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NEWSLETTER OF THE GREEN DECADE COALITION / NEWTON



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President's letter

Dear Friends,

We open the merry month of May asking you to support the **May 14 annual Plant & Garden sale** to benefit GDC. It is one of our only fundraisers and a fun one at that.

Calling all contributors of plants and volunteers to help pot plants on Friday, May 13, and of course - buyers of the plants on May 14. See the enclosed flyer and help alert your friends to this special event which features free tips from expert gardeners ON SITE during the plant sale!

Note that our **May 23 Speaker Series** will feature the snow-postponed January forum: "Newton's State of the Environment," so please join us at 7pm at the Newton Library for this awesome event with the Mayor, city officials, and representatives from other local environmental groups. Our environmental resource booklet will be given out **free** to attendees.

June 16 is our annual meeting when we honor recipients of the Environmental Leadership Awards and elect our board of directors. This July, I am transitioning to a more expansive position with the City of Newton and resigning

from the GDC Board. I look forward to greeting you at this special meeting and discussing new directions for the Green Decade Coalition. We'll also honor Dan Ruben for his CERC accomplishments and enjoy a festive evening – so please join us on Thursday, June 16.

The Green Decade Coalition encourages people to integrate environmental solutions into their lives, thus finding balance and sustainable solutions. We welcome your comments, but also your involvement! By being involved, by taking a little action, we all can help make a difference!

Thank you, *Beverly Droz*

Newton lights the way

A new lighting technology, if widely adopted, offers the potential to save the City of Newton hundreds of thousands of dollars per year in energy and maintenance costs. A test of the new lights is now underway on City streets. Along Bullough Park, Commonwealth Park West, just northeast of Newton City Hall, you'll notice blue signs on some of the street light poles.

The five signs read "Test Light" and indicate that the pole holds a new kind of streetlight using a technology known generically as "induction lighting." Adjacent poles on the above streets without the blue signs are the City's existing lights, making it easy to do a "drive-by" comparison. The new lights offer two major benefits compared to Newton's current streetlights—they use far less energy and last a lot longer—over 20 years. The new lights provide pleasant, white illumination, and offer about the same level of brightness as existing lights, but draw half as much power. *by Ira Krepchin and Clint Schuckel, City Traffic Engineer for Newton*

The Green Decade Coalition/Newton
Co-sponsored with the Newton Free Library
Environmental Speaker Series
at Newton Free Library
Druker Auditorium

Monday, May 23 at 7:00pm
"Newton's State of Environment"

Mayor Cohen, Newton City Department Heads and representatives from Newton environmental groups will look at what we have accomplished and the opportunities ahead.

Join us at these free public presentations!

Refreshments - Please bring your own mug
For info call 617 965-1995

Sign up for Environmental Science Program!

"Envi Sci" needs year round support. It is a unique summer program that lets students enjoy exploring the wilderness while learning about

Environmental Info on Web

Looking for useful environmental web sites? Here's a list that we excerpted from *The Non-Toxic Times*, The Seventh Generation Newsletter Vol. 6, No. 4 February 2005:

- **Friends of the Earth** in the U.K. covers the problems with consumer chemicals at www.foe.co.uk/campaigns/safer_chemicals/. According to Seventh Generation, the four main pages "do a nicely uncomplicated job of calmly laying out the very basics and suggesting some general safety tips when it comes to cleaners and other toxic products."
- **The World Wildlife Fund's** toxics pages at www.worldwildlife.org/toxics/index.cfm summarize the threat of toxic chemicals and introduce people to the concepts of hormone-disrupting chemicals and persistent organic pollutants.
- **The Natural Resources Defense Council's** Toxic Chemicals and Health pages also provide valuable information at www.nrdc.org/health/default.asp. Divided into sections concerning children's health, health effects, pesticides, and organic farming, this site lets visitors choose their own level of desired detail by giving them the option of accessing either "in-brief" or "in-depth" pages on the subjects in question. Either route will provide visitors with solid clearhead-ed background information on toxic chemicals.
- For those with children, the pages at the **Children's Health and Environmental Coalition** (CHEC) are an excellent introductory resource, according to Seventh Generation. The home page at www.chechnet.org/ offers two choices: a trip to the Healthe-House, an interactive virtual tour of a typical house that highlights common trouble spots; or First Steps, special monthly e-mail services for expectant parents, those with infants, or those with toddlers.

the environment. Students have fun hiking, biking, canoeing, and climbing Mt. Washington, the tallest peak in the Northeast. They also participate in an environmental clean-up project. Up to 30 girls and boys who will be entering grades 7, 8, 9, or 10 participate. Call 617 969-0288 or e-mail: contact@newtonenvisci.org. We need support from individuals or organizations! Visit our web site at: www.newtonenvisci.org. (*This is a program of the Newton Conservation Commission.*)

NewTV reminder

Please tune in to "The Environmental Show" on the NewTV Blue channel. Our show has an extended schedule - 8 instead of 5 shows a week.

Mondays 3 p.m.

Tuesdays 1:30am & 11:30 p.m.

Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.

Thursdays 12noon, 4 and 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays 10:00 a.m.

The topic running from April 23 through May 19 will be Household Hazardous Wastes and what you should do with them. The show is a partnership between The Green Decade and The Newton Conservators, with each organization presenting on alternate months.

Newton TAB reminder

Remember to read the Environment Page in the TAB, which runs on the first Wednesday of each month. Submit articles to Francoise LaMonica at franswas@juno.com. We seek a new GDC member to take over this role. If you are interested, please call Bev Droz at 617-527-1916 or email bevdroz@aol.com by *Francoise LaMonica*

Thanks ! . . next deadline

For the next newsletter, please send submissions or requests by e-mail to Ira Krepchin, irapk@alum.mit.edu by Friday, May 20, 2005.

Thanks for making this newsletter possible to Managing Editor Ira Krepchin, Co-editors Peter Smith/ Louise Bruyn and those who wrote articles. Many thanks to our Newsletter Collator Chairs Marcia Cooper and Frank Propp, and their team for the last issue: Sarah Barnett, Penny Capronegro, Hope Dewalter, Pat Rand, Francine Vidockler, Edie Propp, Marcia Cooper and Frank Propp.

THANKS: Andrea Lempel-Federmann and Benji Federmann, WSI Internet Consulting & Education for reduction in fees and help in redesigning our website.

Dan Ruben's CERC Wins International Award

The Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Conventions (CERC) recently won "The Environmentally Responsible Meetings Award" for its work greening both 2004 National Conventions. This is important not only because of its substantive ramifications of what we can do with conventions and meetings, but also because CERC's executive director is our own Dan Ruben, vice president of the Green Decade Coalition.

The award represents "the highest accolades for environmental responsibility among meeting professionals," and recognizes organizations "earning the distinction as the best in their field." The Green Meeting Industry Council, the International Hotels Environment Initiative, and IMEX - an international exhibition for meetings and travel industry established the award. Commenting on the prize, Ruben said that "One of CERC's goals was to communicate that environmental best practices could be used, not only for conventions, but in commerce and in our daily lives. This award helps us project that message."

IMEX chairman Ray Bloom said "CERC's contribution, in **significantly reducing the environmental impacts of the Republican and Democratic Conventions in 2004**, serve as a shining example of how meeting planners can incorporate such positive policies in their events."

Meanwhile, the following excerpt from CERC's award application illustrates some of the efforts that went into its programs, and the obstacles that had to be overcome: "...CERC does not perfectly fit the profile of an organization applying for the Environmentally Responsible Meetings Award, because we were not insiders. Nobody hired us. We did not control the selection of venues or caterers, convention operations, or purchasing. Instead, we were outsiders who influenced the convention planners (the political parties and the host committees) to adopt environmentally-smart practices. For example, CERC was not a participant in the transportation planning for the conventions... but we did **persuade General Motors to send hybrid buses**, arrange for Congressmen to use a hybrid taxi service, influence a state agency to provide anti-idling

training to convention bus drivers, demonstrate the value of walking in a highly visible convention event, and publicize these practices in dozens of media stories."

The measures that CERC implemented in greening the two conventions are too numerous to reproduce here, but a sampling gives the flavor: use of renewable energy at the Fleet Center and at New York hotels; acquisition of more than enough greenhouse gas certificates to offset the gases generated by the conventions; a **fuel cell installed at the media center; construction materials reuse/recycling, and food waste diversion**. For a complete description of CERC's programs, visit their web site: www.cerc04.org.

Ruben traveled to the IMEX Worldwide Exhibition in Frankfurt, Germany in April to accept the award. The exhibition attracts more than 12,000 meeting and travel industry professionals from over 130 countries. We look forward to congratulating Dan at our June 16 annual meeting.

by Ira Krepchin

Home Energy Tips

Want some handy references on how to make your home more energy efficient? Go no further than the nearest home computer and access the Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) at www.rmi.org (click on Library, then Energy, then Household Energy Efficiency).

The renowned energy efficiency organization, founded by energy visionary Amory Lovins, has recently released a series of publications, available as free downloads, full of tips and advice on how to cut your energy costs.

Topics covered include the building envelope (insulation, air leakage, windows); lighting, space cooling, space heating, water heating, cleaning appliances, electronics (computers, video systems etc); kitchen appliances; and whole system design. And of course, if you want to take action, take advantage of our local resources, contact Green Decade's Kyoto project at info@greendecade, get an energy audit, and follow up.

by Ira Krepchin

Composting yields multiple benefits

Peel some carrots, carve a pumpkin, empty a coffee filter, dispose of salad fixings too long in the fridge—what do all these tasks have in common? They all generate vegetable waste. In my household it all converges into the compost pail. Please don't throw yours in the trash. Let me share the benefits of composting!

- 1) It's easy!** Our sink-side compost pail never leaks and all we need to do is walk to the compost bin in the back yard to dump it. No smelly leaky trash bags. No funky odors!
- 2) We visit nature!** By visiting our compost bin every other day, we get to either see the stars, or check in with the daytime weather & wildlife!
- 3) We exercise!** Dump the stuff in, and grab a handy pitchfork. You can purchase a composting bin through the City at 617-796-1000. But I built two side-by-side wood-framed bins, with uprights of 2x2 cedar (these were expensive but they last 10+ years) and sideboards. Since the bins are low and open, it's easy to pitchfork the pile around. A couple quick jabs and the kitchen scraps are out of sight, buried in some leaves. A thorough churning once a week, and I get a bit of a sweat going in this workout at the compost pile. A deep turning is good for the compost too, since it mixes old with new, injects oxygen, and lets out waste gases.
- 4) Save money!** Instead of having our precious city tax dollars pay to haul away bag loads of fall leaves, we pile ours next to the compost bins. Did you know nearly a fifth of all trash in the Commonwealth is yard waste? Just think of the money we're saving by composting. Instead of fussing with leaf bags, we just rake our leaves toward and heap them next to the bins! The secret is to turn in a few pitchfork-loads of leaves every time you dump in your kitchen waste.

Newton takes ink cartridges/cell phones

Get a free postage mailer to mail in your ink cartridge. Pick one up at the library or at the front desk in the City Hall lobby. Drop phones at Dept. of Public Works, City Hall 1st floor, attention: Barbara Herson. For questions call Barbara at 617-964-7463.

Kitchen waste and leaves, repeated week after week, is the simple recipe for success. Soon fall turns into winter, and the snow comes. Decay is slower in the winter but the bins gradually fill. When you can't fit in more leaves, you keep adding the kitchen vegetable wastes.

5) Compost rewards! In the spring the pile warms, and is primed for a springtime launch and here's why: bacteria thrive on nitrogenous waste, water, and oxygen. Kitchen waste alone is so wet and rich in nutrients, it can become a smelly slimy mess that is very hard to aerate. Leaves and other lower-nutrient yard waste are key, they keep the pile fluffed and allow air to penetrate. Throughout the spring this steaming pile gobbles most of the remaining fall rakings. This is the time of year I most enjoy my weekly compost aerobics, because although I keep adding to it, the pile actually shrinks. Leaves that would take a year to decay if left in a compacted heap just melt away.

Your compost pile can become useful fertilizer even without such frequent turnings, it just takes a bit longer. The method described here is my accelerated plan. By June there's dark crumbly stuff in my bins which soil scientists call "humus", and its the best slow-release garden fertilizer going. Either way, you are going to have rich compost soil with your labors!

Now if I could think of how to spread this stuff on the lawn. Suggestions anyone? *by Eric Olson*

Do you have a Nominee for our
Environmentalist of the Year award?
Submit nominations to:
info@greendecade.org by MAY 20.

Our Mission

The Green Decade Coalition/Newton is conducting a campaign to make a significant improvement in resource use by businesses, institutions, and residences in Newton. We establish goals and seek to achieve measurable results in energy and water use, waste disposal practices, and pollution prevention through research, education, and action. Our goal is to make Newton a model of ecological and environmental integrity in a sustainable world community.

Making a difference: Wangari, female Johnny Appleseed of Kenya!

Each day, we have a chance to make a difference. This is what one person did, and the wondrous effect it created.

What do trees have to do with peace?

Thirty years ago, in the country of Kenya, 90% of the forest had been chopped down. Without trees to hold the topsoil in place, the land became like a desert. When the women and girls would go in search of fire wood in order to prepare the meals, they would have to spend hours and hours looking for what few branches remained.

A woman named Wangari watched all this happening. She decided that there must be a way to take better care of the land and take better care of the women and girls. So she planted a tree. And then she planted another. She wanted to plant thousands of trees, but she realized that it would take a very long time if she was the only one doing it. So she taught the women who were looking for firewood to plant trees, and they were paid a small amount for each sapling they grew.

Soon she organized women all over the country to plant trees, and a movement took hold. It was called the Green Belt Movement, and with each passing year, more and more trees covered the land.

But something else was happening as the women planted those trees. Something else besides those trees was taking root. The women began to have confidence in themselves. They began to see that they could make a difference. They began to see that they were capable of many things, and that they were equal to the men. They began to recognize that they were deserving of being treated with respect and dignity.

Changes like these were threatening to some. The president of the country didn't like any of this. So police were sent to intimidate and beat Wangari for planting trees, and for planting ideas of equality and democracy in people's heads, especially in women's. She was accused of "subversion" and arrested many times. Once, while Wangari was trying to plant trees, she was clubbed by guards hired by developers who wanted the lands cleared. She was hospitalized with head injuries. But she survived, and it only made her realize that she was on the right path.

For almost thirty years, she was threatened physically, and she was often made fun of in the press. But she didn't flinch. She only had to look in the eyes of her three children, and in the eyes

of the thousands of women and girls who were blossoming right along with the trees, and she found the strength to continue.

And that is how it came to be that 30 million trees have been planted in Africa, one tree at a time. The landscapes--both the external one of the land and the internal one of the people--have been transformed.

In 2002, the people of Kenya held a democratic election, and the president who opposed Wangari and her Green Belt Movement is no longer in office. And Wangari is now Kenya's Assistant Minister for the Environment. She is 65 years old, and this year she planted one more tree in celebration and thanksgiving for being given a great honor: **Wangari Maathai has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.** She is the first African woman to receive this award. After she was notified, she gave a speech entitled, "What Do Trees Have To Do With Peace?" She pointed out how most wars are fought over limited natural resources, such as oil, land, coal or diamonds.

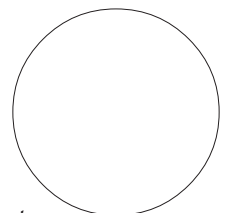
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She called for an end to corporate greed, and for leaders to build more just societies. She added: "Our recent experience in Kenya gives hope to all who have been struggling for a better future. It shows it is possible to bring about positive change, and still do it peacefully. All it takes is courage and perseverance, and a belief that positive change is possible. That is

why the slogan for our campaign was 'It is Possible!' On behalf of all African women, I want to express my profound appreciation for this honour, which will serve to encourage women in Kenya, in Africa, and around the world to raise their voices and not to be deterred. When we plant trees, we plant the seeds of peace and seeds of hope. We also secure the future for our children. I call on those around the world to celebrate by planting a tree wherever you are."

As she received the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, she invited us all to get involved: **"Today we are faced with a challenge that calls for a shift in our thinking, so that humanity stops threatening its life-support system. We are called to assist the Earth to heal her wounds and in the process heal our own."**

Excerpted from an anonymous internet source. The Green Decade extends congratulations to Dr. Maathai and our thanks to the Nobel Committee for acknowledging the connection between peace and the environment.



Winter Moth Troubles

You may have noticed many drab gray moths in the inch-or-so size range clustered around your porch lights last fall and into early winter. Or you may have seen articles about them in the Newton TAB. These were winter moths. This spring may well produce a bumper crop of their small caterpillars. What is the correct environmental response to this problem?

To better understand this question, I checked out a UMASS website on winter moth biology. There is too much information to summarize in brief, so please visit: www.umassgreeninfo.org/fact_sheets/defoliators.html.

I then called a local tree-service company and asked what they would do for homeowners in Newton. First, these tree companies would apply horticultural oil to the tree as soon as possible, because the eggs are about to hatch (I called in mid-March). The oil must soak into the bark from the large limbs, down the trunk to the ground. Or, if one waits until the eggs hatch, they would spray a pesticide called Sevin, also known as carbaryl. They would also spray with Sevin if the larvae were already feeding, even though the tiny larvae eat on the inside of the tree's buds. According to the UMASS website, it is much harder to kill the larvae once they have climbed up and penetrated the buds.

The Green Decade Coalition believes these are poor approaches. Small animals active at the time of spraying the oil, or in the bark as eggs will be harmed by it, including native caterpillars and natural enemies like spiders that eat caterpillars. Sevin is non-specific, it harms more than just winter moths. You might say, "Aren't these all pests"? No, they are not--our native caterpillars turn into our native moths and butterflies, and serve as food for songbirds. Besides, using pesticides inevitably leads to resistance in their target insects. Every pesticide is eventually obsolete. Finally, spraying poison up into trees seems like a questionable notion in a crowded place like Newton. All your neighbors ought to have a say in this, before a truck comes and starts to spray that big maple in your front yard.

In light of this, I recommend doing

NOTHING. Even if you are not won over by this reasoning, consider this: the larvae that end up on your tree may well have come from your neighbors' yard! This is because one of the first things the tiny caterpillars do after climbing a tree is to "balloon away" downwind on a silk line. Some tree company people told me otherwise, but the UMASS website says that ballooning happens first. So what to do?

Here's my step one and two: **1)** If the caterpillars do defoliate a tree on your property, hope for a rainy summer or give the tree supplemental water, because making a second crop of leaves makes a tree very thirsty. **2)** Write to your US Congress and support bills presently in the works making the importation of non-native insects illegal, and making controls on the shipping industry and other importers of living things much stricter.

Invasive species once here cause enormous damage and are very hard to get rid of. Eradication efforts do sometimes work, but we will simply have to live with some of the one's we have, and I think the winter moth is one of these. Yet we should do better keeping the one's we don't have from getting here in the first place. The Union of Concerned Scientists has a program dedicated to this issue, so please visit the UCS website (www.ucsus.org) for more details.

by Eric Olson [Editor's Note: : Eric Olson is a forest insect biologist teaching ecology at Brandeis University. Take action against spraying. See Green CAP pages on our website www.greendecade.org]

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May/June 2005

Bio-Heat Is Here: A Cleaner Option for Newton Oil Heat

A cleaner fuel option is available to Newton heating oil customers through the Mass Energy Consumers Alliance, a nonprofit offering more affordable and environmentally sustainable energy options. **The new offering costs about the same as regular heating oil, but is far better for public health and the environment.** Working with a grant from the US Department of Energy, Mass Energy is marketing "Bio-Heat" a combination of 90% low-sulfur heating oil and 10% refined soy bean oil. The American Society for Testing and Materials certified this blend, ensuring that it can be used in your heating system.

Larry Chretien, Executive Director at Mass Energy, says that "The Bio-Heat program gives Newton residents an opportunity to choose a cleaner energy option produced domestically with resources that are better for heating systems and for the air we breathe. We look forward to serving Bio-Heat customers in Newton."

Bio-Heat is better for your heating system. It is a cleaner burning fuel and reduces service-related costs. Participants in the Bio-Heat program receive a free post-season heating system inspection.

Bio-Heat is also better for the environment. **It produces 75% fewer sulfur emissions that cause acid rain. It produces 25% less carbon dioxide, the leading contributor to global climate change.** And, when used in home heating systems, Bio-Heat produces 25% less nitrogen oxide, which causes smog. Bio-Heat fuel is less toxic than conventional heating oil and biodegrades quickly.

Mass Energy's current price for Bio-Heat is \$1.985 per gallon, which is close to the average price paid for standard (#2) heating oil by Massachusetts consumers in January 2005, according to surveys by the state energy office. The price per gallon for Bio-Heat will fluctuate based on wholesale prices and will sometimes be less than the state average for #2 heating oil. To enroll in Mass Energy's Bio-Heat program, visit www.massenergy.com or call 800-287-3950.

In addition to Bio-Heat, Mass Energy offers discount heating oil and green electricity options. Newton residents interested in renewable electricity should check out Mass Energy's New England Wind offering. Mass Energy is also able to assist Newton property owners interested in solar energy. *by Beth Fuller [Beth is Marketing Coordinator of Mass Energy]*

Book Review: Collapse: How Societies Fail or Succeed

Will population growth eventually outrun food supply? Are we asking too much of the planet? For years environmentalists have been asking these questions.

In his new book, Jared Diamond attempts to answer—why some civilizations collapsed and some didn't. He presents a matrix of 12 key problems that "threaten entire civilizations." Were we to solve 11 problems but not all 12, Diamond believes, we would be still in deep trouble. Such catastrophes include, deforestation; destruction of wild food sources, wetlands, or soil; invasive species, and overpopulation.

Energy shortages, toxic chemical pollution, and the issue of climate change are becoming exacerbated by rapidly rising birth rates, especially in developing countries. People living in those places aspire to attain the same resource-draining life styles we as a country promote.

But the past "can be prologue." The Norse began to disappear from Greenland after 400 years of settlement. Their consumption of beef contributed in part

to this outcome. Even though their cows were in effect destroying them, they wouldn't switch to another source of protein such as blubber.

However, natives on the island of Tikopia in the South Pacific still thrive. In 1600 the residents decided to get rid of "...every pig on the island because the animals raided gardens, competed with humans for wild food, required 10 pounds of vegetables to produce one pound of pork, and had become a luxury for kings." So, "Are we Greenland or Tikopia?" Thanks to our technology we can more easily foresee coming disasters, but will we take action? Will we, for example, buy more hybrids and fewer SUVs--the equivalent of the Norse cows?

We must hold onto hope. While time will tell what our ultimate fate is, we must work together for positive change. Diamond's book is excellent because it warns us that we don't know what imbalances we may be triggering by current policy choices, but that we cannot afford to ignore the future any longer. Hopefully it will be a wake-up call for us to pursue change for the greater good. *by L. Maeve Ward*

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CALENDAR

May 14 (Sat) 9:30 am to 12:30pm **Green Decade plant & garden sale benefit**, 87 Derby St, W. Newton, Call for info 965-1995 (see enclosed flyer).

May 10 (Tues) 7pm **Green Decade Board Meeting**, Call for info & location: 965-1995.

May 23 (Mon) 7pm **"Newton's State of the Environment 2005"** Mayor David Cohen, see front page, Green Decade Environmental Speaker Series, Newton Free Library, call 965-1995 for info.

Jun 16 (Thurs) 7pm **Green Decade Annual Meeting & Environmental Speaker**, Newton Free Library. Call 617 965 -1995.

Send environmental events to *Green News* email to Ira Krepchin by Friday, May 20. irapk@alum.mit.edu. We will list as space permits.

Good news! Review of Ross Gelbspan's new book!

"By adopting scientifically responsible emission limits and markets for trading emission rights within those limits, government can pull private investment away from the problem and direct it to solutions. Even modest, politically achievable emission limits can send powerful economic signals that will redirect private investment toward efficiency and renewables." "... given the

centrality of energy to our modern lives—a meaningful solution to the climate crisis could potentially be the beginning of a much larger transformation of our social and economic dynamics." —"inreview: "Boiling Point: . . . Climate Crisis—What we can do to avoid disaster, by Ross Gelbspan" by KC Golden, page 56, YES, a journal of positive futures, Spring, 2005.



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