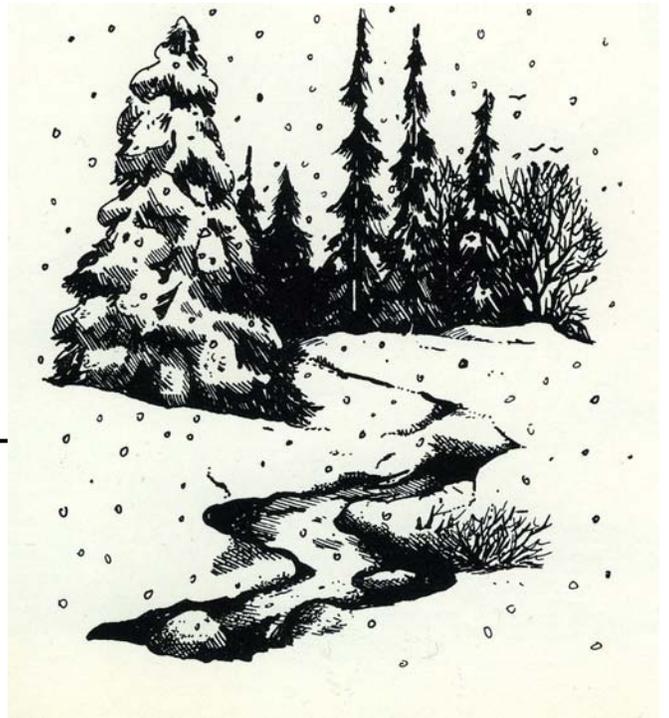


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To all  
**NYSTA**  
Members:

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

From:

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### ***Vice President's Report***

I hope that everyone's season is going well and even with the anticipated lower fur prices... having fun.

I'd like to thank the 2009 NYSTA Convention Committee as well as everyone that volunteered, donated items or attended this year's convention as it was, from a financial & attendance standpoint, the biggest on record. We have plans for a bigger and better convention next year and have secured another dealer building for further expansion.

We have set up a sponsorship package that will allow everyone from the biggest dealer to the everyday trapper to participate, please can an eye out for that information in the near future.

The 2010 Convention Committee will be holding our first planning meeting in January and we're always open to comments and suggestions on how to improve the convention or possibly add something that's missing. Please feel free to contact me and let me hear what you have to say.

The NYSTA will once again be hosting the 2010 NTA NE Regional Convention the weekend of May 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Greenwich, New York after a 1 year hiatus. This will be a great weekend for a convention and being in the Eastern part of the state this year, we should be able to draw some additional trappers from the New England states that might not otherwise attend.

Please keep an eye on the NYSTA website as well as the next **TRAPLINES** Newsletter for additional information. We will be in need of many volunteers so please consider donating a few hours of your time to help out NYSTA.

I'm still looking for educational material that NYSTA can either purchase or produce and distribute to trapper education

classes as well as public gatherings to promote trapping.

If you have any ideas or suggestions my phone and email are listed below and please feel free to contact me with any concerns. I'm looking forward to meeting many trappers this Winter at local fur sales and don't forget the upcoming Spring membership meeting. Get out there and set some traps and don't forget to take a kid trapping....

Wayne Jones  
(315) 768-8115  
lluvny2@roadrunner.com

### ***NYSTA Calendars on Sale Now!***

Daily chances to win and a great way to support NYSTA for only \$20.00.

Any one who wishes to purchase one can contact their Regional Director or contact Tom Zeider at 845-647-4631.

***Please note that there is also a misprint in the 2010 calendar. February 16, 2010 says \$ 525. It should be \$25.***

#### ***Note from the Editor:***

***Do you have Meetings, Fur Auctions, Dinners and other events to announce? Please send the information to:***

***Angie Berchielli  
3861 SR 85  
Westerlo, NY 12193 or***

***AngieBerchielli@MSN.com or***

***Next Newsletter Deadline:  
February 6, 2010***

Please allow at least 6 weeks lead time for your event.  
Thank you.

## ***Important NYSTA Convention News***

The ***kid's pack basket giveaway*** results held at September convention.

Since the last convention held in 2008, I hadn't heard from a single County group about wanting to donate/sponsor a basket this year.

It is such a small sponsorship request of the County groups, with such a huge impact on getting a young trapper started. Sponsorship is crucial to the success of this program, and since I had received no sponsorships, I was seriously planning on not doing the giveaway for the 2009 Convention.

Fortunately, however Mark Charpentier took the initiative to have enough items brought to this year's convention. He was able to put together 12 grubstake baskets.

Thanks to Mark's effort I'm happy to report that we did receive donations to sponsor 11 of those baskets and then give them away to some very happy kids ...our future trappers!

These are the groups that thought it was important enough to sponsor this program to be able to give away a basket and made the \$150.00 commitment.

***Fulton-Montgomery Co. Fur Harvesters Assoc.,  
Mid Hudson Valley Fur Harvesters Assoc.,  
Ulster County Trappers,  
Region 3 Trappers,  
Rockland County Trappers,  
Columbia County Trappers Assoc.,  
Columbia County Nuisance Wildlife Control,  
Foothills Trappers,  
Orange County Trappers,  
And Genesee Valley Trappers felt so strongly about this they sponsored two***

***Also, Westchester Wildlife donate six 8 oz. bottles of coon lure.***

***And the winners were:***

Gabe Appleton,  
Ethan Jantzi,  
Trenton Perry,  
Curtis Quick,  
Logan Nichols,  
Dawn Moshier,  
Madison Baciуска,  
Skyler Fichtner,  
Danielle Fichtner,  
Travis Gray,  
Arthur Decker.

I placed the name of the donor in each basket and I would hope that the parents of the child would take the time to make sure the donor is thanked.

I sincerely want to thank all the donors and especially Mark who made it all possible.

We would like to continue this program, but it does depend on ***your*** support.

We would ask that the different County organizations consider adding this program to their budgeting plans for the new year. It's as simple as making a donation of \$150.00 to sponsor a basket for the 2010 Convention.

***It would be great if we had those commitments by August 1, 2010.***

We thank you, and the kids "Thank you!"  
Dave Morse  
607-849-3090



**Save the Date- UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Fur Sales:**

*January 2, Fulton-Montgomery Co. Fur Harvesters, Foothills Trapper Assoc.  
Fur Sale - see page 10*

*January 10, Tioga County Fur Sale - see page 10*

*February 6, Fulton-Montgomery Co. Fur Harvesters, Foothills Trapper Assoc.  
Fur Sale - See page 10*

*April 10, Fulton-Montgomery Co. Fur Harvesters, Foothills Trapper Assoc.  
Fur Sale - See page 10*

**NYSTA- NEWS**

*April 2010 Annual Members Conference - Date and place to be announced\*\**

*May 21- 23, 2010- Will be hosting the NTA NE Regional Conference-  
Washington Co. Fairgrounds, Greenwich, NY\*\**

*Convention 2010-* Herkimer Fairgrounds, Herkimer, NY\*\* NYSTA is requesting your input, on when the Convention should be held. Please check out the survey at [www.nystrappers.org](http://www.nystrappers.org) or contact Wayne Jones.

**A NEW NYSTA EVENT:**

***October 8-11, 2010 - Youth Trapping Camp***

NYSTA will be hosting 2 youth camps this year. They will be held on the same weekend in October. One will be held in the Western part of the State, the other will be held on the Eastern part of the State. The Western Camp will be at NYSDEC Camp Rushford, Allegheny, New York. The cost for this camp will be around \$40.00.

The contact person for this camp is Pat Arnold, 12374 Arnoldville Rd., Natural Bridge, NY 13665 or at [patriciaarno@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaarno@gmail.com)

The contact person for the youth camp to be held on the Eastern part of the State (possibly Pack Forest) is Bill Schwerd at [wms4cornell.edu](mailto:wms4cornell.edu).

Both camps will be held on the same weekend. Youth aged from 12-15 are welcome to attend. Enrollment is limited to 25 students per camp.\*\*

\*\* Complete information was not available to the editor at time of printing. Please watch for more information in the *TRAP-LINES* Newsletter and at **NYSTA's web site at [www.nystrappers.org](http://www.nystrappers.org)**

## ***A Thank you to NYSTA!***

I've been fortunate to have had a permanent job with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Bureau of Wildlife for almost 37 years. I worked mostly with our game mammals, especially Black Bears and Foxes. I've been eligible to retire for over five years. My permanent service combined with some time as a seasonal or temporary DEC employee, military service, credit for unused sick leave and a financial incentive made me a prime candidate to retire. But I finally decided to retire when mandatory job reductions posed a real threat of co-worker layoffs if not enough people retired.

Unless the retiree refuses or wishes to pass, state retirements are usually celebrated with a going away party. My retirement party included DEC administrators, present and past supervisors, co-workers, consumptive and non-consumptive constituents and friends. Many of these attendees shared humorous stories about me or my career, and several gave me "gifts" or "mementos". I was "awarded" several traps (some even were set) including a nice Newhouse 4 1/2 mounted on a beautiful hardwood plaque and even some interesting footholds that were made in the old U.S.S.R.

Dave Miller, Executive Director of our NYSTA presented me with a beautiful and very appropriate print of a "***Free Spirit***" by Paul Calle. I guess in a way, I have been a "company trapper" for almost 37 years working for DEC. Now, I am a "Free Trapper."

Free trapper, free spirit , free choice.... important messages, that were also addressed by other speakers.

Dave shared a very interesting story about my career. Unfortunately I can't do his story or presentation justice, but basically Dave told the whole group about a time when he was at the Capitol to talk with then Governor Mario Cuomo about a critical piece of bear management legislation. The Governor mentioned a DEC Bear Biologist named ***Luigi Bearchielli***. Dave suggested that I pronounced my name ***Lou Berchielli***. There was silence in the Governor's office. The Governor then asked Dave if he, someone named Miller, was going to tell him, someone named Cuomo how to pronounce an Italian name. Dave quickly responded "No! And now that you mention it I think he does pronounce his name ***Luigi Bearchielli***." Everyone roared with laughter. Perhaps even more importantly, everyone at my retirement party was very impressed by these Sportsmen; Trappers and Houndsmen who can joke with the Governor and get important legislation passed and signed.

I would like to thank Dave and all of the NYSTA members for the fine print, the kind words and for presenting us trappers in such a professional manner.

Lou Berchielli  
3861 SR 85  
Westerlo, NY 12193



## ***Thought For The Day***

### ***Obituary Printed in the London Times***

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers; I Know My Rights, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is To Blame, I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

Source: Al West - The internet

Trapping Update:
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### Maine Trappers Win Major Court Victory

(Columbus, Ohio) – Trappers in Maine won a major victory as the state's Federal District Court upheld the state's trapping practices and blocked the establishment of a precedent that could be used by anti-hunting and anti-trapping groups nationwide.

In 2008, the Animal Welfare Institute and the Wildlife Alliance of Maine filed a lawsuit against the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIFW) seeking a permanent injunction that would have essentially prohibited trapping in the state. The lawsuit claimed that Maine's trapping regulations violated the Endangered Species Act (ESA) because Canada lynx, a threatened species under the ESA, could be incidentally caught in traps causing "irreparable harm" to the population.

Throughout the case, the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation (USSAF), along with the Maine Trappers' Association, Fur Takers of America, National Trappers' Association, and several individual sportsmen, argued that the anti-trapping plaintiffs had to show that Maine's trapping practices were a threat to the Canada lynx population as a whole. The plaintiffs insisted that harm to one individual lynx was sufficient for the Court to prohibit trapping in the state.

On November 10th, Federal District Court Judge John A. Woodcock, Jr. ruled that Maine's trapping practices did not irreparably harm the Canada lynx and denied the injunction sought by the anti-trappers. Further, the Judge agreed with the state and the USSAF that "irreparable harm" is harm to a species as a whole and not simply one individual member. "Although the plaintiffs may appeal the ruling, the Federal Court's decision is a monumental victory for the trappers in Maine and sets an excellent precedent that will make it harder for the antis to misuse the ESA in their attempts to ban hunting and trapping in other states," states USSAF Vice President for Government Affairs Rob Sexton. "We knew the evidence was on our side and are thrilled with outcome," said Skip Trask, executive director of the Maine Trappers Association. "The USSAF's legal assistance was invaluable to the favorable outcome." Chick Andres, President of the Fur Takers of America commented, "Trappers nationwide should be grateful that the court saw through what the anti's were trying to do."

In 2008 the USSAF's legal arm, the U.S. Sportsmen's Legal Defense Fund, was granted permission to intervene in the lawsuit. The case came on the heels of similar case, also in Maine, that was settled in late 2007 when the DIFW agreed to restrict trap sizes in areas where Canada lynx exist.

The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation protects and defends America's wildlife conservation programs and the pursuits – hunting, fishing and trapping – that generate the money to pay for them. The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation is responsible for public education, legal defense and research. Its mission is accomplished through several distinct programs coordinated to provide the most complete defense capability possible. For more information about the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation and its work, call (614) 888-4868 or visit its website, [www.ussafoundation.org](http://www.ussafoundation.org).

## ***Early Trappers and Fur Traders of New York***

By Jerry Leggieri  
Photos by Angie Berchielli

*(Throughout 2009 each edition of TRAP-LINES high lighted an aspect of New York's early fur trade and trapping history.)*

### ***The Final Chapter: The Oneida Community***

The Oneida Community was founded by John Humphrey Noyes in 1848 near what is present-day Oneida, NY. It was one of several "utopian" communities with religious overtones founded in this era that was looking for a better way of life. One thing that set it apart from so many other similar communal experiments at that time was that it was an economic success and lasted almost forty years. The Community soon realized that they couldn't make it financially by relying solely on farming, so started looking for a profitable industry to develop. Fortunately for them, on Christmas day, 1848, Sewell Newhouse, his wife, and small son joined the Community. Newhouse was a trap maker and had experience in hand-forging steel traps. Production slowly took off and by 1852 four men were engaged in making traps, all by hand. Initially the traps were for small animals, primarily muskrats, but later expanded to traps designed to take beaver, otter, bear, and other large mammals.



By 1855 machinery had been designed that allowed for the mass production of traps. An 1855 April 12 entry in *The Circular*, a Community publication, noted "men, women and children trained and employed in the trap shop." The main job children (both boys and girls) had was untangling the trap chains as the traps came off the assembly line as well as metal sorting and polishing, chain making, and packing traps for shipping. From 1857 until 1864 a total of 764,532 traps were made. The main factor affecting the volume of traps made and sold then was similar to what affects trap sales today; the demand for and prices paid for raw furs.

A dozen beaver traps, with chains, sold for \$20.50 in 1864. Today's beaver traps cost, depending on the brand, around \$280/dz. The Oneida

Community made traps not just to sell but used their products to trap animals themselves. Founder Noyes and several other of the Community's leaders went on a Canadian trapping trip in 1865 to learn more about the art of trapping. Oneida Lake was a favorite area for men of the Community to trap, and boys would divide themselves into teams and trap Oneida Creek and other nearby streams for muskrats. Any money they made from sale of their furs, though, went into the Community's coffers rather than to the individual trapper.

The Oneida Community was successful with their trap manufacturing too, because of an aggressive sales program. Oneida traps had a reputation for quality and received orders from hardware stores, fur buyers, and trappers. But the Community also had salesmen out traveling around the country, primarily in the Midwest, actively seeking orders for traps. And the Community would promote their trap business by exhibiting their traps, especially the impressive bear traps at places like the state fair in Syracuse, the 1853 International Exposition in New York, and even the 1867 Universal Exposition held in Paris.

An interesting sidenote about the Oneida Community is that one of its residents for 5 years, Charles Guiteau, was the man who assassinated President Garfield.

### ***A 19<sup>th</sup> Century NY Trapper:***

Usually, the only famous trappers one hears about are the mountain men such as Jedidiah Smith, William Bridger, and Jeremiah Johnson. But New York had its share as well. One of the more famous was Major Nicholas Stoner who trapped New York in the early 1800s.

These trappers would often enter New York's vast forests and would stay in the wilderness for two months or more. They wouldn't carry much with them other than their traps, which would be few in number, having been hand forged by a blacksmith.

These traps would also have had marks put on them by the blacksmiths, each in some way identifying the particular trapper, so individual trappers could easily identify their own traps. When Maj. Stoner died in 1853 among his possessions were included 13 traps listed at a value of \$9.75. They would also carry some fishing tackle with them on these wilderness jaunts.

A hunter's (trapper's) camp circa 1812 would seem pretty Spartan to us today. It would be a little hut, usually without a framed bed or even a chair and table. The "bed" would be a pile of hemlock boughs. Food would consist of a slice or hunk of meat, typically venison or bear, cooked over an open fire, usually scorched on one side and raw on the other. Some salt might be available to sprinkle on it and possibly a piece of stale bread, but on long hunts the trappers usually didn't have any bread with them. This slice of meat would be "plated" on the inner side of a piece of bark and the trapper ate seated on a rock or chunk of wood.

For 40+ years Maj. Stoner hunted/trapped with a variety of partners. One was a St. Regis Indian called Capt. Gill with whom he trapped for two years. One spring they caught 26 beavers and 5 otters, as well as other game and smaller furbearers. In those days, beaver fur evidently was often sold for \$1 per pound. A good beaver skin would weigh about 4 pounds. Otter pelts sold for anywhere from \$5 to \$7. Capt. Gill utilized the Iroquois method of catching beaver by spearing them in their lodges which he was apparently very good at.

Some interesting observations of beaver were noted during Maj. Stoner's tenure as a trapper. One was that the forequarters of beaver tasted like other land animals, but the hind quarters had both the smell and taste of fish. The reason given for this at that time was that when the animal swam its hind legs and tail were submerged, thus picking up the fishy taste. The beaver was evidently seen as a connecting "link" between land and water animals.

It was noted that the meat of muskrat had a "powerful odor" and would only be eaten in extreme instances. One interesting comment was

that along the Mohawk River each spring the muskrats would be forced to higher ground due to the flooding of the river. At those times the banks would be lined with men and boys who would shoot the animals as they tried to escape the rising water.

New York has had a rich history, and much of that is due in part to its trapping tradition. In this year of our quadricentennial celebration it's been fun to look back at our past, reflect on the role trapping played, and continues to play in our lives. And look forward to what part it will play in the future.

### ***Some suggested reading:***

For my research I used a number of sources, but the books listed below I found especially useful and also readable.

***Trappers of New York by Jephtha R. Simms;*** This covers Nicholas Stoner and Nathaniel Foster as well as other hunters/trappers in 19<sup>th</sup> century NY.

***The Island at the Center of the World by Russell Shorto;*** An excellent book on the Dutch colony that became New York.

***The Musket and the Cross by Walter Edmunds;*** Covers the French settlement of North America, the Iroquois, and New York's role in all the interaction between the two.

***The Steel Trap in North America by Richard Gerstell;*** This book covers everything you ever wanted to know about traps from the 1600s to the 1980s. It's still available from Sterling Fur Co. This book you don't really "read", but can be looked through at your leisure.



### ***Fur sale schedule for 2009-2010***

#### ***Tioga County Trappers Annual Fur Sale:***

***Date:*** January 10, 2010 From 9:00am until Noon.

***Place:*** Tioga County Sportsmen's Club on Carmichael Hill Road, Owego, New York

For more information contact: Bob at 687-2196 or Mark at 687-2986

***Correction:*** *There is no registration required.*

#### ***Join the Fulton-Montgomery County Fur Harvesters and the Foothills Trapper Association for our 2010 Fur Sales.***

**SALE DATES:**  
**January 2<sup>nd</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

*As in recent years, the January 2<sup>nd</sup> sale will be held at the 4-H Training Center in Ballston Spa.*

*The location for the FEBRUARY 6<sup>th</sup> AND APRIL 10<sup>th</sup> sales will be the same as in 2009 at:*

*VFW Post #4915  
131 Mohawk Street  
Herkimer, NY*

*Located ½ mile from Exit 30 of the NY State Thruway, directly across from the Burger King on State Rt. 5 in downtown Herkimer. You can't miss it!!*



*As always, fur check-in begins at 6 AM and sale starts at 8 AM.*

*There is a 7% commission charged to each trapper that sells fur with 1% of that commission sent to NYSTA for the Executive Director's salary.*

*Call Mike Vickerson at (518) 835-8014 or Frank Farrar at (518) 885-6623 for information.*



## *MYSTA 2009 Fur Handlers Award Winners*

### *Congratulations:*

#### *Youth:*

*Muskrat* Steven Mcharg (only youth entry)

#### *Adult:*

<i>Muskrat</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jeff French 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dave Clark 3 <sup>rd</sup> Frank Farrer	<i>Raccoon</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jeff French 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dave Clark 3 <sup>rd</sup> Von Strahan
<i>Otter</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jeff French 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jim Greeley	<i>Gray Fox</i>	Jim Greeley
<i>Beaver</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Rick Wattengal 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gary Yavaniski 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jeff French	<i>Red Fox</i>	Jeff French
<i>Coyote</i>	Jeff French	<i>Mink</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Jeff French 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gary Yavaniski 3 <sup>rd</sup> Al West
<i>Skunk</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Von Strahan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jeff French	<i>Fisher</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Al West 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jeff French

***Fur Handler of the Year. Jeff French for his Otter***

*Remember to keep some fur in the freezer for the 2010 Fur Handlers Contest to be held at the Fall Convention*

***13 years old and under*** - Muskrats, Weasels, Mink, Red Squirrels,  
***14 and up*** - Any Species

Contact ***Pat Arnold*** for additional information  
12374 Arnoldville Rd., Natural Bridge, NY 13665 (315) 644-4643 or [patriciaarno@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaarno@gmail.com)

### *Thank you to the Sponsors of the MYSTA 2009 Fur Handlers Awards:*

New York State Trappers Association (NYSTA)  
Conservation Alliance of New York (CANY)  
North American Fur Auction - Ernie Moser (NAFA)  
Fur Harvesters Auction - Toby Edwards (FHA)

***We always welcome additional sponsors for these awards.***



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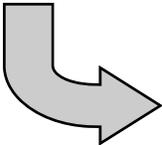
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