



FOCUS ON ISSUES

Education

Friday, Sept. 10 at 11:30 a.m.

IBC Bank, 2nd Floor Community Room
5615 Kirby Drive 77005

Speaker:
State Representative
Dr. Alma Allen

Texas Gulf Coast

Friday, Oct. 1 at 11:30 a.m.

St. Paul's Methodist Church
5501 Main Street 77004

Speaker:
Dr. John Jacob
Coastal Community
Development Specialist

Public is invited.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nancy Parra

Summer is drawing to a close and contrary to the lull I expected, it has been filled with activity and planning. In June, I attended the LWV-US National Convention, accepting on behalf of the LWV-HA the award for Online Engagement. We then held a board retreat to map our calendar for the coming year. In July, we had an interesting summer program at the new Planned Parenthood building. And in August, we held our successful fundraiser. This summer also saw some new members become more involved in our activities.

Millie Walker and Kris Nowotny worked with Christina Gorczynski to plan our fundraiser, honoring the women of the City of Houston to celebrate Women's Equality Day and our 90th Anniversary at the home of Bob and Elyse Lanier. Aimee Turney and Nancy Hentschel, co-chairs of the Debates and Forums Committee, have been working on *I-Day Houston* (see page 3).

We have an interesting *Focus on Issues* meeting planned for September with Representative Alma Allen, who will give us a legislative update on education. We are glad Mary Ellen Whitworth is again active with the Natural Resources committee; she has planned our October program on the timely topic of Issues Facing the Upper Texas Coast. You may have noticed that we changed the name of our monthly meetings to *Focus on Issues* as we thought this would define the purpose of the meeting better and be more inviting.

The League is co-sponsoring a juvenile judge candidate forum with Children at Risk, DePelchin Children's Center, One Voice Texas, and Mental Health America of Greater Houston, Texas. The forum will be October 19, 2010, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the United Way of Greater Houston, 50 Waugh Drive.

Many of us have been working hard this summer to provide you with exciting and interesting activities, and we would like to see more of you at our events. We need everyone to participate to make our work and the activities themselves worthwhile. September and October are active months; consider becoming more involved. You can have fun working on a committee, registering voters, or just attending one of our activities. I hope to see you at one of them.

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September: Representative Dr. Alma Allen to Speak on Education

Our September 10th meeting will be of high interest to members. Representative Dr. Alma Allen will present an update on issues in education. Before her election to the state legislature, Dr. Allen served the HISD from 1961 to 2000 and the State Board of Education from 1992 to 2002, including serving as president of the National Association of State Board of Education. She presently also represents the State Board of Education on the Texas Growth Fund Board and is an educational consultant and professor at Prairie View A & M University. Her committee assignments as a representative are Elections, House Administration, Public Education and Government Efficiency, and Accountability. Dr. Allen's resume reflects her extensive awards, honors and credentials in Education that prepared her to serve well as the state legislator representing Texas District 131.

Directions: IBC Bank, 2d floor in the Community/Board Room, 5615 Kirby Drive. The bank is on Kirby Drive, south of Highway 59. Exit Highway 59 onto Kirby and continue south, passing Bissonnet Street. Turn into the bank parking lot in the front of the building or turn on Quenby. A parking garage is available. The garage entrance is on Nottingham. Take the elevator to the second floor. The Community Room is at the end of the hall.

We gather at 11:30 a.m. with Dr. Allen speaking at noon. Box lunches will be available to those who pay in advance, no later than noon on Wednesday, September 8th. Cost is \$10.00.

Please RSVP by calling the League office at 713.784.2923 or email lwv@lwvhouston.org.

October : Dr. John Jacob to Speak on the Texas Gulf Coast

The October 1st meeting will focus on issues regarding the Texas coast. Our speaker is Dr. John Jacob, who is a Coastal Development Specialist at the Texas Sea Grant College Program in Galveston. He will speak on sea level rise and climate change; the pros and cons of the "Ike Dyke"; the loss of coastal wetlands; and the potential impact of more hurricanes. Please join us for an informative presentation and lively discussion.

We will meet at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 5501 Main St., Houston, 77004. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m. The presentation will begin at noon. A box lunch is available for those who pre-pay \$10.00. Call the League office to reserve your place. Thanks to the Natural Resources Committee including Carolyn Mata and Mary Ellen Whitworth for arranging this informative program.

TFN Poll Results: Texans Would Rather Educators Set Curriculum

By Penny Milbouer

On July 14, 2010, four League of Women Voters members attended the presentation on the reaction to the controversial new curriculum standards for social studies adopted in May 2010 by the State Board of Education. Barb Swartz, Marlene Lobberecht, Ann Herbage, and Penny Milbouer were guests of the Texas Freedom Network, which reported the results of a poll conducted by professional pollster Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research. Kathy Miller, President of the TFN Education Fund, introduced the subject with an overview and examples of changes adopted by the SBOE, which shifted the emphasis from what the panel of teachers and scholars had recommended to standards for textbooks that have "turned Texas into an educational laughingstock" as demonstrated by a satirical clip from Jon Stewart's *Daily Show*.

Senior vice president and principal of the polling firm, Anna Greenberg, reviewed the methods and the results of the poll that was conducted in May 2010. The pollsters first asked a series of questions; then they informed the interviewees of some of the amendments the SBOE had passed; and then they asked the same questions again, including whether the interviewee approved or disapproved of the standards, etc. Next, the interviewer read statements that were the proposed "message" to be used in advocacy. The message is twofold: Teachers and scholars, not politicians, should decide the standards; and Texas needs curriculum standards that prepare students for college and the workforce. After the message, they polled again. In every demographic – self-identified conservative and very conservative Republicans, liberal Protestants, Hispanics, African-Americans, all age groups, frequent church-goers, etc. – the poll numbers of those who disapproved of the SBOE's curriculum changes went up at least 30 percent.

In other words, this is not a religious issue or a First Amendment issue about separation of church and state. Even those who felt there should be a larger emphasis on religion in the public schools disapproved of the SBOE's changes to the curriculum standards.

On its website (<http://www.tfn.org>), TFN provides more information on the poll, on legislative issues, and on its campaign "Just Educate" to reform the SBOE.

TFN supports House Resolution 1593, introduced July 30, 2010, by U. S. Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Dallas. The resolution criticizes the State Board of Education for disregarding experts' proposed standards and warns that the adopted standards misrepresent and distort the historical record.

League Joins with ASCE to Present Public Forum on Infrastructure

September 18, 2010, is I-Day (Infrastructure Day) at the George R. Brown Convention Center. The LWV-HA along with Houston Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers is sponsoring a day of activities designed to engage citizens before going to the polls. Houstonians will have the extraordinary opportunity to learn about the issues and the candidates seeking local, state, and federal office in the November election.

I-Day includes town hall meetings, candidate meet-and-greet, voter information, and debates. The event is free and open to the public. Use Entrance C and go to the 3rd floor of the convention center.

Town hall meetings on infrastructure are from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Dr. John Lienhard, the host of “The Engines of Our Ingenuity” will serve on one of the panels.

Two sessions are scheduled for 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.: “Transportation” and “Energy & Production.” The second set of sessions is from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.: “Storm and Waste Water” and “Ports & Airports.” At the same time, voters are invited to visit with candidates from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. Booths for voter registration and voter information will be open from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Over eighty candidates have indicated they will attend.

The League, KUHF, and the American Society of Civil Engineers are sponsoring the candidate debates from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Second Hand Rose, Part Deux: Fall Fundraiser for LWV-HA

The second annual fall fundraiser for LWV-HA will take place on November 20, 2010, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Ann Herbage's *entrepôt* at 1520 Center Street in the Houston Arts District (this designation has recently been added to the street signs at the east end of Washington Street). The first Second Hand Rose a year ago was a smashing success with over fifty people in attendance, including one who came back the next day to purchase the *object d'art* she had overlooked the evening before. We raised over \$2,000 for the local League.

Ann says, "We are looking for donations, preferably high-end or unusual quality items. We have plenty of jewelry but can always use more." Donors should call Ann at 713-236-0975 or email her at herbs@hal-pc.org before bringing anything to her or to the League office.

Ann promises that it will be a glittering, enjoyable evening. "All sorts of glamorous and exciting boldfaced types, including LWV members, of course, will be invited!" The event is already listed on the LWV-HA Facebook page.

New Vote411.org Online Voters Guide Available This Election Season

We are quite excited to be participating in the new LWV-US Vote411.org Online Voters Guide for the upcoming November election. This special voters guide software acquired by LWV-US allows candidates to respond to our questions online, to upload their photos, and to provide biographical information.

Voters can use the Online Voters Guide to build a personal ballot. You simply enter your address to find your races and candidates. Voters can then compare candidate responses side-by-side, print a sample ballot, and take it to the voting booth.

The Online Voters Guide will be available on our website for the counties of Harris and Fort Bend before the traditional printed version, allowing voters more time to study the races and compare candidates. It will have a different look and feel from the printed version, but the candidate responses will be the same.

Those voters who appreciate a hard copy of the Voters Guide will have that option as well. The traditional printed Voters Guide will be ready for early voting on October 18th and is scheduled to be mailed to Houston Area League members on October 13th.

By the time this *VOTER* is printed, all the candidates will have received information on the Vote411.org system. Please encourage the candidates you personally support to participate so that their responses will be included in both the online and printed Voters Guide.

Over 3,000 New Citizens Registered

By Linda Cohn

The hot summer has not cooled the enthusiasm of our dedicated LWV-HA volunteers who faithfully attend monthly naturalization ceremonies.

At the June 16th ceremony, 1,788 petitioners swore the oath of allegiance and 74 percent of these new citizens (1,332) immediately registered to vote. At the July 21st ceremony, a stunning 85 percent of those newly eligible registered to vote within minutes of their citizenship oath. The tally: 1,979 new citizens and 1,674 new voter registrants.

KHOU's evening news noted the number of new citizens registered at the June ceremony with the League's help. During the July ceremony Judge Gray Miller, speaking from the bench, commended the League.

League members do more than pass out forms. They visit with petitioners in small groups and personally welcome their charges to citizenship and to the electorate. They have the pleasure of bearing witness splendid rite of American renewal.

To join the voter registration team, contact Linda Cohn. Email: lww.voter@gmail.com.

Planned Parenthood Tour

By Nancy Parra

League members visited Planned Parenthood on July 20, 2010. CEO Peter Durkin welcomed everyone and discussed the new building and the organization's reasons for relocation. Mr. Durkin emphasized that Planned Parenthood has three missions: medical services, education, and advocacy.

Mini Timmarajou, vice president of public affairs and government relations, spoke on the efforts of Planned Parenthood to communicate with the public and with elected officials. These efforts are, she believes, an area common to both the League and Planned Parenthood. Like the League, Planned Parenthood has a 501c(3) charitable organization. This organization provides most of the well-woman medical services, family planning services, and education. A separate corporate entity operates the abortion services at the Planned Parenthood clinics. Overall, providing abortions amounts to less than 10 percent of the family planning and health care services offered by the Planned Parenthood organizations. The vast majority of the medical services are well-woman exams and contraceptive care.

Planned Parenthood, like the League, also has a 501c(4) Action Fund whose purpose is to advocate social policy issues, keep track of legislation, lobby, and send action alerts. Planned Parenthood urges its clients to register to vote and participate in elections. Unlike the League, Planned Parenthood also has two affiliated

political committees that financially support and endorse particular candidates, but not judicial candidates.

We also met with Abby Whitmire, public affairs field specialist, who organized our tour, and Angie Wiens, government relations manager. We toured Prevention Park, the clinical facilities located on the first floor of the building. The facilities are well designed and patient-friendly. All work, such as lab testing, is performed immediately. The patient can stay in the same examination room for both the examination and most testing and get test results the same day. Prevention Park will serve about 20,000 clients each year. Teenagers under the age of 18 are a very small percentage of clients and most of them come for pregnancy testing or to be tested for sexually transmitted diseases.

**We are looking for a few dedicated
Leaguers!**

Board Positions Available

**Do you want to become more active in the
League? Participate and help make the
League stronger.**

**Please contact Nancy Parra
(President@LWVHouston.org).**

Local Study Committee Focuses On Human Trafficking

By Penny Milbouer

Since the League of Women Voters-Houston Area adopted a local study on human trafficking in May 2010, the study committee, chaired by Laura Blackburn, has held two meetings. Texas, Houston in particular, is one of the nation's hotspots for trafficking in persons. Victims include domestic as well as foreign-born girls and women and persons who are held in involuntary servitude. The study committee started with looking at federal laws, reports, and policies, all of which have led to new state and local laws and programs. Texas is one of the first two states to criminalize human trafficking.

We also spoke with Kathryn Griffin, a former victim who has established and now runs the "Been There, Done That ... Foundation, Inc. Free at Last!" Kathryn is now a member of the LWV as well as a member of the study committee. She gave us insight into the complexity of the problem, the different psychological profiles that make girls and women vulnerable in domestic sex trafficking, and the need for specific types of services among

the extraordinarily diverse population of Houston.

The study committee is now gathering information on the Texas Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force, and the Houston office of the Department of Justice Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance, considered one of the best in the nation. Further, the committee is learning about programs in the Houston area that work to prevent or rehabilitate trafficking victims. The issue brings together law enforcement officers from every jurisdiction, court officials, social services and health providers, government labor representatives, business owners, child protective services, and private organizations, such as the Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition. This organization works to inform the public and offers training programs to professionals (e.g., educators, health care workers, etc.) who are likely to encounter trafficked victims.

The study committee welcomes volunteers to help research information and to speak with elected officials in Houston, and private individuals working to stem trafficking locally as we study what Houston is doing and what our membership and informed voters should know about this issue. Please contact LWV at 713.784.2923 or email lww@lwwhouston.org

Public Defender Update

By Leslie Taylor

Harris County responded to the concerns of several citizen groups and Senator Rodney Ellis by revising its plan for creating a public defender office. The first step in the new plan is to establish a fifteen-member Public Defense Board that will include three defense attorneys chosen by local bar associations and four members of the public selected by the Commissioners Court from organizations concerned with the problems of indigent persons. This board will interview candidates for the position of Chief Public Defender and make its recommendation to Commissioners Court. The board will also oversee development and operation of the PDO.

In the second year, public defenders will start taking cases assigned by twenty out of twenty-two of the felony courts. The assignments will not be limited to state jail felonies, but will include felonies of varying degrees. When a felony mental health court is funded, Harris County will use the PDO to represent defendants appearing in that court.

When fully operational, the felony adult trial division will be staffed with one division chief, ten assistant public defenders, three investigators and two clerical positions. It is anticipated that the PDO will receive approximately 1,600 to 2,500 felony trial appointments annually, approximately 2,000 juvenile appointments annually, and approximately 300 appeals. Workload and caseloads are to be tracked and exceptions to caseload standards are to be reported to Public Defense Board. The county will hire outside experts to evaluate the pilot public defender program. The ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants is assisting Harris County in developing performance measures for the PDO.

League member Leslie Taylor testified at the July 27, 2010, Harris County Commissioners Court to inform the court of the local league's position adopted last spring and to urge approval of the revised grant application.

Police Advisory Committee

By Barb Swartz

Houston Police Chief McClelland reported on crime statistics for Houston. Violent crime has gone down by 8 percent but nonviolent crime (burglaries and auto theft) remains flat so that total crime is down about 1 percent over last year at this time.

There will be changes in the organizational structure of the department in an effort to be more responsive.

He announced the mayor is taking the departments of neighborhood protection and inspector general out of HPD.

McClelland has met with all Houston-area ISDs to coordinate after-school programs. He is interested in addressing truancy issues.

City Council Report

By Shirley Gibson

At the July 28, 2010, Houston City Council meeting the agenda was disposed of quickly with most emphasis on the appointment of the new Public Works and Engineering Department Director, Daniel W. Krueger, P.E.

The proposed new ordinance to form historical districts was brought up. Currently the committee handling this matter is having several meetings to inform people in these proposed districts of the ramifications of becoming a designated "Historical District." Once an area becomes an historical district, there are restrictions on changes that can be made to a property.

The council also bade official farewell to the city hall fellows, who are the college and university students who interned during the summer in city government. Several young people were present for their farewell. Next year there is no funding for this program due the city's budget shortfall.

Health Care Legislation Update

By Gwen Essinger

To learn about the legislation officially titled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" signed into law on March 23, 2010, by President Obama, you can go to the U.S. government website of <http://www.healthcare.gov>. Most provisions of the new legislation will not take effect until 2013 and 2014. The website is easy to use and offers resources on how to find health insurance plans, prevention resources, and easy-to-follow links on topics for the general public, small businesses, seniors, young adults, and more.

Some provisions take effect immediately or before 2013. The new law offers small businesses that choose to provide insurance to employees a tax credit up to 35 percent of premiums. There are rebates up to \$250 to seniors paying out-of-pocket drug costs due to the "doughnut hole" gap in the Medicare prescription drug coverage. It prohibits insurers from dropping customers when they get sick. It prohibits denial of coverage for children with pre-existing conditions. It prohibits lifetime caps on insurance payouts to the chronically ill. It allows children to remain on parents' insurance plans until they reach the age of 26. We will learn more about the new law as the details are worked out and federal regulations are proposed.

State & National Study Opportunities

As a member of the local area League, you are also part of the Texas League and the national league. Both have conventions in even-numbered years and conduct two-year studies.

At the national level, the LWV-US will undertake a study called “Federal Role in Public Education.” The study will focus on the role of the federal government in education policymaking, with possible consideration of funding, common standards, and/or governance relationships among all levels of the government. Members of the committee will be responsible for developing study materials and consensus questions. They will review and tabulate all responses submitted by participating Leagues, before recommending position language to the Board.

The focus of the new study by the state League will be to update our position on water that considers the competition for water in Texas. This will include governmental policy, public interest rights, and water resource protection. The scope of the study is (1) to analyze current state regulations governing the sale or transfer of water rights; (2) to consider ramifications if Texas were to classify water as a commodity rather than a natural resource; (3) to explore options such as a state-run water marketing administration; (4) to assess laws needed for interstate or international water transfers; and (5) to assess the best use of our water taking into account public interest concerns, environmental factors, effect on third parties, and future water requirements.

Mina Johnson of Amarillo will chair the study committee.

LWV-HA proposed a concurrence on our position on Home Owners Associations. Instead of voting on concurrence, a state committee was formed to make a recommendation either to the Lobby Day statewide meeting in March 2011 or the 2012 convention. Sandy Greyson of Dallas is chairing the committee. Lynn Walshak from the LWV-HA, is also serving on the committee. She reports that the committee will be composed of members with varying backgrounds and opinions about mandatory homeowner associations and the ability of those associations to foreclose to enforce liens.

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www.Twitter.com/LWVHouston

LWV National Convention: Houston League Shines

At the National LWV-US Convention in Atlanta this past June, Nancy Parra accepted the Online Engagement Award on behalf of the League of Women Voters of the Houston Area. By improving our social media outreach through Facebook and Twitter, Christina Gorczyński, executive director of our local LWV-HA, is primarily responsible for winning this award. Christina also made a presentation at the National Convention on our high school voter registration project. The Houston delegation, which also included Laura Blackburn, attended a reception honoring the participation in the national League’s Global Democracy Initiative Legislative Fellows Program.



Nancy Parra (left) receives the Online Engagement Award from Mary G. Wilson (right), outgoing President of the National League of Women Voters.

Jane Coffey Peterman Remembered

The Houston League extends sympathy to the family and friends of Jane Coffey Peterman, who died July 19, 2010. She was a long-time, active League member, and served on the boards of both the Houston League and LWV-TX. Those of us who have been around for a while remember holding meetings in her husband’s church. Jane was also a moving force in the beginning years of our Voters Guide.

The Education Fund has received a generous contribution in her memory.

Smack Down the Vote!

The League of Women Voters reached out to wrestling fans and their families on July 23, 2010. Six first-time League volunteers registered voters and passed out special fliers urging civic participation at the World Wrestling Tour show at the Toyota Center. Potential new voters completed voter registration.

Smack Down the Vote! is a project that is part of the League’s effort to reach younger citizens and populations that have been unrepresented at the polls both because of low voter registration rates and low voter turnout.



From left to right are Max Cardenas, Adrienne Bell, Kris Nowotny, John, joined by two volunteers from Houston Votes.

LWV-US Urges Congress to Support the Office of Congressional Ethics

The recent ethics scandals in Congress have prompted some legislators to offer legislation that would undermine the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE). The national League has written to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi to challenge the assumptions underlying the proposed legislation and to ask the house speaker to continue to keep the OCE strong. You can read the LWV-US letter here: <<http://tinyurl.com/26bhyps>>.

Democracy Is
NOT a Spectator Sport!

LWV-HA Welcomes New Members

We are pleased to welcome ten new members to the League of Women Voters:

Adrienne Bell, Michelle Brown, Susan Finnell, Marie Helmy, Kristofer Nowotny, Mary and Paul Nugent, Maria Olivarez, Imogen Papdopoulos, Susan Racciato, and Carol Rensinki. We look forward to greeting these new faces at League events.

Directory

In this mailing you are receiving the directory of membership of the League of Women Voters of the Houston Area. Please honor our policy: *The directory is a publication of the League of Women Voters of the Houston Area and is restricted to the use of League members only and for League business only.*

Please also read the summary titled “League Principles” at the beginning of the directory, and Policy at the end of the directory for a quick refresher on how the League works. Your directory also has a copy of our current bylaws. Please note that the LWV-US changed the terminology of life membership, see Bylaws Article III Sec. 2a(3). Those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more are life members excused from the payment of dues, but they are no longer called “honorary life members.” Leaguers are forever young and stay active in the League as long as they can.

Important reminder: The Bylaws/Policy Committee is hard at work. Your suggestions are welcomed. Direct your comments on the bylaws and policy to the League office or to the committee chair, Leslie Taylor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>August 27 September 3 September 10 September 17 September 18 October 1 October 18 October 19 October 29 November 2 November 20</p>	<p>LWV-HA Board Meetings Last Day to Apply for Mail-in Ballot Focus on Issues – Education LWV-HA Board Meetings Infrastructure Day & Candidate Forum Focus on Issues – Upper Texas Coast Early Voting Starts Juvenile Court Judge Debate Last Day of Early Voting Election Day Second Hand Rose fund raiser</p>
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Unit meetings are open to all League members and guests.
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THIRD MONDAY

City Wide Evening Unit

Sept. 20, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 18, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

Black Lab Pub, 4100 Montrose
Jackie Friedman 713.521.0702
friedmanjj@aol.com

West Harris County

Sept. 20, 2010, 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 18, 2010, 1:30 p.m.
Eagles Trace Unit PW 117
Call Joan Golding for gate access
281.596.0935

THIRD TUESDAY

Spring Branch Unit

Sept. 21, 2010, 9:30 a.m.
Oct. 19, 2010, 9:30 a.m.
The Buckingham, 4th Floor, 8580
Woodway
Ellen Goins 281.496.9344
ellen_goins@yahoo.com

THIRD THURSDAY

Southwest Day

Sept. 16, 2010, 1:00 p.m.
Oct. 21, 2010, 1:00 p.m.

Alief Library, 7979 South Kirkwood
Rhoda Haddox 713.667.5952

Midwest Unit

Sept. 16, 2010, 10:00 a.m.
Oct. 21, 2010, 10:00 a.m.
Gerald Womack Building, 4412
Almeda
Millie Whittington 281.752.0446
millieKBW@aol.com

THIRD SATURDAY

New Members Unit

No meeting in September (I-Day)
Oct. 16, 2010, 10:00 a.m.
LWV-HA office,
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