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Regents appoint Napolitano UC's first woman president

On July 18, the UC Board of Regents appointed Janet Napolitano, former secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and a two-term governor of Arizona, as the 20th president of the University of California.



Janet Napolitano

Napolitano, the first female president in UC's 145-year history, succeeds Mark G. Yudof, who steered the university through the depths of California's financial crisis that led to sharp cutbacks in state support for public higher education.

Yudof served for more than five years and will remain on the job until Napolitano begins her tenure in late September. Napolitano was appointed during a special meeting of the board following a recommendation by the regents' special search committee.

"I am humbled by your support and look forward to working with you to build further on the excellence of UC," Napolitano said after the regents appointed her president.

Read more at <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/29782>.

YFC meets regents' associates

Representatives of ANR's Statewide Youth, Families, and Communities (YFC) Program provided a two-hour workshop for the associates of the president, chancellors and regents on July 17. The event was hosted by Judy Yudof, associate of the president, at the UC Office of the President in Oakland.

The workshop team included Connie Schneider, YFC director; Steven Worker, 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) academic coordinator; Anne Iaccopucci, 4-H Healthy Living academic coordinator; Marcel Horowitz, UCCE 4-H Youth Development and nutrition, family and consumer science advisor in Yolo County; Ethan Horowitz, 4-H member; and Jessica Choi, 4-H alumna.

Their interactive presentation showcased 4-H Youth Development and Nutrition Education Programs' purpose, delivery, impacts and activities. Youth members dazzled the associates with their knowledge of science, the environment, nutrition and their service to their communities. At the break, the associates drank fruit smoothies that Ethan made while demonstrating a "smoothie bike."



Ethan and Marcel Horowitz pose in UCOP lobby.

UCCE Fresno County moves

UC Cooperative Extension in Fresno County has a new address and new phone numbers, says Shannon Mueller, director for UCCE in Fresno and Madera counties.

The UCCE Fresno County office is now located at

UC Center
550 E. Shaw Avenue, Suite 210
Fresno, CA 93710

The main phone number is (559) 241-7515. Direct lines to advisors and staff can be found at http://cefresno.ucdavis.edu/Contact_Us.

Along with the move, UCCE Fresno County is forming a partnership with Madera County. The UCCE Madera County administrative functions will be handled by Mueller in the new Fresno office, but the Madera County 4-H and Master Gardener programs will remain in the Madera County office at 328 S. Madera Ave. in Madera. Many advisor positions cover both counties.

Forest and woodland sustainability conference on Oct. 10

Natural resources advisors and land managers are invited to attend "Active Engagement in Forest and Woodland Sustainability," a one-day conference on Oct. 10, at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel at 1230 J Street in Sacramento.

This conference will focus on what can be learned from innovative and novel strategies in natural systems that have been historically altered and will continue to be altered.

A series of presentations illustrating the trajectory of human interventions across the state's 40 million acres of forest and woodlands will be presented and speakers will discuss novel approaches being implemented to get ahead of challenges where "no-action" approaches may not work. A series of case studies will be presented on how hybrids of restoration ecology, silviculture and conservation biology are being combined in innovative conservation strategies. The response panelists will highlight the risks and opportunities of these approaches and will also answer questions that are submitted by participants. A wrap-up reception and poster session will be held to encourage discussion of the topics developed in the formal presentations.

Registration is \$100, and includes breaks, lunch and a reception. Early registration is due by Oct. 1. Register at <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=10294>.

For the agenda and more information, visit http://ucanr.edu/sites/forestry/Working_for_Conservation.

Names in the News

Wang named Desert REC director and CE specialist

Guangyao "Sam" Wang was named director of Desert Research and Extension Center and UC Cooperative Extension specialist for vegetable crops, effective May 13.



Sam Wang

Prior to joining ANR, Wang served as a cropping systems specialist and assistant professor for five years at the University of Arizona in the Maricopa Agricultural Center and School of Plant Sciences. In Arizona, he studied cover cropping and vegetable crop management, crop rotation and residue management, integrated cotton management and development of new crops.

Wang earned a B.S. in crop science at Shanxi Agricultural University and M.S. in botany at China Agricultural University. From 1997 to 2000, he studied weed biology and weed control in turfgrass and vegetables as a research and extension scientist at the Institute of Plant Protection at Beijing Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences.

At UC Riverside, he earned an M.S. in applied statistics and Ph.D. in plant biology. After completing his doctorate, Wang did postdoctoral research at Michigan State University in the Department of Horticulture and at UC Riverside in the Department of Botany and Plant Sciences.

Wang is based at Desert REC and can be reached at samwang@ucanr.edu and (760) 356-3065.

Like mom, Soule becomes UCCE advisor

Katherine Soule has joined UCCE as a youth, families, and communities advisor for San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties, effective June 25. She will lead 4-H Program and the UC CalFresh Nutrition Education Program in the two counties.



Katherine Soule

Prior to joining ANR, Soule worked as a technical writer at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the Department of Horticulture and Crop Science from 2005 to 2012.

Soule earned a B.A. in English and M.S. in agriculture from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She has completed doctoral studies in counseling and human development services at the University of Georgia and anticipates receiving her degree in August.

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Names in the News

Soule is familiar with UCCE because her mother Shirley Peterson was a UCCE nutrition, family and consumer sciences advisor for 35 years before retiring from UCCE in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties in 2011.

Soule is based in San Luis Obispo and can be reached at (805) 781-4093 and kesoule@ucanr.edu.

Rosales joins UCCE in Orange and LA counties

Drusilla Rosales has joined UCCE as a nutrition, family and consumer science advisor for Los Angeles and Orange counties, effective June 24.



Drusilla Rosales

Rosales has more than 10 years of experience delivering services in nutrition therapy and education, personal training and community development. Before joining UCCE, she worked as a registered dietitian at a residential eating disorder treatment center for adolescent boys and girls. She also worked as a nutrition services consultant for the Covina Valley Unified School District, a staff research associate for UCLA, and as an adjunct faculty member for the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension investigating nutrition, exercise, eating disorders, body disturbances, and childhood obesity.

Rosales earned her bachelor's degree in kinesiology from USC and a master's degree in nutritional science from Cal State LA.

"I look forward to working with Drusilla. She understands the critical nutrition issues facing our local communities and I believe she will contribute much to Cooperative Extension," said Keith Nathaniel, director for UCCE in Los Angeles County.

Rosales can be reached at (626) 586-1948 and dmrosales@ucanr.edu. – Dohee Kim

Thompson honored by civil engineers

Lisa Thompson, UC Cooperative Extension specialist in the Department of Wildlife, Fish, & Conservation Biology at UC Davis, is the recipient of the Best Research-Oriented Paper Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers for work published in the society's *Journal of Water Resources Planning and Management*.



Lisa Thompson

The award has gone to UC Davis researchers two years in a row: to Thompson for her work as lead author of "Water Management Adaptations to Prevent Loss of Spring-Run Chinook Salmon in California Under Climate Change" and last year to Samuel Sandoval Solis, UC Cooperative

Extension specialist in the Department of Land, Air and Water Resources.

Thompson accepted the 2013 award during the World Environmental and Resources Congress in Cincinnati.

"We developed a multidisciplinary decision support tool incorporating future climate, water supply and management, and fish population biology, to test the effectiveness of different water management adaptations in providing cool water for salmon in a warmer world," Thompson said.

"We are now working on proposals to link the hydrology and fish models to an agricultural economics – crop choice model. With this framework we will be able to examine, and hopefully optimize, water use trade-offs between hydropower, fish and farms, either under current climate conditions or under potential future climate scenarios."

ANR wins award for 4-H camp safety program

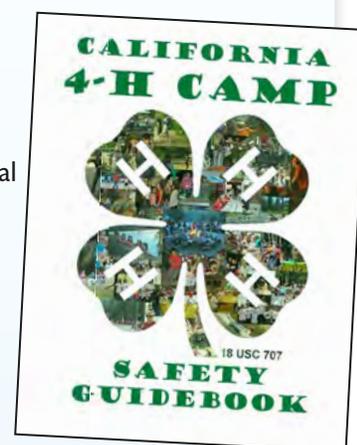
ANR received a "Solutions at Work" award for its 4-H Camp Safety program at the annual meeting of the Campus Safety, Health, and Environmental Management Association. CSHEMA is an international association of health and safety professionals at colleges and universities.

This award is given to programs that solve or improve specific safety issues at colleges and universities. The 4-H Camp Safety program was designed and implemented to address the unique risk and safety concerns that are related to youth camps operated by 4-H and provides guidance for complying with California Organized Camp regulations. The 4-H Camp Safety program has also served as a "best practice" to other youth camps operated at UC campuses. In addition to ANR, CSHEMA honored UC with five other awards: two for UC Irvine, one for UC Berkeley, one for UCLA and one for the UC System.

Thor Benzing, Environmental Health & Safety specialist, accepted the award on behalf of ANR at the meeting, which was held July 15-17 in Orlando.

The 4-H Camp Safety program was developed by the ANR Environmental Health & Safety office, in collaboration with the 4-H Policy Advisory Committee and 4-H Camping Advisory Committee. For more information about the 4-H Camp Safety program, visit <http://ucanr.edu/4hcampsafety>.

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Names in the News

ANR members win ACE awards

Several ANR members won awards from the Association for Communication Excellence (ACE), an international organization for communicators in agriculture, national resources, and life and human sciences.

Kathy Keatley Garvey, communications specialist with the UC Davis Department of Entomology, won the Outstanding Professional Skill award in Photography, two gold awards and a silver award.

Garvey received one gold award for best feature photo, a praying mantis lunging at a honey bee; and the other gold award for best photo series, depicting a gulf fritillary butterfly laying an egg. She captured the image of the praying mantis and honey bee in the Haagen-Dazs Honey Bee Haven at UC Davis and the butterfly photo in her backyard.

Garvey also received a silver award for her news story about UC Davis doctoral candidate Matan Shelomi, who won a **"Shorty Award"** for his answer on Quora: "If you injure a bug, should you kill it or let it live?"

Diane Nelson, senior writer in the UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, won a gold award for promotional writing. The winning story, **"Hope Dawns for UC Davis Feed Mill,"** explores UC Davis's effort to replace its aging mill, and why that matters to the people of California, the nation and the world.

Janet White, Hazel White and Janet Byron of *California Agriculture* won a gold award for editing. Executive editor Janet White, senior editor Hazel White and former managing editor Byron received the recognition for their work on **"Analysis reveals potential rangeland impacts if Williamson Act eliminated,"** appearing in October-December 2012.

Alison Van Eenennaam, UC Cooperative Extension specialist in the Department of Animal Science at UC Davis, received an honorable mention for Informational & Non-credit Educational Video Production for her video "Were Those the Days, My Friend?" To view the video, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6B-CH-NCdiY&feature=plcp>.

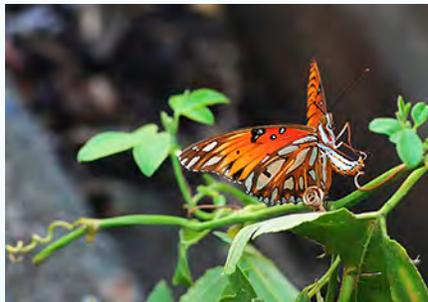
The awards were presented at the ACE conference in June in Indianapolis.



Kathy Keatley Garvey



A praying mantis lunges at a honey bee.
Photo by Kathy Keatley Garvey



A gulf fritillary butterfly lays an egg.
Photo by Kathy Keatley Garvey



Diane Nelson



Alison Van Eenennaam

ANR rewards outstanding staff

Vice President Barbara Allen-Diaz has announced the recipients of the Staff Appreciation and Recognition (STAR) Award Program.

"This is ANR's first year in implementing the STAR Award Program and I was very pleased with the number of outstanding nominations submitted," Allen-Diaz said. "As vice president, it is an honor to read about so many dedicated ANR staff employees who have given so much of themselves to support ANR programs and research. The nominations submitted were all worthy of recognition, but in this year's award program we were able to recognize only 10 individuals and one team with awards."

The recipients received cash awards as well as recognition for their performance.

The team award was given to the Staff Personnel Unit, including Jamie Banta, Bethanie Brown, Margaret Leong, Robert Martinez and Tina Perez.

The following people received individual awards (in alphabetical order):

- Bethanie Brown, human resources supervisor, Staff Personnel Unit
- Serena Dennis, 4-H program representative, Inyo-Mono counties
- Shanna Done, business office financial analyst, Intermountain REC
- Cindy Inouye, payroll services manager, Business Operations Center Kearney
- Cherie McDougald, director, BOC Kearney
- Kennieth Nasalroad, financial services manager, BOC Kearney
- Lora Schroeder, network administrator, Communication Services & Information Technology
- Marcie Sousa, Master Gardener Program coordinator, San Joaquin County
- Jacki Zediker, 4-H Youth Development Program representative, Siskiyou County
- Brittany Zweigle, nutrition program representative, Fresno County

Under guidelines for the STAR Award Program, managers nominated staff employees for exceptional performance or significant contributions related to and supportive of individual, departmental, divisional and/or organizational goals and objectives. The nominations were judged on exceptional performance, creativity, organizational abilities, work success and teamwork. Allen-Diaz charged a review panel of five divisionwide academic and staff employees and one non-voting facilitator to review the nominations and make recommendations to her with a justification for each award to be given. Final selections were made by Allen-Diaz.

Retirements

Dan Drake



Dan Drake

For the past 35 years, Dan Drake, UCCE advisor, advised Siskiyou County ranchers on issues from what to feed their livestock to what makes the animals good food for humans. Drake, who retired July 1, introduced ranchers to computer programs to help operate their businesses, ultrasound and DNA.

Drake earned a bachelor's degree in zoology at California State University, Long Beach, in 1974 and a master's in animal science at UC Davis in 1977, before starting his UCCE career in 1978. He later earned a Ph.D. in animal science from Oregon State University in 1988.

Early in his career, Drake helped introduce to Siskiyou County no-till planting methods, intensive grazing management and triticale forage systems. He identified a new rangeland plant, Monte Frio rose clover, an annual clover suited for cold, mountainous areas such as Siskiyou County.

White muscle disease, a disease cattle get from insufficient selenium in their diet, was well known but he further defined its implications on growth and championed alternative and multiple selenium supplementation methods. He also began testing animal and plant tissue and soil at ranches to identify where adding selenium might pose environmental problems.

With Jim Oltjen, UCCE specialist in the Department of Animal Science at UC Davis, Drake developed procedures for using ultrasound in youth beef carcass contests. The practice is used statewide nowadays. Using an ultrasound device, Drake showed ranchers and 4-H youth how to determine the size of the ribeye, fat thickness and marbling on a live animal.

For further refinement in breeding beef cattle, Drake studied DNA with Alison Van Eenennaam, UCCE specialist in the Department of Animal Science at UC Davis, testing national DNA prediction equations in local commercial beef ranches.

In retirement, Drake looks forward to playing baseball, traveling and doing consulting. "I have particularly enjoyed international volunteer work for animal producers and will do more," he said.

Read the full story at <http://ucanr.org/?blogpost=10978&blogasset=60503>.

Lucrecia Farfan-Ramirez

Growing up in Peru the daughter of a political leader, Lucrecia Farfan-Ramirez was raised under the presumption that she would be involved in politics. However, political unrest in the country led Farfan-Ramirez to the United States, where she would become the UCCE director in Alameda County until her retirement in June.



Lucrecia Farfan-Ramirez

Farfan-Ramirez became a licensed vocational nurse to help support her brothers and sisters, who were also living in the U.S. while their parents stayed behind in Peru. Noting her potential, a doctor colleague suggested she go back to school. She studied public health, earning a bachelor's degree at UC Berkeley in 1978 and a master's degree at California State University, Hayward, in 1983.

In 1983, she accepted a job as a UCCE nutrition educator to have more opportunity to interact directly with low-income, Spanish-speaking families in Alameda County. However, it wasn't long before UC tapped her administrative skills. The Latino community was pleased to see a Latino woman in a UCCE leadership position.

Farfan-Ramirez maintained an active role in addressing the nutrition needs of underserved populations in Alameda County and the Bay Area. A notable example was creation of the Nutrition Education Training Academy (NETA), a program that links UCCE and early childhood education providers to expose 3- to 5-year-old children and their parents to healthy eating habits.

Farfan-Ramirez was among the first to recognize the impact of impaired food systems on the eating habits of inner-city families.

"I conducted a food assessment in Oakland and discovered there were no supermarkets and no farmers markets, only mom-and-pop stores," Farfan-Ramirez said. "I realized that nutrition education addressed just one part of the problem and that we should focus on changing the environment and improving access to good food."

Now, she said, UC Cooperative Extension and society as a whole recognize the potential benefits of promoting healthful food systems.

"It was a struggle," Farfan-Ramirez said. "I owe a lot to my early upbringing. I never became the president, but I think I fulfilled my father's dream."

In retirement, she is looking forward to exploring her creative side. "I'm hoping to do theater, dancing, poetry," Farfan-Ramirez said. "I would like to travel in Europe and make connections with Latin American cultures."

— Jeannette Warnert

Read the full story at <http://ucanr.org/?blogpost=10743&blogasset=52101>.

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Retirements

Pam Geisel



Pam Geisel

Shortly after Pamela Geisel joined the UCCE as an environmental horticulture advisor in 1981, she started a Master Gardener Program in Fresno County. UC had launched the new gardening program in Sacramento and Riverside counties the previous year. In 2006, Geisel became director of the UC Statewide Master Gardener Program and expanded its reach from serving home gardeners in 24 counties to 45 counties in California by the time she retired in June.

“Pam helped the Master Gardener Program grow into a fabulous organization,” said Beth Teviotdale, who has been an active master gardener in Fresno County since retiring from UCCE in 2004.

UCCE now has 5,600 master gardeners. In exchange for the training and materials they received from the university, master gardeners volunteer to share their home horticulture and pest management knowledge with the public. Over the past year, the volunteers contributed a total of 326,521 hours.

Until Geisel was appointed director, the Master Gardener Program in each county had operated independently. She created a statewide structure with a unified identity and standardized training. She developed a statewide website with resources for the master gardeners. With the help of ANR programmers, she created an online volunteer management system so each county can keep track of volunteer hours and the master gardeners can sign up for events, manage projects, hold online discussions and store documents and photos.

She was a contributor to the ANR bestseller “California Master Gardener Handbook” and has published 50 peer-reviewed articles and dozens of leaflets related to gardening. For the last two years, she also served as interim director for UCCE in Glenn County.

Geisel, a Bay Area native, earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees, both in plant science, from Fresno State University.

In retirement, Geisel plans to spend time traveling with her husband Ralph Plemmons. An avid bicyclist, Geisel also hopes to become a cycling coach. She has been granted emeritus status and intends to volunteer in Glenn County as a master gardener.

Read the full story at <http://ucanr.org/?blogpost=10881&blogasset=60503>.

Janet White



Janet White

After 36 years of UC service, Janet White, executive editor of *California Agriculture*, retired July 1. In 1977 she joined UC as a science writer at UC Riverside and became an analyst and publications editor for the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences through 1990.

As *California Agriculture*’s executive editor for the past 23 years, White saw the journal through a series of transformative changes. When she arrived in 1991, *California Agriculture* had no associate editor’s panel, no news section and no double-blind peer review. Slides were scanned and reviews were photocopied and mailed by hand. Few editions carried a thematic focus from the cover to the editorial and research articles. None included interpretive glossaries, citations and references nor literature reviews.

“Janet brought the magazine to journal status, improving its format, scientific quality and utility,” said Carol Lovatt, associate editor in plant sciences and professor in the Department of Botany & Plant Sciences at UC Riverside. “She ushered it into the high technology era, significantly increasing its accessibility and value as a resource. These were major, major accomplishments.”

White made the journal content accessible and searchable on the Web, including the full-text digitization of all articles, going back to the first publication in 1946. In addition, she pursued indexing on open access and proprietary databases — of value to faculty authors as well as readers and browsers worldwide.

During White’s tenure, the journal won numerous awards from the Association of Communication Excellence in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Life and Human Sciences.

Upon White’s retirement, Robert Sams, Communication Services and Information Technology director, appointed Ann Senuta as interim executive editor of *California Agriculture* journal. Senuta is CSIT publications manager. In late May, Debbie Thompson became the new managing editor.

In recent years, White undertook digitization of *Hilgardia*, ANR’s primary technical publication from 1925 to 1995. The associated fundraising is approaching the \$30,000 goal and the digitization is underway.

White earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism and psychology from the University of Nebraska Lincoln.

In retirement, White intends to pursue further training in information science, and to do freelance science writing and editing.

In memoriam

Alexander Gibson

Alex Gibson, UCCE advisor emeritus, died July 18. He was 91. Gibson served in three counties over his 29-year UC career.

A native of Atlantic City, NJ, Gibson served in WWII, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant, in the 5th Army Air Corps in New Guinea, Australia and the Philippines.



Alex Gibson

Gibson earned a B.S. in animal science from UC Davis in 1953, then worked as a field technician for the California Dairy Breeders Association. In 1955, he joined UC Cooperative Extension as an extension assistant and became the 4-H advisor in Merced County in 1957. In 1966, he transferred to Stanislaus County as a 4-H advisor.

He actively worked with 4-H members on their poultry and livestock projects. In Stanislaus County, Gibson also organized activities to promote agricultural literacy in the community, recalled Richard Mahacek, 4-H advisor emeritus in Merced County.

"During the fair in Turlock, he had an area where people coming to the fair could pay a dime or a nickel to see and touch farm animals," said Mahacek.

In 1980, Gibson moved to San Benito County to become UCCE director and 4-H and livestock and range advisor until his retirement in 1985. The WWII veteran was interested in shooting sports and taught gun and hunter safety.

"Alex was a great person to work with because he felt you should enjoy your work and have fun while doing it," said Bill Coates, UCCE farm advisor emeritus, who worked with Gibson in San Benito County. "I valued his mentorship and friendship during our five years as colleagues."

Gibson is survived by his wife Mary, children James, Richard and Sue Gibson, daughters-in-law Kathy Gibson and Jeanne Daniels, sisters Cara Addison and Hazel Pfrommer, brother Albert Gibson, five grandchildren and a great grandson

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, the Civil War Preservation Trust, or the Monterey VNA and Hospice c/o Grunnagle Funeral Home, 870 San Benito St., Hollister, CA 95023. Friends are invited to a Celebration of Life reception at the San Juan Bautista VFW Hall at 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 7.

Olivia Thebus

Olivia Thebus, UCCE family & consumer science advisor emeritus in Alameda County, died in Saratoga on June 26. She was 93.



Olivia Thebus

Thebus, a native of Colorado Springs, earned her bachelor's degree from Colorado State University in 1942 and began working for the Colorado Extension Service in Weld County. In 1946, she took a job as a home economics instructor at Colorado State until 1949. She earned a master's in education from University of Denver in 1951 and held various teaching positions before joining UC Cooperative Extension in 1957 as a home advisor in Santa Clara County working with 4-H youth.

She took sabbatic leave to earn a master's in communications from Stanford in 1965. In 1970, Thebus transferred to Alameda County, where she also served as a home advisor. She provided nutrition education to low-income families through the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program until her retirement in 1983.

After retirement, Thebus remained an active member of the American Home Economics Association. She was also active in the retired extension home economists group and the fashion group in California.



4-H competes in cooking at the State Fair

4-H members competed in a cooking contest at the California State Fair in Sacramento. To celebrate 100 years of 4-H in California, the fair designated July 23 as 4-H Day. 4-H also had science, engineering and technology hands-on activities, a booth and a "Faces of 4-H" photo gallery near the fair entrance.

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