



THE VOTER

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CENTRAL YAVAPAI COUNTY

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**The League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County
presents**

LWVCYC Annual Meeting and Talk

When: Saturday, April 9, 2011

**Where: Las Fuentes Village,
Lower level Community Room,
1035 Scott, in Prescott**

League Members:

**8:30-9:30, Orientation for new members
9 AM, Social Time;
9:30-10:30, Annual Meeting: Budget,
Approval of Program, and Election of Officers**

Please bring your Annual Meeting Packet to the Meeting.

**10:30: Public Speech
Open to All**

**Sheila Polk;
Yavapai County Attorney**

**“The Holocaust:
What You Do Matters”**



LWVCYC Website: <http://centralyavapai.az.lwvnet.org>



Your Board at work – Vivian, Vicky, Nancy, Terri, and Alice
(Sandra is behind the camera.)

President's Message and Report

Greetings – this message will take the place of the President's annual report, since I think the other Board members' reports should cover the many and worthwhile activities that the League has been involved in. I have had a steep learning curve this past year, since this League differs significantly from the other Leagues with which I have been associated over the past 40 years.

I am a team player, and I like the idea of all Board members working jointly, with one member as the lead or point person. This means that more resources are available for every task, and allows Board members to learn about other areas. Responsibilities and outcomes are shared, and League members should be an integral part of the process.

We are lucky to have some new members who can give us new ideas and perspectives, so let's be sure to greet and engage these folks at every opportunity. Hopefully the newer members will come to the annual meeting on April 9 when we will have a new member orientation.

And just as hopefully, many of our long time members will come to that meeting to renew acquaintances and welcome our recent members to a vibrant and committed community of people who want to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government.

Please join us as we move forward.

Vicky

Invitation to a "New Member Orientation"

Prior to the Annual Meeting on April 9th, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. , our league will hold a new member orientation. The orientation will focus on the history of the league, principles of the league including nonpartisanship, voter service, study of issues, reaching and using positions.

You may want to join us if you have not had an orientation or if you wish to have a rerun. Please contact Alice Harris if you wish to attend.

April 9 Annual Business Meeting Speaker
"The Holocaust: What You Do Matters"
Presented by County Attorney Sheila Polk

(The following article was excerpted from The Daily Courier, 1-21-2011)

Our April speaker is Yavapai County Attorney **Sheila Polk**, who was honored in February by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum for her work in developing ethical leadership programs using lessons learned from the Holocaust. Polk is also a semi-finalist for the 2011 Woman of the Year award given by Prescott Area Leadership. She was instrumental in the creation of MATForce and is president of the Arizona County Attorneys and Sheriffs Association and vice president of Prevent Child Abuse. In 2009, she was a panel presenter for Days of Remembrance at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.



In 2006, Polk participated in the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum ethics seminar about lessons learned from the Holocaust. When she learned about the roles that law enforcement, prosecutors, judges and lawyers played in the Nazi rise to power and the events that led to the Holocaust, she saw how small transgressions and people in the legal system not doing their job led to the erosion of rights and protections. This led to the persecution and deaths of millions of Jews, gypsies, homosexuals, disabled people and others deemed undesirable by the Nazis.

The seminar **Polk** attended developed after Washington, D.C., Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey took his daughter to the museum, and she asked him why there were so many police officers in pictures where people were getting hurt. Ramsey met with the museum to examine police officers' role, and they developed an ethical program he tested on 12 of his night shift officers, who later told him it was the most powerful ethics course they'd ever had. It was then taught to law enforcement officers in major U.S. cities and at the [FBI](#) academy.

"I had an absolute turnaround in those six hours at the museum," Polk said. "I remember being absolutely shocked by the photographs and overwhelmed by the depths of depravity in them. I knew the relevance of the class to my work as a prosecutor and as a person."

So **Polk**, with help from the museum and the Jewish Community Foundation, developed an ethics program to help prosecutors, judges and others understand how crucial their duties as part of the legal system are to preserving justice, individual rights, and liberties. She has now developed a similar ethics course for local law enforcement officers, which will begin at the Northern Arizona Regional Training Academy this spring.

"I would like to see the program with law enforcement officers go statewide then provide a model for it to go nationwide," **Polk** said. "This program has the unique ability to (have an impact) intellectually and emotionally."

Don't miss this exciting, enlightening program beginning at 10:30 Saturday, April 9, immediately following our Annual Business Meeting.

Sandra Goodwin, First VP/Program

LWVCYC 2010-2011 Annual Reports:

1st Vice President (Program)

September: Current Trends in Juvenile Justice was our first program of the year with Ethan Wolfinger, Gay Lockling and Paul Gabaldon. This program was organized by Terri Farneti, Pam Tetreault, Sandra Garramone, and presented by Dottie Morris and Kathie Reider. It was an update on current aspect of court rulings pertaining to juveniles; the programs offered to assist youth and their families; and about the new detention center and how it will impact those in the system and our community and included a video of the new detention center developed by Dottie Morris.

October: Understanding the Ballot Measures was our usual election year presentation of the Arizona state ballot measures, and this year also included the City of Prescott measures. It cut through the confusing verbiage and presented the facts, figures and plain speak of the measures and was presented by long time ballot measure presenters Terri Farneti and Sandra Goodwin, joined by Vicky McLane.

November: “Let’s Talk Rights” was a thought provoking and stimulating presentation and included breaking into group discussions on Freedom of Speech, Property Rights and a current hot button The 14th Amendment. Discussion leaders included Lou Burrell, Betsy Barnes, Earl Goodwin and Charles Mentken.

December: Meet and Greet. This festive event was organized by Jo Kelleher and was again successful thanks to the efforts and contributions of many, many League members. There was a great turnout of our community social service organizations and our elected officials.

January: State and Local Program Planning occupied the first half of the program with League member Norman Perry topping off the day with an extremely informative presentation on **Renewable Energy and Water: The Connection Between the Two.**

February: Straight Talk from the Superintendents This program was one of the best attended of the year, attracting many members of the community who were non-members, and dealt with the anticipation surrounding what the Governor and Legislature might or might not do with school funding. We welcomed the opportunity to hear directly from three area school superintendents Duane Noggle, CVSD, Dave Smucker, PUSD and Dr. Paul Stanton, HUSD. They discussed key elements of a school district budget and what they were doing to ensure the highest quality of program, staff and facilities.

March: Mid-Session Legislative Update. In March we were honored to have with us the Senate Majority Whip Steve Pierce and our freshman House representative, Karen Fann. This program again drew a packed house. Their opening remarks were followed by a good 90 minutes of Q & A. Both legislators were open, frank and honest with their responses and they showed a good deal of independent thinking and their expectations for the future while at the same time painting an austere picture of our present state of the economy. It was LWVCYC’S “Congress on the Corner.” And, as expected, our community was respectful and replete with excellent questions.

April: Annual Business Meeting. The business meeting will cover program planning, the budget and election of officers. The program, **The Holocaust: What You Do Matters** will be presented by Sheila Polk, County Attorney and begins immediately following the business meeting. Also, there will be a new member orientation from 8:30 to 9:30 in the Las Fuentes Library adjacent to our usual meeting room. Please call Alice Harris at 778 6977 if you would like to attend this orientation.

May: Homeless, Helpless, Hungry is our final, yet to be held, program of the year and will include information and presentations by some of the non-profit organizations in our community that provide direct services that fall within the scope of our state and local positions addressing the needs of our seniors, women and children who are homeless, helpless or hungry.

*This has been another great year for me and I have enjoyed my League work tremendously.
Thanks for the opportunity to serve on your Board.*

Sandra Goodwin, 1st Vice President

2nd Vice President (Membership)

Overall the membership has remained at forty, with some members leaving us at the beginning of the league year and others joining throughout the year. There are many members who have contributed time to the league, which is much appreciated. Since league is a totally volunteer organization it is most important that it can rely on its membership to volunteer for jobs.

In the area of membership' we have an active membership committee consisting of Betsy Barnes, Sandra Garramone and myself. This committee makes sure that sign-in at the meetings is staffed and runs smoothly, that members receive the necessary information, and that new members are welcomed and receive an orientation. June Ruth is helping the committee by gathering the biographical information from new members for the Voter. My special thanks to Betsy, Sandra and June.

Alice Harris

Treasurer/WebMaster

The biggest item to report about our budget, is that National increased dues again by another 50¢, and State will vote upon a \$1 dollar increase for 2011-12, and another \$2 increase for 2012-13. With our annual dues at \$55 this means that \$29.70 gets paid to National LWV and \$10 to the State LWV, leaving our local league with just \$15.30 per member to fund our league activities this year – and \$13.30 the following year. Another area of note is our Education Fund. We have been blessed with members who annually give to the Ed Fund to help pay for our website, Voter Guides, public programs, candidate forums, anything educational we offer to the citizens of Central Yavapai County. The Ed Fund also helps us pay one-half of our National per member payment each year. So, thank you for your continued support. We welcome our newest members, we are thankful for the experience of our long-time members and we look forward to your ideas for action, fundraising, and programs in the coming years.

Terri Farneti

Director (Communications)

As Director in charge of Communications, I put out our newsletter THE VOTER approximately two weeks before each meeting, and sent out press releases in an attempt to get local newspapers, radio stations, and other media to publicize our public meetings and forums, and cover the events.

I passed on messages and news from local state and national LWVs through emails to our members and other interested citizens.

With the help of Kathie and Howard Reider, I updated information and modernized the looks of our *Directory of Elected Officials*. Terri Farneti arranged with APS to get the *Directory* published, and we all worked together to get copies out to the Quad City area. Terri also put it, and our *VOTERS* and other material on our website, <http://centralyavapai.az.lwvnet.org> With the numerous elections in the Quad Cities, it needs but doesn't get, frequent updates of information. I would welcome volunteers to help me in this venture, as finding adequate time to check emails, websites, etc has been difficult!

I updated our LWVCYC Membership Directory several times, distributing it once in print, and digitally in emails several times.

Nancy Shugrue

Cuts put state's future at risk

Taken from The Arizona Republic, Mar. 18, 2011

The state Senate rushed through a slash-and-burn budget that would severely compromise Arizona's future.

In one hasty day, with virtually no time for public reaction, Republicans unanimously approved unprecedented cuts in education.

Funding for K-12 schools would be reduced by 15 percent. And this is a state that perennially ranks near the bottom in per-pupil spending.

Higher education, universally seen as the key to creating high-paying jobs, would lose more than 30 percent of state support. Now there's a headline that will boost Arizona's global competitiveness.

The Senate budget would push costs onto municipalities and local governments and divert millions of dollars of their revenue. The shifts include forcing counties to jail prisoners or probation violators with sentences of less than a year. Overall, counties would be out \$150 million, when they're already struggling to stay afloat.

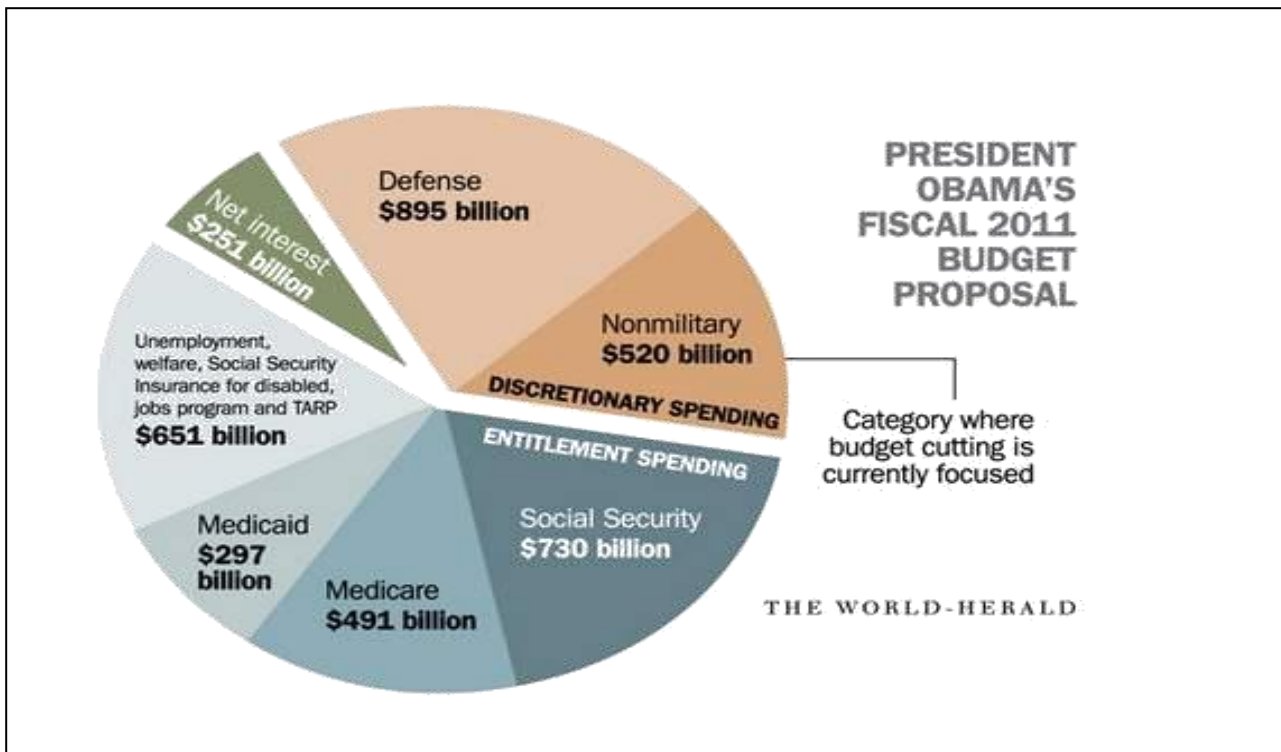
The budget chainsaw would blast through services for the poor, reducing health care and ending the child-care subsidies that let parents work without leaving kids in risky, makeshift arrangements.

Is this the Arizona we want? Is this a state poised for prosperity?

Painful budget cuts are unavoidable. Universities, for instance, are trying to brace for Gov. Jan Brewer's proposed \$170 million reduction. (The Senate's proposal is \$235 million.)

But the financial ledger has two sides. There's still time to consider revenue options as the House and Brewer continue working through the budget.

Last year voters approved a three-year 1-cent hike in the sales tax to protect education funding. It was a clear message that Arizonans don't want the budget to leave a charred trail of destruction.



Information about Local Public School Financing

Taken from the Daily Courier, 3/28/11

Arizona school districts are receiving less money per student than they did in 2008, according to a spending report from the Auditor General's Office. In 2010, districts received \$7,609 per student, a decrease of \$205 from the 2008 amount of \$7,814. This 2008 amount was \$2,453 less than the national average.

This report also shows where districts are spending their money, including classroom dollars and nonclassroom dollars.

Classroom dollars are direct costs, such as teacher and paraprofessional salaries, and supplies.

The nonclassroom dollars are indirect costs that include:

- Administration: general administration such as governing board, superintendent, legal services and audit services; central services such as finance and accounting, human resources and benefits, payroll, public information, purchasing and technology; and school administration which includes principals and staff members.
- Plant operations: custodians, equipment repair, grounds, maintenance and utilities.
- Student support: attendance and social work, guidance counselors, nursing services, psychologists, speech pathologists, and occupational and physical therapists.
- Instructional services: instructional and curriculum development, professional development and staff training, library and academic student assessment.

Prescott Unified School District (PUSD): 5,406 students and nine schools. PUSD received \$6,557 per student in 2010, and spent \$3,770 per student in the classroom (57.5%) and \$2,787 (42.5%) for nonclassroom expenses.

PUSD has an 18.3 pupil-to-teacher ratio, which Financial Director Renee Raskin said is higher than the peer and state averages, both of which are 17.9. PUSD's average teacher salary is \$41,346, lower than the peer average of \$42,418 and the state average of \$47,077.

PUSD's administrative cost per pupil is \$550, and the district has 69 students per administrator, which includes all administrative staff members.

Humboldt Unified School District (HUSD): serves Prescott Valley and Dewey-Humboldt. 5,877 students and nine schools. HUSD received \$6,450 per student in 2010, and spent \$3,810 per student in the classroom (59.1 percent) and \$2,640 (40.9 percent) for nonclassroom expenses.

HUSD has a 17.8 pupil-to-teacher ratio, higher than the peer average of 15.8 and about the same as the state average of 17.9. HUSD's average teacher salary is \$41,624, higher than the peer average of \$41,188 and lower than the state average of \$47,077.

HUSD's administrative cost per pupil is \$555, and the district has 108 students per administrator, which includes all administrative staff members.

Chino Valley Unified School District (CVUSD): 2,452 students and four schools. CVUSD received \$7,063 per student in 2010. It spent \$3,705 per student in the classroom (52.5 percent) and \$3,358 (47.5 percent) for nonclassroom expenses.

CVUSD has a 16.5 pupil-to-teacher ratio, which is higher than the peer average of 15.8 and lower than the state average of 17.9. CVUSD's average teacher salary is \$36,948, lower than the peer average of \$41,188 and the state average of \$47,077.

CVUSD's administrative cost per pupil is \$1,176, and the district has 72 students per administrator, which includes all administrative staff members.

Membership

New Members

NANCY AND MIKE BEST

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Bios to come!

PATRICIA ALWARD - 1716 Alpine Meadows Ln #2001, 776-1880, psalward@cableone.net

I was born in Los Angeles, Calif. and lived in various communities in Southern CA. until after my husband retired and we moved to Prescott 22 years ago.

My freshman year of college I attended the University of Oregon and took an elective class in sculpture. I loved it, but realized I probably could not make a living in the Art field.

I returned home and enrolled at USC with a major in Occupational therapy -- much more practical! I worked in Pediatrics, and with time out for 3 children, finally retired when they all completed college.

I then began taking classes at the Laguna School of Art in wood and stone sculpture -- returning to my first love. After moving to Prescott I attended Yavapai College and took classes in welded steel sculpture.

I feel very fortunate to have had a wonderful home and family, a satisfying career, and finally 20 or so years of enjoying the fantasy of being a working artist. At present I am enjoying what Prescott has to offer -- Olli classes, the symphony, the galleries, the beautiful out of doors. Not to mention, having my daughter now living here. Also my garden, good friends, and now becoming more knowledgeable regarding state and local issues through the LWV.

MARCIA JACOBSON - 836 Hoosier Pass, Prescott, AZ. 86301, Home: 778-4422, Work: 776-2021, mmjacobson3@gmail.com

Marcia Jacobson, who grew up in Tucson and graduated from the University of Arizona, has lived in Prescott since 1982. She worked for Yavapai County for 24 years, 18 years as the Director of Yavapai County Community Health Services.

In 2008, she became the first Yavapai Regional Coordinator for First Things First where she worked to develop funding priorities for early childhood programs. She is currently the Grants Coordinator for Yavapai College.

Marcia is married to Gary Jacobson. They have an 18 year old son, Adam.

RUTH AUCHENBACH – 2140A Mission Way - Prescott, AZ. 86301,

Ruth was born in 1925 in Reading, PA, and had an idyllic childhood. In 1943, after high school graduation, she wanted to join The Women's Army Corps but wasn't 21 years old. She learned that Canada was accepting 18 year olds in their Canadian Women's Army Corps, so went to Montreal, signed up and immediately went to Kitchener, Ontario for basic training. She learned touch typing, and later was stationed in the citadel in Quebec City and trucked with others to Louise Basin by the St. Lawrence River to work in the Ordinance Department outfitting men with clothes and gear they would need going to

Europe to fight World War II. Then she was sent to Ottawa for further training in Night Vision Testing (identifying enemy and friendly aircraft in the battle zone).

Further education occurred when she returned to PA and graduated from Penn State.

Later it was the University of Pittsburgh and its Graduate School of Library and Information Services, the University of Denver, Graduate School of Librarianship, sixth year certificate. Years of various jobs included: Field Director, Reading-Berks Council, Camp Fire Girls, Reading, PA, Secretary of Literature, The Women's Guild, Evangelical and Reformed Church, Cleveland, Ohio, Director, Huntington County Library, Huntington, PA, Coordinator Programming, Montana State Library and Denver Public Library, Denver, CO.

"I've enjoyed travels to Japan to help my sister teach English as a Second Language, a cargo ship trip to Greece via Libya, an English Speaking Union Fellowship in 1976 to England to study libraries, a tour of New Zealand and Australia 1992. Finally, in 1995, a trip to Germany, Austria and England.

It has been a full and exciting life for which I am grateful, but the peace and charm of Prescott suits me just fine."

Celebrate Earth Day on April 22 and 23!

Earth Day is a day that is intended to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's natural environment. Earth Day was founded by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental teach-in and was first held on April 22, 1970. While this first Earth Day was focused on the United States, an organization launched by Denis Hayes, who was the original national coordinator in 1970, took it international in 1990.

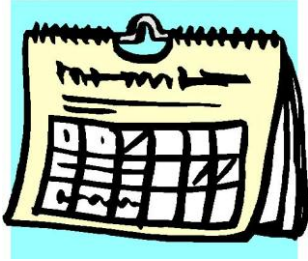
Earth Day is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network, and is celebrated in more than 175 countries every year. April 22 corresponds to spring in the Northern Hemisphere and autumn in the Southern Hemisphere. Numerous communities celebrate an entire week of activities focused on environmental issues by distributing literature, planting trees, having lectures, cleaning out rivers, lakes and streams, and presenting films showing deforestation, Arctic ice melting, depletion of river water, and animals in danger of becoming extinct.

Prescott area celebrations:

April 22: Prescott College will hold an Earth Day Fair starting at 11:00am. They will have booths, organic and fair trade items, entertainment, and information on sustaining the environment.

April 23: Annual Granite Creek Cleanup from 8:00am – noon. Meet at Sparks Activity Center on Gurley Street. Participants will get a free T-Shirt.

April 23: Open Space Alliance will sponsor the Annual Earth Day Celebration at the Courthouse Plaza from 10:00am – 4:00pm. There will be over forty booths showing how you can become environmentally savvy; performers; music and food.



Calendar of Events

Wednesday, March 30

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

With talk by Sheila Polk;

“The Holocaust: What You Do Matters”

9 AM, Las Fuentes

Wednesday, April 27

Board Meeting: 5:30, Step One, PV

SATURDAY, May 14

HOMELESS, HELPLESS, HUNGRY

9 AM, Las Fuentes

To be scheduled

Board retreat



Let's all make a special attempt to increase our membership. Show your friends our newsletter. Invite them to come with you to meetings!

IMPORTANT WEBSITE REFERENCES

LWVUS Website
www.lwv.org

LWVAZ Website
www.lwvaz.org

LWVCYC Website
<http://centralvavapai.az.lwvnet.org/>

We recommend that you check these out monthly, or more often. Lots of good information! Bookmark them to save on typing, or go to lwvaz.org, where there are links to click on. Or Google LWVCYC!

Our website includes current and past VOTERS, Pros and Cons of Ballot Initiatives, Directory of Elected Officials, and other great material.

Reminder – Members are always welcome to attend Board meetings. Regular meeting times will be on the calendar.

To request placement of an item on the Board agenda and/or to receive the Board agenda packet, contact the LWVCYC President a week in advance.

LWV MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION
2010-2011

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Please check type of membership:

_____ \$55/Yr Individual Membership

_____ \$82.50/Yr Household Membership

Plus

\$ _____ Contribution to League (not tax deductible)

\$ _____ Contribution to Education Fund (tax deductible)

Please make donations to LWVAZ Education Fund by *separate check*, to preserve tax deductibility. This supports our Webpage and Voter Service activities. Thank you!

Dues cover membership through June 30, 2011.

Both new and renewal members, please include this form with your check. Thank you!

New: _____ Renewal: _____

Membership in the LWV is open to any person 18 and over who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the LWVUS. These dues for 2010-2011 cover payment for local (\$15.30), state (\$10), and national (\$29.70) memberships.

OR

Be a "Friend" of LWVCYC:

_____ \$50/Yr Individual or _____ \$75/Yr Household

Please mail this form and all checks to:

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