

### Stepping Stones-United Cerebral Palsy merge November Council meeting

Two Greater Cincinnati agencies serving individuals with disabilities have merged, combining 114 years of programming experience and increasing the resources available to the community. Stepping Stones and United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cincinnati (UCP) announced that they are combining services and facilities to become a single agency with three program sites: Stepping Stones' sites in Indian Hill and Batavia and United Cerebral Palsy's site in Norwood. Chris Adams, executive director of Stepping Stones, will be executive director of the new, larger agency. UCP's trustees will join the Stepping Stones board. UCP board president Tom Williams will be on the executive committee.

The combined agency will be called Stepping Stones and will continue to serve children, teens and adults with an array of developmental disabilities including autism, bipolar disorder, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, intellectual disabilities, seizure disorders, and multiple disabilities.

"This combination represents a promising new chapter in the continued evolution of United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cincinnati," said UCP board president Tom Williams. "We are confident that, by working together, we can expand programs and enhance operating efficiency to better serve the community."

Stepping Stones Board President John McIlwraith said the merger is a natural step. "The two agencies have virtually the same mission, similar programs and serve the same needs. Some clients attend programs at both agencies," said McIlwraith.

"The merger allows us to better leverage the agencies' resources to offer exceptional programs to meet the growing needs of individuals with disabilities in Greater Cincinnati."

The combined agency will have a budget of more than \$4 million. Both are United Way partner agencies. The merged agency will continue to be part of the worldwide United Cerebral Palsy affiliate network.

The merger renews historic ties between the two agencies. Two of Stepping Stones' three founders were connected with United Cerebral Palsy - Peggy Geier was a UCP volunteer and mother of a child with cerebral palsy and Mary T. Schloss was a UCP professional. In the 1960s they helped lead activity programs in local parks, serving children with cerebral palsy. Geier and her longtime friend. Minor LeBlond, decided to create a permanent summer camp program that could serve children with all kinds of disabilities. That dream became Stepping Stones in 1963, with Mary Schloss working with Geier and LeBlond to design the program and build early support. Stepping Stones became Greater Cincinnati's first summer camp serving children with a wide range of disabilities. Today, Stepping Stones serves close to 1,000 children, teens and adults in yearround and seasonal programs including day and overnight camps and respites, alternative education for students with severe autism, Saturday Clubs for children and young adults and year-round adult services at its Given Road campus in Indian Hill and Camp Allyn in Batavia, which Stepping Stones operates in partnership (continued on page 5)

#### By Martha Rassi

The November meeting of the Terrace Park Village Council was called to order by Mayor Jay Gohman. He opened by congratulating residents for their strong support of the Village tax levy and for the election of two new council members, Judith Lehman and Jeff LeMay as well as the reelection of Holly Purcell and Tom Tepe. The mayor stated his support of Mariemont's opposition of the South 80 Parkway project since this would impact property values and thus school tax funding for Terrace Park schools. Martin/Marietta mine

Village Solicitor Bob Malloy stated that there is still no word from the court of appeals on a ruling regarding the Martin/Marietta filing.

#### Life Squad

Life Squad Chief John Maggard reported 16 new runs since the October council meeting. The new three member training class in its fourth week and as always Maggard requested additional residents participate in any new training classes. The Village was thanked for making the almost 50 years of Pancake fund raising suppers a success and emphasized the importance of this event for the volunteer departments. St. Thomas Church was also thanked for allowing the event to be held in its facility. The Department welcomes John TenEyck as a nonresident, fully certified EMT for the Village.

#### Leaf pickup

Police Chief and Street Commissioner Gerald Hayhow reported that leaf pickup will continue for about two more weeks. A reminder was given to place only leaves in the piles since other items would damage the equipment. **Committees** 

Committee reports began with Tom Tepe presenting for the third reading the Phase 4 of the amendments to the Zoning Ordinances for the Village. An open meeting was held prior to the 7:30 p.m. Council meeting to which no residents attended. David Moyer, the Chair, gave a brief history of the zoning ordinances with the first codes being established in 1963. Phase 4 has been in the development stage since July of 2012 with final changes being made after the third reading vote with the effective date for the new ordinances within 30 days of the vote.

The Finance Chair, Mark Porst, presented a resolution to empower the assistant fiscal officer to make adjustments to the appropriations budget as a yearend up-date. The resolution was passed. Porst noted that the total Village spending was slightly less than the prior year's final number.

Public Safety Chair, Stefan Olson, presented a resolution that was passed, to adopt the Hamilton County mutual aid agreement for law enforcement.

With no continuing or new business, the meeting was adjourned.

### Terrace Park Boy Scout Troop 286 Annual Toy Drive

Please bring a new unwrapped toy for any age to the Log Cabin Saturday, December 14th From 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

If you have a scheduling conflict for the Saturday drop off, you may leave toys at the following locations:

Terrace Park Post Office –November 29 - December 14 Village Green Tree Lighting – December 8

Stepping Stones Director Chris Adams of Terrace Park shares a laugh with UCP participant Fred Brown of Montgomery as they tour the new Norwood site. Brown is the most senior participant at UCP of Greater Cincinnati. He started as a teen and has been coming to UCP programs for more than 40 years.

### 2013 Tree Lighting on the Green

Don't miss this annual tradition!



Sunday, December 8 6 p.m. light luminaria 6:15 p.m. carols and wagon rides begin 6:30 p.m. tree lighting 6:45 p.m. Santa arrives 8 p.m. ends Thanks to Kindervelt #76 for organizing this year's event!

#### 606 Miami Avenue

Troop 286 partners with the Cincinnati postal workers "Dear Santa Letters" program to collect, wrap and deliver toys to the main post office on Dalton Avenue in downtown Cincinnati. The toys are individually delivered by letter carriers to children who have sent a "Dear Santa Letter" and without this program would not receive a cherished toy for Christmas.

### Thank you for your support of Troop 286 and for remembering those less fortunate.



VV Deadline - Friday, December 6th by 9 p.m. For articles, please contact Chandi Findley at tpvillageviews@fuse.net. For calendar submissions, please contact Hester Sullivan at hestersullivanme.com. For ads please contact Kim Newton at newtongoodwin@cinci.rr.com

## **Neighbor to Neighbor**

### **Scouting News**

By Jack Findley

Scribe, Boy Scout Troop 286 In November, Boy Scout Troop 286 had a very active month, leading into another active December. The Troop, along with Cub Scout Webelos II den, went on a camping and climbing trip at Red River Gorge in Kentucky, helped the local Fire Department and Life Squad with their pancake sup-



**Phillip Forbes** 



Nathan Bush and Bren Findley



per, and had a successful Court of Honor. At the Court of Honor, the following merit badges and ranks were awarded:

#### Merit Badges:

Walker McManus - Fire Safety Ted Lizak - Game Design, Pottery, Engineering Rank Advancement: Scout - Bren Findley, Nathan Bush, Luke Gaskey Life - Scott Overbey

Troop 286 encourages all residents to donate a new, unwrapped toy for their annual toy drive, which is a community service project of the troop for many years. Troop 286 partners with the Cincinnati postal workers "Dear Santa Letters" program to collect, wrap and deliver toys to the main post office on Dalton Avenue in downtown Cincinnati. The toys are individually delivered by letter carriers to children who have sent a "Dear Santa Letter" and without this program would not receive a cherished toy for Christmas.

You may drop off toys at the following locations:

Post Office - November 29 -December 14 during normal business hours

Village Tree Lighting on December 8

Log Cabin on December 14 from 2-4 p.m.

For details about the event, see the announcement box on the front page. As always, we would like to thank the Village for your support of this and other scouting events throughout the year.

If you are interested in joining the troop, please contact Dennis Kokoruda at 831-8736.



### **Poetry Corner**

#### Despair

America the Beautiful, men died For you, greatest of the nations. My own, my country, my pride, Where when your aspirations? How few are those who cherish Your magnificent foundations.

On the cold outside, we stand, Weary, watching, so distressed. We see a tired world manned by greed. We see America-once blessed By those who nobly struggled To make our land the very best.

Oh Powers that Be, here we pray. Restore our dreams, our fervent need. Guide us toward a brighter day. Sustain in us desire to lead, To make our nation great again, God's model for the world to see. America the Beautiful. —Vivan Franz

Do you have a poem you'd like to share? All submissions to the poetry corner must be original works submitted by the author to tpvillageviews@fuse.net. Poems will run as space allows.



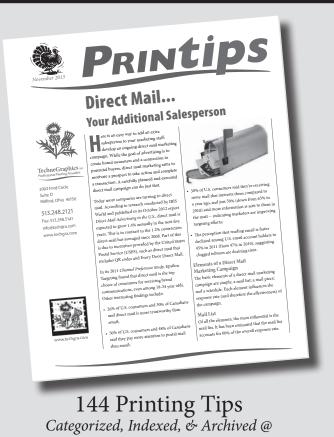
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## **Terrace Park Sports**

### Lady Warriors win league with style

The 2013 Mariemont Junior High Lady Warriors recently added pink socks and ribbons to their traditional blue and white in order to promote breast cancer awareness. Led by Coach Dan Telgkamp, the team record finished a very impressive 16-0 and only gave up 3 goals the entire season. Mariemont went on to win the league tournament final on October 19 against Walnut Hills in a 5-0 victory.



Front Row (left to right): Savannah Connor, Laney Newman, Abby Ewart, Jaxie Brokamp, Kasey Jones, Marin Valentine, Courtney Robinson, Stephanie Frey, Kyleigh Spang, Cora Dupre, Ava Morgan, Hannah Coates. Back Row (left to right) Kelsey Brown, Danielle Bryan, Holly Byers, Peyton McGowan, Kennedy McNeil, Kyra George, Sari Gall, Claire Lynch, Lily Toman, Abby Dodson.



Mariemont Junior High Lady Warriors won their league tournament final led by Coach Dan Telgkamp.

# Terrace Park Soccer Referees – They Made the Call!

A special thanks to the fine crew of referees that stepped up for the Terrace Park Recreation Committee to referee soccer games this spring and fall in the Cincinnati Hills Say Soccer League. The dedication and interest in the game were evident by the quality referees we put on the field. Terrace Park referees made the call for ALL home games at Drackett Field.

2013 SAY Referees: Drew Pitstick, Reid and Cole Stautberg, Sean and Michael Reber, Joshua Medlin, Sierra and Javan Hovind, Will, Danny and Brendan Woodruff, Andrew and Will Krafft, Hayes Snyder, Jack Mathis, Bobby Dennerll, AJ Walter, Ben Phelan and Will Hobart.

2013 Instructional Referees: Zach McClorey, Bates Gall, George Koehler, Lawson Renie, Jack Neville, Lily Hagan, Ava Dorsten, William Stutenroth, Sarah Werdmann and Bren Findley.

Terrace Park Referee Hall of Fame: Joining referee legends Conor Coyan, Johnny Wirthlin, Andy Wittry, Wil Dietz, Nick Walter and Charlie Krafft is Brendan Woodruff. He completed at least 6 seasons of refereeing in Terrace Park. Job well done! We will miss his experience and command of the field next year.

Soccer Refereeing is a tremendous leadership opportunity that not only teaches the game of soccer, but also develops selfconfidence, how to manage a schedule, the importance of being flexible, how to handle criticism and making split-second decisions. Terrace Park Referees continue to be the best in the league!

# U10 Boys are tournament CHAMPS!



The team consisted of - from left to right - front row: Sammy Henkel, Porter Koehler, Henry Buk, Ethan Matthews, Baker Piddcock, Evan Farrell, Jimmy Phelan, Max Tepe, Barrett Lindel and Theo Jones. Coach Erick Koehler and Assistant Coach Shawn Farrell.





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### Mariemont City Schools earns AA+ Credit Rating What's Happening at the

By Josephine McKenrick, Mariemont City Schools

Mariemont City Schools recently earned one of the highest credit ratings for budgetary performance from the Standard & Poor's Rating System, demonstrating the district's strong, conservative fiscal operations and stability. The AA+ rating is an increase from the AA rating previously awarded to the district.

"It is rewarding to know that the good financial management and

consistently strong budgetary performance by this district has been noted by S&P, and we are thrilled with this raised rating," stated Tom Golinar, treasurer of the Mariemont City Schools. "This elite rating is a mark of confidence and it reflects positively upon our entire Mariemont community."

Golinar noted that the increased bond rating translates to lower borrowing costs for the schools on bonds that could be sold or refinanced, which means that ultimately residents would pay less in borrowing costs in the future. Golinar also noted that S&P identified the district's stability in both finances and in student enrollment. In addition, the report noted that the district has "conservative budgeting practices."

"Conservative fiscal operations and budgeting is something we do every day and we are pleased that S&P recognizes the commitment that our schools and our community have to keep our district strong, " said Golinar. "One of the key indicators that S&P and other rating firms look at is how much a community supports its schools. For our district, S&P noted the strong historic support of the community with levies. This is certainly an achievement that belongs to our entire community and their support over these many years benefits everyone, and we are grateful to have the community support that we do."

## **Mariemont Branch Library** December

Tales to Tails: Practice your reading with a therapy dog. Thursday, December 12 at 4:30 p.m. Ages 5 to 10.

Collect the Button Book Club (CBBC): Each month, the CBBC features a children's book series. Read at least one book from the series then stop in the library to complete an activity and earn a button. Collect three buttons to receive a free pizza coupon from Snappy Tomato

Movers and Shakers: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 1 to 4. Bring the little ones for stories, songs and dance as they learn about the library.

Pre-school Story Time: Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Join us for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5. Crafty Kids: Thursday, De-

cember 12 at 4 p.m. Ages 5 to 10. InBeTween Club: Thurs-

day, December 19 at 4 p.m. Ages 10 to18.

Anime Club: Saturday, December 28 at 1 p.m.

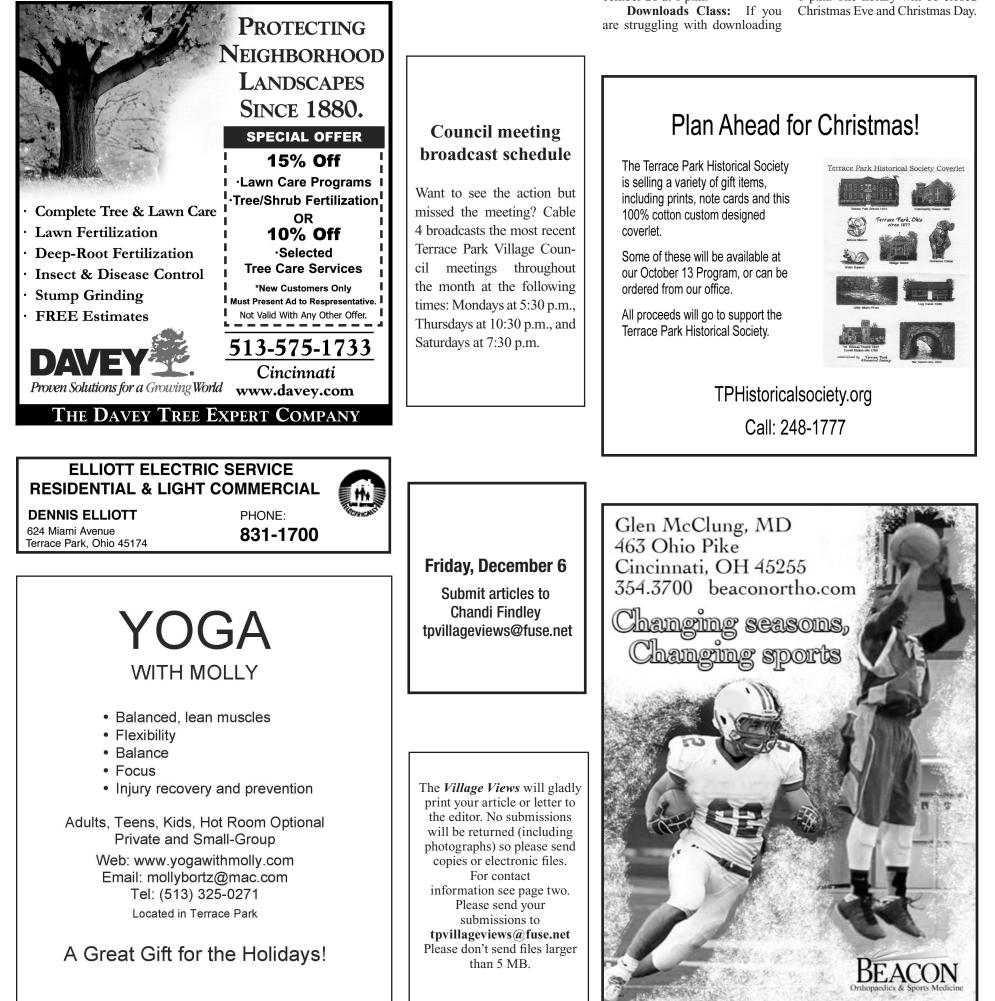
ebooks to your Kindle or other device, we now offer an introductory class Monday, December 9 and December 23 at 6:30 p.m. Please call to register as this is an individual, one on one session.

Which Craft Needlecraft Club: Stop by with your current work in progress for pointers or just to have fun with coenthusiasts. Knitting, crochet, needlework-- whatever you like to do. Saturday, December 7 and December 21 at 10:30 a.m.

Technology Classes: Interested in brushing up on computer basics or just starting out with technology? We offer one on one instruction Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. Call the branch and schedule a session.

The Mariemont Branch Library is located at 3810 Pocahontas Ave., 369-4467. It is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The library will be closed





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### Stepping Stones-United Cerebral Palsy merge

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with The Rotary Club of Cincinnati. Stepping Stones celebrated its 50th anniversary this year.

United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cincinnati was founded in 1949 to serve children with cerebral palsy. In 2008, the agency's Aaron W. Perlman Center, offering services for children, became a department of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. UCP refocused its programs to serve teens and adults with all kinds of disabilities. Current programs include life enrichment, art

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and technology.

UCP of Greater Cincinnati moved to a newly renovated building in Norwood this spring. The building includes a computer lab and gym as well as state-ofthe-art program space.

As part of the transition, the agencies will maintain independent web sites and phone numbers for several months. Current UCP clients can continue to contact UCP. New inquiries should go to Stepping Stones Client Services, 513-831-4660 or the web site www.steppingstonesohio.org

Village Views welcomes reader mail. Signed letters to the editor must be received by 9 p.m. on Friday, December 6. Please limit length to 350 words. Letters over 350 words will be published as submitted subject to space availability. All signed letters will be printed as submitted; however, minor editing for grammatical and typographical errors may by necessary. Content will not be edited. Any questions should be directed to the editor. See below.

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### **Police Report**

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Police received reports of hearing females screaming on the bike trail near the end of Stanton Avenue. Upon arrival, police located a small party sitting around a fire in the backyard of a residence. After observing several opened cans of beer, police asked if any of the party were over 21 years of age. After receiving no response, police asked if anyone was over 18. Some of the party responded in the affirmative. Upon further investigation, police discovered that two of the party were juveniles. Police spoke to the resident who lived at the property and advised him of the consequences of having an underage party. The party goers were charged with underage consumption and the resident was charged with a Keg Law Violation.

While monitoring traffic, police observed a vehicle in the UDF lot that was missing its license plate

lights. Police waited for the driver to return so that he could advise him of the missing lights. When the driver returned, police began to speak to him and smelled a very strong odor of alcohol, detected slow, slurred speech, and observed the driver swaying back and forth. Police told the driver that he needed to call for a ride and that he should not operate his vehicle. The driver said his house was not very far away. Police advised him that if he got into his vehicle, he would be placed under arrest. Police offered the driver a ride home, but he refused and walked to his residence.

Police responded to multiple complaints of vehicle break-ins at the soccer field. A subject broke into multiple vehicles and stole purses and a cell phone. Upon further investigation, the stolen cell phone was located on Ridge Avenue. No finger prints were found on the cell phone.

Police also responded to a neighbor dispute, a stolen scooter, a stolen bicycle, a dog on the loose, an auto accident, a sick opossum, a malfunctioning street light, a barking dog, a domestic dispute, a downed tree limb, stolen construction equipment, an alarm drop, and numerous properties found open.

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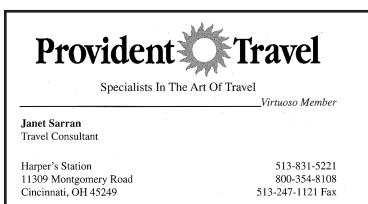
### Holiday Fair 2013 High School Students Create Holiday Magic for Younger Children

Mariemont High School's annual Holiday Fair will take place on Friday, December 6th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Mariemont High School gym. In its 15th year, the festive, community-wide event is student run and benefits and organizations.

Holiday Fair 2013 activities will include popular games of skill and chance, treats, decor/ jewelry sales, sportswear, silent auction and more. As always, the Art Club will sell its one-of-akind creations including painted home accessories and furniture.

Kids will be able to test their skills at sports challenges with Mariemont Warrior athletes. Favorite carnival games, bingo, cake walk and face painting will all be returning.

Bring the entire family and participating student clubs, teams enjoy the wonderful MHS PTO dinner which will be served that evening. From preschoolers through adults, Holiday Fair offers a great evening for the whole community. Mark your calendar now for a memorable Mariemont tradition that will kick off your holiday season!





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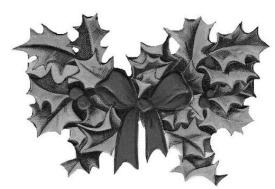
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**NOVEMBER** 

26 TPE Parent-Grandparent Day

27-29 No School (Mariemont Schools)

**28 THANKSGIVING** 

DECEMBER

4 MHS Holiday Concert MHS Auditorium 7 p.m.

6 MHS Holiday Fair, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Mariemont High School gym. Fun for all ages!!!!

8 TPHS Annual Holiday Brunch noon - 2 p.m. Location: Home of Lifetime Members, Adam and Holly Bortz

8 Luminaria Night sponsored by Kindervelt #76 6-8 p.m. Schedule: 6 p.m. light luminarias and go to the Village Green, 6:15 p.m. Holiday Carols and Carriage Rides begin, 6:30 p.m. Lighting of the Village Christams Tree, 6:45 p.m. Santa Arrives! Enter for a chance to light the Christmas Tree! Donate a new unwrapped gift by December 3rd. Drop at 727 Floral Ave, be sure to clearly mark it with you name and phone number.

10 MJHS Holiday Concert Mariemont Elementary Auditorium 7 p.m 10 TP Village Council Meeting, 7 p.m. in the community building

11 TP Holiday Concert Grades K-4, TP Gymnasium, 6:15 p.m.

16 TP Holiday Concert Band/Strings - G5 & 6, TP Gymnasium, 7 p.m.

17 Mariemont BOE Meeting, Mariemont Elementary, 7 p.m.

ME/TPE Holiday Chorus Concert, 18 Mariemont Elementary auditorium, 7 p.m.

21 – January 5 Mariemont Schools Winter Break

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6:00pm - Christmas Lessons and Carols The St. Thomas Parish Choir and Choristers celebrate with music of the season.



Tuesday, 12/24 - Christmas Eve - Three Different Christmas Services 4pm - Children's Christmas Pageant & Holy Communion - This treasured Christmas Celebration takes place in our beautiful Parish Hall and features our children sharing the great story of our Savior's birth, along with Christmas carols shared by the congregation and Holy Communion shared by all.

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