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SKI MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 1975

Monday - 7:30 P.M.

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programs

By Wayne Ahrens

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calendar of events

February 10 Regular Meeting
February 13-17 Breckenridge
Trip
February 19-23 Winterpark II
Trip
March 1-9 Lake Tahoe, Nevada
Trip



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from the head of the lift line



By Harry Gaston

It would have been nice to report that Space City Ski Club had retired the Big Country Cup to our trophy case by winning the Texas Ski Council races during Texas Ski Week at Steamboat Springs. However, looking at things optimistically, the Sno Mad Ski Club of Dallas winning the trophy might be the best thing that could happen for our club and the Texas Ski Council. There were 142 racers from 6 ski clubs throughout Texas,

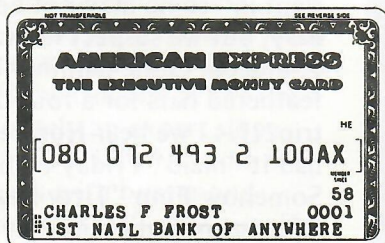
a big increase over last year. This also indicates that there are a lot of people in Texas who do not want us to lay claim to being the fastest and most enthusiastic skiers. Their efforts proved successful this year. This loss should spur us on to recover the trophy next year.

SCSC did make an honorable showing in the event. Our Leigh Howlett took third place in the men's division and Leslie Holmes won second place in the women's event. We had 44 participants from the club. We need to have more of our faster skiers plan to participate next year. Let's get busy planning to bring the trophy back to Houston. Meanwhile, thanks to Leslie and Leigh and all of our other participants, as well as to the other ski clubs in Texas, whose support has gone a long way in strengthening the Texas Ski Council.

Although our club has been a leader in the growth of snow skiing in Houston and in the de-

velopment of the Texas Ski Council, we have only scratched the surface of what could be done. Let's keep working on ways to bring skiing at its best to more people.

Your nominating committee has had many sessions and worked long hours on the phone to make their selection of officers for the 1975-76 ski season. Their nominations will be presented at the February meeting along with nominations from the floor. I hope that those elected will carry forward the operation of this club with the energy displayed during the first ten years of the club's existence. Their job will not be easy. Let us give them our cooperation and work with them as needed.



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Steamboat

by Cathy Coats
and numerous contributors

Not a one of Houston's 74 delegates to Texas Ski Week backed out at the last minute, despite a vicious rumor circulating in the airport that Steamboat's current temperature was 40 below. Sheer enthusiasm, as well as the greedy desire to bring back that trophy, had everyone dying to brave it anyway.

Though we had a good time in the process, the sad truth is that we lost the Texas Ski Council Race. We tried hard to defend SCSC's honor all to no avail. Dallas was red hot (maybe out of frustration - their whole group was male - though actually, we 60 Houston females loved that part), and they copped the cup. We did, however, manage to bring home the second place women's trophy (Leslie Holmes), third place men's (Leigh Howlett), 2 silver Nastar medals, a bronze Nastar medal, and a grumpy Dale Allbritton who claims (hah!) that he was mistimed. Memorable moments in the wine-stained snow included Mike Birowski and Vanessa Vajdos giving it a good try even though it was their first time on skis, and Cheeky Gene Lucas, who brought the race to a somewhat conspicuous end by crossing the finish line a full three seconds ahead of his ski pants.

Joining the casualty list this trip were Sue Lackey's leg, Cricket Pierce's stomach, and Janet Pickell's knee; we're only lucky that Mike Kelly was along to "play doctor", which you know he didn't mind at all!

"The soft thud of name dropping": Horrible Harry celebrated his birthday with a silver medal and still another shredded ski . .



TEXAS SKI WEEK

with an unwitting assist from
Maxine Messenger

get Willi Buhl to tell you the one about . . at the risk of embarrassing you, Russell, what's this about strawberry jam massages? We figured you were sweet, but really! . . Billy Kidd will never be caught, but I sure wouldn't mind trying! . . Okay, Glenn Vickery, this is yer last chance: WHO WAS SHE???

And meanwhile, back at the Storm Meadows Swankienda: Pat was so dazzled by her hunky guy from Dallas that she forgot how to cook. Ever tasted a three-pound biscuit? . . what certain blonde doesn't let footed pajamas get in her way? . . Neil Block, Lanny Lamb, and Bob Synan have voiced doubts as to Easy John Thayer's existence. Seems his assigned bed was never slept in - so he may not be so easy, but we suspect he was had! . . indeed, Leslie dahling, 17 feathered hats for a four-day ski trip???. . we hear Horace really had it "maid" Friday night. Somehow Finn "Titty Bear" Runfalo was mixed up in that adventure, too, though he's trying to keep it quiet. The night's action left Horace so shook that he was seen heading for the ski slopes next A.M. in nothing but ski boots and longjohns - a Freudian slip, no doubt.

"FYI": Touring Oke City on a 727 at night is a real trip; just ask Helen McAdams how she digs those bus bathrooms; Ruth's parties are great; hanggliders over the gondola are an unforgettable sight. So, if it's not already obvious, our "playcation" was super. Thanks to Russell for his unflagging energy and to Steamboat Springs for beautiful snow and a mountain you want to go back to.



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apres ski

By Peggy Adams



For all of you who sunburn easily when you are in ski country, Jim Easter thinks he's found a solution. Just recently he discovered that by taking one of the B Vitamins (PABA) 200 mg. per day, about three weeks before the trip and also during the trip, he didn't get any sunburn. He also did not need to put anything topically on the skin. Jim, will that PABA keep me from getting freckles, too?

A couple of people were hurt, but not seriously on the recent Vail trip. Ginger Johnson twisted her knee, and Julius Glogovcsan saw "stars" when he hit some bad light in the late afternoon and didn't see that mogul



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that caused him to fall. Julius, were you also on the sauce?

Billie Grotegut almost got herself cornered on the Vail trip. It seems that three guys that she had been dating all showed up at the same party. Somehow she managed to keep one in the hall, one in the kitchen, and one in the living room. Billie, can I come over and take some lessons from you?

Will Green, former Flatlander Ski Club President, Midland, is now an SCSC member and is taking lots of trips with us this year. It's nice to have you with us.

Congratulations to Jean Merritt. Jean is an aunt for the first time. Her brother Robin and wife Peggy just had a little girl.

Ever wonder what happened to Ron and Roberta Rambin? Well, they are still in the ski club, but Ron is busy with his job at Petro Tex and a new company he and Roberta formed. They are leasing individually owned recreational vehicles. Roberta is Ron's secretary in addition to being a mommy to three children, sewing, gardening and (how she finds the time) taking ballet lessons. If you two miss a meeting here or there, we understand, but we miss you!

Gail Jones is finally taking off for two and a half months of skiing in Kitzbuhl, St. Anton, Lech, Davos & St. Moritz and ending up in Norway and London. She will be leaving February 3 and will return sometime around the end of June. We'll never hear the end of it when Gail returns. Bon voyage!

For those of you who might be interested in skiing Taos the middle of February, give Ed Williams a call and he will fill you in.

In the Steamboat Springs Texas Ski Week NASTAR race, SCSC members Willie Buhl and Harry Gaston won silver medals and Carl Gautschi won a bronze medal.

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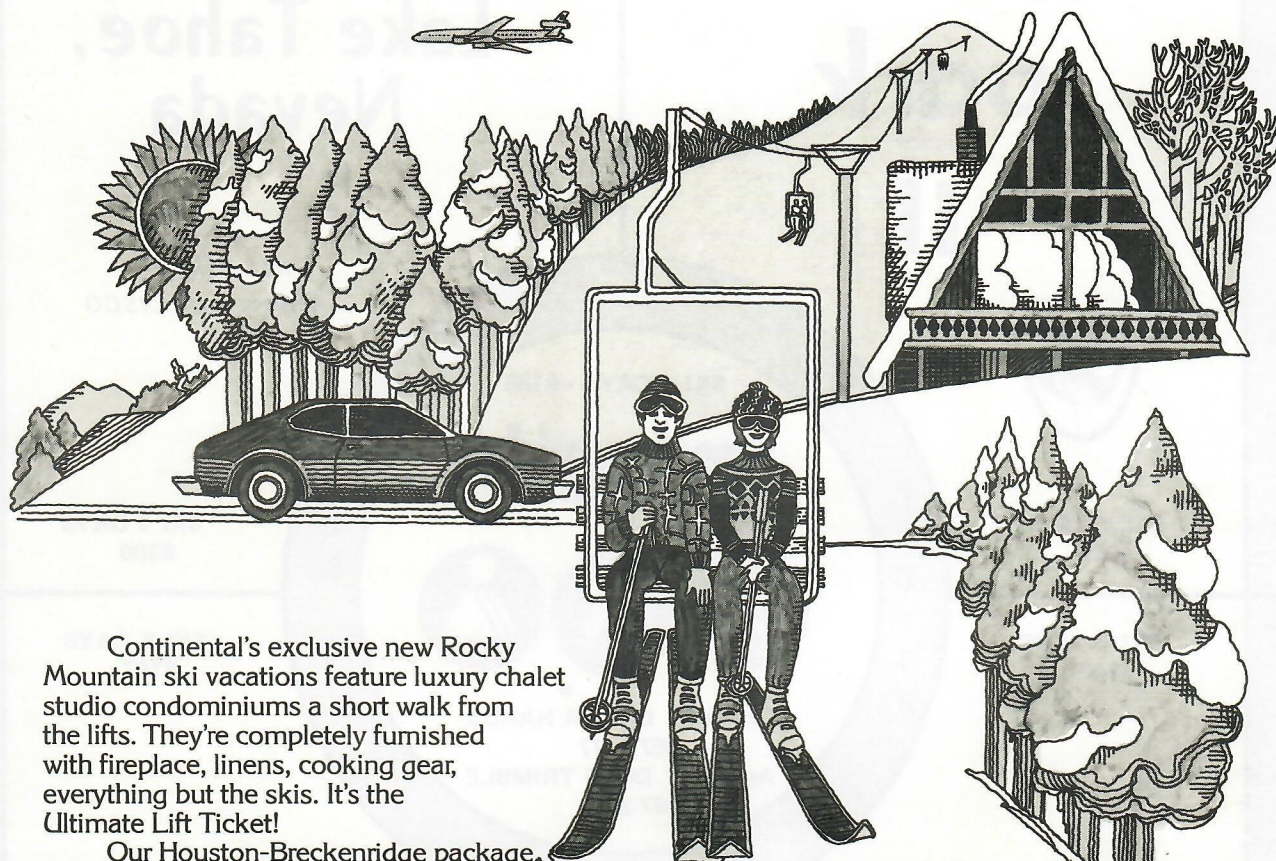
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Janet Pickell is recovering from knee surgery in Methodist Hospital. As Janet is in the same room that was previously occupied by Chris Ponsot, Methodist is considering putting a "Reserved for SCSC Members" plaque on the door.

Dave and Carol Hull will be competing in the Laver-Emerson Cup National Tennis Tournament to be held at Pinehurst Hotel and Convention Club, Pinehurst, North Carolina June 3-5, 1975.



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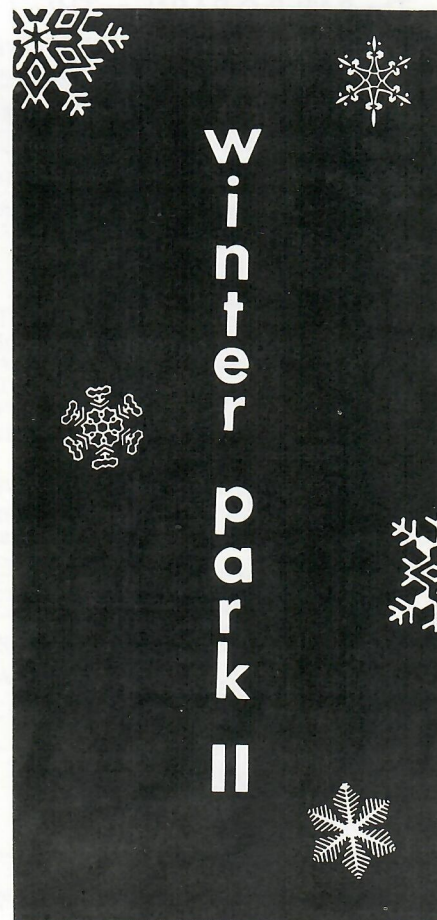
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Eatzmarke

by Bob Olsen

Who among us has not delighted in taking an out-of-state visitor to a favorite BARBEQUE RESTAURANT. Texas Barbeque, no matter how you spell it, comes out on top of all variations and imitations tried in other parts of the country.

Houston is virtually bursting with the smoke pits which distinguish our variety from most others. The Yellow Pages list over 150. We will limit discussion to our favorites:

OTTO'S BAR-B-Q, at 5502 Memorial Drive, is always crowded at lunch and dinner hours for good reasons. Otto's consistently serves the best smoked ribs and links and has the best sauce in Houston. The pit and dining room are located on a side street behind Otto's Tavern. Demand is so great that you may have to look in more than one of the four small lots to park your car.

The BAR-B-Q BARN, or THE PIT, at 4005 Westheimer, is under new ownership. Sonny Look has sold this restaurant to some of his catering employees who are familiar to Space City members. Victor Nardeccia and lady partners do their own Hickory smoking and the result is lean beef and meaty ribs with a full smokey, almost tangy, taste (are we describing meat or wine?). The drive thru window is an added convenience.

The TEXAS BAR-B-QUE HOUSE, at 2401 Texas, caters to hungry truck drivers and laborers as well as the Saturday shopping crowd. The House looks like a barbeque joint should look . . . latter day sprawling log cabin. Like Otto's and the Barn, service is from the counter and the meat is cut directly onto your plate. The House was slower than necessary when I visited, but the food was quite good.

Two of our local meat smokers have multiple locations. The

CELLAR DOOR and STEVE'S each have six. We like the CELLAR DOOR beef as the best in Houston: not too lean and a mellow smokey taste. However, both Cellar Door and Steve's compete for the worst sauce! The former must have been bottled in Iowa and the latter tastes like mixed catsup and relish.

Outside of Houston we recommend looking for a barbeque place in FULSHEAR, TEXAS . . . there can't be more than one and the name can't be recalled . . . but, it's worth the trip. Also in Austin, check into the "all you can eat" deal at the COPELAND INN in COPELAND. You'll need a reservation for this unforgettable place.

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FEBRUARY SKIERS travel to BRECKENRIDGE and WINTER PARK. We only have a second-hand warning about the GOLD PAN in BRECKENRIDGE. Several friends of a friend got sick after eating there this past summer and there were rumors that the health inspectors were closing them down. The Bar is reported to be OK.

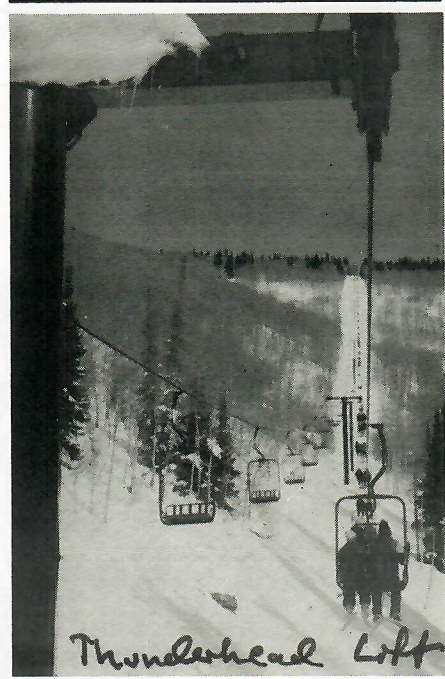
LIFT LESSONS



"Is it difficult to ride a lift? Blimey no! All you do is let the door close, push the button and up she goes."

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Observe and follow instructions. Be alert. Move into position as soon as the previous skier clears the area. When loading on a chair, line up on the wooden block with skis to-



gether and pointing straight up the line. Watch for your chair — it comes around the wheel faster than you think. Singles always load on the inside (tower side) of a double chair.

Never sit on a T-bar. Hold poles to the outside, away from the center pole and your partner. Grasp the center pole for added stability, but do not lean on it. Shuffle your skis slightly to help them start sliding. You must always have your skis pointing straight ahead, do not let your tips cross and keep weight on each ski.

Never jump from a stopped lift! In case of a breakdown, the ski patrol will assist you and get you off safely. Stoppages result from skiers loading or unloading improperly, ski patrol loading toboggans, wind gusts and swinging chairs. Do not litter from the chair lifts.

Now that you are at the top, be sure all clothing is free of the lift, again be alert and prepare yourself for unloading. Lean forward slightly, keep the knees bent enough to keep your balance, and slide away from the lift easily. Move out of the unloading area quickly. Ski a few feet away before stopping to adjust your poles.

Have a good run!



by Marian Janda

Assistant Trip Chairman

Friday, January 3, Continental really "moved its tail" to Denver for 45 SCSC skiers - destination-6½ days skiing at Vail. After a "wine-chartered" bus ride, we arrived intact, but happy, and unpacked our gear at the luxurious Mountain Haus condominiums. **Ginger Rimmer** had enough luggage for a European holiday (thank you **Warren Cross**) but I guess there's nothing like traveling in style!!

The ski conditions were excellent - plenty of base and lots of powder - PERFECT. We had one day where it snowed and the winds blew hard and except for not seeing where you were going, it was GREAT! Thank goodness for no-fog goggles and a little body language!

We had quite a group - on and off the slopes. Apres ski included four wine and cheese parties. Colorado winds seem to carry many tall ski stories - like **Jules Glogovcsan** "skiing off the balcony at the Casino" - definitely an expert slope (glad you're OK Jules). Some of us came back with bumps and bruises - but I'm really not sure if it was from "crashing and burning" on the slopes. **Bob Bass** was vice president in charge of teaching us "the bump" - ask **Billie Grotegut**, **Gerry Long** and **Ron Vercher**, how grueling it can be.

We may have been a Texas bunch but no 10-gallon hats for us. **David "Crocket" Metcalf** sported a coon skin cap and **Gary Fulton** (what would you call it?) made heads turn. Everyone's heard of neat ski instructors - **Susie Seghers** found one! **Roy Caviness** took Suzie in tow (no - not literally), but it's nice to have a helping hand - Freud would have loved it!

Peggy Widaman and **Alicia Sheppard** did a snowmobile thing, only **Peggy** though it was the

Indy 500!! **Leanna (Snowbunny) Harris** tried skiing in a sitting position - part of the Alpine method?

The **Barzilla's** and the **Slatter-white's** made some interesting (X-rated) home movies - also some great action ski shots. In addition



USSA SKI WEEK

to being a great skier (black lines on the Vail map, no less) **Jim Easter** has a camera as a permanent part of his bod -- phantom photographer.

A purple heart (or is it Medal of Valor?) to **John Cassidy**, **Ginger Johnson**, **Linda Horton**, etc. who suffered minor sprains. Thank goodness for nurses **Gay Haliburton** and **Linda Murphy** for medical opinions and good ole ace bandages. We had several cases of colds and sniffles - understandable when you go from 60 degrees humid to -2 degrees, but all are recovering thanks to modern medicine, Kleenex and internal alcohol (old home remedy!)

We had several "never-skied before" - that's Class A at ski school. Be sure to ask **Connie** and **Joe Mayeux** how they just loved "Get-A-Long" Trail - it's a pain in the shoulders (yes, I mean lots of poling).

Oh yes, the Nu Gnu burned while we were there - Vail will never be the same because of SCSC.

This was USSA ski week at Vail. We didn't participate much except to save mucho \$\$\$ (lift tickets and lessons). Also, we had some oglers at the beauty contests - women's lib or no - male chauvinism still lives (I ain't griping!)

Joe Murphy gets an award for Trip Chairman of the Year. Everything ran smoothly (even my skis!). Thanks for an outstanding job. My special thanks to **Suzie Seghers**, **Diane Yarberry**, **Katie Roark**, **Gerry Long** and **Billie Grotegut** who were super roommates and helped me with the parties and whatever.

It was a great trip, fantastic skiing and fun people - what more can you ask for - except for maybe an instant replay!

ice skating party

by Wayne Ahrens

This had to be one of the best non-ski activities of the year! A great group of people, all the wine you could drink, and lots of ice skating. The party began slowly because of a mix-up by the Ice Haus concerning the time, but it worked out great because that let us skate on both rinks.

Beyond a doubt, Sy Liebergot was the classiest skater with great leaps and cossack kicks, but Sy was also the only casualty of the night (not counting drunks) when he dived head first into some poor innocent skater. Fresh from Pasadena, we had Farmer Brown Olsen, who was frequently seen forming a whip, but never was Bob on the end. Don't misunderstand - it wasn't due to intelligence, but the fact that he needed someone on each side to hold him up. The ice was kept smooth by a certain girl whom I cannot name for fear of my life, but she was often heard screaming as they polished the ice with her behind.



Steamboat

by Cynthia Wright

Eighty-five members boarded Continental 989 for a flight to Denver, complete with dinner and drinks. From Denver to Steamboat, it was beer, wine, trips to the WC and fun all the way, complete with a quartet (sextet? trio?) of singers who serenaded (?) us the entire trip.

Our arrival at Storm Meadows was greeted with snow and a fun way to find your room. Try your key on a door - if that fails - try another building! Eventually, everyone got situated - but a Lost Bag Award goes to Patsy Mayer for leaving her clothes bags in the road.

Early morning, we rented skis, had breakfast and headed for the slopes. Georgiana Repal will NEVER admit how she got skis the first day! And, did we ski! Beginners got into classes and really advanced. The area did have some competition from one Ed Evola - he had a group and seemed to be giving lessons all day. Skiing, Ed?

Throughout the week SCSC was readily identified - by pins, patches and cowboy hats (Leslie Jackson swears she's wearing it to all SCSC activities!) - by bells and horns (on the ski poles!)

crunch! A special award and thank you to Tim Mock who served as tour guide, fearless leader, and inspiration. Proves a theory: threaten skier and skier will make the run! Also, second day skier Jerry Hiers going with a group down the Catwalk - made the famous "I Can't Stop" yell and disappeared off the trail - 20 feet down and landed (four points) on an intermediate run! Jerry survived and skied from the top from then on.

After -ski time brought out



CHRISTMAS

the troops - two wine and cheese parties (one, compliments of LTV) were well attended. The highlight was the New Year's Eve bash - due to a power failure - (we blame Dan Sebesta, his story is that he tried to urge the girls into his room for "warmth") - a fast room change was made. Thanks to Georgiana for the great room - clean up - and my personal thanks to Peter Tomlinson, Rachel Pabst and Chuck Guffrey for moving furniture and setting up food tables!

Special mention should also be made of:

- * Jane Shinn - who innocently volunteered to help tote groceries and wound up pushing a fully loaded 90 ton grocery cart up the mountain.
- * Lynn Revak - the Butterfingers Award - who lost his return boarding pass - some people will do anything to stay in Colorado.
- * Bob McMonigle - the Top Slope award and Lee McMonigle - the Bottom Slope award - no skiing togetherness for this couple!
- * Barbara Schlattman - the best Excuse Award - just ask her how she got hurt!
- * Ben Brown - the Club Gourmet Award - for sending a steak back three times!!
- * Roland Darby - the Under-dressed Award - Roland really didn't know that skivvies and a hat just weren't enough clothes for the slopes.
- * Cynthia Hendricks, Lee Grona and Mike Coffee - the Good House-keeping Award. Without these three good Samaritans, the after effects of New Year's would still be there!

And a special thanks to Ed Chambliss - a nice boss

And the Great Participation Award to all the people on the Trip!



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