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A Word From Our President

Having toured New Orleans and some cemeteries there, my thoughts and prayers are with the residents in this time of trouble. None of the news reports I have heard mention anything about the status of cemeteries in the city. As I noted in the summer issue, I am expecting a large increase in membership due to efforts of our members, to provide a more effective voice. Problems continue throughout the State and elected officials ignore the laws we have worked so hard to achieve. I have not heard from any of our members of action taken on the challenges I presented to you in the last issue. Effective October 1, 2005, H. B. 410, with 2 amendments to the Criminal law Article, Title 10, Section 404, will clarify the rights of owners/heirs for maintenance, repair, and upkeep of burial sites, previously considered a violation of law. Members are welcome at Board Meetings, and your support and encouragement would be well received.

Jim Trader

[Editors' Note: "New Orleans' Cemeteries Mostly Intact" by Cain Burdeau
WashingtonPost.com September 17, 2005

The "Cities of the Dead", as New Orleans' cemeteries have been named, are now a sea of muck and stench as a result of Hurricane Katrina (the article was written pre-Rita). The concern that caskets and human remains would be found floating have not materialized. One casket was found near Greenwood Cemetery, but the city's practice of above-ground burials has appeared to have paid off in the wake of the Katrina's destruction.

"Reverent New Orleanians vow to make cleanup a high priority" and Bob Harvey, whose parents are buried in Metairie Cemetery plans to do much of the cleanup work himself at the family tomb. Harvey claims that it is his family's tradition that one member takes care of the family tomb until he/she passes on and another family member takes over.

Diane Nesmeyer]

From the Editors' Desks

We are glad to see the end of summer this year. It was too hot and too humid to really spend quality time out of doors. The punishing weather and relentless bugs

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probably contributed to the lack of current cemetery activities for this issue. We want to thank Eileen McGuckian for sending along information to shed some light on the symbol found on Mr. Benson's gravestone at Rockville Cemetery. More on the symbol in a moment. We also want to thank Jim Trader and Jean Keenan for their contributions. Thanks to Melvin Mason for sending along news articles on Maryland cemeteries and other cemetery-related information for inclusion in the newsletter. Finally, we want to thank Carol Rickerson for preparing several abstracts of the news articles. Preparing the abstracts takes time because we need to be sure that the article makes sense to our readers without violating copyright laws. Carol stepped up to the task and has been a big help taking on this chore.

In the Summer issue we included a picture of John William Benson's grave marker and asked if anyone could shed light on the symbol. Eileen sent along copies of the pertinent pages of "Principia of Universareology" written by Mr. Benson of R[ockville]. The symbol is a concentric heart. The "heart" has 7 layers and a flame at the top and a circle at the bottom. The flame represents religion-theology. The chambers represent: government-politics; operatics-operation; body-physiology; animal-zoology; matter-chemistry; astronomical-astronomy; and universe. The bottom circle represents 'entinal chaos of and before the dawn of the beginning'. So there you have it. Thanks again Eileen.

Jeff and Diane Nesmeyer

Board Meeting Minutes

Miller Library, Ellicott City, MD

July 9, 2005

Board Members Present: Jim Trader, Ann Bolt, Bob Lyons, Paul Miller, George Horvath, Barbara Sieg, Jean Keenan

Board Members Absent: Dottie Brault, Tom Mason, Melvin Mason, Ed Taylor, Garry Kraske

CPMBS member present: Kristin Kraske

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Trader. At 1 P.M. There was not a quorum present at the beginning of the meeting.

The minutes were discussed but could not be approved for lack of a quorum. Jean Keenan read thank-you notes from Eileen McGuckian and Jean Sunday, recipients of two of the Periwinkle Awards. Jean also shared a newspaper article which appeared in the Salisbury newspaper about the work that Jim Trader does with cemetery preservation on the Eastern Shore.

Kristin Kraske gave the financial report in the absence of Garry Kraske.

Balance in checking account 7/7/05
\$5,560.30

Susquehanna Bank CD 4/21/05
\$1,048.75

Complete treasurer's report is filed with minutes.

Neither an Annual Report of the CPMBS Activities of 2004-2005 nor a Proposed Budget for 2005-2006 fiscal year were prepared

Membership Report – Kristin reported a paid membership of 55 plus 15 complimentary memberships. Jim Trader, George Horvath and Kristin will make calls to former members whose dues have lapsed. It was suggested that a notice be placed in the April issue of *The Courier* to remind members that dues are due in June.

Legislative Report – Jim reported that **H.B. 410 was signed into law and that Carole Petzold had sent him the pen used by Gov. Ehrlich to sign the bill. Jim plans to send out a news release in the fall.**

Copies of the revised by-laws were distributed.

Old Business

Family Remembrance Week – Kristin brought the Proclamation signed by the Governor in May. Barbara Sieg did not receive it in time for a planned activity at Whipps' Cemetery. She said that the proclamation must be received at least six to eight weeks prior to Family Remembrance Week in order to have publicity and/or programs. Jim

suggested trying to include exhibits in libraries around the state as we did a few years ago with some success. George will obtain a name of someone from the MD Historical Society who could help with publicity of Family Remembrance Week.

Flin Gardner Cemetery – Carroll County – An heir of Flin Gardner brought suit, with the services of a lawyer, Mr. Jeffrey White, who was retained by CPMBS, against a realtor re: the burial site in question. This lot straddles two building lots and had been destroyed by a builder. To remedy the situation, Jim Trader suggested that the gravesites be removed and relocated to the front of one of the lots on a road that would give public access to the cemetery and would make both building lots usable for building. The Coalition considers this a win-win proposition. We are waiting for a reply from the realtor.

Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory Project – Jim displayed a copy of two volumes listing the records of 263 cemeteries inventoried so far. They are in the G.I.S. system in Montgomery County. It was suggested that they should also be included in the records of Montgomery County and MD State Department of Assessment and Taxation.

Proposed Inter-County Connector Road - Gov. Ehrlich has stated that the road will be built. A response to our letter stating our concerns regarding cemeteries affected by the road was received from the State Highway Administration, but none from the County Executives of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, The Maryland Historical Trust, the Montgomery County Historical Society, or the Montgomery County Preservation Commission. Jim looked quickly through a booklet prepared by the SHA re: the road and could find no mention is made of cemetery involvement. He will check it again and if that is so, he will contact the SHA.

Handbook/Guidelines – Boy Scout Cemetery – Barbara reported that she had contacted Charles Hall at the MD Historical Trust and was told that there is no money available to publish a booklet and suggested putting it on a website. Barbara suggested the CPMBS do a booklet on our own. She has not been able to find information on the leadership of the BSA in Maryland so that she might work with them. She also said that she will draft a booklet that might be used by Scouts working in cemetery preservation.

Updating of Portable Display- status – The Masons were not present and there was no report.

Ann Bolt said she could get some info and pictures from Montgomery County for the display. It was also suggested that Bob Lyons' project of replacing the markers of Confederate soldiers in Loudon Park Cemetery be included.

New Business

Committee Appointments 2005-2006 – Jim Trader distributed the list of committee appointments that he has formulated.

Response to Requests for Help – Jim is concerned because persons may call individual board members or contact the web-site for help and that there is no record being kept so that all Board Members can be informed of Board activities and no record of CPMBS activities is being kept. He distributed a form – a telephone log – to be used when members receive calls and/or assist in cemetery-related questions. A copy of this record should be mailed to Jim.

Goals and Objectives 2005-2006

1. Barbara suggested trying to target at least one more county to do a cemetery inventory project similar to the one done in Montgomery County.
2. Jim suggested that we try to reinstate the idea of dividing the state into regions of the CPMBS. After discussion it was decided that Jim will contact Eve Love, President of the St. Mary's County Genealogical Society to explore the idea of doing a cemetery inventory in that county.

Site Approval, 15th Annual Meeting - 4/22/2006 – Jim suggested that the next annual meeting be held in Ocean City. He will contact the Dunes Manor Hotel to get an estimate.

Other Items.-

1. Jim described a section of the law in Wicomico County which allows for the establishment of family burial grounds on individual properties. Included in the legislation is a requirement for providing perpetual care. Jim would like to see a similar provision in Worcester County laws.
2. Barbara suggested that the new law H.B. 410 be inserted into the CPMBS Preservation Kit.
3. George Horvath showed a new CD of Thomas Scharf's *History of Western Maryland*, Volume I and II from the collections of the Maryland

State Archives and S.J. Martinet's *Map of Carroll County, 1862*, from the collections of the Library of Congress, as featured in Edward C. Pappenfuse and Joseph M. Coale, III, *Maryland State Archives Atlas of Historical Maps of Maryland, 1608-1908*,

Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 2003, p. 140.

The cost of the CD is \$20 (\$22.05 if mailed) with the proceeds split between the Carroll County Historical Society and the Maryland Archives. Contact George for copies.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean W. Keenan, Secretary

Corrections for the Summer Issue:

On page 5 of the Summer issue of the *Courier* we reported that anyone interested in more information about the Graves Registration Committee, Maryland Division, Sons of the Confederate Veterans can contact the Chairman. The e-mail address was incorrect and should read ismdcsagraves@aol.com.

News from the Counties

Anne Arundel

Historian Honored for Cemetery Work

An article (April 2005 in "The Capital", Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, MD:

<http://www.hometownannapolis.com/>) by Jean Leis, celebrates the preservation efforts of Jean Sunday, superintendent for St. Stephen Episcopal Church cemetery.

Mrs. Sunday began over three years ago to identify the unmarked grave of Eleanor V.L. Hopkins (1846 – 1914) along with other unmarked graves among the 508 recorded burials at this church.

Walking among the graves, she pointed out 81 new markers, the now, no longer faded reminders of who was buried at this church in Crownsville. She even got down on her hands and knees to determine the space needed for a marker.

Jean Sunday, a 79-year-old retired federal employee, studied the cemetery book, used existing

graves and a map to identify each plot, marked and unmarked, typed up church records on births and deaths, and transferred them to binders (containing hundreds of now-appropriately labeled pages and photos.).

Graves in Maryland may be unmarked because families couldn't afford markers or used a wooden cross that time destroyed. Some religious groups (Quakers, for one) frowned on markers. Most of the 81 new granite markers, sitting in straight parallel rows at St. Stephen's, are for people buried 50 to 100 years ago. Some were not even members of the church. At Mrs. Sunday's suggestion, a pathway has been installed through the cemetery so people will not walk on the grave sites.

In describing her work, Mrs. Sunday said that it is sometimes impossible to know exactly where the bodies are. Old graves don't have cement vaults, perhaps not even a coffin. And a plot may also include several members of a family under one marker.

Where the names of the deceased are lost in time, the new marker has only a lot number and a cross. Eighty-one unmarked graves will have stones and eight families who may provide markers, have been contacted by Mrs. Sunday. She has raised funds for over 80 grave markers and used a memorial gift to her husband, Army Master Sgt. Charles Sunday (former superintendent of the church cemetery) to buy markers. Each marker costs \$175, and the guild at St. Stephen's contributed \$4,600.

Mark Schatz who shares Mrs. Sunday's interest in history, is a director of the Anne Arundel Historical Society. He said that each person is entitled to a grave marker and he nominated Mrs. Sunday for a Periwinkle Award from the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites for her work. Jean Keenan, secretary of the Coalition, commented on the discovery of small communities during this important preservation work.

Jean Sunday said that her work identifying old graves is finished, she is now up-to-date. But she will continue to record each new burial and keep the book current for those who will continue her work in the future.

Caroline Rickerson

Baltimore City

Weeds, Tall Grass Invade Church Cemetery, Again

Posted to WBALChannel.com on August 4, 2005

In June, Channel 11 News reported a cemetery that had been so overgrown, a descendant was unable to locate his grandfather's grave. The church that owns United Evangelical Cemetery off O'Donnell Street promised the grass would be mowed but two months later most of the cemetery looks untouched by any type of mower. Representatives of the church promised visitors a change in the appearance in the coming weeks as a company had been hired to keep the grass groomed for the balance of the year.

Diane Nesmeyer

Carroll County

Update on the case involving the Flin Garner Cemetery: Salisbury Attorney, Jeffrey T. White, has advised President Jim Trader, the attorney for the Plunkert Living Trust has not answered/responded to the counter suit he filed in the Circuit Court on behalf of Mrs. Rosamond M. Freeman, direct heir to Flin Garner, for unlawful activities and damages.

Jim Trader

Documenting the County's Dead

Volunteers with the Carroll County Genealogical Society are concluding a 23-year project to record every pre-1950 tombstone they could find in the county. Sheridan Lyons, writing on April 03 of 2005 in the Baltimore Sun, says that the names and pertinent dates of the deceased, notes about decorative carvings and verse, stone work, cemetery histories and settings were recorded. The volunteers estimate they have copied more than 70,000 names since the project began in 1982.

The genealogical society has, since 1988, published nine books in seven volumes, listing everything from random stones along the road to large cemeteries. They want to complete additions and corrections before transferring the data to a compact disc (expected to be completed by the end of

the year and to contain everything from the nine books). Anyone who knows of a stone or a family plot that might have been overlooked, should contact the society at ccgsnews@carr.org.

Mary Ann "Mimi" Ashcraft describes finding headstones near Westminster, of Frederick and Catherine Prugh, leaning against the stump of an old tree. Their first cemetery copying (July 1982) was at the Emmanuel Baust Lutheran Church Cemetery on Old Taneytown Road in Tyrone. Since then about 100 volunteers have put in 15,000 hours, including typing, etc. Her mother Nancy Paret Ashcraft, 96, sketched for the books. The books have sold about 2,000 copies.

Harold Robertson of Westminster (treasurer of the society) almost single-handedly tackled the Westminster cemetery, Carroll County's largest – about 5,000 stones. It was founded circa 1790, is still in use, and contains the graves of city founder William Webster as well as a Civil War veteran.

Genealogy has been the impetus for inscription projects across the country. The Association for Gravestone Studies in Greenfield, Mass, says that the projects were begun in the 20's by the Daughters of the American Revolution and continued in the 30's by the Works Progress Administration.

Wayne Adams, who lives near Uniontown, organized the information to include maps of cemetery layouts. He adds that "computerization part of it ...is a project we all enjoyed...".

The society is putting out a last call for information and corrections. They are targeting the northern and western part of the county and hope that those with information about old cemeteries will get in touch with them. Mary Ann Ashcraft added that they will sell the compact disc but will not put their work on the internet, to prevent contraband versions and contamination of the information.

Caroline Rickerson

Dorchester County

President Jim Trader was contacted by Mrs. Clara M. Stephens, member of the Holland Island Preservation Foundation, seeking information on how to protect the remaining burial sites in two cemeteries and how to deal with the erosion of the shoreline that threatens many of the graves on the island lo-

cated in the Chesapeake Bay. President Trader responded by letter to her on August 30th with suggestions and sources of possible funding. The names and dates on remaining tombstones have been recorded and are available on the Internet. Pictures will also be taken of the stones. <http://www.intercom.net/local/holland/>

Jim Trader

Prince George's County

Conditions of Disrepair Pervade Washington DC Area Cemetery

Frederick Meekins, writing from his website (<http://americanworldview.tripod.com>) in an e-mail to a friend, described his despair when his family went to Fort Lincoln Cemetery in suburban Maryland on Easter Sunday to pay respects to his mother's brother buried there. They discovered grave markers bent, memorial plaques torn out of the ground and a number of headstones knocked over. Vases were either damaged or missing and some graves were obstructed by caked-on mud, obscuring the record of the deceased. Damage was not confined to one block of the premises but was endemic throughout the property.

He wondered if cemetery administrators will contact the families of those whose graves have been defiled, will they apologize for the shoddy up-keep and make necessary repairs. Or do they feel this desecration will go unnoticed. He added that current generations seem to prefer gaudy roadside displays with crosses and stuffed animals as a shrine.

The resting place of a departed one should be respected, says Mr. Meekins. Fort Lincoln cemetery is named after the 16th president of the United States. The memorial erected in Washington DC in his honor is respected. Ought not the resting places of our loved ones be treated with equal dignity?

Caroline Rickerson

St. Mary's County

On August 7th Jim Trader wrote to the President of the St. Mary's County Genealogical Society about a project to inventory cemeteries in cooperation with the Coalition but has had no reply.

Jim Trader

Somerset County

The Daily Times Salisbury, 8/24/2005 by Liz Holland

Deal island church, cemetery vandalized

Local juveniles went on a vandalism spree and toppled and damaged some of Deal Island's oldest tombstones in St. John's cemetery during August. Some of the stones involved will only need to be set upright while others will need to be repaired before being reset. Eleven juveniles stand accused of damaging the cemetery, Joshua Thomas Chapel, and the Deal Island School. School officials are planning to pursue restitution and community service from the juveniles. Some of the parents have already come forward offering to pay for the damage as well as offering to have their children do some of the work.

Diane Nesmeyer

Wicomico County

How Final Is That Resting Place

Deborah Gates, in an article in the Delmarva Daily Times, May 16, 2005, describes the frustration of Salisbury resident, James Trader. "I have seen a lot of terrible conditions with cemeteries and I am trying to protect our heritage," says Trader (a retired food plant inspector for Wicomico County).

Mr. Trader, a Salisbury resident wants local and state legislation that puts teeth into rules and regulation that affect upkeep and removal of burial sites across the Lower Shore. He claims that local governments are careless when moving grave sites if they are in the way of proposed development. He wants officials to follow the laws mandated by the state, which he feels they are not doing.

In an effort to preserve cemeteries and lobby for the enforcement of laws that protect burial grounds, Mr. Trader is on a mission to organize a tri-county coalition of the Burial Sites Protection Committee of which he is a member. There are an estimated 550 cemeteries in Wicomico County, 220 in Worcester County that have been located and research on Somerset County grave sites is planned.

The recent discovery of the Robert Handy grave site (he was a nephew of the founder of the city of Salisbury) at a North Salisbury construction site

raised questions, including whether proper public notice was given to descendants during the process. Mr. Trader believes laws affecting those who damage or destroy graves or cemeteries are too lenient. His committee, in association with the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites has been trying to toughen laws for a decade or more.

Guidelines for the displacement of cemeteries or grave removal are set by the state and permits must be secured from both the state's attorney and county health department, reports Ms. Gates, after contact with Mary Nelson, spokeswoman for the Worcester County State's Attorney (Joel Todd). Nelson said that the Maryland Department of Vital Statistics has information regarding burial removals. Most grave sites are mapped by county zoning departments and, when possible, remains should be re-buried near the original location, says Roger Sansom, a Salisbury developer. As a Realtor with Long and Foster, he alerts property buyers new to the region, that the pilgrims were out in these fields and that a body may be beneath their home. "It may not be marked, but the bones could be down there."

During a recently adjourned session of the Maryland Legislature, House Bill 410 (which our Coalition endorsed), clarifying the planting of shrubs, trees, flowers, and maintenance at cemeteries, passed..

But Mr. Trader is concerned – about the lack of investigation by Wicomico County into a broken vault on Twilley Bridge Road, and about a playground built at Cedar Hill Park in Tyaskin on the site of a man known as Noah Jackson. Trader wants to extend the posting time for newspaper legal notices in an effort to get relatives involved in this important decision – the proposed grave dis-internment and re-internment.

Caroline Rickerson

Worcester County

President Jim Trader was recently contacted by a member of the Worcester County Health Department in response to contact by an interested purchaser of a home and lot in the county on which 4 unidentified graves were found during installation of the septic tank system to serve the home. Re-

portedly a survey plat was made showing the location of the graves. Jim had no information on the burials and plans to do further research and attempt to identify the remains on the former farm land. He has spoken to the real estate agents and all prospective purchasers are made aware of the existence of the graves on the property.

Jim Trader

MARYLAND

A possible source to obtain funding for your cemetery project is a directory that provides detailed profiles of 500 independent and community foundations, as well as basic information for smaller funders entitled *Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations. Maryland's Leading 500 Foundations*. The directory is available from Jankowski Associates (<http://www.grantsdirect.com>), 216 W. Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701. Tel.: (301) 696-0797 or Suite 201, 190 W. Ostend Street, Baltimore, MD 21230, (410) 727-6367, 800-273-6367; Fax (410) 727-1914.

Jim Trader/Diane Nesmeyer

Dreambook Entries

Jodi Dew wrote on July 8th, 2005, "Is there anyone/group cleaning up the cemetery on Rest Ave in Oella (Baltimore County), Maryland? I would be interested in helping out clean up this cemetery." Thanks Jodi Dew (jdew@vt.edu).

Thomas Longnecker wrote on July 30, 2005, "We are trying to find the name of a cemetery located in Oella, MD which is in Baltimore County on Rest Ave. We were told by a neighbor that has been there for years that part of it is private and owned by a man name White and that he lives in a basement of a old church. She also said the cemetery has a lot of copperhead snakes and a dog was bitten and died. It is very run down and has sunken graves. She said the state was talking about taking the cemetery over because of the run down condition. Can anyone help me with information on this Cemetery." guarddog515@yahoo.com

John M. wrote on September 3, 2005, "Are there any legal constraint on commercial cemeteries to force them to do essential maintenance tasks such

as cutting the grass correctly and preventing crab grass from over running memorial placards position almost at ground level? I'll appreciate help on this item." buzzmch@hotmail.com

Cemetery administration takes stock of VA memorials

Tester [News and information for Naval Air Station Patuxent personnel.]

Demilitary.com August 11, 2005

In 2002 the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) began an effort to catalog every memorial and monument located on its properties. At the beginning of the project it was estimated that there were approximately 300 monuments and memorials to be catalogued. At the conclusion of the project volunteers had documented, measured, and photographed 872 such monuments and memorials. [Editors Note: We documented the Edson's Raiders memorial located at Quantico National Cemetery, VA as part of this project.]

Some statistics regarding the Memorials Inventory Project: 1,049 different memorial objects were found and items such as Gettysburg Address tablets and carillons and artillery were reclassified under other categories at the conclusion of the project. More than 3,000 people volunteered of which 372 volunteers actually worked on the project. The majority of the volunteers were active duty military members and working professionals followed by retirees and students.

There is now a centralized location for the memorial information along with a significant photographic archive for the NCA History Program. There were more than 6,600 photographs and more than 500 negatives of the memorials collected.

The information will be shared later this year through the Smithsonian's art inventory database, known as SIRIS. The NCA History Program is also planning to work with its IT staff to create an NCA searchable online database of information and photographs.

<http://www.cem.va.gov/progrpts.htm> The Memorials Inventory Project was last updated on the NCA website in March 2004.

<http://www.siris.si.edu/> When the information is

made available at the Smithsonian it should be found on this page.

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Rockville Cemetery

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Another from Rockville Cemetery

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The President, Board of Directors, and the Courier editors encourage all members to submit articles to the Courier. They further invite members to write to the Courier with questions or comments about any topic that pertains to burial sites. The topics can include preservation, protection, restoration and maintenance, historical and cultural significance, and documentation. They are also looking for questions or comments you may have about the Coalition. The questions, answers, and comments will be printed in future editions of the Courier. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about your Coalition and to have questions answered that you may have regarding burial sites.

All articles, questions, items of interest may be sent directly to the Coalition at the address listed above or e-mailed to the editors at their address listed below.

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The Coalition, through its members in each county, hope to reach out to all areas of the state to:

Facilitate the exchange of information among individuals and organizations concerned about the protection of Maryland burial sites.

Increase public awareness of the historic and cultural significance of burial sites and the serious threats to them.

Draft and gain passage of new laws to more effectively deal with criminal acts against burial sites and to establish effective and uniform procedures for the protection and preservation of burial sites regardless of their age, cultural affiliation or condition.

Organize support for stronger laws in Maryland to protect burial sites--Native American burials as well as traditional cemeteries.

Raise funds for statewide public education programs, focused on burial site protection, and to provide information and guidance to any government agency, group, organization or individual interested in preserving human burial sites.

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