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## Grilling on Main 2022

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This weekend saw the return of one of Minden Mainstreet's most anticipated annual events, Grilling on Main 2022. Competitors from all over set up along Main Street for a chance to show what magic they can work on a grill.

Before getting into the winners of the grilling competitions, the event also featured a Cornhole Tournament, the winners of which were John Battaglia and Blake Alford in first place, Brian Smith and Jaxon Smith in second place, and Zach Mathews and Brandon Bullock in third place.

There was also some time for the young prodigies to show off their grilling potential in the Lil' Grillers Competition. First place in the Senior Division went to Holden Cooley.

First place in the Junior Division went to Cruz Bryce, with Layla Cooley coming in Second place.

When it comes to the main grilling competitions, each year Minden Main Street shines a spotlight on our local grillers in the Local Finishers for each of the categories of chicken, ribs, and brisket. The Local Finishers Chicken winners were David Hamlin in first place, JD Cottle in second place, and Chris Plants in third place.

The Local Finishers Ribs winners were Mark

Griffith in first place, Zack Goodman in second place, and Slade Firth in third place.

The Local Finishers Brisket winners were Zack Goodman in first place, David Hamlin in second place, and Donald Allums in third place.

The winners of Grilling on Main for each of the categories are as follows:

For brisket, Donald Keen of Smoke Show BBQ took first place, Mike Steele of Pig and Cows Gone Wild took second place, and Brady Baudin of Sweet Bayou BBQ took third place.

For ribs, Scotty Bryce of East Texas Smokers took first place, Lee Hickel of Redmule's Bad Ass BBQ took second place, and Mark Griffith of Holmont took third place.

For chicken, Bob Zanini of Galaxy BBQ took first place, Brady Baudin of Sweet Bayou BBQ took second place, and Gerry Vallee of Vallee AC Cold Smoke took third place.

Finally, the Overall Winners of Grilling on Main 2022 were, Scotty Bryce of East Texas Smokers in first place, Mike Steele of Pig and Cows Gone Wild in second place, and Donald Keen of Smoke Show BBQ in third place.

There were a variety of competitions for the grillers to enter, so whether it was the heat from the weather, grill, or competition, there were multiple ways for competitors to work up a sweat this year!



REMEMBRANCE

## Former District Judge Kitchens passes

**AMBER MCDOWN**  
Minden Press-Herald

Graydon Kelly Kitchens Jr. — family man, lawyer, and judge — passed away on Sunday, June 12 surrounded by family and loved ones. Mr. Kitchens has been a fixture of Minden since he was born July 19, 1936.

Judge Kitchens graduated from Minden High in 1954 and from Louisiana State University in 1958. He married his wife, Roberta Carroll Kitchens, in 1960 and they had three children: Graydon III, Amy, and Allison.

Kitchens entered into law practice with his father, Graydon Sr., in 1964 when the firm was called Benton & Kitchens. He became the Assistant District Attorney in Webster Parish in 1971. He was elected Minden City Judge in 1976, and became the District Judge for the 26th Judicial District (for Bossier and Webster Parishes) in 1978. He served in that position for 17 years, the last seven years as Chief Judge. Judge Kitchens was named the Louisiana Bar Foundation Jurist of the Year in 1995. After retiring from the bench in 1995, Kitchens returned to practicing law at Kitchens Law Firm with his brother, Paul, and his son, Graydon III.

Graydon Kitchens' service to his community extended beyond the law. He was an active Lions Club member for almost 57 years. "The Minden Lions Club mourns the loss of one of our long-time members, but we also rejoice because he's now healed and with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He was a man of integrity and believed in fighting for what's right — as was evident by the life he led," the Lions Club posted. He was also the President of the Minden Jaycees 1966-1967 and State Treasurer for the Louisiana Jaycees in 1968.

Kitchens was a member of the First Baptist Church for over 74 years, and served his church as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and choir member. He also served on the board of trustees and on the building committee. His favorite Bible verse was Isaiah 30:21: "And your ears shall hear a word behind you saying, 'This is the way, walk in it,' when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left."

"The sweetest, kindest, wisest, funniest, Godliest daddy any girl was ever blessed to have is with Jesus tonight," said daughter Amy Kitchens Butler.

Graydon Kelly Kitchens Jr. was beloved by many and will be missed. Visitation is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, and the funeral services will be on Wednesday, June 15 at 10 a.m., also at First Baptist Church.



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# WEBSTER & MORE

## EDUCATION

### School improvements and expenditures for June

AMBER MCDOWN  
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Members of the school board voted to approve a number of improvements and expenditures during the June school board meeting.

The Shongaloo Building Fund will be used to pay for additional cameras to be installed in two rooms at North Webster Lower Elementary by Homeland Safety Systems for \$2,083.66 and to pay an invoice in the amount of \$2,335.00 to Mechanical Cooling for chiller maintenance and repairs at the same school.

The Doyline Maintenance Fund will be used to pay Mechanical Concepts \$4,182.89 for replacing an inverter board and warranty compressor at Doyline High.

The Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund will be used to purchase some items and services for Lakeside Jr/Sr High. They will be purchasing 32 chairs and 8 tables from Virco for \$2,475.60, and they will be having emergency gas shutoff valves installed in both of their science labs by Fitzgerald Plumbing for \$3,990.00. Mechanical Cooling will receive \$1,220.00 for chiller maintenance and re-

pairs. A change order was approved to pay Precision Construction & Contracting LLC \$45,641.00 to replace unstable soil conditions on the football field so that the synthetic turf football field project can continue.

The Cotton Valley Maintenance Fund will be used to purchase (2) two-ton R407C condensers for classrooms and (1) five-ton R407C condenser for the gym lobby at North Webster Upper Elementary. These will be purchased from Mechanical Cooling Services for \$5,100.00.

The Springhill Maintenance Fund will be used to pay three invoices from Mechanical Cooling Services for services performed at North Webster High: \$2,460.00 for chiller maintenance and repairs, \$4,800.00 to replace a hot water pump, and \$1,615.00 to replace a condenser fan and motor.

The Sarepta Maintenance Fund will be used to pay for some installations and repairs at North Webster Junior High. Homeland Safety Systems will be installing a video management server in the SRO's office for \$5,500.64, and they will also be installing four Halo Vape detectors in the restrooms for

\$9,596.28. This fund will also be used to pay for repairs to the intercom system by Diversi-FIRE Inc. for \$2,330.25 and for emergency sewer repairs to replace a crushed sewer pipe by FitzGerald Contractors for \$4,189.45.

The District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund will be used to make purchases and pay invoices at Minden High and Webster Jr. High. Mechanical Cooling Services will be paid \$5,452.00 for repairs to the Addison Fresh Air Unit and \$2,640.00 for annual chiller maintenance and repairs at Webster Jr. High. At Minden High, Homeland Safety Systems will be paid \$739.24 to install two wall-mount TV monitor brackets in the SRO's office. Johnson Controls' invoices will be paid: \$4,176.27 for replacing the bearing on AHU #8, \$1,024.54 for VAV repairs in the library, and \$2,436.08 for repairs of the BCU in a classroom.

Minden High also received approval to advertise for bids for a new softball complex.

Even though school is out for the summer, the school board continues to work to improve our district. The next board meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2022. The public is welcome to attend.

## COMMUNITY

### New Man, New Church, Old Home

WILL PHILLIPS  
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Pastor Rick Cosby was born and raised in Minden. They left when they were seventeen in order to attend school, but life didn't remain so simple for them. Being raised in the church and ordained as a minister at 17, when off on their own they had a run-in with the law that made them reconsider the decisions they were making in their life. It's been some time since then, but now Cosby is back in Minden and opening a brand new church called Grace Tabernacle.

"I have done things that I'm not proud of, and we all have fallen short and made mistakes. But for me to come back home and start a ministry — the lord spoke to me and told me this," said Cosby.

He quoted a scripture from the Bible, 2nd Corinthians 5:17, which reads "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation. Old things have passed away., Behold all things have become new."

When he was seventeen, his mother sent him off to mortuary school. "They sent me, and I didn't finish. I began to live a rough life because I had an identity crisis," said Cosby.

Living this life brought Cosby short term satisfaction but, ultimately, this way of life was unsustainable for him. What made him recon-



sider the choices he was making was being arrested the day prior to his grandfather's funeral, which left him unable to attend.

"I wanted fast money and a fast life. It wasn't until my grandfather died; I didn't go to the funeral. They arrested me the day before, and I couldn't go," said Cosby.

"I've grown from that now. I'm admitting that I was wrong. Now coming back home a changed man, it's very different now."

Cosby has a long list of people he wanted to express thanks to. "First of all it's the Lord, that's number one. And the second thing is my mother and my grandmother. These are the two people who I know will support me," said Cosby.

He also gave thanks to Minden Mayor Terry Gardner, who he said supported him early on when he first had the idea to come back home and open up a ministry.

"The mayor and I, a couple of years ago, I spoke with him, telling him that I might be coming home to start a ministry. He's always been encouraging to me. He pointed me in the right

direction of what I needed to do. As the mayor he has been very supportive of me. He's been very kind and loving to me," said Cosby.

He also mentioned numerous figures that have helped him to become the man of God that he is today, naming Bishop Rance Allen, Dr. Harry Blake, Dr. EJ Barnes, Dr. E Edward Jones.

"Dr. Charlie Windsor, he was my pastor, he taught me vision, the scripture. He's a great man and a great teacher. The one who licensed and ordained him to preach.

"My musical abilities come from Reverend Victor Carter. He taught me how to play the piano. These men have been influential to me," said Cosby.

Overall, Cosby wants everyone to feel welcome in his new church, inviting any and all to come to the services that they will provide.

"Our church is a generational choice, meaning we reach everybody. No matter what skin color you are, where you come from, what your background is, we welcome everyone into this church," said Cosby.

## LIONS CLUB

### Minden Lions Club supports Scouting and Boys and Girls State programs



COURTESY PHOTO

Minden Lions present a donation to Michael Gullion, Assistant Scout Executive/COO of the Norwela Council – Boy Scouts of America. He served as the club's guest speaker on Thursday, June 9. Pictured (left to right) Lion Dr. Richard Campbell, Lion President Tracy Campbell, Michael Gullion, and Lion Ed LaBruyere.



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Lion President Tracy Campbell (center) presents a donation for this year's Louisiana Boys & Girls State to Lions Dr. Richard Campbell and Ed LaBruyere, who are representing the Boys & Girls State programs.



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OBITUARIES



Cheryl Marie Walker (McBride) Lynn

Cheryl W. Lynn passed away unexpectedly and peacefully in her sleep Tuesday, June 7, 2022 while on vacation with her husband, Bob Lynn, and other friends in Orange Beach, AL. Cheryl was born in Shreveport and her family later moved to Minden. She was a 1969 graduate of Minden High School and was active in Louisiannes, various clubs, and was a Varsity Cheerleader for two years. Cheryl Marie attended La Tech graduating in 1975 and was a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority. Since 1978, Cheryl and her family have lived in the Atlanta, GA area. For the past 25 years she lived in Bethlehem, GA in a National Registry restored farm house, Manning Gin Farm, that she dearly loved. Cheryl was the very first flex-time pharmaceutical rep hired in the USA by J&J. She went on to have a successful career with major manufacturers in that industry until she retired in 2001 to assist in the care of her mother. As one of her Sr Managers once said – “Cheryl is a great sales rep and is always at the top of the rankings...but she’s a terrible employee” because she hated paperwork and being told what to do! That personality trait continued throughout her life. She was a professional high-end clothing and shoe purchaser....and proud of it. Saturdays in the fall revolved around UGA Football and she attended the National Championship game in Indianapolis this year. Cheryl was one of a kind, in a great way, and her many friends and former colleagues loved her unconditionally. She was usually the life of the party and any-

one around her for even a short period of time adored her. Cheryl Marie pulled for the underdog, possessed a strong sense of fairness, was a supporter of Women’s Rights, and a dedicated Democrat. Losing her so suddenly is an overwhelming sadness but she will always be loved and cherished by her family and those that knew her.


Cheryl is survived by her husband of 50 years, Robert K. (Bob) Lynn, daughter Anna Christine Lynn-Paulsen and husband Chris and their children Annabelle, Layla, and Walker of Saluda, NC. She loved her grandkids who called her Mayree

because she absolutely refused to be called Grandma. Additionally, she is survived by her loving son Robert (Jason) Lynn of Dacula, GA. Minden sisters Kathy Dickinson and husband Andrew, daughters Elizabeth and Jennifer and son Drew. Laura Nell Milligan, husband Mike and sons Jeffrey McBride and Lance Milligan. Lisa McBride Gordon, husband Otha and daughter Nikki Merritt. Sister Capri Walker Chambliss, husband Ed and sons Jared and Matthew of Nashville Tn.

Cheryl was preceded in death by her father Wayne P. Walker of Nashville, TN. Mother Barbara McBride and step-father JP McBride of Minden. Brothers Pat McBride of Minden, Michael Boliew of Bossier City, and Chance Walker of Nashville, TN.

A special recognition and thanks to Cheryl’s college buddies that have been her soul mates since freshman year: Pam Bloxom, Becky Walker Ford, and Sharon Parker. She loved you all. Bob greatly appreciates the support from his buddies but especially Donnie Jones, Pepper Green, and Andrew Harvill who refused to let him fall off the rails in Orange Beach and beyond. Thanks to Charlotte Bowen – your guidance means a lot.

A memorial service and celebration of Cheryl’s life will be held at Kilpatrick Rose Neath funeral Home in Minden with the date to be announced later. In lieu of flowers, donations to St Jude’s are welcome.




Mr. Mike Burkhalter

A private graveside service for Mike Burkhalter was held with family and officiating was Andy Maddox under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. Mike was born February 6, 1955, in Panama City, Florida and entered into rest June 12, 2022, in Minden, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph J. “Joe” Burkhalter and Mother Della “Sally” Burkhalter. He is survived by his sisters Debra Spillers (Mike) and Joni Duck (Jim) both of Minden; nieces, Holli Carrigan of Minden and Haley Wright of Arlington, TX; nephews, Scott Spillers of Minden, Trey Duck of Center, Texas, Joshua Spillers of Minden, and Wesley Duck of Minden.

Pallbearers were Scott Spillers, Trey Duck, Joshua Spillers, and Wesley Duck.

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Graydon Kelly Kitchens, Jr.

Graydon Kelly Kitchens, Jr., was born on July 19, 1936, in Minden, Louisiana, and died on Sunday, June 12th, 2022. He was 85 years old.

The son of Graydon Kelly Kitchens, Sr., and Glennie Mae Prothro Kitchens, Graydon was a 1954 graduate of Minden High School, and a 1958 graduate of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, where he achieved a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in French. While at LSU, Graydon was a member of Scabbard & Blade, was a Distinguished Military Graduate, was President of the Baptist Student Union, and was a pitcher for the LSU baseball team, which earned him a varsity letter and membership in the “L” Club. In 1960, Graydon married Roberta Mae Carroll of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Graydon and Roberta loved to share that they met at the LSU Baptist Student Union (BSU), they dated at the BSU, they got married at the BSU, and then they lived at the BSU in the first years of their marriage. They celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 11th, remaining committed to each other for a lifetime.

Upon graduation from LSU, Graydon served in the US Army as a Lieutenant in the Infantry Branch from 1958-1960. He completed his Juris Doctorate at LSU Law School in 1964, where he was inducted into Order of the Coif, served as Associate Editor of the Law Review, was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, and served as President of the Student Body. Following law school, Graydon clerked for Judge John T. Hood, Jr., with the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and then for US District Judge Ben C. Dawkins before admission to the Louisiana Bar Association in 1964. He entered into the practice of law with his father, Graydon K. Kitchens, Sr., at the firm of Kitchens, Benton & Kitchens in Minden in 1964. He became Assistant District Attorney in Webster Parish in 1971, and was elected Minden City Judge in 1976. In 1978, he was elected District Judge for the 26th


Judicial District, Bossier and Webster Parishes, where he served for 17 years, the last seven years as Chief Judge. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana District Judges Association, and a Member of the Louisiana Judiciary Commission, where he also served as Chairman. Graydon was Chairman of the Louisiana Supreme Court Task Force on Cameras in the Courtroom, and he also served on a number of state judicial committees including the Committee on Complex Litigation, the Committee to Review Requests for New Judgeships, the Committee on Campaign Contributions, and the Committee on the Courts/Community Relations. In 1995, Judge Kitchens was named Louisiana Bar Foundation Jurist of the Year.

Graydon was President of the Minden Jaycees from 1966-1967, and State Treasurer of the Louisiana Jaycees in 1968. He was named Outstanding Young Man in Minden in 1971. In the early 1970s, Graydon was an active and involved member of the Minden Chamber of Commerce where he served as President, President of the Minden Industrial Development Corporation, and Vice President and Director of the Minden Lions Club, where he was an active member for 56 years. In 1983, Graydon was named Man of the Year in Minden.

Beyond his professional success and outside of his family, Graydon loved and served his church, First Baptist Church of Minden. He became a member of FBC in 1948 when he was just 11 years old, and served there over his 74 years of membership as Deacon, Sunday School teacher, Choir Member, on the Board of Trustees and on the Building Committee. He served on the Board of Trustees for the Baptist Message from 1981-1987, and on the Board of Trustees for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1982-1992.

Upon retirement from the bench in 1995, Graydon returned to the practice of law in Minden at The Kitchens Law Firm along with his brother, Paul E. Kitchens, and his son, Graydon Kelly Kitchens, III. In addition, he conducted Medical Malpractice panels for the MAPS program for more than a decade. He also served as Assistant District Attorney for Webster Parish under the leadership of DA Schuyler Marvin from 1995 until the present.

Graydon is survived by his wife of 62 years, Roberta, along their three children: Graydon “Gray” Kelly



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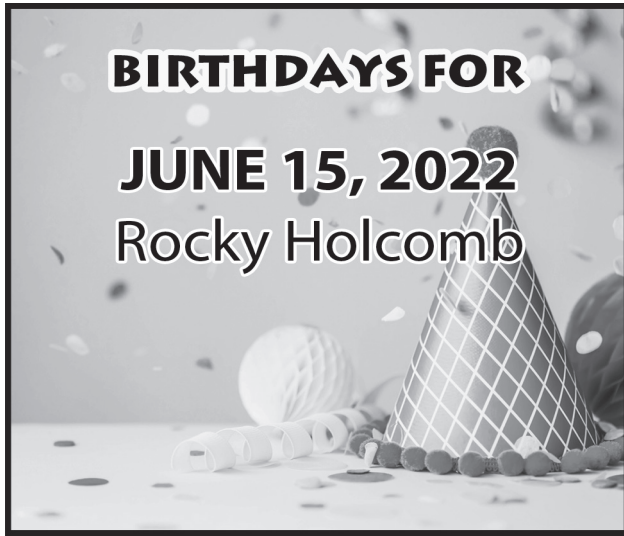
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Kitchens, III (Kim), Amy Kitchens Butler (Bryan), and Allison Kitchens Copple (Eric). He is also survived by six grandchildren, Bennett Gray Kitchens (Samantha), Alexander Jameson Butler (Alexa), Jacob Stuart Butler, Betsy Grace Kitchens, Ford Lawson Copple, and Elery Blaine Copple; along with his brother Paul Edward Kitchens (Cheryl), nieces Laurie Erickson Chiron (Yannick), Kelly Erickson Robb (Dan), and Kristen Kitchens Black (Clint), and nephew Jonathan Paul Kitchens (Amy), along with eight great-nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his beloved sister-in-law Jonnie Carroll Porter and husband Don. He was preceded in death by his parents along with his sister Betty Kitchens Erickson and her husband Quinton Lamar Erickson.

The defining characteristic of Graydon Kitchens was his faith in Jesus Christ. His favorite verse and the one that best defined his life is Isaiah 30:21, “And your ears shall hear a word behind you saying, “This is the way, walk in it; when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.” He was a good and faithful servant, discipling countless people and praying faithfully for his family, friends, and co-workers, as well as for those who entered his courtroom during his decades on the bench. Considered the patriarch of his extended family, Graydon had a great talent for story-telling, a well-known passion for LSU athletics, and an incredible devotion to his beloved wife and family. He will be greatly missed.

Visitation for Judge Kitchens is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14th from 5:00 until 7:00 PM at the main sanctuary at First Baptist Church in Minden. Funeral services are scheduled for Wednesday, June 15th at 10:00 AM at First Baptist Church in Minden.

The family have asked Rick Buckner, Dean Fields, Gary Haynes, Steve Lee, Kevin McCann, Schuyler Marvin to serve as pall bearers, with honorary pall bearer Mike Hollomon.

The family would like to offer special thanks to precious night-time sitters Ina Warren, Lisa Brown, and Becky Waltman, along with Dr. Danielle Thomas, Nurse Tamisha, and Nurse Haley at Minden Medical Center. The Kitchens family is grateful to their church family at First Baptist Minden for their consistent love and care, and especially for the We Care Sunday School Class.



OPINION

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OTHER OPINION

Joe Biden’s progressive energy agenda is soaring prices

MARK BRNOVICH  
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Middle class Americans don’t need an economist or political scientist to tell them there’s something wrong with the economy. They realize it every time they put gas in their tanks or have to pay more for groceries. The financial security of many families is now in jeopardy because the Biden Administration cares more about appeasing radical environmentalists rather than securing America’s energy independence.

It didn’t have to be this way. Under the previous Administration, the United States was essentially energy independent. That all changed, however, on January 20, 2021, with the Biden Administration’s unlawful recession of domestic energy production on multiple fronts; and it has further deteriorated throughout his first year in office and into this worldwide chaos centering on the Russian War in Ukraine.

Unfortunately, the Biden Administration refuses to restart the energy independence it inherited. On its first week in office, it halted all new oil and gas leases on federal lands, which federal courts held was unlawful. Then, after sanctioning importation of Russian oil, liquefied natural gas, and coal



OFFICIAL WHITE HOUSE PHOTO BY CHANDLER WEST  
President Joe Biden speaks to the press aboard Air Force One, Friday, April 22, 2022, en route to Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.

to the United States, a White House delegation traveled to Venezuela to discuss “energy security,” according to former Press Secretary Jen Psaki. But the United States should never be dependent on murderous thugs or despotic regimes for its energy needs.

President Biden remains beholden to left-wing climate activists, which is why he is vigorously opposing a return to successful energy policies. Many of these radicals, who are now influencing or directing energy policies, are actively hampering production from private companies through market manipulation or allocation based on investment firm imposed environmental, social or governance (ESG) factors. That’s why our office

has launched an investigation of this potentially unlawful behavior.

There are many imprudent extreme energy policies of the Biden Administration, and the list continues to grow as this crisis broils into a catastrophe. President Biden revoked a key permit to the Keystone Pipeline, ceased drilling for oil in Alaska, ballooned the “social cost of carbon,” and paused new oil and gas leases. With a legacy like this on such a vital component of a functioning nation, it’s no wonder why Americans are being financially devastated at the gas pumps.

Though energy production is largely a federal matter, many states, like Arizona, have stepped up to use our tools to mitigate this Admin-

istration’s harmful actions and to hold it accountable to the rule of law. Our office has taken numerous actions to challenge the Biden Administration’s sabotage of domestic energy production. We joined a challenge to the Administration’s “Social Cost of Carbon” regulations, which are employed to limit energy production. We similarly filed suit to challenge the Administration’s cancellation of the Keystone Pipeline. We opposed the Biden Administration’s attempt to repeal rules allowing for transportation of liquid natural gas by rail, that expands the access of U.S. citizens to the energy production of our own nation.

Americans deserve a president who is defending their interests and upholding the rule of law. Tragically for Americans, Biden and his bureaucratic henchmen appear poised to double down on their radical energy policies to appease the chorus of fanatical special interest groups. And it is particularly pernicious that this Administration’s lawlessness in the United States may be used to subsidize the lawless and brutal repression of the people of Venezuela.

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OTHER OPINION

It’s not whether you get knocked down, it’s whether you get up

When I get discouraged I love to read the quote by Coach Vince Lombardi who said “it’s not whether you get knocked down, it’s whether you get up.”

The Power of Positive Thinking was first thrown into the thrash can by the author, Norman Vincent Peale, who was told by a publisher that his book wasn’t worth publishing. Being discouraged, he told his wife not to retrieve it.

Determined to be obedient, she carried the manuscript, still in the basket, to another publisher, who immediately published it.

The rest is history. The Power of Positive Thinking has sold a record number of copies but also influenced me when our speech teacher read it aloud to our class in 1965. The author also founded Guidepost Magazine in 1945.

I shall never forget the tears of joy I shed, in late March 1994 when I received a certified letter telling me I had sold a story to Guide-

posts which leads me to other exciting news that I wish to share.

I later received an e-mail telling me I sold a second

story to Guideposts Magazine, twenty-two years later, that was published in January, 2017. It appeared in the Mysterious Ways magazine -- which affirms my belief that persistence is the key!!

Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of the United States said “Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence



SARAH HUDSON-PIERCE

and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan “press on” has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.”

I read sometime ago that Mark Twain, Thomas Edison, Noel Coward and Charles Dickens had at least one thing in common. None of them ever finished grade school.

Such tidbits make me even prouder of the fact that I didn’t graduate from college.

For so long I was ashamed to admit that I performed very badly as a student at Harding University in 1966-67. I was traumatized by fear, because we lost our beds, at the orphanage where I grew up at as child when we graduated from high school.

After publishing my first book, In 1987, I made a trip into Shreveport with some LSUS graduate students. One of the ladies innocently asked me where I graduated from college to which I ashamedly replied that I had

less than one year of college to which she quipped “well I guess if someone is going to write you really can’t stop them.”

Though a little late in life I’ve learned that persistence is the key to success in any endeavor that we undertake. We may never make a lot of money writing but if we know what we want and doggedly pursue that goal, success will one day come.

I gain inspiration from people like Thomas Edison, with less than three months of public education, invented the incandescent light bulb along with over 10,000 other inventions. He also founded General Electric.

This leads me back to the Bible that says “the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong but time and chance happens to them all.”

Dreams are worth so much!

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

End of Road Home’s mistreatment of Louisianans can’t come soon enough

It never made much sense for the state of Louisiana to be suing its own citizens over Road Home grants, more than a decade after the chaotic hurricane recovery program wound down.

But the state was doing so aggressively, filing against 3,500 families who received \$30,000 grants in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita under a program designed to encourage residents to raise their homes as a hedge against future flooding. That meant one-ninth of the grant recipients were facing off against the might of their own state government over a grant program that was poorly administered and poorly understood — often by the people in charge of it.

So it was welcome news last week when the John Bel Edwards administration announced it was pausing the lawsuits.

The dispute goes back to the closing chapters of the three-year Road Home era, when the state was moving aggressively to spend the program’s remaining money. Under the initiative, residents could receive \$30,000 grants to elevate their homes. But it cost much more than that to do the work, perhaps three or four times more. Some homeowners managed to tap into other disaster relief programs and some put their own money into their home elevations. Others, however, discovered over time that their grants were inadequate for the task.

In some cases, the state Office of Community Development and its contractor, ICF Emergency Management Services, distributed grants without verifying that the recipients were eligible, according to testimony of a top state official. Many

homeowners who received the grants said Road Home representatives told them they could use the money for other rebuilding projects.

Eventually, the mishaps of the Road Home program faded from memory except, apparently, at the federal department of Housing and Urban Development, which pressed the state — over the course of two presidential administrations — to recover money from property owners who did not elevate their homes.

About 32,000 homeowners received the grants, and attorneys commissioned by the state charged off into court, seeking to recover \$103 million. So far, the state says it has recovered about 5% of that from 425 families.

Alice Sanders, who lives on Social Security in Baton Rouge, says one of the state-hired lawyers “badgered”

her to agree to \$200-a-month payments by suggesting she could lose her home.

“It’s a sin, what they have done against their own residents,” she said.

The state-hired law firm, Shows, Cali & Walsh, disputes Sanders’ description, and Pat Forbes, executive director of the state Office of Community Development, said he does not believe that attorneys representing the state were threatening to take peoples’ homes.

Edwards’ Commissioner of Administration, Jay Dardenne, said Monday that the state was pausing the legal actions and has agreed to settle a related lawsuit against ICE.

He said that if Washington approves of the agreement, the state would drop the homeowner lawsuits.

“I think we are inching very close to that happen-

ing,” Dardenne said. He said he and Edwards have spoken with HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge about accepting the deal.

Much of the legal action has centered on New Orleans, where most of Katrina’s flooding damage occurred.

U.S. Rep. Troy Carter, a Democrat who represents the city, was also encouraged.

“Conversations are getting more frequent and focused in these past few weeks in the work to end the injustices of the Road Home program,” Carter said. “The state should not continue, and is not required to, keep exacting these punishing actions.”

THE (BATON ROUGE) ADVOCATE.



SPORTS

Parish duo earn All-State honorable mention

N. Webster’s McKenzie awarded

Written for the LHSAA

North Webster High School’s Collin McKenzie was the lone Knights player named to the Louisiana Sports Writers Association Class 4A All-State Baseball Team, A combination of youth and experience can go a long way in most sports – a point the Louisiana Sports Writers Association’s Class 3A All-State baseball and softball teams prove in a big way. Freshman Marshall Louque and veteran coach Ryan Jensen swept the top honors in baseball after leading Lutchter to its first LH-SAA baseball title in nearly a decade. Returning all-state player Kamryn Broussard of Iowa and second-year head coach Justin Kees of champion Buckeye lead the softball squad. Both teams were selected by

a panel of sportswriters from across the state. Louque, part of the Louisiana squad that won the Little League World Series in 2019, was voted the Outstanding Player after compiling a 7-2 record and a 0.27 earned run average as the Bulldogs’ top starting pitcher. He also hit .475 with 19 doubles, four triples, six home runs and a 52 RBIs. Broussard, a junior outfielder, led Iowa to a second consecutive runner-up finish in 3A. She batted .470 with 13 doubles, 15 home runs, 56 RBIs and 53 runs scored. Broussard also had a .966 fielding percentage. Both Lutchter and Buckeye won their first titles LHSAA in nine seasons. Jensen garnered Coach of the Year honors in baseball after leading Lutchter to a 33-9 record. Buckeye’s Kees was voted softball Coach of the Year after his title team finished with a 28-8 record.

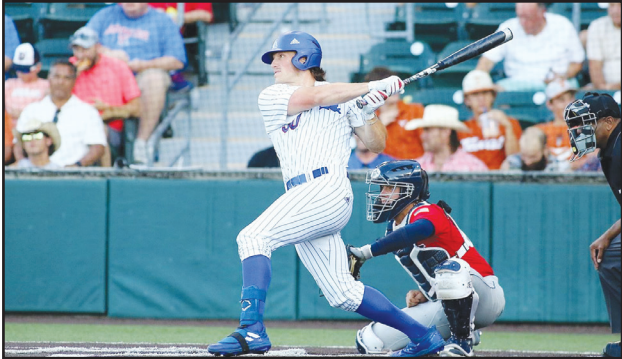


Minden High School sophomore Jakobe Jackson earned honorable mention on the 2022 Louisiana Sports Writers Association’s Class 4A All-State Baseball Team.

LA Tech’s Netterfield presented with post-graduate scholarship

Written for the LHSAA

DALLAS — Louisiana Tech baseball’s Steele Netterville was selected as one of 14 recipients for the Conference USA Jim Castañeda Postgraduate Scholarship. Every season, C-USA grants the \$4,000 scholarship to distinguished graduates selected by the league’s Faculty Athletics Representatives and approved by the Conference USA Board of Directors. Netterville graduated in 2021 with a degree in biology with a 3.90 GPA, currently pursuing a second degree in kinesiology and health sciences and has been accepted into the LSU Health medical school and will enroll in the Fall of 2022. The Shreveport native is a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American, three-time C-



Louisiana Tech’s Steele Netterfield was a .300 career hitter for the Bulldogs, playing in 226 games and ranking second all-time in runs batted in with 211.

USA All-Academic team selection, a C-USA All-Freshman Team honoree and won multiple C-USA Hitter of the Week honors over his five-year career at Tech. Netterville finished his outstanding career as the new record leader in doubles, he sits tied for second all-time at LA Tech with 46 home runs and is a 2021 C-USA West Division Champion and a 2022 C-USA Tournament Champion. The coveted outfielder left his mark as a career .300 hitter, playing in a whopping 226 games and is second all-time in RBI with 211.

Minden OF Jackson honored

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT  
Minden Press-Herald

Minden High School outfielder Jakobe Jackson was the lone Crimson Tide player named to the Louisiana Sports Writers Association Class 4A All-State Baseball Team, Jackson batted .512 on the season with five home runs, five triples and 27 runs batted in. Top honors went to Vanderbilt Catholic pitcher Owen Schexnaydre and North DeSoto third baseman Mia Norwood as both highlighted the Louisiana Sports Writers Association’s Class 4A All-State baseball and softball teams. Schexnaydre, a LSU-Eunice commitment, helped Vandebilt win its first LHSAA state championship since 1971. The senior pitcher had a 11-3 record, allowed 46 hits, 28 runs, 14 earned runs and 24 walks. He finished with 115 strikeouts and 1.176 ERA. As a batter, he had 29 hits, 23 RBIs, 11 runs, .290 batting average. He hit 4-for-4 with three RBIs during a 12-2 win over University Lab in Division II state championship game,

which he was named outstanding player. Norwood helped lead North DeSoto to its second straight Class 4A softball title. The sophomore had a .517 batting average with 21 home runs, 62 RBIs and 59 runs. She hit .727 during the playoffs, and she was District 1-4A MVP. Coaches of the Year winners were Mike Barba of South Terrebonne in baseball and Kayla Shirley of Franklin Parish in softball. Barba led South Terrebonne to its first LHSAA baseball championship in school history, defeating state defending champion North Vermilion 7-6 in the Class 4A final. As a No. 15 seed, South Terrebonne beat No. 2 Neville, No. 7 South Lafourche on the road along with No. 6 Lakeshore and No. 1 North Vermilion at the LHSAA tournament. The Gators played their entire season on the road after their school campus and baseball field in Bourg was damaged due to Hurricane Ida. They finished the season with a 21-15 record. Shirley guided Franklin Parish to a 20-11 record and a trip to the Class 4A state finals, where it lost 11-1 to North DeSoto.

Stick, string, job started it all for Mitchell

GLYNN HARRIS

When he was a kid growing up in rural Lincoln Parish, Sontus Mitchell had his eye on a pond behind his Choudrant home. Fashioning a fishing rig of sorts out of a stick, piece of string and an old fishing jig, he lobbed the lure into the pond and was rewarded by hooking and eventually landing a 5-pound bass. “That was when my interest in bass fishing took off and I’ve loved I ever since,” the 38 year old state trooper with the Louisiana State Police said in explaining how he fell in love with fishing for bass. Mitchell is a regular participant in area bass fishing tournaments where he is rapidly making a name for himself as an angler whose name regularly appears near or at the top of the leaderboard on tournaments. In the recent Majestic Big Bass Classic held on Lake D’Arbonne, Mitchell’s wife, Destiny, had to have been all smiles as Sontus emerged as a big winner taking home a fist-full of cash in the tournament. Mitchell was declared the overall winner of the best stringer with a total of 24.03 pounds. In addition, Mitchell won a couple of the two-hour events, had the third largest bass caught in the tournament at 8.82 pounds and had another two-hour third place finish for total winnings of over \$3,500. We chatted with Mitchell after his impressive weekend of fishing to pick his brain a bit on how he managed to locate, hook and land big bass with the three largest averaging over six pounds each. “The number one thing for me is to first be able to locate where the fish are hanging out and then offering them what they want to



Sontus Mitchell, local big bass expert, shares his secrets on catching big bass.

get them to bite,” he said. Instead of first targeting big bass, Mitchell looks for what the bass are looking for, and that involves finding bait fish. “I look for the big schools of shad the bass are feeding on and when the water temperatures start to warm up, the bait fish will likely be near deep water. I located a big school in 12-13 foot water and they were suspended 8-10 feet deep,” he added. Once the bait fish are pinpointed, Mitchell knows that this is where bass will likely be hanging out. “Bass will be suspended beneath the school of bait fish and I’ll usually start

with offering them a big plastic worm, a Carolina-rig or a crank bait. I checked the first couple I caught and found threadfin shad in their throats so I knew they were actively feeding. My Sixth Sense crank bait with a chartreuse belly and blue back looked like the shad they were eating so I stayed with it to catch my fish,” Mitchell said. In order not to put too much pressure on the school of bass, Mitchell has a plan that seems to work for him. “I’ll catch a fish or two, then leave to fish other areas before returning to where I know they’re feeding. This way, I’m not put-

ting too much pressure on the fish,” he said. Does he have future plans to turn his ability to catch big bass into a profession by fishing the pro circuits? “I’ve thought about it but my job and my family are priority and I’ll just enjoy fishing local tournaments,” he added. From what started with a stick and string to develop into one of the most successful bass anglers in the area, Sontus Mitchell is enjoying the heck out of the way he’s doing it. — Contact Glynn Harris at glynnharris37@gmail.com.

Fishing Report

**BLACK BAYOU** – Bream and crappie are doing best fishing around the trees and bushes. No report on bass. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for the latest information. **OUACHITA RIVER** – The river is falling and fishing is improving. Cat-fishing has been good in the river with traps taking a good many fish. Crappie fishing is best in the river lakes. Bass are in the cuts and run-outs with spinners working best. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707. **LAKE D’ARBONNE** – TBass fishing has been best up Corney Creek with topwaters, baby Brush Hogs and spinners picking up fish around the grass and lily pads. Crappie are still hanging around on the flats with some caught fishing 8-feet deep in 12-foot water on shiners or jigs. Bream are on the beds and fishing worms or crickets is working good. Catfish are still biting cold worms fished off the banks. For the latest reports, call Anderson’s Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707. **LAKE CLAIBORNE** – Bream are on the beds and fishing is good on crickets and worms fished in the shallows. Crappie fishing has been best fishing around the lighted piers at night using shiners with some really nice sized fish being caught around deep brush on shiners or jigs. Bass have been best fishing the back end of creeks such

as Bear, Horse and Isaac. Catfishing has been good on trotlines and set hooks using small bream for bait. For the latest information, call Misty at Kel’s Cove at 331-2730 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498. **CANEY LAKE** – Bass fishing continues to be fair to good with night fishing picking up some good fish. Coty West hit the jackpot with two lunkers caught on soft plastics that tipped the scales at 11.12 and 8.9 pounds. Crappie are moving out to the deeper tops with those in 17-foot water working best on jigs and shiners. Bream fishing is good around the lake on crickets or worms. No report on catfish. For information contact Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707. **LAKE POVERTY POINT** – The crappie bite has slowed but plenty of eating-sized catfish are being caught. Bream are fair to good and bass are fair. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101. **LAKE ST. JOHN** – Bass have been fair to good while catfish are fair and bream and crappie have slowed. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821. **LAKE YUCATAN** – The water is falling to the point that boats can now be launched. No fishing reports just yet. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259. — Glynn Harris



# FUN & GAMES

## CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Begged

5 Rx overseer

8 Exile isle

12 Days gone by

13 Bit of physics

14 Profound

15 Historic Parks

16 Interlaces

18 Tourney hopeful

20 Make amends

21 Prefix for “night” or “morning”

22 Brazilian city

23 “Bolero” composer

26 Beseech

30 Literary collection

31 Overhead trains

32 Bro or sis

33 Tempted

36 Ghana’s capital

38 Sturdy tree

39 Roswell sighting

40 Praises

43 City in Uganda

47 Deserving

49 Aussie hoppers

50 — impasse

51 Pub pint

52 Point

53 Sneaky laughs

54 Neighbor of Leb.

55 Online crafts site

DOWN

1 Burning heap

2 Lake bird

3 Formerly, once

4 “Heavens!”

5 Enthusiast

6 Word of warning

7 Busy insect

8 Newspaper chief

9 Comic Jay

10 Existed

11 Church area

17 Sit tight

19 Be sick

22 Hosp. workers

23 Singer Carly — Jepsen

24 New England cape

25 Cistern

26 Days of yore

27 Computer key

28 Melody

29 TV schedule abbr.

31 “A spider!”

34 Topical antiseptic

35 Group of actors

36 Sternward

37 Strong-arm

39 Hypnotized

40 Sister of Rachel

41 Pot starter

42 Nevada neighbor

43 Slithery

44 Boxing match

45 Employer

46 Catch sight of

48 Scale notes

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MIKE PETERS

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## SUDOKU

### SUDOKU

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9	3	5	6	2	4	7	8	1
2	8	7	9	5	1	3	6	4
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ANSWER:

## CRYPTOQUIP

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Ln No.	Rate Class	Total ELL FRP Rate Adj.
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4	ELL- Large Industrial Power Service	72.1698%
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6	ELL- Large Industrial Service	73.5680%
7	ELL- Lighting	75.9715%
8	EGSL- Residential	73.5187%
9	EGSL- Small General Service	72.2852%
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11	EGSL- Large Power Service	68.5169%
12	EGSL- High Load Factor Service	68.4199%
13	EGSL- Municipal Water Pumping Service	71.8029%
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The filing reflects an earned return on common equity (“EROE”) for the 2021 Evaluation Period/Test Year of 8.33%, which is below the approved FRP dead band and results in an increase to Base Rider FRP Revenue of approximately \$65.3 million. Other changes in FRP Revenue driven by reduction in the amount of TCJA-related credits, additions to Transmission and Distribution plant in service reflected through the Transmission Recovery Mechanism (“TRM”) and Distribution Recovery Mechanism (“DRM”) offset by an increase in net MISO revenues leads to a net increase in FRP Revenue of \$152.9 million. The resulting FRP factors to be applied to the respective ELL rate classes (including Legacy ELL and Legacy EGSL rate classes) effective for customer bills rendered on and after the first billing cycle of September 2022, are as follows:

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For questions and comments regarding ELL’s filing, please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the filing, including its attachments may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

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**SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

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**2022**

**2022 Summer Reading Program with your Webster Parish Libraries**

The Webster Parish Library System has a lengthy history of providing essential services and lifelong learning based programs to parish residents. The most highly recognized program offered is the education based annual Summer Reading Program. This program is held during the summer months when students are out of school. It encourages continuous literacy advancement to ensure students' progress going into the new school year. Starting in mid-June of 2022, readers of all ages are invited to participate in this year's Summer Reading Program themed "Oceans of Possibilities". The program will feature many activities that promote cognitive development, special performers that make learning fun, and new experiences that you just have to 'sea'!

To kick off the start of the 2022 Summer Reading Program, Webster Parish Libraries have two big events planned just for you. It will be the perfect time to register for the summer program and join in on the fun at the ocean themed carnival! All of your library staff will be on deck to assist as you navigate through a wide variety of games such as Deep Sea Fishing, Pickup Ducks, Goldfish Toss, Bubble Burst Basketball, Balloon Bust, and much more! An inflatable obstacle course will be onsite, so come prepared to dive right into a challenge! Information will be readily available on library services and programs that parish residents can directly benefit from, and you'll also have the opportunity to sign up for a library card at no charge with a photo ID!

For your convenience, there will be two kickoff events scheduled during the evening hours at two central locations across both ends of the parish. Cotton Valley, Sarepta, and Springhill residents are invited to attend the event scheduled for June 16, 2020 from 3PM to 6PM at the Springhill Branch Library located 1000 S. Arkansas Street in Springhill. Doyline, Heflin, Minden, and Sibley residents are invited to attend the event scheduled for June 20, 2022 from 4PM to 7PM at the Minden Branch Library located 521 East & West Street in Minden. Be sure to mark your calendars! There are 'Oceans of Possibilities' waiting - just for you!

"Participating in the summer reading program not only encourages lifelong reading and brings families together, it does so much more," said Kim Sentell, Director of Marketing and Community Liaison for Webster Parish Libraries. The main objective of the annual Summer Reading Program is to ensure the continued growth towards academic success while simultaneously fostering personal and cognitive development. Studies have found that students who participate in public library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year than students who did not participate. Studies have also found that children who participate in public library summer reading programs increased their reading skills, motivation, confidence, and enjoyment. "The Webster Parish Library team has really worked hard to expand this year's program well beyond traditional reading by adopting a connected learning approach, which focuses on interest-driven and hands-on learning for optimal success. By integrating reading and literacy into activities that center on passions and interests, we are hoping to effectively engage summer readers," said Sentell.

"I'm excited for this year's program. Our Children's Coordinator, Cassidy Duck, developed a fantastic lineup of special performers that I believe participants will really enjoy. So much hard work has gone into developing this year's program from staff all across the parish in different departments. I'm not being partial when I say Webster Parish has some of the most passionate people working for them. When you love what you do, you never have to work a day in your life. Seeing the positive impact we have on the parish residents that we serve is the ultimate reward," said Savannah Jones, Director of Webster Parish Libraries.

The 2022 Summer Reading Program begins in June and runs through July. If you are unable to attend the kickoff events, you can still catch the reading wave and register for the Summer Reading Program at any one of the library's seven locations! While you are there, browse library shelves to find books of interest to keep you reading all summer long. If you're short on time, the library systems extensive Digital Collections offer the convenience of downloading or streaming eBooks, audiobooks, and more 24/7.

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