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Kottayam V. Natarajan Jr.; son, Kieran; daughter, Kali; and wife, Alison Ashlock, enjoy some solitude at Glacier National Park in this family photo. Natarajan was recently selected to replace Frank L. Boyle as a Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District commissioner.

Natarajan chosen for spot on LLSWD board

By Josh Johnson
SPLASH STAFF WRITER

An aviation industry consultant with an expressed priority — and long family heritage — of watershed development and protection was chosen Nov. 19 to replace longtime Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District Commissioner Frank L. Boyle, who passed away Sept. 28.

Kottayam V. Natarajan Jr., who goes by "Nata," was selected from five applicants at a meeting held in a building named after his late father-in-law, Denny Ashlock, who was one of the district's founding commissioners. His first official meeting as part of the three-member board will be its next one, Dec. 19.

Natarajan, 45, is senior director for AvAirPros. He has a master's degree in public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a bachelor's degree in economics and French language and literature from Whitman College. He is married to Alison Ashlock, who grew up in Liberty Lake and attended Central Valley High School with Natarajan. Ashlock is the daughter of Denny and Linda Ashlock.

Commissioners Tom Agnew and Steve Skipworth both expressed praise and confidence for all applicants for the position ("We did talk about the possibility of creating a seven-person board," Agnew joked,

profiles:

KOTTAYAM V. NATARAJAN JR.

Goes by
"Nata"

Age
45

Family
Wife, Alison Ashlock; son, Kieran, 14; daughter, Kali, 11

Hobbies
Snow skiing, water skiing, playing at the lake, hiking, socializing with friends and neighbors

Favorite thing about Liberty Lake
The lake itself and the old-fashioned sense of community where people know each other

Favorite Liberty Lake destinations
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but after recessing the meeting twice for further interviews and consideration, favored Natarajan.

"We're replacing Frank Boyle, and the people voted for Frank Boyle this last term," Skipworth said in explaining his decision. "I felt that I needed to think about the things like, 'Who would Frank

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NEWS/COMMUNITY

CVSD certifies 2013 levy rate

By Josh Johnson

SPLASH STAFF WRITER

The Central Valley School District Board of Directors voted unanimously Monday to certify the collection of \$22.9 million in funding from its programs and operations levy in 2013 — a number that is \$4.2 million less than the maximum voters authorized when the levy was approved in February.

The action means voters will likely pay an estimated tax rate of \$3.64 per \$1,000 in assessed valuation on their property, up from \$3.55 per \$1,000 in 2012. The estimated property tax rate increase comes despite the fact that the district authorized an identical total amount to be collected — \$22.9 million — in 2012.

The difference is that the assessed valu-

ation of the property in the district is estimated to decrease 2.44 percent for 2013, explained Jan Hutton, CVSD's executive director of finance.

"So because of a decrease in property values being divided into that same \$22.9 million, that actually drives a little higher tax rate itself," Hutton said, adding that the total monetary tax bill will actually stay the same for families whose property valuation also decreases by 2.44 percent.

The roll back of \$4.2 million in collectible taxes is the result of the levy equalization funding provided by the state remaining intact for 2013. This funding gives school districts with property values lower than the statewide average an additional influx of funding to help level the playing field with property-rich districts, such as those in urban areas on the west side of the state. The Central Valley School District has rolled back a portion of its collectible levy taxes because of levy equalization for the past three years — including \$4.5 million in 2010, \$6.2 mil-

lion in 2011 and \$4.4 million in 2012.

CVSD Superintendent Ben Small said the decision to only collect the \$22.9 million is in line with promises made to the community during the campaign to pass the replacement levy in February — namely that if equalization funding remained intact that the additional amount would not be collected. He said unexpected 2012 growth in district enrollment may cause a strain on the district's budget moving forward, particularly if the growth trend continues, but he said collecting additional funds through the 2013 levy to help anticipate that need would go against what had been previously communicated to voters.

At Monday's meeting, the board also unanimously adjusted the amount taxpayers will pay into the 2013 debt service fund, setting the amount at \$11.35 million, up from \$10.8 million in 2012. The debt service fund is used to make principal and interest payments on outstanding bonds.

Calendar of events

COMMUNITY

Nov. 30 | Liberty Lake Tree Lighting Ceremony

5:30 p.m. events, 8 p.m. tree lighting, City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive. Pictures with Santa available until 7:45 p.m. will be taken by Spokane's Best Photography, which will donate 80 percent of proceeds to the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery.

Dec. 5 | CV Band and Color Guard Pizza Night

Papa Murphy's, 1334 N. Liberty Lake Road. 15 percent of all food sales will be donated to Central Valley High School band and color guard to go to Washington D.C. for the 2013 Presidential Inaugural Heritage Festival. Use the register marked fundraiser, not valid with other coupons or specials.

Dec. 8 | Liberty Lake Holiday Ball

5 p.m. to midnight, Davenport Hotel, 10 S. Post Street, Spokane. Elegant evening with champagne reception, three-course dinner, silent and live auctions and live music with dancing. The event is the sole fundraiser for Friends of Pavillion Park. Tickets can be purchased for \$100 per person or \$1,000 for a table of 10 at the Friends of Pavillion Park website, www.pavillionpark.org. The Davenport also offers special room rates.

Dec. 13 | Harvard Road Gateway Roundabout Open House

6 to 8 p.m., Liberty Lake City Hall Council Chambers, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive. For more: 755-6700

Recurring

Friends of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library

6 p.m. the last Tuesday of every month, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

Kiwanis Club of Liberty Lake

6:45 a.m. Wednesdays, Liberty Lake City Hall, 22510 E. Country Vista Drive. For more: www.libertylakekiwanis.org

Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary Club

Noon Thursdays, Meadowwood Technology Campus Liberty Room, 2100 N. Molter Road

Liberty Lake Lions Club

Noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, Barlow's Restaurant, 1400 N. Meadowwood Lane. For more: 927-2193 or cheshierll@aol.com

Liberty Lake Municipal Library

23123 E. Mission Avenue. 10:15 a.m. Fridays, baby lapsit story time; 11 a.m. Friday, toddler/preschool story time and songs; 1 p.m. Fridays, story time and crafts for preschoolers; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, Knitting Club; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, computer classes; 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, toddler/preschool story time. For more: 232-2510

Liberty Lake Toastmasters

5:45 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District building, 22510 E. Mission Avenue. For more: 208-765-8657

Senior Lunch programs

11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Liberty Lake City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive, and 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Talon Hills Senior Complex, 24950 E. Hawkstone Loop. Seniors age 60 and older invited; recommended donation \$3.50.

CIVIC & BUSINESS

Nov. 30 | Valley Chamber Annual Meeting "Like Us"

11:30 a.m., Mirabeau Park Hotel, 1100 N. Sullivan Road, Spokane Valley. Social media expert Frank J. Kenny will speak about helping businesses understand the need for using technology to stay relevant and be competitive. Cost: \$40 per person for members and guests; \$50 per person for non-members. For more: www.spokanevalleychamber.org

Dec. 6 | Valley Chamber Holiday Social

4:30 to 7 p.m., Greater Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce, 1421 N. Meadowwood Lane, lower level. Light refreshments provided and Santa showcase tables available for \$50. For more: 924-4994

Dec. 6 | City Development Code 2013 Update Workshop

5 to 7 p.m. Liberty Lake

Community Brief

SCOPE volunteer honored

Ray Baesler was recently honored as Liberty Lake SCOPE's Most Valuable Volunteer of the Year for 2012. He was recognized recently along with other SCOPE volunteers in the county at an annual awards banquet hosted by the Spokane County Sheriff's Office.

City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive. For more: 755-6708 or atainio@libertylakewa.gov

Dec. 8 | Customer Appreciation Holiday Photo Event

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pawpular Companions Pet Supplies, 21950 E. Country Vista Drive. Complimentary pet photos and donation event for Pacific Northwest Animal Welfare Project. For more: 927-8890

Recurring

Central Valley School Board 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, CVSD administration building, 19307 E. Cataldo, Spokane Valley

Liberty Lake City Council 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive

Liberty Lake Municipal Library Board 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

Liberty Lake Planning Commission 4 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive

Liberty Lake SCOPE 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive

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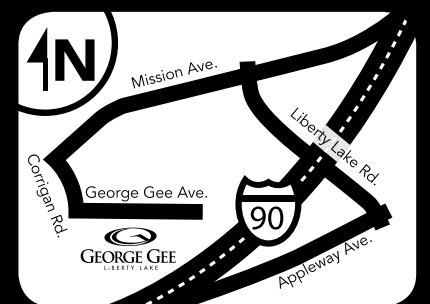
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Police Report

The following incidents, arrests, calls for service and citations were reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department Nov. 19-26.

Incidents and arrests

• **Hit and run** — At 6:05 p.m. Nov. 19, LLPD was dispatched to a hit-and-run accident at the 600 block of North Homestead. The complainant reported a small blue four-door vehicle occupied by three or four teenage male subjects hit the complainant's parked car.

• **Stolen vehicle** — At 8:30 a.m. Nov. 20, LLPD received a report of a stolen vehicle from the 22800 block of East Country Vista Drive. The complainant stated his vehicle was stolen from the parking lot of the apartment complex overnight. At 12:30 p.m. the same day, the complainant's vehicle was located in the parking lot of Albertsons.

• **Stolen checks** — On Nov. 21, LLPD received a report of missing debit cards and checks from the 25000 block of East Hawkstone Loop. The complainant received a call from her bank stating that a subject was trying to cash a check on her account and they wanted to verify some information, and she told the bank the checks were stolen. The case has been assigned to Det. Ray Bourgeois.

• **Malicious mischief** — At 1:30 p.m. Nov. 21, LLPD received a report of a malicious mischief incident that had happened the prior day at the 1600 block of North Signal Road. The complainant said that when he returned to his car after work, he noticed the driver's side window was busted, although nothing was missing from the car. A review of video surveillance determined that a dark-colored SUV pulled up next to the complainant's vehicle, and the passenger in the SUV reached out and struck the complainant's window, breaking it. The SUV then backed out of the parking area and drove off.

• **Theft** — At 11:25 a.m. Nov. 21, LLPD received a report of a theft at the 25000 block of Hawkstone Loop. The owner of the business reported he suspected an employee of theft. When he confronted the employee about it, the employee had nothing to say. The owner is researching financial records and will provide detailed information to LLPD when that is completed. The case has been assigned to Detective Ray Bourgeois.

• **Family argument** — At 5 p.m. Nov. 21, LLPD was dispatched to the 1400 block of North Murray for an argument between family members. The officers were able to assist in resolving the issue.

• **Another argument** — At 9:50 p.m. Nov. 23, LLPD was dispatched to the 23000 block of East Valleyway. It was determined that a husband and wife were arguing, and no crime was committed.

• **Telephone harassment** — At 9:15

p.m. Nov. 23, LLPD received a report of a telephone harassment at the 21000 block of East Country Vista Drive. The complainant reported he was receiving text messages threatening to kill him and asking where a certain person was. The complainant did not recognize the number or know the person the subject was referring to. When the complainant sent a message back, the suspect continued to send him threatening messages. LLPD called the number where the text messages were coming from and told the person to stop texting the number. The suspect did not respond and hung up the phone. Within a few minutes, a text message was left on the on-duty officer phone from the same number with inappropriate language. The officer responded to the suspect's text message and received another inappropriate message back. The case has been forwarded to Detective Bourgeois.

• **Alarm** — At 8:30 a.m. Nov. 23, LLPD was dispatched to the 23000 block of East Maxwell for a residential alarm.

• **Another alarm** — At 1:15 a.m. Nov. 24, LLPD was dispatched to a commercial alarm at the 1300 block of North Liberty Lake Road. The business was checked and all doors were secure.

• **False alarm** — At 7:30 a.m. Nov. 23, LLPD was dispatched to a holdup alarm at the 23000 block of East Knox Avenue. It was determined the alarm was due to an employee error.

• **Another false alarm** — At 9:30 a.m. Nov. 24, LLPD was dispatched to a residential alarm at the 300 block of South Legend Tree Drive. It was determined the alarm was false.

• **Trespassing** — At 7:45 a.m. Nov. 24, LLPD received a report of a malicious mischief/trespassing incident at Rocky Hill Park. It was reported that the plywood covering the barn on the property was removed. Officers checked inside and found a case of empty beer, and it appeared as if someone had recently been inside. LLPD will review video surveillance of the area for any suspect information.

• **Vehicle prowl** — At 7:15 p.m. Nov. 21, LLPD received a report of a vehicle prowl at the 24900 block of East Hawkstone Loop. The complainant reported that between 3 p.m. Nov. 18 and 8 a.m. Nov. 19, the left rear window of the complainant's car was broken while parked at the apartment complex, although nothing was missing from the vehicle.

• **DWLS** — LLPD officers made three arrests for driving with a suspended license during the reporting period, including:

- A 26-year-old Spokane man at 7:35 p.m. Nov. 24 at Liberty Lake Road and Appleway;

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Library Friends awards Kindle

Dianne Murray (left) presents a Kindle Paperwhite to Barbara Hoisington, the winner of the Friends of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library drawing. Funds raised from this drawing, as well as book sales and the spring tea, support library activities such as the summer reading program.



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Pictured are Murray (Friends president), Kailey Olson (who drew the winning ticket), Karen Ruef (Friends member and Kailey's grandmother) and Jeanne Harmer (Friends treasurer).

Celebrating the 'Festival of Lights'



On Nov. 17, many members of the local Indian community celebrated Diwali with cultural programs, singing, dancing and traditional Indian food at the downtown Spokane Comfort Inn. Diwali is one of the biggest Hindu festivals, celebrated for five days with the third day being the "Festival of Lights."

Kids performed a play showing some of the reasons Indians celebrate Diwali. Pictured below are Rohini, **Prateek, Kuhu, Sanjana**, Radhika, Neeharika, Viswas, Suhas, Shreya, **Srikar** and **Aditya. Sowmya Surapaneni** (standing in the back) directed the play. (Liberty Lake residents are in **bold**.)



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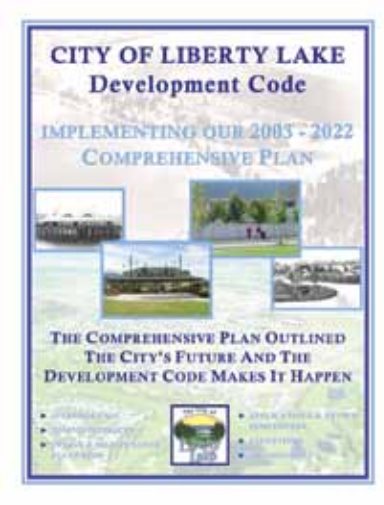
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Holiday Ball provides festive foundation for FOPP summer series

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Even when he wasn't serving as mayor of Liberty Lake, Steve Peterson made it a point to attend the city's annual wintertime extravaganza known as the Holiday Ball.

In addition to donning their formal best on the first Saturday in December, Peterson and his wife, Charmaine, have donated time over the years to the Friends of Pavillion Park committee, which coordinates the annual event. Proceeds from the gala go toward the free summer concert series, college scholarships and other activities at the park.

"It's not about just getting more money, it's about celebrating last year and looking forward to the future," Peterson said. "It's really a celebration of community."

Peterson said the Holiday Ball should be grouped among civic benchmarks that include the incorporation of Liberty Lake, a trail system founded by enterprising residents and the volunteer effort that rallied to make Pavillion Park a reality.

"They're all reflections of an extraordinary community and the quality people who reside here," the mayor said.

After attending the Holiday Ball for more than a decade — the first was held in 2000 with a one-year hiatus in 2006 — Peterson pauses with emotion when asked about his favorite memory of the event. That occurred in 2007 on Dec. 7 — Pearl Harbor Day as well as the birthday of Peterson's father who was in attendance that evening.

"We sang 'Happy Birthday' to my dad," Peterson said. "It was pretty special."

This year's Holiday Ball is 5 p.m. to midnight Dec. 8 in the Grand Pennington Ballroom at the Davenport Hotel in downtown Spokane. Event organizer Laura Frank said the commitment of the FOPP Holiday Ball committee has been critical in building the framework for the occasion.

"We have an unbelievable group of volunteers once again this year," Frank said. "The event is made possible due to the hard work and dedication of the committee members."

A total of 14 people comprise the committee, which begins preliminary discussions in the summer and meets weekly starting in September. By November, "things are getting pretty frantic," according to committee member Sue Schneidmiller.

"It's a lot of work," Schneidmiller said. "But every year, it all turns out. It's a wonderful evening."

The sole FOPP fundraiser relies on support from the local business community through sponsorships and donation of auction items as well as table and ticket



PHOTO COURTESY OF FRIENDS OF PAVILLION PARK

The elegance of the annual Friends of Pavillion Park Holiday Ball is due in part to the setting: the Grand Pennington Ballroom of Spokane's historic Davenport Hotel.

purchases. The event typically generates around \$50,000 each December for the following summer's schedule — a handy sum considering one large concert with a nationally known headliner can run in the vicinity of \$30,000, according to FOPP President Josh Schluter. The musical agenda in the park generally features a local, regional and national name at different points on the calendar along with the Spokane Symphony ringing in Labor Day weekend with the Lud Kramer Memorial Concert. In 2011, Shakespeare in the Park was added to the schedule.

The impact of the Holiday Ball was underscored in 2010 when the symphony cancelled its traditional Labor Day concert at Comstock Park after a 25-year run, citing budget cuts. Meanwhile, the Liberty Lake performance went on as scheduled

that September, thanks to the generosity of FOPP.

"The most significant challenge is that this is the only fundraiser that Friends of Pavillion Park holds," Frank said. "This event determines what we are able to provide for the summer events the following year. A challenge that we face is to bring awareness that the events are funded by the community, and without the continued support of the community through donations and attending the Holiday Ball, the events would not be possible."

The origins of Liberty Lake's most celebrated fundraiser go back to a time when Pavillion Park was still being built. The green space itself was made possible through donated land and development from the Schneidmiller Family, Greenstone Corp. and a handful of grants. In 1992,

Winter Festival begins with tree lighting Friday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The city of Liberty Lake's annual kick-start to the holiday season is Friday, when its 2012 Winter Festival begins with the annual tree-lighting ceremony.

The free event, which begins at 5:30 p.m. and culminates with the 8 p.m. tree lighting, includes crafts, hayrides, inflatable amusements, pictures with Santa, vendor booths and much more.

Other aspects of the Winter Festival include:

- Food drive for 2nd Harvest Food Bank: Through Dec. 28, drop off donations at City Hall, the library or Trailhead Golf Course.

- Photo contest: Through Dec. 28, free entries will be on display at City Hall with Mayor's Choice and People's Choice awards given.

- Christmas light tour: Through Jan. 1, Liberty Lake homes can register with City Hall to be added to the Christmas Light Tour List, which will be available online.

- Carriage rides: On Dec. 7 and 14, private reservations can be made through the city.

- Cross country ski and snowshoe lessons: To be held in January and February at Trailhead Golf Course, lessons are weather permitting.

- Sledding: Through February, residents are encouraged to sled at Trailhead Golf Course on the south side of the driving range fence.

For more information on any of the Winter Festival events, visit www.libertylakewa.gov/winterfest or call 755-6726.

2012 FRIENDS OF PAVILLION PARK *Holiday Ball*

When: 5 p.m. to midnight Dec. 8

Where: The Grand Pennington Ballroom at the Davenport Hotel, downtown Spokane

Why: To raise money for the FOPP Summer Concert Series, college scholarships for local high school students and other events in the park.

How: Ticket sales as well as live and silent auctions. Live auction hosted by Liberty Lake resident and KREM Meteorologist Tom Sherry

Food: A three-course meal that includes entrée options of Filet Mignon, Caraway Chicken or Mushroom Wellington

Tickets: \$100 per person, or a table of 10 for \$1,000. Purchase at www.pavillionpark.org or send check to FOPP at P.O. Box 325, Liberty Lake, WA 99019

For more: Contact event organizer Laura Frank at pavillionpark@yahoo.com or 863-8645

FOPP was established and, not long afterward, a fundraiser was held at the Mirabeau Park Hotel.

"We had it on Mother's Day weekend and called it 'Picnic in the Park,'" said Kelli Schneidmiller, organizer of the inaugural fundraiser. "It was a reminder that this was going to be a substantial park, something tangible for the community."

As awareness of the concert series grew over the years — along with funds in the FOPP coffers — Kelli Schneidmiller said the task of booking quality entertainment is not the uphill battle it once was.

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NEWS/COVER STORY

Council rejects property tax increase, approves CV field



First reported at
libertylakesplash.com

By Craig Howard
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Homeowners in Liberty Lake received their first gift of the holiday season on Tuesday night as the City Council voted down a proposed property tax increase of 1 percent for 2013.

The nominal levy lift lid was included in Mayor Steve Peterson's preliminary budget for next year and would have raised \$19,000 with funds earmarked for a speed monitor trailer and two surveillance cameras. The hike would have only affected Liberty Lake's portion of property tax, accounting for an average of \$3 yearly on a home valued at \$300,000.

While members of the governing board like Mayor Pro Tem Odin Langford acknowledged the value of the capital purchases on behalf of public safety, questions were raised about the idea of raising property taxes to cover the corresponding costs.

"I think we could find those funds from other places," Langford said.

Finance Director R.J. Stevenson said the property tax lift had been identified as "one of the ways we can keep up with the increasing cost of public safety in the long term." He noted that the city had until Nov. 30 to inform Spokane County officials of its property tax rate for 2013.

Police Chief Brian Asmus noted that capital investments such as those included in the 2013 budget "increase the efficiency of our department."

In opposing the tax increase, though not the capital requests, Council Member Josh Beckett said the 3-percent utility tax had already created a burdensome situation for residents and businesses, one that should not be aggravated by another levy shift. Meanwhile, Council Member Keith Kopelson speculated that the addition of public safety accoutrements might be intended to clear up more time for police to address animal protection.

Ultimately, council voted 6-0 (Council Member Dan Dunne was away with an excused absence) to bypass the 1-percent hike. The city can now set aside or "bank" the adjustment of 1 percent as an option for

next year.

Toward the close of the nearly three-hour meeting, Beckett raised concerns over another revenue-generating component of the mayor's budget, namely the embattled utility tax. Emphasizing that it was still having an onerous effect on local business, Beckett said he would be supporting elimination of the tax prior to the passage of the 2013 budget.

"We're still hearing feedback that it is hurting businesses," Beckett said.

Beckett — who faced off against Peterson in an often contentious battle for mayor last fall — issued a reminder that Wayne Frost of Greenstone and Peterson had both argued against the tax in the past, saying it would have a negative impact on the business climate, including companies interested in relocating to Liberty Lake.

Peterson countered on Tuesday, saying he "wasn't sure where the city would get the money" to address issues like municipal streets if the utility tax went away. The mayor's budget dedicates a projected \$662,000 from the tax in 2013 toward road maintenance and street capital projects.

Another unanimous vote took place on Tuesday in support of purchasing a field owned by the Central Valley School District. On Nov. 13, the CVSD board approved the sale of the space — identified by the district as the future site of a middle school — to the city of Liberty Lake for a symbolic \$10 with the understanding that the district could buy back the land for the same amount within a 99-year period. The buyback would include CVSD reimbursing the city for any costs associated with improvements of the property.

Liberty Lake resident Jennifer Tomlinson, who spoke at the school board meeting in support of the acquisition and has championed the project since 2007, told council on Tuesday the community would rally around renovation of the lot.

"We're going to do some really great work," Tomlinson said. "We just need your help to make it happen."

In addition to approving the purchase, council agreed to increase the amount allotted for field improvements in 2013 from

\$200,000 to \$500,000 based on a recommendation by Council Member Lori Olander. The city has set aside \$1 million from the capital facilities plan for field upgrades over the next five years, beginning in 2013. Funds for the project are being accessed through the real estate excise tax.

City Administrator Katy Allen acknowledged that there is "a great expectation" from residents to move swiftly on the field design and work, but recommended the city take a thorough look at the logistics and expenditures first. Allen proposed forming a committee that would include citizen feedback on the project.

Olander lobbied successfully on behalf of another line item change to the capital facilities plan on Tuesday — a large, multi-sport venue that, as of now, will include no specific expenditure. Neal Olander, Lori's husband, had campaigned for a similar 20-acre project while he served on the governing board.

After a short public hearing, council approved the 2013 to 2018 capital facilities plan with a unanimous vote. Langford was the only dissenting vote in resolutions that adjusted 2013 funding for the CV field and added the line item on the multi-sport venue.

Along with his squabbles over tax policy at the Nov. 20 meeting, Beckett said the city faced "communication and transparency issues" regarding discussions within municipal committees that oversee finance, public safety and community development. Beckett said the community development committee would begin emailing meeting agendas to other council representatives starting in December as a way to improve communication.

Peterson brought up the idea of someone from city staff taking minutes at each committee meeting while Allen said it would be possible to include minutes from each meeting in council packets.

"Overall, the goal is to make sure every council member knows what's going on in each committee," Allen said.

Tuesday's meeting also included two workshop discussions, the first addressing public use of tobacco in municipal parks.

On Oct. 2, council had asked city staff to draw up options for implementing a policy during large-scale events at sites like Pavillion Park.

On Tuesday, Parks and Recreation Coordinator Michelle Griffin outlined three proposals, beginning with the implementation of "Temporary Special Event Zones" that would include "no tobacco" signage on park grounds. The second option would involve a \$25 fine for those who used tobacco at parks during events with the final alternative emphasizing voluntary compliance in tobacco-free zones.

Council opted for the final proposal, but not before Langford referenced a study by the National Institutes of Health which states that "there is no acceptable level of second-hand smoke."

"It's all toxic," Langford said.

The second workshop included a presentation by representatives of the Washington State Department of Transportation on a proposed roundabout at the convergence of Harvard, Mission and the Interstate-90 westbound off-ramp. Council members learned that the intersection — currently controlled by stop signs — has not seen the necessary increase in traffic to qualify for traffic signals under something known as the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

A roundabout generally carries 30 to 50 percent more traffic than similarly sized signaled intersections, according to WSDOT officials. Historically, the approach has reduced fatal accidents by 90 percent while decreasing injury accidents by 70 percent.

Veteran landscape architect Mike Terrell, who has worked on a number of Liberty Lake projects, including Pavillion Park and Rocky Hill Park, provided an overview of roundabout design options on Tuesday. Along with improved pedestrian amenities, Terrell said the site would provide an opportunity for a gateway entrance to Liberty Lake while "establishing a sense of place and identity."

WSDOT and the city will host an open house on the roundabout project on Dec. 13 at City Hall, from 6 to 8 p.m.

BALL

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"Now, we're on the map," she said. "They know it's a cool place to go."

The Holiday Ball did take a brief detour in 2006 after plans for an autumn rendition of the event failed to generate sufficient interest. A scheduling conflict with the Davenport resulted in a shift on the calendar to Oct. 21 and a different venue. After just over 100 tickets had been sold

by early October, the jubilee was called off.

"FOPP got the message," event organizer Carol Darby said at the time. "This is a signature event that's always been in December."

The festivities returned with a flourish the following year, generating \$47,000 for the cause.

The Davenport — a landmark hotel that opened in 1914, closed in 1985 and reopened in 2002 after an extensive reno-

vation — typically welcomes around 300 each year for the Holiday Ball. A record 350 guests attended in 2003. The site is listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places and was the first hotel in the nation to feature air conditioning.

"The Davenport is perfect for our event," Frank said. "I can't think of a better place to go for an elegant evening out in Spokane during the holidays."

As usual, the evening will include a silent and live auction with an array of

unique items, including vacation get-aways, a cooking class, gift baskets, artwork and much more. Liberty Lake resident and KREM Meteorologist Tom Sherry will once again emcee the live auction. Entrée options for the three-course dinner include Filet Mignon, Caraway Chicken and Mushroom Wellington. Dancing to a live band follows the meal.

"I always look forward to wearing a tuxedo," said Peterson. "It's an elegant night."

Turkey Bowl XXIV decided in overtime

By Jim Nania
SPLASH GUEST COLUMN

Near perfect conditions greeted contestants at Pavillion Park on Thanksgiving Day morning. Only thing was, there were only a few contestants.

Diminished participation was attributed by game organizers to the recent adverse economic environment. It was speculated that some kids were protesting because of diminished parental economic support for their prolonged and carefree adolescence. Probably some adults were protesting the lack of jobs for kids and therefore the lack of funding for social security that we are counting on in the “golden years.”

Nonetheless, those that answered the annual call for a generational contest experienced a remarkably competitive and exciting game. In a rare sign of improvement in the economy, a golden one-dollar coin was produced for the toss, and in a more common sign that things are not that much better, there was an intense ground scramble for the coin after it appeared to have disappeared into the turf of Pavillion Park.

The kids deferred the first possession and were shocked when J. Travis Prewitt (aka “The Admiral”) returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown. Touting the “magic pill” of daily exercise, Prewitt was a major factor for the adult team in the first half and accounted for 28 points, with two coming from runs after he intercepted passes.

However, early in the third quarter he made a desperate dive, face set with grim determination on an attempt to cross the goal line, and had his face reset with the pain of a severely pulled hamstring.

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Standing victorious, from left, are kids’ team players Trevor Sharpe, Anne Cocchiarella, Bobby Andre and Brad Whitley. In submission on the ground are adults J. Travis Prewitt, Tadge Cochran, Joel Nania and Jim Nania.

Down seven points at the half, the kids’ team took full advantage of this injury with QB Brad Whitley finding sure-handed receiver Trevor Sharpe of the Spokane Shock front office again and again. Kid Bobby Andre showed his handsome smile was still accompanied with a complete preservation of his athleticism as he continuously made key plays on both sides of the line. Kid Anne Cocchiarella made a major statement for gender equality as the only female on the field and caught a long pass that led to another kids’ score. The score was tied 28-all at the end of the third quarter.

And now, for the adults comes veteran Tadge Cochran (aka “The Gronk”). Injured in last year’s game, he was a questionable starter but was never better and showed remarkable agility as well as great hands as he caught, ran and scored with an abundance of finely thrown passes from adult QB Joel Nania, who was in rare veteran form.

The kids fought back and demonstrated a picture-perfect double reverse that went for another touchdown and left the adults scattered on the ground like the fallen leaves of autumn. At the end of regulation play, the score was tied at 49.

A Colorado-style overtime followed,

where again it was Whitley to Sharpe in the end zone for the go-ahead score. The adults could not answer as they dropped passes that will haunt them all winter.

Final score: Kids, 56; adults, 49

Kids MVP: Trevor Sharpe, seven touchdowns

Kids Honorable Mention: Anne Cocchiarella

Adults MVP: Tadge Cochran (better than ever!)

Next year will be the 25th year and Silver Anniversary of this Turkey Bowl. Tradition may have lost some traction in today’s environment of instant gratification and virtual reality experienced on the comfort of a couch. Organizers plan to evolve with the times, and next year’s big event is planned with cash prizes, scantily clad cheerleaders of both genders, major primetime media coverage, free commemorative T-shirts and extensive social media marketing.

All those who have ever played in this Turkey Bowl are encouraged to “suit up” next year at 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day for the big game.

Jim Nania is a longtime Liberty Lake resident and Turkey Bowl organizer.

Letters to the Editor

Eliminate the utility tax

It has come to my attention that at the Dec. 4, City Council meeting, members will be having a vote on eliminating the utility tax.

This tax was originally implemented to cover a shortfall in the city’s revenue. After the first year, we had already caught up enough to not need it in the city’s budget anymore. Well, instead of eliminating it, as was originally planned, it was continued at a reduced 3 percent — still a tax of nearly three-quarters of a million dollars on the citizens and businesses of Liberty Lake.

Unfortunately, now there is a push to use it for other purposes. Even though some of the purposes may be valid, it is a type of slush fund that may never go away; there will always be another project. It is a large expense that we do not need to have on our budgets, and especially in this economy there is no need to pursue non-essential city projects.

Please contact the City Council and mayor this week about keeping to their original plan to eliminate the utility tax.

Brandon Hunt

*Huntwood Custom Cabinets
Liberty Lake*

SCRAPS important to LL

I sincerely hope Mayor Steve Peterson gets in touch with his feminine side soon and starts exercising some sorely needed tact and diplomacy, or he may find himself in the politically awkward position of insulting and alienating all the service providers Liberty Lake depends on — and many Liberty Lake residents in the process.

Is the Liberty Lake community really so poor that we can no longer afford decent care for helpless animals? Do the residents of Liberty Lake really want to pick up stray dogs and cats like before we had SCRAPS service?

Nancy Hill and the SCRAPS staff have been providing our community exceptional service at a very reasonable cost. Nancy should be recognized for a job well done. Instead, she has been browbeat by Mayor Peterson and raked over the coals with impossible demands to reduce costs even further. We need to stay with SCRAPS and stop all this nonsense before we lose the wonderful synergy and spirit of compassion that makes Liberty Lake so very special.

Christopher Glenn Bowers
Liberty Lake

SPORTS/PROFILES

CV wrestlers, gymnasts ready for season

By Mike Vlahovich
SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Central Valley wrestling and gymnastics teams begin their quests this winter to contend in the Greater Spokane League with their first matches next week. And coaches **John Owen** and **Kim Brunelle** said they are having fun.

Bears wrestlers tied for second in league with University last year, were seventh in state and return five starters.

They are at Lewis and Clark Dec. 5 and North Central Dec. 6 and host their annual Inland Empire tournament two days later.

The gymnasts are hoping to improve last year's sixth-place effort with nary a senior and a primarily sophomore and freshmen roster.

They are at Shadle Park in a four-way meet that includes defending state champion Mead next Wednesday.

Bear wrestlers on the prowl

Central Valley sent seven wrestlers to state a year ago, and all placed among the top eight.

"I've never had a team do that," Owen said. "What a remarkable tournament we had."

Three return, junior **Colton Orrino**, who was third at 126, and a pair of fifth-

place finishers, sophomore **Blake Beard** at 120 and senior **Tanner Davis** at 160.

Owen, a Hall of Fame coach at North Idaho College, is in the second year of his second stint and eighth year overall as CV's coach. His team, he said, is the opposite of last year's.

"I guess if I was making an overall assessment, we're better in the lower weights and not as strong in the upper weights," he said.

Having Orrino and Blake Beard back, with Blake's freshman brother **Bryson** at 113, are three reasons why. A healthy **Carson Graham** fills 106.

"When you're a junior at 106, that's a big advantage," Owen said.

There are other key figures, although 220-pound senior **Lowell Kovacich** had shoulder surgery and won't be ready until the first of the year. **David Shepard** at 152 and **Tim Ruebish** (145) are both veterans.

Brothers **Nate** (119 pounds) and **Elijah Kilborn** (138), senior **Taylor Shea**, who fits in between Blake Beard and Orrino, and sophomore newcomer **Aaron Stintzi** (197-220) — he played basketball last year, but comes from a wrestling family — will help reinforce the upper weights.

"I really think we have a healthy team," Owen said of CV's prospects. "We have four kids who will do really well in most

big tournaments and state. I've got to coach the other kids along and make them state placers."

CV gymnasts on rebound

Though a long-time title contender, the Bears have fallen on hard times the past three seasons. Brunelle is hopeful they'll climb a few rungs on the GSL ladder this year.

"The last three years we've been mid-pack," Brunelle said. "Here's the deal. I know exactly what happened."

The loss of the sport in middle schools, where she had also coached and introduced scores of seventh-graders to it, caused a dearth of prospects.

"That and we didn't have anybody come from out of club gymnastics for a long time," Brunelle continued.

She sees CV turning the corner with a couple of ex-club kids, even if there are no seniors on the team.

Sophomore **Issabella Erdum** and freshman **McKinzie Carter** are the Bears top all-around performers, with third-year junior **Clarisa Martinez** in the mix.

Another sophomore and freshman duo, **Dani Carlton** and **Savannah Folsom**, will vie for No. 4. Several others from the 28-gymnast turnout will be individual event performers, sophomores **Hailey Britain** and **Charis Himebaugh** among

them.

"We'll have a pretty good team," Brunelle said. "We have a little bit of a turnaround this year, but I guess it is in terms of looking to the future."

Mead will be the GSL favorite as expected. University and Shadle Park are always contenders and teams from Ferris and Mt. Spokane would like to make inroads.

Basketball begins

Central Valley boys and girls play non-league basketball games in Pasco Saturday at Chiawana.

The Greater Spokane League season begins Tuesday when the Bears host Mead, beginning with the girls game at 5:30 p.m.

Scoreboard

SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 29

4 p.m. CV Wrestling Jamboree at University

DECEMBER 1

2 p.m. CV Girls Basketball at Chiawana

3:45 p.m. CV Boys Basketball at Chiawana

DECEMBER 4

5:30 p.m. CV Girls Basketball vs. Mead

7 p.m. CV Boys Basketball vs. Mead

DECEMBER 5

6 p.m. CV Gymnastics vs. Mead, North Central and Shadle Park at Shadle Park

7 p.m. CV Wrestling at Lewis & Clark

DECEMBER 6

7 p.m. CV Wrestling at North Central

NATARAJAN

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have chosen? And then also at the same time start thinking about who would also have similar thoughts to what Frank might have?"

Natarajan's ties to the district's heritage began with Denny Ashlock, a citizen activist whose leadership in the foundation of the LLSWD was one of many local legacies. He also was a leader in projects such as the development of the Centennial Trail and the transformation of a former zoo site at Mirabeau Point. Denny Ashlock died in 1997 at age 59.

"I had known him since I was a junior in high school," Natarajan said in an interview following his selection. "My parents were divorced, and I lived with a single mom. He was generally like a father figure to me."

While the continuation of a family heritage in the LLSWD is special to him and his extended family, Natarajan said it shouldn't factor into how anyone else views him.

"For me personally it's a nice thing, for my family it's a nice thing, but I would expect the citizens of Liberty Lake to hold me

to just as high a standard as anyone else," Natarajan said. "And one of the reasons I don't mind saying that is because I'm really pretty passionate about this area."

Indeed, Natarajan listed his passion for Liberty Lake's "unique quality of life" as one of his chief reasons for applying for the job. He said he also hopes the position will enable him to utilize his skills and experience toward developing and protecting the watershed while preserving natural resources.

In his application packet for the position, Natarajan included letters of recommendation from Linda Ashlock, Shawn Chalich, Stan Chalich and Arthur "Skip" Toreson Jr., another longtime LLSWD commissioner.

"To me, Nata possesses the key skills to complement the existing commissioners and to help plan for the future of Liberty Lake, particularly given the current and future issues the district will face," Linda Ashlock wrote in a letter to Agnew and Skipworth.

Among the issues faced by the LLSWD is requirements in its permit that give it the right to discharge treated effluent into the Spokane River. The environmental regulations become increasingly difficult in coming years, requiring expensive tech-

nologies — some of which may not even be in existence. The district has also considered a future in which it might not discharge into the river at all.

"I do not think there is an easy answer," Natarajan said.

He was quick to say he is not coming to the board with ready-made solutions for the coming challenges, but with a general philosophy of working hard to make wise decisions and understanding that we can't "have our cake and eat it too" when it comes to investing financially in the stewardship of the community.

Letters or recommendation also painted Natarajan as an extremely intelligent man and a quick study for complex or unfamiliar issues. Natarajan admitted he has a learning curve, but looks forward to the challenges of getting up to speed. He said he personally enjoys education and believes outreach into the community for education is another priority.

He said he is not afraid to approach friends and neighbors with suggestions that would further a "quiet and friendly stewardship" of the community and its natural resources.

"It's the way Alison and I are," he said. "We're the folks that recycle all the time.

In fact, some of our friends probably get irritated because we are the people who go to their house and move things out of their garbage and into their recycling bin."

Natarajan was one of five candidates who applied nearly six years ago to replace Harley Halverson when he retired from the board, a position that eventually went to Skipworth. Since that time, he has remained connected to the LLSWD, attending lake protection conferences and staying abreast of LLSWD issues.

Other applicants for the commission included:

- Jeff Hoover, insurance agency owner, former city of Liberty Lake planning commissioner and resident of the community since 1968;

- Kelly Lukes, owner of Lukes Accounting and Liberty Lake resident since 1982;

- Gary Wolf, 18-year resident and former materials engineer at Hanford involved with handling power plant waste, current chemistry teacher at Spokane Falls Community College;

- Dennis Scott, retired Spokane County public works director and former president of the Liberty Lake Home Owners Association.

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EVENTS

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CHRISTMAS ART WKSP.

For kids (ages 5+) Sat. Dec. 1st (10-12:30p.m.) at The Art Chalet. (\$28)-frame or canvas X-tra (opt.) A great wrapped surprise work of art! Call 255-9600 or go to: www.theartchalet.com.

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LEGAL NOTICES

CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON ORDINANCE NO. 203

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE 2013 - 2018 CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN

WHEREAS, the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) requires counties and cities to prepare Capital Facilities Plans pursuant to RCW 36.70A, WAC 365-195, and related Chapters; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Liberty Lake (City) has previously adopted a Comprehensive Plan which included a Capital Facilities Element and a Capital Facilities Plan in the appendix; and,

WHEREAS, the Capital Facilities Plan provides supplemental information that complements the text, goals, and policies of the Capital Facilities Element in the City's Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Capital Facilities Plan is a long-range financial plan that allows the City to prioritize public projects and identify funding sources; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Commerce provided the required 60-day review of the Capital Facilities Plan and noticed other state agencies of availability; and

WHEREAS, the City completed and circulated a SEPA checklist for adoption of the Capital Facilities Plan with a Threshold Determination; and,

WHEREAS, the City has complied with SEPA and affirms the final Determination of Nonsignificance for this non-project action; and,

WHEREAS, the City has provided notice of opportunities for participation to agencies, interested parties, and the public at large; and,

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington do ordain as follows:

- Section 1. 2013-2018 Capital Facilities Plan Content.
 Introduction/Background
 Capital Facility Financing Strategies
 Obligation to Provide Capital Facilities
 Establishing Levels of Service Standards
 Financial Resources
 Assessment of Facilities and Services
 Water
 Sewer
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 Capital Improvement Program Planning
 Project List
 Project Map
 Current Financial Capacity & Debt
 Appendix
 Current Capital Facility Inventory
 Comprehensive Plan Comparison Matrix
 Capital Improvement Worksheets

Section 2. Capital Facilities Plan Adoption. The text of the City of Liberty Lake 2013-2018 Capital Facilities Plan is hereby adopted as set forth in Exhibit A, 2013 - 2018 City of Liberty Lake Capital Facilities Plan, attached hereto and fully incorporated by reference.

Section 3. Severability. In the event any one or more of the provisions of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be

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At the Liberty Lake PORTAL

Discover the Magic of True Built Home

A new home building company, located in the Liberty Lake Portal, is creating magic for families in the Spokane area. While Pat Nordquist of True Built Home, claims there is no magic to the fantastic and affordable quality his company is delivering all over the Spokane area, his delighted customers will beg to differ.

"With us, you don't have to upgrade to get quality," Pat explains. "There's no magic to it. Basically our whole business model is streamlined to give people more for less."

Suppose you want to build a new home. If you drop in to see Pat at True Built Home in the Liberty Lake Portal, he will arrange to drive out to your building site for a complimentary site visit. Let's say your site was 3 hours away, he would still be glad to go because the Liberty

Lake branch of True Built Home covers everything within a 3.5 hour radius from his office. And Pat's extensive experience in the industry (27 years) enables him to evaluate exactly what is necessary to get the site ready for construction; power, water, septic, roadwork, foundation prep work, etc.

Once Pat visits your site, he will



Cabinetry, lighting, and fixture options adorn the True Built Home showroom in the Liberty Lake Portal.

let you know which subset of the numerous house plans at www.truebuilt.com would work for your lot and budget. As the homeowner, you then have the opportunity to browse through the plans, and identify which style you want to build, including any adjustments or modifications you would like.

"We have two full time designers and we can tweak any plan," Pat explained. "And most of the plans on our website have 3 or 4 variations already archived because customers have done just that."

True Built Home came to Liberty Lake in May 2012. They've been delighted with the great on site manager at the Portal, and the exposure that comes from such an easy to find location. Prior to opening their office in the Portal, they ran a banner ad on their website hoping to get a sense of the interest. According to Pat, "The interest

was phenomenal." From January through March 850 visitors from the Spokane region perused the website. This was in contrast to 195 visits for the already existing branch in the Tri-Cities region.

Pat attributes the high level of interest to the quality home that True Built delivers at amazing prices. "People wonder that we're really building stick frame homes with 2x6 construction because we've kept our prices so low. We build from \$46 to \$52 per square foot." Features like Cement Horizontal Lap siding and solid wood cabinetry come standard which Pat explains isn't always the case in home construction.

"Last year we grew by 50%," Pat pointed out. "And we're on track to do 25 homes in our first year in Liberty Lake. We've really exceeded our expectations by a long shot." Now most business owners would agree that is definitely magical.

Can a Building be a Good Neighbor?

If you've stopped at the intersection of Mission Avenue and Molter Road sometime in the last few weeks, you've probably noticed a transformation taking place at the northeast corner of the Liberty Lake Portal. A space once occupied by a trash dumpster now contains the new Portal Maintenance Building. And while the building is not accessible to the entire neighborhood, the project was motivated by the desire to be a good neighbor.

Bernard Daines, a Liberty Lake resident who owns the Portal, explained, "We did this to improve the neighborhood, starting with this corner."

And if it is possible for a building to be a good neighbor, the Liberty Lake Portal definitely does it's part. During the annual Liberty Lake garage sale, residents who

aren't able to host their own sale can make arrangements to set up in the Portal parking lot. And inside the Portal, a fully equipped computer room and other facilities are often made available to community organizations who want to conduct family history research, training sessions, or other activities.

Upcoming modifications to the Portal include an expanded dining area for tenants, the construction of executive suites, signage improvements, and the addition of a larger, glass enclosed conference room. All these improvements are designed to make the Portal a better place to grow a business. And, as we all know, helping local businesses to grow is a very neighborly thing to do.



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