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**Brian Chavez appointed position on the Ohio State Senate**

SOOGA would like to share news that our very own, President Brian Chavez, has been appointed to a position on the Ohio State Senate Republican Caucus. Senator Frank Hoagland has resigned from his seat over the Thanksgiving Holiday, leaving it vacant and subject to appointment. Following a screening process, the Senate Republican Caucus selected Brian to serve the remainder of the term, which expires December 31, 2024.

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**2023 VIRTUAL Joint Tax Seminar**

2023 VIRTUAL Joint Tax Seminar with PIOGA and GOWV was held in November. The seminar was put on by Baker Tilly US, LLP and was a success with many attendees. We look forward to working with our fellow associations for the 2024 Tax Seminar.

## THE CROW'S NEST



As I write my final crow's nest, I find myself reflecting on how quickly the past year has flashed by, along with all the changes it brought. I have often said this industry is amazing in how it can innovate, overcome challenges, and pull together for support when needed. This year has shown we never fully know what is ahead of us, but we do know this industry, and people who make it work, are amazing at adapting.

We all have decision points in our life that can affect ourselves, or others, in ways large or small. A previous major decision for me was when my wife and I left Intel Corporation and moved to Ohio to raise our children while working in the family natural gas and oil business. At that point, prices were fairly stable at \$80/bbl oil and \$7/mcf gas. We then had a rollercoaster ride of prices spiking up and then crashing down. We learned many lessons in that time, among the most important was this industry was not for the faint of heart. This industry is full of tough people who do the best they can for their families, and this country, whether the prices are up or down. This is all done while some protest and try to shut down the industry that provides the very benefits they enjoy.

The most recent major decision point in my life is requiring me to cut my time as SOOGA president short. I did not take this decision lightly, but I am absolutely comforted by the fact the organization is in great hands. Kendra has stepped into the role of executive secretary beautifully and it is clear she really cares a lot about the organization. The board of trustees of SOOGA is also very strong with a tremendous group of people. It is truly humbling to work with so many who give their time and resources for the greater cause simply because it is the right thing to do. Winnie Sinnett as President, Dan Corcoran as Vice President, and Barry Bowers as Secretary are a top notch, well balanced, thoughtful, and experienced leadership team to keep SOOGA strong through any challenges that may come.

I am proud and honored to have been a part of this organization and look forward to taking my experiences in this industry on my new journey as I have been appointed to The Ohio State Senate to represent the 30<sup>th</sup> district of Ohio.

Never apologize for what you do, help others understand the importance this industry has on their everyday life, and keep doing the right things.

-Brian



## 2024 SOOGA Tentative Calendar of Events

### SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 11th, 2024  
Elizabeth Sugden Broughton's Community Bldg.  
639 OH-821  
Marietta, OH 45750

### SPRING GOLF OUTING

May 17th, 2024  
Venue TBA

### SPRING CLAY SHOOT

June 14th, 2024  
Marietta Gun Club  
1385 Gunclub Rd,  
Whipple, Oh 45788

### INDUSTRY BOAT RIDE

July 26th, 2024  
Valley Gem  
601 Front Street  
Marietta, OH 45750

### FALL GOLF OUTING

August 23rd, 2024  
Venue TBA

### FALL TRADE SHOW

September 19th, 2024  
Venue TBA

### FALL CLAY SHOOT

October 11th, 2024  
Marietta Gun Club  
1385 Gunclub Rd,  
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### NOVEMBER 2024

Gun Giveaway

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**Southeastern Ohio Oil and Gas Association  
Gas Committee Report  
December, 2023**

	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>change</u>
<b><u>Prices December, 2023</u></b>			
<b>NYMEX Settle –December – 2023</b>	<b>\$2.71</b>	<b>\$3.16</b>	<b>- \$.45</b>
<b>One Year NYMEX strip (Jan, 2023 Dec. 2023)</b>	<b>\$2.52</b>	<b>\$3.34</b>	<b>- \$.82</b>
<b>Summer NYMEX strip for 2024 (April., 2024 - Oct., 2024)</b>	<b>\$2.43</b>	<b>\$2.30</b>	<b>+ \$.13</b>
<b>Winter NYMEX strip – 2022 (Jan., 2023 – Mar. 2024)</b>	<b>\$2.28</b>	<b>\$3.32</b>	<b>- \$1.04</b>
<b>TCO Index Posting - December, 2023</b>	<b>\$2.02</b>	<b>\$1.95</b>	<b>+ \$.07</b>
<b>DTI Index Posting – December, 2023</b>	<b>\$2.01</b>	<b>\$1.79</b>	<b>+ \$.22</b>

**December 7, 2023 Storage Report:**

Region	Historical Comparisons							
	Stocks billion cubic feet (Bcf)				Year ago (10/27/22)		5-year average (2018-22)	
	12/1/23	11/24/23	net change	implied flow	Bcf	% change	Bcf	% change
<b>East</b>	876	915	-39	-39	835	4.9	848	3.3
<b>Midwest</b>	1,082	1,111	-29	-29	1,030	5.0	1,021	6.0
<b>Mountain</b>	245	252	-7	-7	194	26.3	200	22.5
<b>Pacific</b>	289	298	-9	-9	218	32.6	266	8.6
<b>South Central</b>	1,228	1,260	-32	-32	1,190	3.2	1,150	6.8
<b>Salt</b>	334	343	-9	-9	325	2.8	320	4.4
<b>Nonsalt</b>	894	917	-23	-23	864	3.5	829	7.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,719</b>	<b>3,826</b>	<b>-117</b>	<b>-117</b>	<b>3,465</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>3,485</b>	<b>6.7</b>

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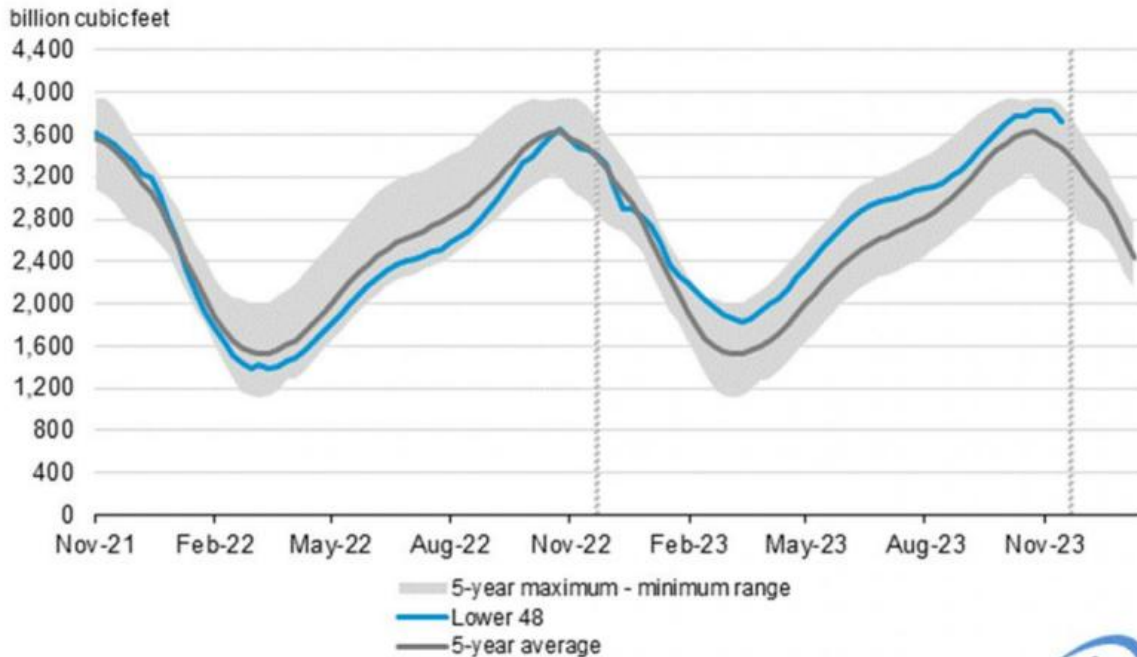


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### Summary

Working gas in storage was 3,719 Bcf as of Friday, December 1, 2023, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net decrease of 117 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 254 Bcf higher than last year at this time and 234 Bcf above the five-year average of 3,485 Bcf. At 3,719 Bcf, total working gas is within the five-year historical range.

### Working gas in underground storage compared with the 5-year maximum and minimum



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration



### Prices/Supply/Demand

- **Supply:** According to data from S&P Global Commodity Insights, the average total supply of natural gas fell by 0.5% (0.6 Bcf/d) compared with the previous report week. Dry natural gas production decreased by 0.2% (0.2 Bcf/d) to a weekly average of 105.0 Bcf/d, and average net imports from Canada decreased by 5.9% (0.4 Bcf/d) from last week.
- **Demand:** Total U.S. consumption of natural gas fell by 9.4% (9.3 Bcf/d) compared with the previous report week, according to data from S&P Global Commodity Insights, as [warmer temperatures](#) across most of the Lower 48 states reduced demand for space heating. Natural gas consumed for power generation declined by 2.4% (0.8 Bcf/d) week over week, and industrial sector consumption decreased by 2.8% (0.7 Bcf/d). Residential and commercial sector consumption declined by 19.2% (7.8 Bcf/d). Natural gas exports to Mexico increased 5.6% (0.3 Bcf/d). Natural gas deliveries to U.S. LNG export facilities (LNG pipeline receipts) averaged 14.1 Bcf/d, or 0.2 Bcf/d lower than last week.

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### Pricing:

- **Henry Hub spot price:** The Henry Hub spot price rose 3 cents from \$2.70 per million British thermal units (MMBtu) last Wednesday to \$2.73/MMBtu yesterday.
- **Henry Hub futures price:** The price of the January 2024 NYMEX contract decreased 23.5 cents, from \$2.804/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$2.569/MMBtu yesterday. The price of the 12-month strip averaging January 2024 through December 2024 futures contracts declined 23.8 cents to \$2.746/MMBtu.
- **Select regional spot prices:** Natural gas spot prices fell at most locations this report week (Wednesday, November 29 to Wednesday, December 6). Price changes ranged from a decrease of \$2.34/MMBtu at the Opal hub to an increase of \$6.30/MMBtu at the Algonquin Citygate.
  - Prices at most major hubs in the Northeast rose this report week. At the Algonquin Citygate, which serves [Boston-area consumers](#), the price rose \$6.30 from \$3.50/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$9.80/MMBtu yesterday. Temperatures in the [Boston Area](#) averaged 41°F this report week, resulting in 13 fewer heating [degree days](#) (HDDs) than normal for the week, but temperatures dropped below normal on Tuesday and Wednesday which increased demand for natural gas for space heating at the end of the report week. Spot prices at the Algonquin Citygate hub rose to an intraweek high of \$13.13/MMBtu on Tuesday with lower temperatures toward the end of the report week. In response to rapidly rising demand the Algonquin Gas Transmission pipeline issued an [operational flow order](#) on Tuesday, calling on shippers to ensure “that actual deliveries of gas out of the system must be equal to or less than scheduled deliveries.” In addition, since October 20, the [Millstone nuclear power station](#) in Waterford, Connecticut, has been operating at approximately 40% of capacity, which is contributing to increased natural gas consumption for electric power generation to make up for lower nuclear power-generation capacity.

## SOOGA LEGACY FUND

Established in 2013, the purpose of the SOOGA legacy Fund is to give back to our communities across Ohio and West Virginia and to honor the memory of members who have dedicated their lives' work to this industry. SOOGA partnered with the Marietta Community Foundation to manage this fund and the SOOGA Board serves as the advisor to the fund. Over the years we have raised over \$40,000.00 and have given to many organizations such as several fire departments, Marietta sheriff's department for their assistance with our trade shows, the Wounded Warrior Project and The Boys' and Girls' Club, to name just a few.

This year as part our annual membership billing, we have added a voluntary \$25 contribution to our SOOGA Legacy Fund. In the upcoming year, the board will be working on an idea for a SOOGA scholarship program with the goal of inspiring and assisting the next generation of oil & gas employees and business owners. Please consider giving this donation. Also, if you would like to make a donation at any time through the year, please make checks payable to Marietta Community Foundation with a memo of SOOGA Legacy Fund. Address: MCF, P.O. Box 77, Marietta, OH 45750 Phone: 740.373.3286.

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## 2024 SOOGA Board of Trustees Elections

2024 Elections will be held at the 2024 Spring Membership Meeting. If you or someone you know is interested in running for a position on the Board of Trustees please contact the SOOGA office at 740-374-3203 or email at [mail@sooga.org](mailto:mail@sooga.org).

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## 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES

2024 Membership Invoicing has been emailed and some mailed. If you have not received yours or have questions on your invoice please call the SOOGA office at 740-374-3203



# US EPA Methane Rule & US EPA Methane Tax

## US EPA Methane Rule

You may or may not have heard but the US EPA recently announced the final version of the Methane Rule. It will soon be posted to the Federal Register at which time the Ohio EPA will have 24 months to create a statewide methane rule as strict or more strict than the US EPA rule. Oil and gas operators will then have an additional 36 months to comply with the Ohio EPA Methane Rule. Once the rule is in the federal register, legal challenges are likely to follow.

The important thing to know about the Methane Rule, barring any successful legal challenges, compliance with this rule will be required. SOOGA is working with other oil and gas associations to combat this proposed rule and will keep you updated as this moves forward.

## US EPA Methane Tax

The methane tax is based on calculations taken from Subpart W of the current Clean Air Act regulations. The calculation is based on the potential to emit methane and not actual methane emissions. With this calculation being based on component parts (fittings, valves, controllers, etc.), it could be argued it is a personal property tax. Other industries emit methane and are not subject to a methane tax, so it could also be argued that the methane tax is a discriminatory tax.

SOOGA is working with other oil and gas associations to clarify these items in an effort to combat this onerous tax.

The timing of the US EPA Methane Tax is more imminent. Barring any successful legal challenges, the Methane Tax is set to take effect in the spring of 2025. SOOGA will keep you updated as this moves forward.

Don Huck





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 Candy oils  
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 Car sound insulation  
 Cassettes  
 Caster oil  
 Chewing gum  
 Chloroform  
 Cleaning fluid  
 Clothing  
 Cold cream  
 Combs  
 Cortisone  
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 Credit cards  
 Dashboard  
 Denture adhesives  
 Dentures  
 Deodorant

Detergents  
 Dice  
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 Enamel  
 Epoxy Paint  
 Ether  
 Ethyl alcohol  
 Eyeglasses  
 Fabric dyes  
 Fan belts  
 Fertilizers  
 Fishing rods  
 Fishing boots  
 Floor wax  
 Folding doors  
 Food fats  
 Food packages  
 Food preservatives  
 Footballs  
 Fruit ripeners  
 Furniture polish  
 Glue  
 Glycerin  
 Golf balls  
 Guitar strings  
 Hair coloring  
 Hair curlers  
 Hand lotion  
 Hearing aids  
 Heart valves  
 House paint  
 Ice cube trays  
 Ice buckets  
 Ice chests  
 Ink

Insect repellent  
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 Milk cartons  
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 Mouthwash  
 Movie film  
 Nail polish  
 Nail polish remover  
 Newspaper ink  
 Nose drops  
 Nylon fabric  
 Nylon rope  
 Oil filters  
 Paint brushes  
 Paint rollers  
 Paints  
 Pajamas  
 Panty hose  
 Parachutes  
 Peat moss  
 Perfumes  
 Permanent-press clothes  
 Permanents  
 Petroleum jelly  
 Photo film  
 Pillows  
 Plastic furniture  
 Plastic bags  
 Plastic wraps  
 Purses  
 Rayon fabric  
 Refrigerants  
 Refrigerator linings  
 Roofing shingles  
 Rubberized fabric  
 Rubbing alcohol  
 Safety glass  
 Shampoo

Shaving cream  
 Shoes  
 Shower doors  
 Shower curtains  
 Slacks  
 Soap dishes  
 Soaps  
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 Vacuum bottles  
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**GAS PRICING 2023****NOVEMBER 2023**

NYMEX Settlement: \$3.164

Inside FERC/EG SP/DTI: \$1.780 (Basis: -\$1.384)

Inside FERC/TCO:\$2.0801.950 (Basis: -\$01.214)

**DECEMBER 2023**

NYMEX Settlement: \$2.796

Inside FERC/EG SP/DTI: \$2.010 (Basis: -\$0.696)

Inside FERC/TCO:\$2.020 (Basis: -\$0.686)

**OIL PRICING 2023****ERGON OIL  
PURCHASING WEST VIRGINIA  
MONTHLY AVERAGE FOR OHIO AND WEST VIRGINIA**

OCTOBER Ohio Tier 1: \$84.8258

OCTOBER Ohio Tier 2: \$81.8258

OCTOBER Ohio Tier 3: \$79.8258

OCTOBER Marcellus/Utica Condensate: \$66.8258

OCTOBER Marcellus/Utica Medium: \$84.8258

OCTOBER Marcellus/Utica Light: \$75.8258

NOVEMBER Ohio Tier 1: \$76.3410

NOVEMBER Ohio Tier 2: \$73.3410

NOVEMBER Ohio Tier 3: \$71.3410

NOVEMBER Marcellus/Utica Condensate: \$58.3410

NOVEMBER Marcellus/Utica Medium: \$76.3410

NOVEMBER Marcellus/Utica Light: \$67.3410

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Other parameters will be evaluated on a farm by farm basis.

You can now find EOP WVA Crude Oil Price Bulletin on the internet at:

[www.ergon.com](http://www.ergon.com)**OIL PRICING 2023****AMERICAN REFINING GROUP  
AVERAGE**

10/21 to 10/28 Group 1 OH: \$84.30

Group 2 OH: \$81.30

Group 3 OH: \$79.03

11/01 to 11/10 Group 1 OH: \$78.09

Group 2 OH: \$75.09

Group 3 OH: \$73.09

11/11 to 11/20 Group 1 OH:\$75.57

Group 2 OH: \$72.57

Group 3 OH: \$70.57

11/21 to 11/31 Group 1 OH:\$75.37

Group 2 OH: \$72.37

Group 3 OH: \$70.37

12/01 to 12/10 Group 1 OH: \$71.00

Group 2 OH: \$68.00

Group 3 OH: \$66.00

12/11 to 12/20 Group 1 OH: \$70.54

Group 2 OH: \$67.54

Group 3 OH: \$65.54

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## Dos and Don'ts to Avoid Carbon Monoxide Poisoning While Using a Portable Generator

*How can employers protect employees from the dangers of carbon monoxide?*

• BY ALEX SAURMAN FEB 09, 2023

Portable generators are helpful in numerous environments, including rural worksites, construction projects and during winter months, when companies may experience power outages. But when workers find themselves needing to use a portable generator, there are precautions they and their employers should take to avoid illness or injury, especially when it comes to carbon monoxide.

From 2011 to 2021, 770 people died from carbon monoxide incidents involving generators, averaging out to about 77 per year, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission [reported](#).

So what steps can be taken to keep employees safe?

**Do consider ventilation.** Give the [portable generator](#) about three to four feet of clear space on all sides.

**Do use monitors.** Personal carbon monoxide monitors can be helpful for each employee. Employers can also install [carbon monoxide alarms](#) throughout buildings.

**Don't operate a generator inside.** Keep portable generators outside. They should also be a minimum of 20 feet away from any [entry point](#) leading to an inside space (like a window).

**Don't skimp on education.** Employees should know the hazards associated with portable generator use, the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning and what to do if they are exposed, [OSHA](#) said. Symptoms of potential poisoning include a headache, dizziness, nausea, confusion, chest pain and passing out, per the [CDC](#).

Employees using portable generators may also be exposed to additional hazards. To learn more about protecting employees from these hazards, like fire, electrocution or noise, read OSHA's [fact sheet](#).





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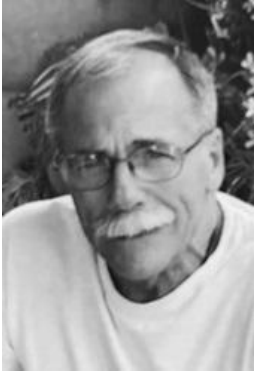
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**Douglas Walkey Rice**

It is with heavy hearts we bring the news of the death of our very loved father, brother, uncle, Douglas Rice of Logan.

He was born February 28, 1950, to Wendell and Jeanne List Rice; was married to Barb Kepler Rice; and brother to Kent Rice, all who preceded him in death.

He leaves behind his daughter/sister-in-law (figure that one out), Jan (Casey) Randal of Minerva; his favorite only sister, Wendy Green of Canal Winchester; and loving companion and travel buddy, Barb Spackey of Logan.

He also leaves his nephew, Kent Rice and children, Fallon and Atticus, and their mother, Becky of Washington state; niece, Randi (Terry) Hudson of Logan and their sons, Ashton (Raleigh), Nathan and son, Coen, Rory, and Eli, all of whom he teased and loved; and the incorrigible employees and ne'er-do-wells of Ohio Pump and Supply, who were as close as any family, most likely because of the secrets they shared!

Douglas was a man of many hats – ornery, intelligent, funny, quick witted, kind, ornery, considerate, helpful, ornery, loyal, honest, and fair (did we mention ornery?) – but being just a good man was his real forte'.

His life was full. He started working young with a paper route along with his brother in Columbus, where they unwillingly shared hard-earned tips from their stingy customers and learned to smoke in the alley out of view of their parents. As a teen, he worked summers on staff at Greenhills Boy Scout Reservation teaching merit badge skills and chasing local girls (for which there was no merit badge). An LHS '68 graduate. He honed his metal working skills at Jefferson Manufacturing, and then began his long-time career at Ohio Pump, eventually working his way to co-ownership and the making of many life-long, true friends and even a few enemies.

If a man is judged by the company he keeps, Doug should have probably been worried, but he wasn't! You liked him or you didn't...your choice. He had better things to worry about.

In retirement, he discovered a great interest in travel, and, taking after his gypsy mother, hit the road, expressively sharing his adventures with his friends on social media. Refusing to take photos, he relied on us to use our imaginations to picture what he described. Clever fellow! He also developed a love for honeybees, lavishing his hives with sweet nectar foods and expensive trinkets to keep them happy and producing – and like and “children,” left them wanting more. The family has decided to name his hives and honey “Needy Bees” in his honor.

He was a special man. Those who knew him as a friend consider themselves lucky and we, his family, are thankful and blessed. We are better people for the role he played in our lives. His love for us came without judgement and he gave it without reserve.

There will be no services at this time, but a Celebration of Life will be held in the spring. Please honor Doug by being helpful to someone when they least expect it. And in the words of our mother, “gotcha last!”

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