Gang symbols are more crude and often involve iconography such as crowns and pitchforks—sometimes upside down—and can be stylized so they're not always immediately recognizable as a gang sign. Sample images can be found by doing a Google search of "gang symbols."

Have a CAPS issue?

You can submit concerns to CAPS online at <https://portal.chicagopolice.org/portal/page/portal/ClearPath>. Then, on the left-hand side, click "Report a concern about an issue affecting your neighborhood."

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Hours: Fridays, 6-8 p.m.; Saturdays, 12-4 p.m.; Sundays, 12-4 p.m.
Info: www.artinmybackyard.com
Contact: Jackie Kazarian
 jk@jackiekazarian.net; 773.294.9464
Artists: Lorna Filippini, Pamela Gibson, Liz Gresey, Fletcher Hayes, Jennifer Hines, Michael Kolasinski, Chris Novak, Garrett Reese, Neil Shapiro, Cyd Smillie

Art In My Back Yard sponsors cultural programs, exhibitions, and events featuring artists, writers, and performers from the northwest neighborhoods of Chicago. It was started in 2007 by the West Walker Civic Association.

2009 Mary Brown Good Neighbor Awards Announced

THREE WEST WALKER RESIDENTS who have worked to make our community a better place will receive the 2009 Mary Brown Good Neighbor Award at the September 15 WWCA General Meeting.

- Over the past three years, **Beth Tigie-Matos** has served as the editor of the *Wire*. While editor, Beth has improved the *Wire*, adding pages and useful information like the summer calendar. In addition to her editor duties, Beth created a West Walker brochure, flyers for special events, and kept the WWCA website updated with information and photos.

- **Marvin Weinstein**, WWCA web master, has quietly contributed immeasurably to our community since the launch of the westwalker.org website several years ago. A place for both old-timers and newcomers to go for information about our organization and the community, the site underwent a beautiful update last fall.

- **Gary Carlson** embodies the spirit of a good neighbor and good landlord. Gary is known for regularly helping neighbors by shoveling their sidewalks and digging out parking spots in addition to maintaining his own buildings.

The awards are made in honor of Mary Brown, who served as WWCA president for many years and who died unexpectedly in 2002. The WWCA's Board of Directors created the honors in 2004 to recognize individuals and organizations who share Mary's dedication to improving our community.

Previous winners are:

- 2008 Pat Eisenhart
- 2007 Jackie Kazarian, Cindi Webber, and the Chicago Latvian Community Center
- 2006 Bob Crowley, Melanie Reschke, and Peg Klimek
- 2005 Jayme Tiple and Gene O'Keefe
- 2004 Alderman Margaret Laurino, The Farmers Market Garden Center, Rich Bradley, and The Irving Park Community Food Pantry

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Fall Festival at Athletic Field Park



THE ATHLETIC FIELD PARK annual Fall Festival will held be on October 17 and 18 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at 3546 W. Addison St. Come early for a stroll through the pumpkin patch and petting zoo. Then catch a pony ride and tour the no-scare maze (ideal for ages 5 and under).

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39th Ward Report



I HOPE EVERYONE in the West Walker area had an enjoyable summer. With fall approaching, we should be seeing construction and road projects finishing up. I appreciate your patience as we work to make improvements in the ward.

To say that the incident on the 4000 block of North Harding is troubling is an understatement. I've been working closely with Commander Mealer of the 17th District to address the problems. I encourage neighbors to attend the local CAPS meeting for Beat 1723 on September 16, 7 p.m. at the 17th District Police Station, 4650 N. Pulaski.

Many thanks to West Walker neighbors for supporting the Irving Park/Elston Tax Increment Financing District. This local TIF has passed all of its legislative hurdles and

has now become a reality. We'll have to wait about 18 months to allow the TIF to accumulate funds before we can tackle any new projects. As we move forward, I will work closely with our community organizations.

As chairman of the City Council's Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development, I've teamed up with the City's Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection to put together the city's first ever Technology Expo. This conference, which will be held October 1 at the UIC Forum, will connect small business owners with companies providing technology solutions to position their businesses for the future. If you are a small business owner, please consider attending. More information can be found at www.chicagotechexpo.net.

If you have any questions, please contact my 39th Ward Office at 773.736.5594 or Ward39@cityofchicago.org.

Sincerely, Margaret Laurino, Alderman, 39th Ward

Membership Renewal Time Is Here!

DON'T FORGET: WWCA membership runs September 1 through August 31 annually. So that means your membership renewal is due in September. Your dues help fund a variety of items:

- Ten issues per year of the *West Walker Wire*, delivered to residences and businesses in West Walker, free of charge.
- The annual community garage sale.

- Free e-mail updates on neighborhood events and area crime.
- Free special events, like the Fall Fest and Fourth of July celebration at Independence Park.
- The Art in My Back Yard artistic series.
- Area non-profit groups like the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, Independence Park, and Independence Library.

Be sure to bring your 2009-2010 dues to our next WWCA meeting on September 15! Or you can fill out and mail in the application below.

WEST WALKER CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yearly Membership Dues: Effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010

Check one: FAMILY \$10 BUSINESS \$15 SENIOR \$5

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Please note your e-mail address if you would like to receive e-mail updates:

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Mail or drop off your application and dues to: John Minor, 4326 N. Hamlin Ave., Chicago, IL 60618

Celebrating the Fourth at Independence Park

NEIGHBORS ARRIVED in full force to celebrate the Fourth of July at Independence Park. The festivities were sponsored by the Independence Park Advisory Council (IPAC) and the West Walker Civic Association. A bicycle parade kicked off the event followed by the Boy Scouts' Flag Raising Ceremony and the singing of the National Anthem. After the ceremony, neighbors competed in running races, potato-sack races, an egg toss, and other games.

Independence Park got its name in 1914 from the annual Fourth of July festivities held on the site.



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Reducing Energy Consumption

SAVING ENERGY is always on my mind. It's good for the environment and the budget at the same time. One thing I'm trying to do without this summer is the air conditioning—it really chews up energy. This year, that hasn't been very hard.



My basement is cool in the summertime, so a project I took on was to try and get it cleaned up and painted with cheerful colors. Painting is an inexpensive way to remodel! Because my basement doesn't get much light, I installed

compact fluorescent light bulbs, which use less energy, and used low-voc, low-emitting paints in colors that reflect the light. Luckily, I already had motion sensor lights, which turn off automatically.

I "freecycled" a number of items I was storing that I didn't need and picked up a couple of useful pieces of furniture at the same time. If you aren't already "freecycling," it is a group on Yahoo where people give away all kinds of unwanted, often perfectly functional household items that would otherwise go to the landfill. Visit: www.freecycle.org/group/US/illinois/Chicago.

A bonus to this exercise is that the space I created is also easy to heat. If we ever do have a power outage in cold weather, I'd be pretty comfy with a small propane heater in my new basement space!

by Michelle Kaicener
greenwestwalker@gmail.com

Website of the month: www.greenbuildingadvisor.com/green-basics/green-remodeling-projects

News from the Irving Park Community Food Pantry

Celebrating 25 Years of Service to the Community

The Irving Park Community Food Pantry would like to thank the community for all its help. Without the tremendous outpouring of support of the West Walker Community and so many others in the area (Montrose to Diversey and Kedzie to Central)—whether it be with volunteers, monetary donations, or contributions of food, holiday toys, or school supplies—the Pantry would not be able to keep up with the increased number of people needing food. Through your efforts the Pantry is able to provide almost a week's worth of nutritious food to needy families and individuals once a month.

Pantry Statistics

Year-to-date statistics reveal a 33 percent increase in needy people seeking assistance from the Food Pantry.

July 2009: 1,832 people in 646 households
June 2008: 1,410 people in 481 households

Jewel/Osco Partnership

The Pantry encourages West Walker neighbors to shop at Jewel/Osco at Six Corners. Their partnership with this important community business has helped the Pantry keep up with the increase in people needing assistance. The Pantry picks up a considerable amount of meat, bakery goods, and dry goods twice a week. Last month Jewel/Osco employees held a raffle to benefit the Hunger Walk, and the Pantry received a generous check. Thanks to Connie Montes, Osco manager, for organizing the raffle and welcome to Jewel's new store director, Scott Cygan.

Wine Tasting Fundraiser

More details to come and a final October date to be announced very soon. Those of you who attended last year's event will remember that this is a wonderful evening that raised a significant amount of money for the Pantry.

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News and Events from Irving Park Carlson Ministries

Irving Park Carlson Ministries, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, serves the Irving Park community with a variety of outreach efforts.

Irving Park Carlson Ministries Dedicates Three Brothers Garden

Irving Park Carlson Ministries held a tree planting ceremony to dedicate the Three Brothers Garden on Saturday, June 27. The garden's mission is to reduce hunger by providing fresh fruits and vegetables to Irving Park Community Food Pantry clients. State Representative Deborah Mell (40th) and Alderman Margaret Laurino (39th Ward) assisted in the planting of a serviceberry tree to commemorate the mission of the garden, located at 4107 N. Pulaski Road. John Psiharis, executive director of the Irving Park Community Food Pantry, and Rev. Brooke Petersen, pastor of the Irving Park Lutheran Church, were also on hand for the dedication, along with approximately 30 garden volunteers.

Named for IPCM benefactors Helge, Carl, and George Carlson, the garden was built on a vacant lot owned by Irving Park Lutheran Church. In late May, 20 raised beds were planted with organic vegetables that are easy to prepare or can be eaten out-of-hand. Harvested vegetables are delivered to the Irving Park Community Food Pantry for distribution to their clients.

"The Three Brothers Garden is an exciting new project in the neighborhood," said the Pantry's Psiharis. "We are gratified that some of the bounty of this garden, grown in an environmentally sustainable way, will benefit the growing number of neighbors who are in need of food."

The garden also features a community gathering space, where classes on organic gardening and cooking with garden produce were taught over the summer.

Sarah Steedman, a master gardener with extensive



Volunteers harvest lettuce at the Three Brothers Garden.

community gardening experience, designed the space with the help of April Bayne, a local garden designer.

The garden, which is approximately 25' x 125', was built entirely by volunteers from the church and the community. More than 70 volunteers provided the manpower to construct the cedar builds, fill them with soil, plant the beds, erect a fence surrounding the growing beds, and landscape the gathering space.

For more information, contact Liz Mills, executive director, at 773.398.6766 or lizmills@sbcglobal.net.

Wildest Dreams Cancer Support Group to Meet

Are you a woman who is a cancer survivor or currently undergoing treatment? A cancer support group has formed to serve women in our neighborhood. Wildest Dreams Cancer Support Group for Women meets on the second Thursday of every month. The next meeting will be October 8 at 7 p.m. at 4112 N. Harding Ave.

The goal of the group is to provide a comfortable, caring, and confidential place for women to share experiences, express concerns, talk about everyday life, and gain support from others. There is no charge to participate. For



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**Magic After-School Place
Enrolling Students in Five-Day Program**

The Magic After-School Place (MAP) is a high-quality affordable program for parents who need care for their children after school. The focus of MAP is homework completion, coupled with recreation and fun! MAP offers healthy snacks, a nurturing environment, homework help, and tutoring. The program, held in the Irving Park Lutheran Church Gym at 4057 N. Harding Ave., meets Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. High school students seeking community service hours are encouraged to check out the program. Adult volunteers are welcome.

MAP welcomes children from area schools who are in first through sixth grade. For more information, contact Aryn Fletcher at 773.463.9272 or e-mail magicafterschoolplace@comcast.net.

**Irving Park Fine Arts Committee
Announces 16th Season**

The Irving Park Fine Arts Committee is proud to announce its 2009-2010 Performing Arts Series. The first concert of the series will feature soprano Marcy Stonikas on Sunday, September 13 at 2 p.m. at the Irving Park Lutheran Church, 4100 N. Harding Ave. Admission to the concert is free of charge, though a free-will offering may be made to help defray expenses. An informal reception with the performers follows the concert.

Stonikas, a rising star in the opera world, will sing various selections, accompanied by Roger Bingaman on piano.

Other concerts in the series are: A sing-along Messiah on December 13; a performance of *Charlotte's Web* on February 20; and the return of pianist Amy Briggs and violinist Andrew McCann on April 25. All concerts take

place in the sanctuary of Irving Park Lutheran Church and are subject to date and performer changes.

The Irving Park Fine Arts Series, now in its 16th season, was begun by Roger Bingaman, director of music at Irving Park Lutheran Church. For more information on the series, contact him at 773.267.1666.

**Think, Shop,
Eat Green!**

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL Church will hold its second annual Earth Festival in its garden at 3857 N. Kostner Ave. on Saturday, September 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be food, live music, local green vendors, and information on green living. You can bring a used bike to donate to the Working Bikes Cooperative, which will refurbish it and donate it to someone in need. For more information visit www.stjohnschicago.com or call 773.725.9026.



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St. Edward School and Parish News

Walk-a-Thon

The annual "Chalk Walk" school walk-a-thon will be held on Friday,

October 9. Students will walk throughout the Mayfair and Old Irving Park neighborhoods to raise money for the school.

Scouting!

Neighborhood boys from grades first through fifth are invited to join Cub Scout Troop 3904, and Mayfair area girls between 4 years of age and eighth grade can join the St. Edward Girl Scouts.

Contacts:

Boy Scouts: Cubmaster Stuart Nyberg, 773.283.6867

Girl Scouts: Lourdes Ryczek, area service unit coordinator, 773.282.8009

The Cub Scouts will hold "Hot Rod" races in the school parking lot on Sunday, September 27 at 1 p.m.

Happenings at St. Viator

Primary Gym

Back by popular demand in November, Primary Gym will be in session two Saturdays a month from November through April. St. Viator invites neighborhood children ages 2 through 9 and their parents to join in the fun. More details will follow next month and will also be posted on the school's website at www.stviatorchicago.org.

St. Viator Alumni All-Class Reunion

Dust off your grass skirt and iron your Hawaiian shirt to attend the St. Viator Alumni Luau Party for all St. Viator alumni and parents of alumni:

Saturday, September 26 from 5 to 10 p.m.

Uncle Fatty's, 2833 N. Sheffield Ave.

\$45 per person (\$15 donation to St. Viator)

All you can eat and drink

News from Park View Lutheran Church and School

Spaghetti Dinner

The school is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, September 25. Everyone is invited to join in the fellowship as we kick off a new school year.

Rummage Sale

The church will be holding its annual rummage sale on Saturday, October 3. Come see what treasures you can find! There is always coffee and cake being served, so stop by and visit.

Octoberfest

Park View's annual Octoberfest will be held Sunday, October 19 at 4 p.m. Come for beer, brats, music, and dancing.

For more information, visit www.parkviewlutheran.org.

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Irving Park United Methodist and Central Bark to Aid Wounded Veterans

THE IRVING PARK United Methodist Church and Central Bark Doggy Day Care will join to celebrate and bless our four-legged friends and help our veterans. A dog blessing and sidewalk parade will take place Saturday, October 10 at 2 p.m. at Irving Park United Methodist Church, located at 3801 N. Keeler Ave.

This free blessing for all animals will be conducted by Rev. Vickie Hadaway in the church garden located on Keeler Ave. A doggy parade follows the service and

will leave from the church and travel via sidewalk to Central Bark Doggy Day Care at 3358 N. Pulaski Road. Refreshments will be served, at no charge, for dogs and people alike.

Central Bark locations across the country have established the "Dog Bless America" fund to raise money to train service dogs for our country's wounded veterans. Information will be shared about this organization and good-will offerings will be accepted. More than \$12,500 has been raised collectively from Central Bark locations nationwide.

A Blessing of the Animals is part of Irving Park United Methodist Church's calendar each fall.

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Lorna Filippini

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Fletcher Hayes, *Branching*, 1996, acrylic on canvas, 70" x 64"

Michael Kolasinski

Chris Novak

Garrett Reese

Neil Shapiro

Cyd Smillie

October 2-30
Opening Reception:
Friday, October 2, 6-9pm

Gallery Location 4201 N. Elston Ave.
Gallery Hours Fridays, 6-8 pm
Saturdays, 12-4 pm
Sundays, 12-4 pm

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