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## Change Your Diet and Change the World

BY KRISTINA JACKSON

Program Chair

We vote three times a day. With every meal we can choose to help the environment or to harm it.

Most of the world's problems can't be fixed by individual action: disease, war, and poverty require concentrated efforts by policy makers and governments. But ONLY consumers can affect the way food is grown and transported; this is an area where our actions make a difference. If we buy food that's grown sustainably supply will follow demand and it will become more available. When it becomes obvious that small farmers can make a decent living, more young people will be able to start farming.

Anna Peterson, our speaker/discussion leader, has lived in Gainesville since 1993. She teaches in UF's Department of Religion. She is also affiliate faculty in School of Natural Resources & the Center for Latin American Studies. Anna has long been interested in sustainability issues and founded Sierra Club's National Sustainable Consumption Committee.

At this meeting we are not attempting to cover the topic of sustainable food comprehensively or to prescribe Sierra Club policy, rather we seek to promote more informed choices about how the way we eat affects our planet.

"Sustainability means living in such a way that there are enough resources to live

well, in an alive, thriving environment— indefinitely," says Jon Jeavons, author of *How to Grow More Vegetables*.

A sustainable system is one that can be maintained with minimal use of scarce resources from outside the system; with minimal negative impact on the planet; and with maximum benefit for the producer. We need to substitute sustainable agriculture for the industrial model based on pesticides, herbicides and poorly tested genetically engineered foods.

We, the consumers, through our food choices, can stop the practices that harm our health, our planet, and our quality of life.

Here are some sustainable food consumption tips (there are more on the website: [www.truecostoffood.org](http://www.truecostoffood.org)):

**EAT Local:**

If you care about global warming, don't buy food that has traveled hundreds or thousands of miles by plane and truck to get to you.

If you care about open spaces, buy food that is grown on small local farms, which help keep open spaces from being paved over.

If you care about stopping sprawl, buy from local producers rather than from big chain stores.

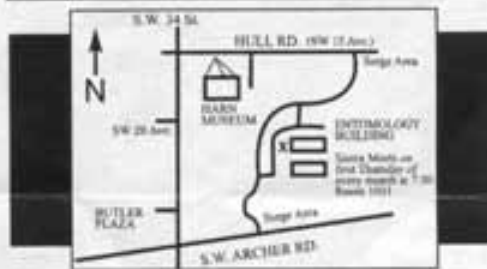
**EAT Organic:**

If you care about biodiversity and endangered species, don't buy food that is

**GENERAL MEETING**  
 Thursday, May 5, 7:30 PM  
 Entomology/Nematology Building on the UF campus  
 (Just east of the Performing Arts Center. Turn south off  
 Hull Road on to Natural Areas Road.)

**THE TRUE COST OF FOOD**

**ANNA PETERSON**  
 FOUNDING CHAIR SIERRA CLUB  
 NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION COMMITTEE



produced with toxic pesticides, which kill all sorts of creatures.

If you care about global warming, don't buy food that is grown with petroleum-based fertilizers.

If you care about clean air, water and soil, look for food that is grown on farms where farmers don't use chemical pesticides that are sprayed from the air and leach into the water and soil.

EAT more vegetables, fruits, nuts, grains, and seeds

If you care about forests, wild places, biodiversity, and endangered species, you should know that a leading cause of deforestation in the Americas and elsewhere is the raising of cattle and their feed.

If you care about clean water and soil, don't buy meat from factory farms where

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# Flexcom Report

## FLORIDA SIERRA CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COVERS A LOT OF TERRITORY

BY LINDA POLLINI

Last week, I drove up to our quarterly Florida Sierra Club meeting near Wakulla Springs. The Flexcom (Florida Executive Committee) has seventeen voting members from different groups around the state. As you can imagine, Sierrans are engaged in an enormous amount of environmental issues at the local, state and national levels.

Pedro Monteiro addressed the Hometown Democracy movement (where all comprehensive plan amendments would go to the voting public). The Florida Supreme Court declared portions of the language inappropriate and will issue a ruling on a rehearing in about six weeks. 600,000 signatures are needed to get this on the ballot and they only have 70,000 so far. If the Supreme Court doesn't approve, then the appropriate changes will be made. Organizers and fundraisers will be needed to reach the goal before the deadline.

Laurie McDonald spoke about a Public Land Advocacy program that is meeting on May 7 & 8, 2005 at the Osceola National Forest from 11 a.m to 5 p.m. This will be an opportunity for all to connect with those who are working on public lands

issues and to have some fun! There will be an update on the POGO Project, the longest wildlife corridor east of the Mississippi. A memorial for Judy Hancock will be held at 5 p.m. at the Landing Group Campground area. Contact Kathy Cantwell for more information (352-395-7441).

Learn to identify panthers and bobcats in Naples on April 30/May 1. They are looking for people from around the state to participate. You can be part of a telephone network that helps citizens make a reliable identification when they report that they have seen one of these animals. Sitings can come from forest areas, highways or even road kills. If you are interested in learning more about this, contact Laurie MacDonald (727-823-3888) or lmacdonald@defenders.org

The Florida Chapter voted to join the Florida Fair Trade Coalition working towards defeating CAFTA (Central American Free Trade Agreement) [Article on page 4]. They are asking for your continuing support to fight for fair trade agreements that support labor rights, environmental and human rights. Their web page is [www.fairtrade.org](http://www.fairtrade.org). CAFTA is nothing more than an extension of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) which has caused massive job outsourcing,

environmental degradation and displaced tens of thousands of U.S. family farmers. According to a recent study, Florida had a net loss of 35,511 jobs as a direct consequence of NAFTA, while the state lost over 1,000 small and medium sized farms. We can expect CAFTA to do more of the same. CAFTA vote will be in Congress in the middle of May. U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will be there and she will want it neatly bundled up.

## CHAIR'S



## CORNER

There will also be an OAS meeting in Ft. Lauderdale on June 3-9 and the Florida Chapter voted to encourage people to participate. Protests are being planned.

The Jacksonville Group has mounted a campaign to protect Northeast Florida's Timucuan Preserve from a cruise ship terminal which would spread industrial land use from Jaxport at Blount Island to within one mile of Talbot Islands State Park and Huguenot Memorial Park, making it the largest and most intensive industrial use east of Blount Island. Contact Linda@bremer.net

Jonathan Ullman from Miami is working on the Miami Skyway project (Tamiami Trail). See an April 26 op-ed piece in the Miami Herald. Go to: [www.buildtheskyway.com](http://www.buildtheskyway.com) This movement is to build the road above the Tamiami

see FLEXCOM, page 7

## Visit the National and Local Sierra Club Websites!

National: <http://www.sierraclub.org> • Local: <http://www.gatorsierra.org>

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## FOLDING PARTY

Interested in hosting a newsletter folding party? Contact Scott Camil at 375-2563

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# Oh, So Many Choices

**BY KAREN GARREN**

Outing Chair

This is the best time of year to do outdoor activities in North Central Florida. Yes, you have a lawn to mow, azaleas to trim, a vegetable garden to tend, but take some time to hike, bike, boat, and camp, visit parks and nature centers, create memories.

Signs of spring include recent arrivals of migratory bird residents, calls of great crested flycatchers, red-eyed, yellow-throated and white-eyed vireos, summer tanagers, as well as year-round residents titmice, cardinals, and Carolina wrens fill the air. Last week the Mississippi kites showed up and the week previous several swallow-tailed kites were seen. Flowers painting roadsides and yards include lyre-leaved sage, spiderwort, blue-eyed grass, phlox, zephyr lily, mullein, and thistle. If you've been out, you may have noticed the grand *Coriopsis* patches along Hwy 441 north and south of High Springs have been reduced by road resurfacing and shoulder diskings. So much for progress!

In addition to the Memorial Day weekend Family Picnic, there are two other weekends in May for outings. Possibilities

include back packing at O'Leno or San Felasco, canoe/camping at Okefenokee Nat. Refuge, canoeing the Ocklawaha, hiking the Florida Trail up at White Springs, "slack-packing" the Cross Florida Greenway, any others? I would like to do reconnaissance of



Withlacoochee/Rainbow for a June outing.

The Outings Committee will meet Saturday, May 14th at 6:30 pm. Topics to be discussed included outings leader training opportunities, scheduling outings for summer, and initiating the authorization process for a SSJ group Inner City Outings program for economically disadvantaged children and for people with disabilities.

Contact Karen Garren at 371-0008 or email [ILuvFla@GRU.net](mailto:ILuvFla@GRU.net) to sign up. All advertised outings are open to the public and provide opportunity for learning about the environment and conservation issues and well as meeting friendly folks.

## SIERRA FAMILY PICNIC

Join us for the Sierra Club Family Picnic at Poe Springs Park, Saturday May 28th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Memorial Day Weekend).

Bring your swimsuit, boat, lawn chairs, friends and family. No dogs or alcohol allowed. This is a potluck picnic; please call Karen Garren to sign up in the categories of main dish, side dish, breads, salads, and deserts. Some drinks will be provided. Please remember to bring your own plates, cups, and utensils.

If 50 or more people attend, we can get the admission rate reduced from \$5/person to \$3.50. Save the date. Call and commit now while you're thinking about it.



Photo of Poe Springs courtesy of the Gainesville/Alachua County Visitors and Convention Center

## CORRECTION

We inaccurately inserted the term "school concurrency" in Scott Camil's April article "SSJ Sierra strongly supports school concurrency".

What was meant, and what Scott had

written, was that our sierra group takes a position supporting School Board of Alachua County (SBAC) using the funding source of impact fees on new development first, before considering an additional local sales tax. Presently, SBAC is considering putting a sales tax on the ballot.

SSJ sierra supports school concurrency for long-range planning. In order for school concurrency to be implemented an agreement is required between county and city commissions along with the SBAC.

Our apologies to the author and to any readers that this may have confused.

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# CAFTA

## MORE EXPLOITATION THAN COOPERATION

### BY MARGRETE STRAND

Senior Representative, Responsible Trade Program

In February, the United States signed an Environmental Cooperation Agreement with five Central American countries and the Dominican Republic. The Bush administration is using this agreement in order to gain support from Congress for the Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA). In response to the Bush administration's actions, the Sierra Club issued the following statement:

While the Sierra Club supports environmental cooperation among countries, the Environmental Cooperation Agreement (ECA) signed by Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and the U.S. does nothing to address the serious lack of strong and enforceable environmental protections in CAFTA.

CAFTA follows the failed path of NAFTA and expands the ability of multinational corporations to challenge environmental and public health measures in secret trade tribunals for cash compensation. Under NAFTA, numerous cases have been filed by corporations attacking environmental protections ranging from the ban of dangerous chemicals to the protection of sacred Native American land. Approximately 42 corporate cases have been filed against government laws and regulations with claims totaling billions of dollars. Millions of dol-

lars have already been paid by governments to companies who have won cases against environmental and public health protections, and millions of dollars have already been spent defending environmental and public health laws that have broad public support.

The laws that are being attacked by NAFTA's corporate lawsuits protect the health and safety of our children and communities, and should not be undermined by global trade rules.

Environmental side agreements have been used as sweeteners to pass controversial trade agreements in the past. Unfortunately, they lack any teeth, and have not been effective in dealing with the disastrous environmental impacts caused by NAFTA-style agreements.

Our leaders must ask themselves - does CAFTA meet the test in providing effective

the extension of NAFTA (the free trade agreement with Canada and Mexico) to the countries of Central America. NAFTA cost Florida more than 28,000 jobs and over 1,000 small and medium-size farms. Investor rights provisions under Chapter 11 in NAFTA, which are also included in CAFTA and the FTA, punish countries for having laws that protect the environment. Trans-national corporations can sue governments in closed-door arbitration tribunals over laws that they deem are unfair and barriers to maximizing profits.

Here are some examples:

Canada mining company Glamis Gold wants \$50 million compensation for a California law that requires mining operators to backfill and restore open-pit mines.

The Mexican government was ordered to pay California based Metalclad Co. \$15.6 million because the company was

denied a construction permit to build a toxic waste site and because the local governor designated the area an ecological preserve.

CAFTA could come down to one or two votes in the House. One House

member the Florida Fair Trade Coalition is targeting with letters is Rep. Jim Davis, a free-trading Democrat who is running for governor next year. Please visit our website [www.flfairtrade.org](http://www.flfairtrade.org) to download letters to Rep. Davis and to find out more information about CAFTA and how you can get involved. You can also call our office in St. Petersburg at 727-896-8224.

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and meaningful protections for the environment? Currently, CAFTA does not meet this test, and no environmental side agreement can change that fact.

### ACT NOW: STOP CAFTA!

The Bush Administration is pushing hard to have CAFTA voted on in Congress by the end of May. CAFTA is essentially

### UPDATE: DEP DAIRY ENFORCEMENT REHEARING REJECTED

In last month's article, "DEP forced to regulate dairies" by Svett Lindskold. This focused on the work conservation groups, led by Clean Water Network and including Save Our Suwannee, were doing to challenge state-wide dairy pollution. The

article mentioned a timeline of legal battles, culminating in DEP requesting a rehearing on a court decision to require it to enforce water quality protections against dairy run-off.

In April, the 1st District Court of

Appeals denied the DEP's request for a rehearing making the decision final. Message from Clean Water Network's Linda Young: "Thanks for everyone's hard work on this case." She then pointed out "Now we just have to get them to enforce the whole thing." We all know that's easier said than done!

# A Dozen Dynamite Ways to Control Growth

**BY JOHN DUNN**

Smart Growth Coalition of North Florida

These tips are generated by the SGC, of which Sierra Club is a member, they are offered to generate discussion and brainstorming on ways to facilitate smart growth in Marion County and foster responsive and responsible government.

1. Stop amending our Comprehensive Growth Management Plan so often. Limit the number of public hearings for land use changes to once every other year, as do many other Florida counties.

2. Revisit the idea of charter government our community explored years ago. Among other things a new Charter Government for Marion County could provide us with these democratic tools:

a) The right for citizens to petition to hold referendums on growth and any other issues.

b) The right to recall a county commissioner when they no longer enjoy the "consent of the governed."

3. Until then, here are things the County Commissioners can do right now.

Hold at least every other commission meeting and all public hearings at night so that working people can attend them.

All commission votes on land use changes for new developments should be during these evening meetings.

Commissioners should use a rotational system to make sure that at least one commissioner is on duty every day to speak with the electorate.

Commissioners should hold a monthly "Town Hall" meeting rotating through each voting district.

4. The County Commission should also implement these guidelines:

Refuse to approve construction developments in "water retention" or "water cautionary" areas of Marion County.

Include school board members in

development decisions.

Adopt a policy that requires a "super majority" or a unanimous vote to approve developments for which staff planners have recommended denial.

Create a referendum to allow citizens to decide whether they want to allow voters in any voting precinct to have the final say in approving new major construction projects in their communities.

Consider revoking "vested" land status for undeveloped properties and include them in the Growth Management Plan. In addition, establish a time limit for a development to get underway once the County Commission has approved a particular project. If the developer fails to begin or complete the development as prescribed revoke their original approval.

Commissioners should implement a new policy that allows some sort of citizen input after a developer submits a "site plan."

5. Require residency requirements of 3 to 5 years for anyone serving on zoning and planning boards. To avoid the appearance of conflict of interest, also require that all board members resign from all construction, real estate, building materials companies.

6. Serving on the County Commission should be a full time job. Commissioners should resign from construction companies, real estate firms, and any other businesses, during their terms of office. They should also recuse themselves from voting on development issues, if they have ties with any of the principals.

7. Any attorney hired by a municipality or the county commission should also dissolve all relations with builders, developers or realtors they have as clients.

8. Municipalities should not use annexation of county properties to enable developers to escape compliance with county

land use requirements. Annexation by municipalities should occur only if a supermajority of the landowners in the area slated for annexation agrees. Where the proposed land for annexation is owned by a single person or entity, all landowners of adjacent properties for a radius of a quarter mile should also vote.

9. County officials should impose graduated impacts fees on developers that build beyond the urban boundary area, requiring these developers, instead of taxpayers, to pay the true costs for infrastructure. In addition, once a building is constructed, the county commission should require an immediate new tax appraisal and exact the higher tax upon completion of the project, rather than the next fiscal year.

10. All developers should be required to submit independently determined analyses of the expected economic and environmental impacts of their projects.

11. Following the examples in the corporate world, the government of Marion County and larger municipalities should enact the following:

a) Hire an independent auditing firm to conduct an annual "environmental and conservation audit" of the impacts caused by the decisions of elected officials, vendors, and government officials to prevent conflict of interest and corruption.

b) Hire an ombudsman who reviews and reports on all ties between developers, along with other auditors, and government officials to minimize conflict of interest and corruption.

12. Return to the spirit of the Parks and Acquisition Fund, passed by Marion County voters more than a decade ago, who intended to use tax money to buy environmentally sensitive lands not to spend it on parking lots. If need be, issue new bonds to create a revenue stream to keep this fund intact.

# Clearing the Air

**BY KENDRA SILER-MARSIGLIO**

2nd Vice President Women for Wise Growth  
Local Needs Committee Chair WellFlorida Council

As you've seen in previous issue of this newsletter, GRU is proposing to build an additional coal plant in the Gainesville area to meet our future energy needs.

Now, a wide spectrum of groups has come together to facilitate real discussion of the issues. Sponsors include the Sierra Club, Women for Wise Growth PAC, Chamber of Commerce, Builder's Association, Association of Realtors, WellFlorida Council, and Sustainable Alachua County.

The public is invited to attend this

forum, scheduled for 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 19. It is being held at the Matheson Center, 513 East University Ave., Gainesville.

Experts in the areas of environmental health (specializing in issues regarding energy supply), energy economics, Florida's energy needs and energy efficiency/demand-side management programs, and community business recruitment (specializing in energy) will be panelists.

Panelists have been instructed to speak to GRU's proposal in their area of expert-

ise, provide some alternative suggestions if they see fit and then field questions from the audience.

We hope this forum will succeed in informing a wide-cross section of activists and "unofficial" community leaders as well as providing our city commission with new and important perspectives.

**GROUNDBREAKING ENERGY FORUM: MAY 19**  
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We are lucky, here in Gainesville, the business, environmental, and health, sectors often work together to find the best solutions for the community. Make sure you attend this needed and informative forum!

For more information e-mail: [kendra@ufl.edu](mailto:kendra@ufl.edu) or call 352-373-9893.

## Join Us at Sierra Summit 2005

**BY SIERRA STAFF**

Sierra Summit 2005 will feature leading keynote speakers, 60-plus educational seminars in seven key tracks, networking opportunities for sharing information and making new friends from around the world, and an exposition hall with over 150 outdoor and green exhibitors ranging from energy and transportation, green building, apparel and home, hiking, camping and lifestyle products and services. The Summit will be capped off by an evening of entertainment.

The purpose of the Summit is to create

a fun, educational, and inspirational three-day event for Sierra Club members and delegates that will create extraordinary good energy for, and within, the Sierra Club to carry out its mission.

The goal of the event is to inspire and enlist members of all ages to return home willing and prepared to explore, protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment in their homes and communities and beyond.

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mize the environmental impact of this meeting through MEETGREEN™ Strategies.

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# Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill

"The film is that rare documentary that has romance, comedy and a surprise ending that makes you feel as if you could fly out of the theater like a cherry-headed conure."

—San Jose Mercury News

An uncommon bond between man and nature is the focus of Judy Irving's wonderful and informative documentary, *The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill*, which earned a 100% positive rating from all major critics. The film follows Mark Bittner, an unemployed aging hippie, who lives off the kindness of strangers in the titular San Francisco neighborhood. His life takes on new meaning when he starts feed-

ing a flock of wild conures, a breed of parrot noted for its green body and cherry-red



SSJ Sierra Club recommends you see *Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill*, at the Hippodrome Cinema, June 3-9.

head. Native to Argentina, the birds soon feel comfortable enough to feed while perched all over Mr. Bittner. Daily routine soon leads to growing crowds of curious passersby, as Bittner becomes something of a local celebrity.

Based on his up-close observations, Bittner gains some keen insight into the behavior of individual birds, giving them names. The resulting portraits of Connor, Mingus, Olive, Pushkin, Picasso, Sophie, and Tupelo prove that these amazing creatures deserve star credit in their own right.

The *Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill* features some incredible close-ups, rare in-depth glimpses into the unique and often amusing habits and activities of one flock of parrots, and also a surprise ending.

## Focus for Our Future

### SSJ PLANNING RETREAT GENERATES PRIORITIES AND NEW COMMITTEE STRUCTURE TO DEAL WITH OUR ISSUES

BY KRISTINA JACKSON

Our SSJ Sierra group has come up with plenty of ways for you, our members, to participate.

Starting with a planning retreat in January at Kathy Cantwell and Julie Thaler's Putnam County lakefront house, we have held a series of discussions on how to better organize our committee structure. About 20 sierrans from around our area attended these meetings.

Facilitated by past Public Relations chair Russ Donda, we have addressed

questions such as: What is our mission? What are our strengths and weaknesses?

Finally, we generated a list of 15 priorities or threats to focus on. We set up a suite of committees, using our existing and new interdisciplinary committees. Now there are nine potential committees for you to participate in. You can find contact information for the committee chairs on page 2.

If any of these committees pique your interest, contact the associated executive committee member and get involved.

## COMMITTEES

**Conservation.** contact Josh Dickinson

**Outings & Exploration.** contact Karen Garren

**Government and Political.** contact Rob Brinkman or David Auth

**Communications.** contact Kristina Jackson or Sherry Steiner

**Membership.** contact Roberta Gastmeyer

**Education.** contact Russ Roy

**Finance.** contact Roberta Gastmeyer

**Fundraising.** needs a chair, are you interested?

**Ad Hoc Legal Issues committee.** contact Linda Pollini

### FLEXCOM, from page 2

Trail to encourage the restoration of the Everglades and allow for water and wildlife movement under the highway.

The Chapter Legal Committee Report shows a total of 30 lawsuits filed on behalf of the Sierra Club. Seven of those are closed, six are national cases, five are revived, seven are approved and five are pending approval.

These are only some of the highlights discussed at Flexcom as space and time restricts me from going over all of it. The next state meeting will be June 11 & 12, 2005.

### DIET, from page 1

animals are raised in confined operations so that their wastes poison the air, soil and water around them.

The True Cost of Food video was produced by the Sierra Club Sustainable Consumption Committee as part of a campaign to encourage people to think about the environmental impacts of their consumption choices.

The video was created by Free Range Graphics, [www.freerangegraphics.com](http://www.freerangegraphics.com), a socially responsible video production

firm (producers of *The Matrix*).

THE TRUE COST OF FOOD campaign is spreading the word about hidden costs in mass-produced food and about alternatives that are kinder to the planet and better for us.

The environmental problems caused by our eating habits can be solved—but only if a great number of consumers make an effort to solve them. Knowledge is power!

*This article borrowed heavily from [www.truecostoffood.org](http://www.truecostoffood.org)*

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## MAY 2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**May 5, Thursday 7:30 p.m.** General meeting: TRUE COST OF FOOD. Details on page 1.

**May 12, Thursday 7 p.m.** Executive committee meeting at Santa Fe Comm. College Downtown Gainesville campus.

**NO NEWSLETTER OR GENERAL MEETING IN JUNE.** July 7, Thursday is next general meeting.

**June 24, Friday 7:30 p.m.** Folding Party for the July newsletter. At Scott Camil and Sherry Steiner's, call 352-375-2563 for directions.

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