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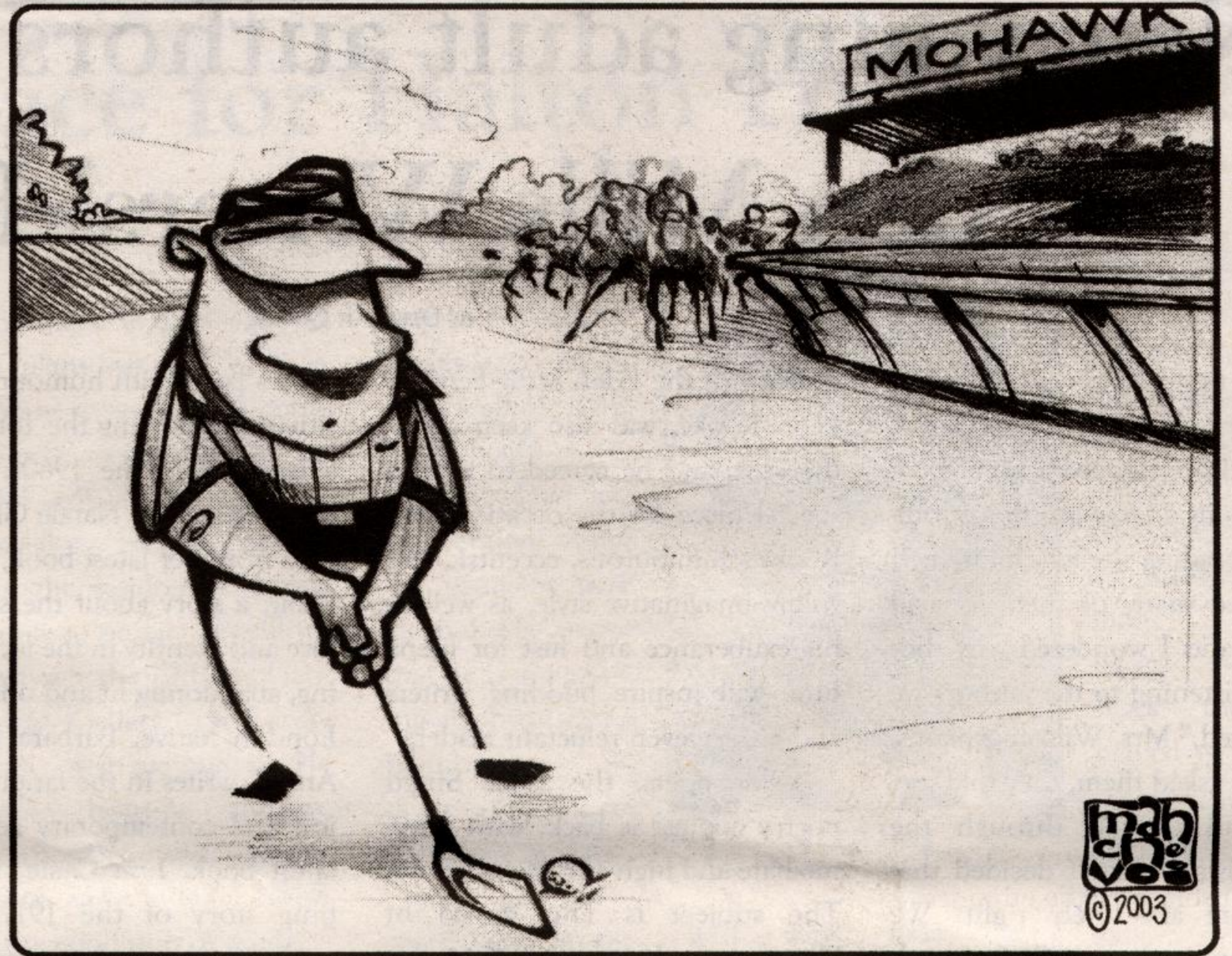
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"THIS LOOKS LIKE A TRICKY SHOT..."

BRASS TACKS-- Editorial

The proposal to add an 18-hole golf course and a 10-storey hotel to the Mohawk Raceway and Slots site has prompted interesting and representative discussion in my household.

I question whether there is enough water to sustain the existing wells in the area as well as a new golf course and hotel. That's a lot of greens and fairways to be watered, and a lot of showers taken and toilets flushed. Also, since the Campbellville area already has been identified as a hydrogeologically sensitive area, will the quality of the water be affected? It is noteworthy that in the past decade, when so much development has taken place in the Campbellville area, several long-time residents

have for the first time ever experienced problems with both the quantity and quality of their water.

And what about the increased tourist traffic, which will result from this proposed development? Perhaps the Town of Milton and the Region of Halton can maintain the roads and provide the increased policing necessary, but do the local residents want more traffic on their rural roads? Many move to the country to escape the fast pace of urban living, and to live a slower and quieter existence. My neighbours and I enjoy leisurely walks and even the occasional bike ride down the country roads. But that part of country living will certainly end if our roads fill with traffic.

Of course, not everyone shares

my concerns. There are those who believe that all roads should lead to a golf course. Much to my horror, but not surprise, my husband is enthusiastic about the proposed developments at Mohawk. He wants to know how soon the golf course will be opening, what the green fees will be and whether there will be houses on the golf course.

Often my husband and I do not agree. In this particular instance, our different opinions about the Mohawk proposals are representative of the debate about all development issues. It is my hope that, in the upcoming discussions about the proposed golf course and hotel, all issues and concerns regarding this project are given their due consideration.

Georgetown Fall Fair revamps for 2003

By Gloria Hildebrandt

Laurie Cooper, the secretary of the Georgetown Agricultural Society, which hosts the Georgetown Fall Fair, says, "If you want to have a local fall fair, you have to support it." Last year the fair showed a loss of approximately \$8,000, with around 2,000 fewer people attending. Organizers point to extremely hot weather that kept people away on the Sunday of the fair, yet sponsorships were also down last year. In an effort to improve attendance this year, there are three new attractions: pony mounted games, lawn tractor racing and a second demolition derby.

"The pony mounted games will be fun to play for the competitors, but will also be fun to watch," says organizer Kathy Lister. "Each game brings new challenges to the

ponies and riders, and a variety for the audience. It's all racing." The games involve teams in relay-races involving balloons, flags and picking up litter while mounted.

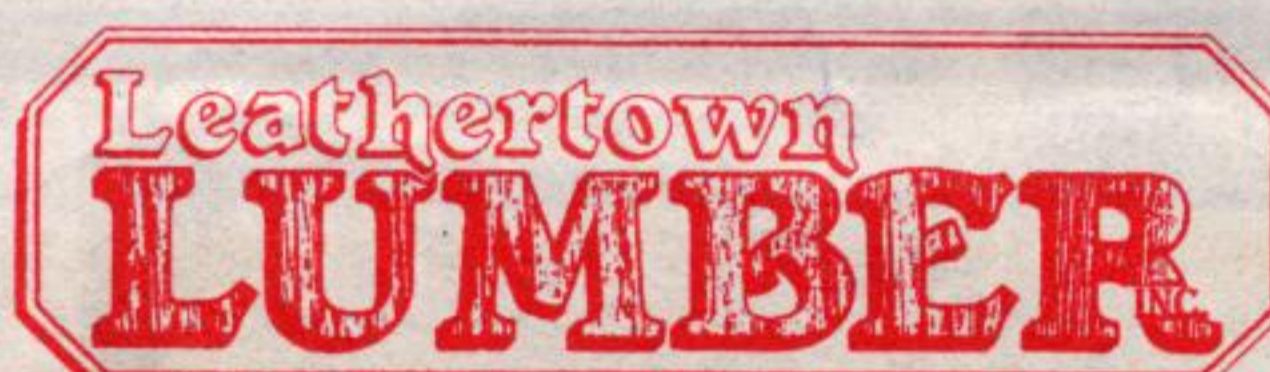
Lawn tractor racing will take place in a small oval track in front of the grandstand. Anyone 10 years old or older can participate. Children can compete with adults in this fun event.

The demolition derby drew such a crowd on Saturday of last year's fair that a second one has been scheduled for this year, on Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Continuing with a 157-year-old tradition is the home crafts competition for children and adults. Every year that Ruth Kuchinad of Georgetown has entered one of her quilted projects, she has always won

a ribbon. "I find it a little scary but fun to have my handiwork evaluated by a professional," she says. "The judges sometimes give hints about my work, and this is always useful in helping me grow."

The Georgetown Fall Fair runs from September 5 to 7 at the Georgetown Fairgrounds at Park and Charles Streets. More information is available at www.georgetownfallfair.ca. At present, there are no plans to move the dates of future fairs to later in the fall when the weather is cooler, nor is there a desire to amalgamate Georgetown's fair with Acton's into one for all of Halton Hills. Attendance of 8,000 to 10,000 people at the Georgetown Fair would make the organizers ecstatic and would help to recover the losses from 2002.



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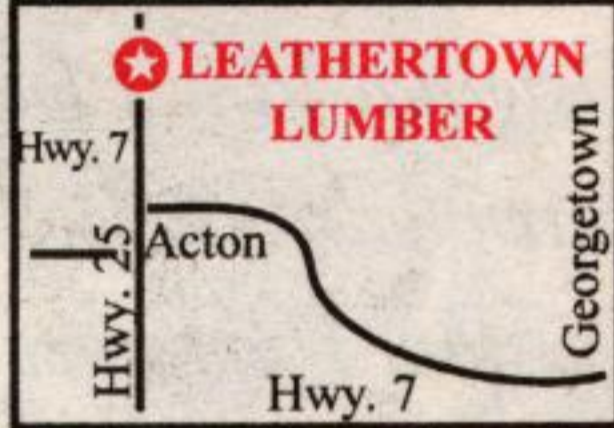
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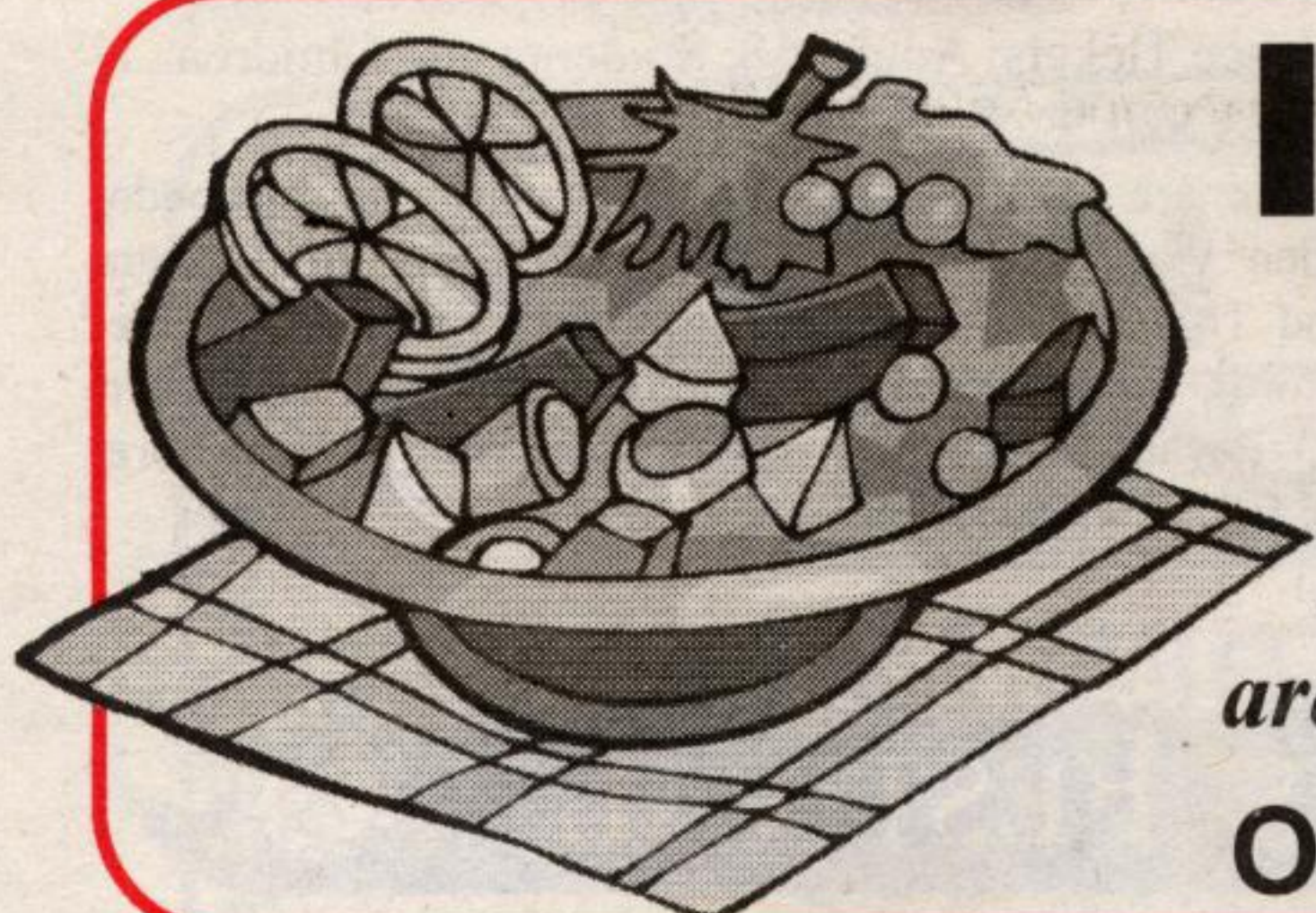
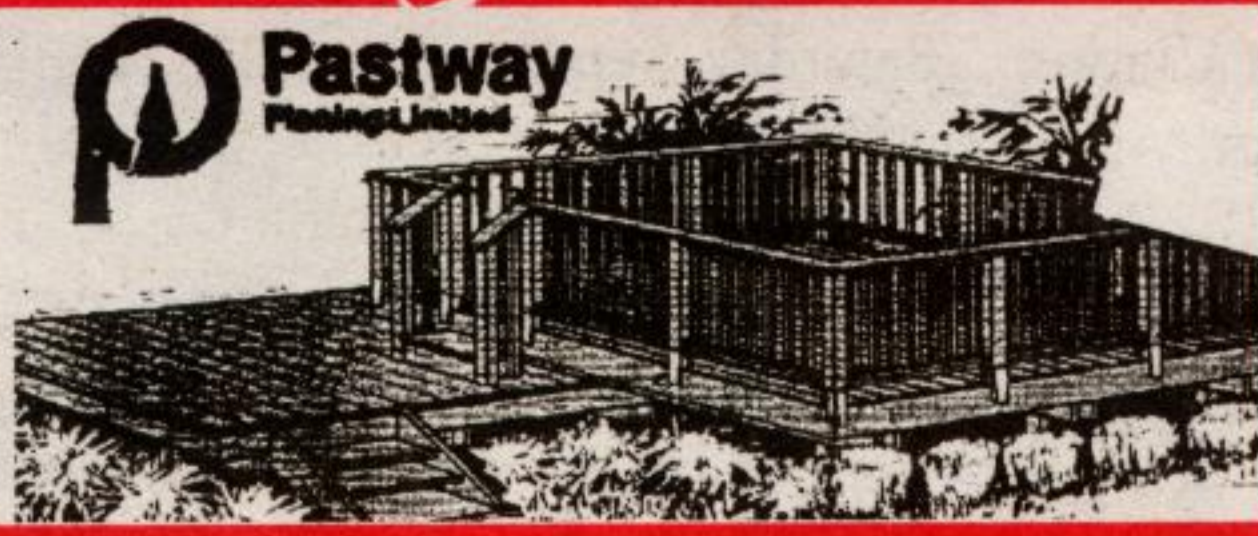
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