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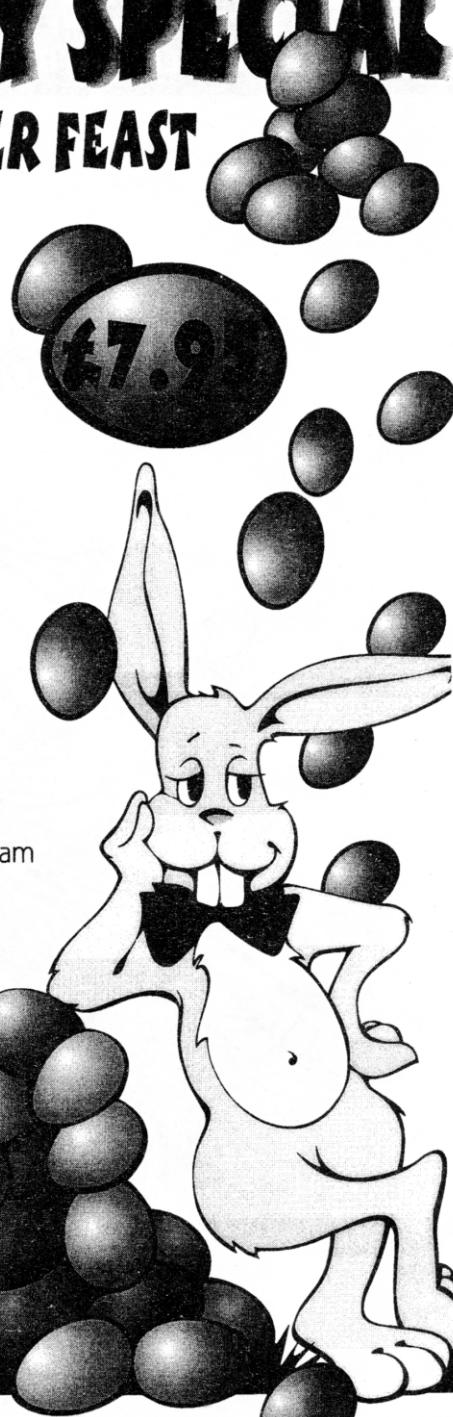
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## ***Editorial***

There will be people all over the village sticking pins in little models of me if I dare mention "snow", but we have had an incredibly painless winter, and I can't help wondering if we're heading for a White Easter.

It is good to see contributions from the young people of the village — it gives us an insight into what really happens!

I was sorry to read that Mrs. King is giving up her job of Tree Warden, particularly for the reasons given. I shall miss her articles about trees, but perhaps she will continue to write them for us when she has time.

## ***Letters to the Editor***

Although more relevant to the last edition of the newsletter, the following was, unfortunately, not received until after the copy date.

Dear Sir,

Glenfarg Community Council Newsletter November 1997 — Site at southern end of village

Mr. McFarlane, chairman of the Community Council, has kindly given me the opportunity to reply to an article published in the November issue of the Newsletter. Before doing so, however, I would like to compliment the Community Council for producing the Glenfarg newsletter; it is a very worthwhile and informative publication.

The article, about the site we own at the southern end of the village, contained numerous statements which were factually incorrect and misleading. I managed to correct most of these when I spoke at the January Community Council meeting, so rather than go over each of these errors in turn, I simply wish to correct one point in particular. It was stated in the article that "The Developer....no longer wishes to converse with us". There was also reference elsewhere in the Community Council section of the newsletter to me not attending either the September or November Community Council meetings. I did in fact turn up for the Community Council meeting in September, however, due to a

misunderstanding between myself and the Community Council Secretary, I went to the Village Hall, not the Church Hall. After waiting at the Village Hall for some time, I left when it became apparent there was no meeting at the Hall.

I discovered the following day, during a telephone conversation with the Secretary, that the meeting had in fact been at the Church Hall. During this conversation I agreed with the Secretary to come along to the November meeting. However at a later date, during another telephone conversation with the Secretary, it was agreed that there was little point in me going to the meeting. The reason for this related to the detailed nature of the questions which the Secretary said I was likely to be asked. We did not and do not have any detailed proposals or plans for the development site at the southern end of Glenfarg, and therefore I would have been unable to answer these detailed questions. It is likely to be many years before this site is developed.

I would like to finish by thanking the Community Council for letting me set the record straight at the January Community Council meeting.

Yours faithfully  
For A&J Stephen Limited  
J.S. Stephen

## ***The April Cover by Maggie Lascelles***

Surely this is a tree that everyone in the village is familiar with. It is the lone larch you see in the field on the far side of the motorway on the way up to Arngask. For years I've been eyeing it as a potential subject, and this drawing is the first stage towards a painting.

I am especially fond of solitary larches. They always develop such character with the effort of surviving all alone in exposed and windy situations.

The great branches swoop and swirl with panache, giving an appearance of movement even when still. A tree like this has great beauty, but thankfully no commercial value. A forest of larches grows elbows in, straight and tall, which is how the timber merchant likes them.

The drawing was done over two afternoons, using an old fashioned dip pen and Indian ink. Messy stuff, but far more exciting to draw with than any

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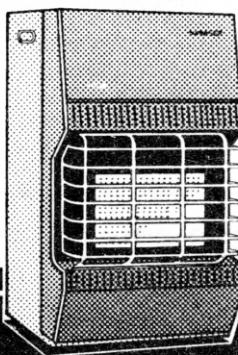
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modern pen. The first day was overcast, and the tree stood out in black silhouette against a plain sky, briefly enlivened by some buzzards. I'd hoped to complete the work in one go, but halfway through, large drops of rain sent me scurrying home. The next day was much brighter with intermittent sun

casting interesting shadows, and transforming the limbs and trunk into the colour of pale olive green. Blue sky and dramatic clouds, jackdaws flapping around, brought it to life as a future picture, but I will need a large square piece of paper to do it justice in watercolour.

## ***Community Council***

The following is an extract from the minutes of the Community Council meeting held in the Church Hall on 2 March 1998, at which 2 members of the public were present.

**TREE WARDEN SCHEME** Mrs. Judy King announced that she wished to step down from the position of Tree Warden. Although she had enjoyed her time in office, she felt that it would be more appropriate for someone living within the village to have the appointment. There had been a number of disappointments, including the failure of people to contact her with regard to tree planting and felling, and the frustration of the planting exercise in the Avenue: of the 40 trees planted only 25 remained, the others having been damaged or pulled up. The chairman paid warm tribute to Mrs King's efforts. Cllr. Mrs Webb will pursue the possibility of a Tree Watch project being set up at the school.

**LAND ADJOINING ARNGASK SCHOOL** The turning area above the school is unadopted by the Council, and is, therefore, neither gritted nor cleared of snow in the winter. As the area belongs to the houses around it, the upgrading of the surface would depend on the rents providing the necessary finance. The front gate of the school is the designated access in bad weather, and this must be made clear to parents and taxis dropping off and collecting children. It was further agreed that there is a need for an additional grit box at the top of Greenbank Crescent.

## ***Glenfarg Public Hall Association***

The committee is delighted with the awarding of the first (we hope of many!!!!) grants of £850 from Rural Forum to cover the architectural fees, which are accruing. As soon as a target figure is available a barometer will be on display in the Village Hall.

The committee has also asked the local council about fencing around the hall and ground.

A grit bin has been installed at the Village Hall for icy conditions.

**WATER AUTHORITY** The Chairman recounted the deplorable failure of communication in connection with NOSWA's proposal to carry out repair work to Church Brae at the same time as the extension works to the reservoir. The repairs would now be postponed for 3 months. There are no plans to upgrade the sewer in Main Street or the sewage treatment works.

**AGM** Four Councillors would be retiring by rotation but were eligible for re-election: Clks. McFarlane, McHardy, Moiser and Ogilvie. Clrs. McFarlane and Ogilvie, however, had indicated that they did not wish to stand for re-election. An additional two places would fall vacant as a result of the early resignation of Clks. Miss Tulloch and Mrs. MacNeill.

**FOOTPATHS AT DUNCRIEVIE** Cllr. Mrs. Law (P&K Council) agreed to take up the matter with the local authority, and suggested that weight would be added to the cause if residents also wrote to the Council concerning the dangers of not having a footpath.

**WASTE GROUND AT VILLAGE HALL** This ground cannot be fenced off as access is required by the water authority. Cllr. Munson thanked the Cubs for their hard work in clearing the land ready for planting. The intention is to fill tyres with soil and plants as mini-gardens.

A big thank you to Gillian Gourlay and her steering committee for organising the Valentine's Disco, which raised £175 for the extension fund.

The Association has now received charitable status. Thank you to all who came along to vote through the new constitution.

The Village Hall floor will be sanded and treated during the Easter holidays, starting on 30 March for approximately five days. A 50% grant was given towards it by Perth & Kinross Council.

## **Scouts**

January's Silver Zodiac Award camp was achieved despite the weather. The road reports we heard said nothing about snow at Drumochter. We were forced to change our plans at Aviemore as the road was undriveable. Two of the party skied, and the rest walked, pulling sledges, from Glen More lodge to Ryvoan Bothy. It's a small bothy and the Scouts weren't the only occupants — there were 11 of us in total and a dog.

The caving at Fordel Firs has to be visited again. From the state of their clothes some of the Scouts seemed to have used them to dry the tunnels. A few more torches on the next visit would be a big help.

Adrian, a District Scouter, took a small party of Scouts to Fordel Firs in February for another Silver

Zodiac camp. Adrian drives a Range Rover and took laser guns with him — the Scouts want him to take them camping again.

The March Silver Zodiac camp was to a different spartan bothy, this time in Glen Feshie. Unfortunately some of the Scouts had to drop out due to the flu, and the rest have developed flu since. Again we were sharing the bothy, which fortunately was much larger. There were 13 people, one German Shepherd and one Rottweiler.

The Scout Group Coffee Morning, with Bingo, will be held in the Village hall on 25 April at 10.30am, and everyone is welcome.

## **Cubs**

The Tayside Road Safety Officer visited the Cubs three times to explain and demonstrate road safety before testing them. Unfortunately the test was the week when the flu bug was at its peak, so the leaders are left to test some unlucky Cubs.

The Cubs entered two teams in the Swimming Gala and made their mark. The leaders joined in too, making 2nd and 3rd in the leaders' race. Congratulations to all team members, especially those in the fancy dress race — swimming with a flower between your teeth isn't easy.

The Sixers and Seconders were invited to join the Scouts at the caving complex at Fordel Firs. It's really a safe place, but crawling through the tunnels with a torch was bad enough — without a torch would be very scary.

I was not expecting a snow storm when I decided to take the Cubs to Perth for the Cub Quiz Night. Thanks to all parents who allowed us to take their sons to Perth in such poor weather. It was worth it, as Glenfarg Cubs came first out of 28 teams.

Thanks to those local businesses who sponsored the new Cub football strips — one for each team. The coach works very hard encouraging the boys to play well.

Next term's events include the Cub Sports and a camp.

**Swimming Gala** On Saturday 20 January ten Cubs went to Perth Leisure Pool for the Cub Swimming Gala. We had one supporter, and that was Greg McLaughlin. Ben Norris got into the fmals on the

front crawl, and then came 2". Alastair Gourlay also got into the finals of the front crawl, but came 3rd last. The relay team did quite well too, they also got into the fmals and came 4th altogether. Pierette Melville won a medal coming rd out of all the leaders (Cubs and Scouts). It was great fun, and we got to play in the pool while the Scouts had their races. We all went home very pleased with ourselves. **Adam Whyte**

**Caving Expedition** On Thursday 12 February some of the Sixers and Seconders from Cubs went on a caving expedition with the Scouts. We went up dark tunnels and had to wear helmets. The first time I went with Richard up a tunnel and we came out one of the man holes. Sometimes I went with Michael, and once I went with Leo, Michael, Richard, Kenneth and Alasdair. I came home very dirty and was put straight under the shower. I enjoyed myself very much and I would like to do it again. **Daryl Scott**

On 6 March the Cubs went to a quiz in Perth. On the way there we were singing dreadful songs. When we were there we had to answer questions on Scouting, general knowledge, geography and nature. At the end Academy got 3rd, Academy got 211d, but the magnificent Adam, Craig and Etienne got 1st for Glenfarg. **Alasdair Morton**

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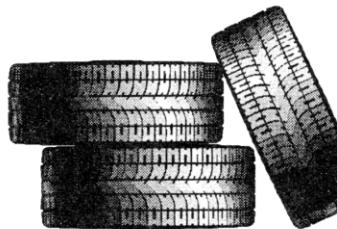
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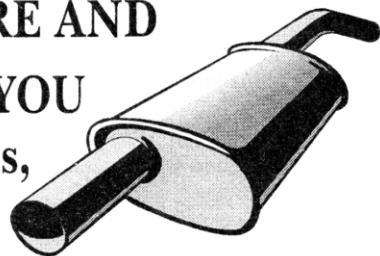
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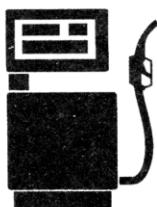
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## *Arngask Guild*

The November visit of the Crammond Canticum, led by Mr. Ian Macpherson was a very entertaining musical evening with a talented group of singers.

Miss Mary Carroll, from the Church's Action for the Homeless, explained how it came into being with donations, faith but mostly hard work by volunteers.

In February Mr. Alan Dover gave a talk, with slides, on how he had, with hard work and

determination, transformed Barley Mill into a lovely home.

The Rev. and Mrs. McGregor came and gave us an insight into the plight of the children from Belarus who have suffered the after effects of the Chernobyl disaster. The people from Bankfoot and surrounding areas opened their homes and hearts to these sick young children.

Members of the village are welcome to come to our open meetings.

## *WRI*

The February meeting was opened by Mrs. Fairweather, who welcomed members and guests before moving on to the business.

The guest speaker was the "The Rural Dynamo", cleverly disguised as Mrs. Elspeth Pentland, whose tales of cycling in Holland, Ireland and Scotland caused much hilarity. On a more serious note she explained a little about her work with the Friends of Maluma, who have helped to build and run the Maluma School in Africa.

Mrs. Kyle gave the vote of thanks.

Competition results -

**Decorated Potato**

1. Mrs. Mair

2. Mrs. Kirkland

3. Mrs. Johnston

**Oven Scones**

1. Mrs Harley

2. Mrs. Oswald

3. Mrs. Kirkland

**Flower of the month**

1. Mrs. Messenger

2. Mrs. Johnston

3. Mrs. Wall

## *Arngask Primary School*

A very successful Valentine's Disco was held at the school, and just under £80 was raised for school funds.

The school is collecting Asda and Tesco vouchers towards a computer. If you have no contact at school we will be happy to collect vouchers from you.

The school is desperate for easels for their art lessons. If anyone has any old ones we would be very pleased to hear from you.

The PTA is attempting to collect cup and saucers for social events. If you have any odd spare cups and saucers please hand them in to the school.

The shield winners were for January :P1 Matthew Munro, P2/3 Eilidh Sutherland, P4/5 Kevin

Henderson and P6/7 Craig Ibbotson; and for February: P1 Robbie Lindsay, P2/3 Craig Doidge, P4/5 Ross Ritchie and P6/7 Christopher Leaburn.

Senior pupils took part in a Police 5-a-side Football Match at Bell's Sports Centre. A varying degree of success was achieved. Goal scorers on the day were Andrew McHardy, Tom Norris, Leo Howes and Alisdair Morton.

On 26 March a non-uniform/fancy dress Fun Day will be held at the school. Teachers and pupils will organise events to raise funds for the school and two charities — Help the Aged and UNICEF. A pupil talent show will be held in the afternoon, to which parents are invited.

## ***Glenfarg Guides need YOU***

Mrs. Jan Macpherson, Assistant Guider, has left the Unit to take up her new position as County Secretary, and we URGENTLY need someone to replace her.

The number of Guides is rising at the moment, but without an Assistant Guider we may not be able to carry on.

If you are interested in helping to keep Guides going in the village please phone Susan Cumming 830362

## ***Kinross Civic Trust***

Wed 22 April	7.30pm	AGM followed by an illustrated talk: From Iceland to Scotland — field studies of the geese that visit Loch Leven.	Allan Lauder, Reserve Manager Loch Leven National Nature Reserve
Sun 24 May	2 — 4 pm	Visit to Kinross House. Courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. J Montgomery. Cheese and wine	Entry by ticket only. £5

Further details from Alison Moncrieff, Secretary. 01577 840592

## ***The internationally famous Glenfarg Village Folk Club***

Meets every Monday in the Glenfarg Hotel, Glenfarg at 8.30pm

APRIL	6	<b>Jez Lowe &amp; The Bad Pennies</b> (Tyneside)	One of our all-time-favourite performers, Jez visited Glenfarg with his band at the 1996 Folk Feast. This is certain to be a great night, so come early to ensure a seat. (note: nonmembers £4)
	13	<b>Robin Laing</b> (Edinburgh)	Always a great night with this singer/songwriter. Robin has been all over the world recently with his "Angels' Share" tribute to Scotch Whisky, so we can expect an evening of even higher spirits than normal!

## ***20<sup>th</sup> Glenfarg Folk Feast***

The Fraser McLellan Ceilidh Band

17 **Friday** Rosemary Woods & Siobhan Skates, The John Wright Band, Brian McNeill

18 **Saturday** Green, Mike Silver, Ivan Dreyer and Duncan Chisholm

19 **Sunday** A challenging evening for those who have spent an entire weekend singing, playing and carousing! Be there, or be somewhere else!!

20 **Survivors' night** Traditional songs and tunes accompanied by great humour, from this fine band. They may be new to Glenfarg, but singer Jim Shearer is well known to us from his "Cruachan" days.

27 **Loose Change** (Glasgow)

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## ***Riding for the Disabled – Glenfarg Group***

RDA has been busy this term on Monday and Wednesday mornings. The weather has been kind, with only one half morning being cancelled so far.

Tests are planned for Grades 1, 2 and 3 on 16 March, when the instructor from Sauchieburn will examine some of our riders, and those from Blairgowrie who ride with us during the winter.

Two of our advanced riders, Katy Matthews and Sandy Thomson, go to the Wirral at the end of March to take part in special Olympic trials, in the hope of selection to go to California in 1999. They will ride borrowed ponies — so our boys are not travelling this time.

### ***New Trees in the Park***

On 14 March members of the Perth & Kinross Tree Warden Scheme planted some special young trees in Wallace Park. Two are Golden Ash *traxinus excelsior* "Jaspedia", the rest belong to the genus *sorbus*, and include *sorbus americana*, *sorbus vilmorinii*, *sorbus golden wonder* and *sorbus aria* "Lutiscens" amongst others. This planting is part of Perth & Kinross Arboretum Project which is the establishment of exotic and unusual trees in various venues throughout the shire, radiating from an arboretum at Craigie in Perth.

**THE ASH TREE** This tree is the largest to grow in Scotland, reaching 70-100ft. The wood is hard and flexible, ideal for tool handles and wooden wheel rims. The wood burns well when mature or even when it is green. It coppices well, producing straight growth. Its other name in Scotland is "ask". The giant ash tree in Norse mythology is called Yggdrasil. This "World Tree" had three roots, one where Nidhogg the Serpent feeds on corpses, one is the realm of the gods where three old women live, sprinkling the tree's roots with pure water from a

Plans for our first Glenfarg RDA organised riding holiday are well underway. Four riders and four helpers travel to Clwyd in N. Wales in May.

Riding ends this term on Wednesday 26 March, and restarts on Monday 20 April. Anyone who would like to help is most welcome to come along any morning Monday to Thursday, or Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Anne Hulse  
Chairman

well of fate, and the third is the land of the giants, beneath which is the well where the severed head of Mimir speaks hard words. Odin, the all powerful Norse God, lost an eye here. It was also on Yggdrasil that Odin was impaled by an arrow offering himself as a sacrifice to learn the mystery of the runes (fortune telling stones). After nine days without food or water, he fell from the tree with the rune stones and died, but came alive again, knowing the secrets of the runes and many other things hidden from man. The saying goes that if the ash leaves appear before the oak leaves we will have a wet summer, and if the oak leaves appear before the ash, we will have a dry summer. "Oak before the Ash, we're in for a splash, Ash before the Oak, we're in for a soak". In recent years the ash has been the very last type of tree to produce its new leaves. As you approach Craigend on your way to Perth, there is an old oak tree in the field on your right, and on the left hand side of the road is an ash tree — a juxtaposition for a handy summer weather forecast.

	<i><b>Kinross Skip</b></i>			
	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>
<b>Monday, Wednesday, Friday</b>	1 pm - 4 pm			
<b>Tuesday, Thursday</b>				
<b>Saturday</b>	9 am - 4 pm			
<b>Sunday</b>	1 pm - 4 pm			
	<b>Mar.</b>	<b>Apr.</b>	<b>Sept.</b>	<b>Oct.</b>
	1 pm - 6 pm			5 pm - 9 pm
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	<b>May - August</b>			

### ***Newsletter Advertising Rates***

Advertising rates for 1998 (January - December)

Annual (6 issues) :	Full page	£120	Half page	£60	Quarter page	£30
1 issue :	Full page	£20	Half page	£10	Quarter page	£5

All fees for annual advertising to be paid by 28 February.

Single advertisements can only be accepted if paid for at the time of booking.

## ***Dates to remember***

<b>APRIL</b>	17-19	Glenfarg Folk Feast			
	25	Scout Group Coffee Morning	Village hall	10:30 am	
	<b>15</b>	<b>ITEMS FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER PLEASE</b>			

## ***Mobile Library***

The Library van visits the village on alternate Wednesdays (4 & 18 February and March, and 1 & 15 April), and stops at:

The School	09.30 - 10.15	Ladeside (P.O.)	10.30 - 11.15
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	Duncrievie Road	11.35 - 11.50	

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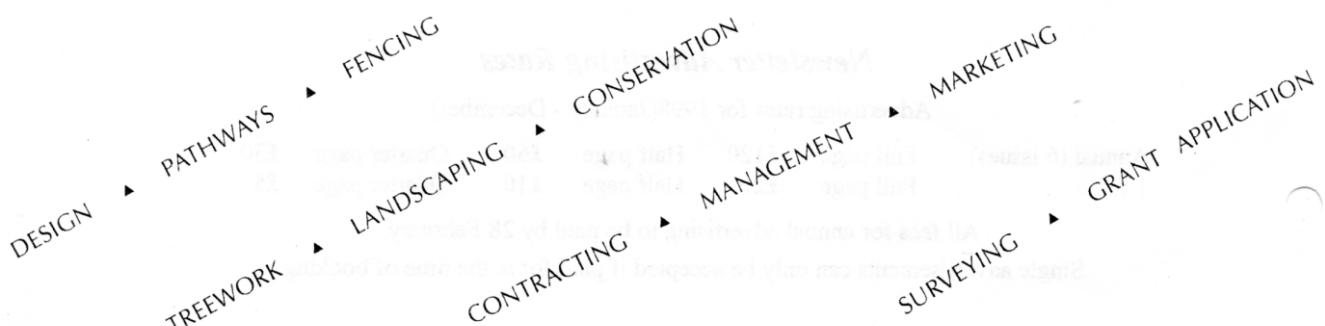
## ***Bus Timetable***

Monday to Saturday

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Auchtermuchty	10.02	12.02	14.02
Gateside	10.11	12.11	14.11
Glenfarg	10.22	12.22	14.22
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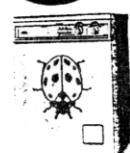
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