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## Maple Hts. Council ok's \$22.5M budget for 2019

By Judith Goldsworth

Maple Heights Council passed legislation last week approving the 2019 budget for the city in the amount of \$22,507,905 at its final meeting of the year.

Council called the special meeting on Thursday, Dec. 27, to resolve year-end business, as no legislation was passed at its regular meeting of Wednesday, Dec. 19, Council Clerk Leonette Cicirella stated.

The appropriations, which will cover expenses, expenditures and operations for 2019, include a little under \$3 million apiece for the city's police and fire departments, \$1.6 million for water and sewer maintenance, \$1.7 million for trash collection and \$1.3 million for streets, among other funding.

Included in the information provided by the city was a statement of the estimated receipts for 2019, in the projected amount of \$26,235,141.

Closing the books for the year, council also passed an ordinance providing for an amendment to the budget for 2018, "to account for certain additional expenditures," the legislation stated. The amended budget for 2018 was stated at \$21.6 million, with 2018 estimated resources stated at \$26.2 million.

A companion ordinance was also passed for the city to prepare and file an amended 2018 Certificate of Estimated Resources with the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer, as required by Ohio Revised Code.

An ordinance for the city to file an amended 2019 Certificate of Estimated Resources with the county, which was placed on first reading at the December 19th meeting, was placed on second reading at last week's meeting. This legislation is on the agenda for the council meeting to be held tonight, Wednesday, Jan. 2, at 7 p.m. at the Maple Heights Senior Center, 15901 Libby Rd., Cicirella stated.

### Shared Services Agreement on agenda

A resolution for the city to hire Garfield Heights Finance Director Barbara Biro to also serve as acting finance director for the city of Maple Heights was placed in Finance Committee at the December 19th meeting, and remained in committee at the December 27th meeting, Cicirella stated, adding that this legislation is also on tonight's meeting agenda.

The Shared Services Agreement, authorized by Ohio Revised Code, is a unique arrangement in that if council actually passes it, Biro will serve both Garfield Heights and Maple Heights as finance director.

Garfield Heights Council has already passed legislation to approve its end of the agreement, stating Biro's considerable experience with financial services.

### Other legislation

An ordinance adopting the 2018 Master Plan for Maple Heights was placed on second reading at the December 19th meeting. This would be the first Master

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## Suspect charged in Gertrude Ave. slaying

Cornelius Pames, Jr., 25, was charged last week with aggravated murder in connection to the death of 94-year-old Eucebia Garcia in a violent home invasion on Gertrude Avenue in Slavic Village in September, according to Cleveland Municipal Court records.

Police had been investigating the death of Garcia and the assault on her daughter, Marina, during the violent home invasion and robbery on September 17th.

Garcia and her daughter were from Honduras and were staying in Slavic Village visiting family.

At the scene it was learned that a suspect entered the home through a window where he confronted both women who were sleeping in a bedroom, police said. The suspect physically assaulted both women and then took property from the home.

Marina Garcia, 74, had been severely beaten and was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center where she eventually recovered from bleeding on her brain and was released, according to The Plain Dealer.

Pames is currently jailed under a \$50,000 bond in a separate case in which he is accused of gross sexual imposition, importuning, aggravated menacing and kidnapping, according to Cuyahoga County Court records.

It was reported that on September 12th, Pames allegedly tried to get a 13-year-old girl to have sex with him for money, and the incident occurred about one block away from where Garcia was killed days later, according to The PD. He pleaded not guilty to the charges, court records show.

Cleveland Police Sergeant Jennifer Ciaccia said information that led to the conclusion Pames may be responsible for the murder is not yet for release as it is part of the ongoing investigation.

Ward 12 Councilman Anthony Brancatelli congratulated Cleveland Police Commander Brandon Kutz on making an arrest in the murder of Garcia and said, "I understand there was a lot of good police work done here and I want to commend your team for their determination and efforts."

Cuyahoga County Court records state Pames was to have a psychiatric evaluation to see if he was legally sane in connection with the Gertrude Avenue gross sexual imposition case and to see if his case is eligible to be sent to mental health court.

Pames has an extensive criminal history including charges of aggravated theft, burglary and robbery, rape and kidnapping.

## Bedford toddler dead in house fire that had already claimed one life

Carter Jones, the two-year-old boy that was injured in an apartment fire at the Center Park Apartments on Center Road in Bedford last month, has died, according to news5cleveland.com. The boy's father, Gregory Jones, 49, had died previously after being rescued from the fire and taken to Bedford Medical Center.

Firefighters were called to the apartment complex around 10:45 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 21, for a report of smoke in the building. The young boy had been taken to a hospital in Toledo after his rescue.

Bedford Fire Department Chief Dave Nagy said the state fire marshals are investigating the cause of the fire, but he believes it was an accidental kitchen fire.

## Garfield Hts. agrees to \$80,000 settlement in civil rights lawsuit

Earlier this month the city of Garfield Heights agreed to pay \$80,000 in connection with a federal civil rights lawsuit brought by a resident alleging First Amendment and Fourth Amendment police-brutality violations, according to a press release from Robert Spencer's lawyers at the Chandra Law Firm in Cleveland.

The complaint alleged that in July 2017, Garfield Heights police officers drove a patrol car down Spencer's street and passed him while he was outside in his yard. The Chandra press release stated that the officers confronted Spencer "with false and rapidly evolving accounts of 'threats' he supposedly made as they drove by and resorted to violence without provocation when Spencer laughed and insulted them.

The city also agreed as part of the settlement to "provide mandatory and adequate training to all active duty police officers" and "provide all training materials and attendance records" to Chandra Law for advance approval - subject to judicial enforcement - on several constitutional and civil rights protections.

Garfield Heights Law Director Tim Riley said the city stands by the terms of the settlement.

"When reviewing the strategy of settling a case," Riley said, "many issues are considered, including the cost of protracted litigation. As the settlement agreement indicates, the city of Garfield Heights did not admit liability in this matter. This resolution was a compromise by both parties to end the litigation."

## The Neighborhood News policy on meeting notices

Beginning with this issue, no meeting notices of any kind will be accepted as free news items except for community meetings organized or sponsored by a council member.

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## Maple Hts. Council ok's

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Plan update since 1999, and according to the legislation, the city received a Cuyahoga County Department of Development grant in 2017 for that purpose.

Placed on first reading at the December 19th meeting was an ordinance to waive the 100 percent escrow requirement to correct violations resulting from point of sale inspections for the year 2019, in order to offer an incentive to individuals who purchase and occupy residential properties in the city. Both pieces of legislation are also on tonight's agenda, according to city officials.

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**Southeast Branch Library, 79 Columbus Rd., Bedford, 440-439-4997**

• GED/HSE Classes presented by Aspire Greater Cleveland will be offered on Mondays and Tuesdays, beginning January 7th, from 7-8:30 p.m. Students must attend an orientation session before beginning classes. For orientation information, call 1-833-ASPIRE2 or visit [aspiregreatercleveland.org](http://aspiregreatercleveland.org).

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• Learn about TV shows that changed the world during a three-part series on Thursdays, Jan. 24, Jan. 31 and Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. From "The Twilight Zone" and "Star Trek," to "The Walking Dead" and "Game of Thrones," television critic Mark Dawidziak will share how TV shows have reflected what's happening in culture and society.

**Maple Heights Branch Library, 5225 Library Ln., 216-475-5000**

• A three-day GED/HSE orientation will be offered beginning Monday, Jan. 7, at 9:30 a.m., provided by Aspire Greater Cleveland. Orientation is required before taking the GED/HSE classes. For further information about orientation and class times, call 1-833-ASPIRE2 or visit [aspiregreatercleveland.org](http://aspiregreatercleveland.org).

## Happy New Year's birthday!

Happy January 1st birthday to Mrs. Betts Skrha of Cleveland's North Broadway neighborhood.

Born and raised in the community she still lives in, Betts has been a tireless advocate for the residents and businesses of Slavic Village. She organized and headed the St. Michael Hospital Community Board in the former St. Alexis Hospital in the late 1990s, is active with the Sokol Greater Cleveland organization and the Cleveland Central Catholic Advisory Board, and is on the boards of several other local nonprofits.

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## Reader's CHOICE RECIPES

Enjoy one of these delicious recipes sent in by readers of The Neighborhood News!

### New Year's Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner

2 (2 lb.) jars sauerkraut  
2 (6 oz.) cans apple juice  
1 lb. bacon  
1 lb. bratwurst  
1 lb. kielbasa  
1 lb. smoked pork chops  
10 small red skin potatoes  
10 small onions  
6 large apples  
1 lb. carrots

**Preliminaries:** Using a colander, rinse sauerkraut under a stream of cool water. Drain, then by handfuls, squeeze out as much water as possible. Spread out in a large bowl, pour in apple juice, and mix well.

Cut up all meats into bite size pieces. Scrub potatoes and quarter. Peel carrots and cut up in bite size pieces. Peel onions, leave whole. Use a corer/wedger on the apples, then cut each wedge in threes.

**Directions:** In a large roaster, first cook the bacon, then brown the bratwurst in the drippings. Add the kraut and the other two meats and combine well. Add the rest of the ingredients and blend until well distributed. Cover and slowly cook in a 300° oven for three hours.

*Doris Watson, Maple Heights*

### Cranberry Crunch

1 cup oats (I use old fashioned, but quick will work)  
½ cup all purpose flour  
1 (16 oz.) can whole berry cranberry sauce  
1 cup brown sugar (I use dark but light is fine)  
½ cup butter or margarine

Mix the oats, flour, and brown sugar together. Cut in butter. Pack half in bottom of greased pie plate or 8x8 dish. Spread sauce over crust. Top with remaining crumbs.

Bake at 350° for 45 minutes to 1 hour, or until lightly browned. Excellent served with whipped cream or ice cream. (Note: I have made this with a fruit pie filling instead of cranberry sauce, and only used ½ cup sugar.)

*Lucy Burkholder, Garfield Heights*

### Eggnog Bavarian Cream Pie

Makes two pies

#### CRUST:

1½ sticks unsalted butter, softened  
2 cups graham cracker crumbs  
1¼ cups sugar  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
½ tsp. nutmeg  
½ tsp. ginger

#### FILLING:

6 large eggs  
2 cups whole milk  
1½ cups sugar  
pinch of sea salt  
½ cup cold water  
2 packages unflavored gelatin  
½ bottle (3 Tbsp. + 1 tsp. rum extract (only Wildmans or Watkins has the sweet butter rum flavor)  
2 cups heavy whipping cream  
freshly grated nutmeg

In mixer bowl, combine all crust ingredients on medium speed. Press into two buttered pie pans. Bake at 325° for only 15 minutes. (This can be done a day in advance if desired).

For the filling: Separate eggs, putting yolks in a 1-quart Pyrex pitcher and whites in the mixer bowl.

In top of double boiler bring milk, sugar and salt just to the boiling point. Turn heat down to medium, beat egg yolks and add to the hot milk mixture. Cook and stir from 10-15 minutes, until custard thickens and bubbles.

While custard is cooking - Place water in a 1 cup Pyrex measuring cup, add gelatin and stir to soften. Remove thicken custard from heat, stir in gelatin and rum extract. Pour through sieve into a very large bowl. Cover by laying saran wrap directly on the custard so a skin cannot form. Let cool to room temperature, about 45 minutes. Then place in refrigerator for an hour or until it reaches the consistency of pudding.

Beat egg whites until stiff, set aside. Whip cream until stiff, add the cooled custard by cupfuls and slowly blend very well. Transfer the whipped cream/custard back into that same very large bowl. Fold in the egg whites. Spoon into pie shells, mounding in the center.

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*Doris Watson, Maple Heights*

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## Letters to the Editor

### Gladish's are missed

To the Editor:

Thank you for the beautiful tribute to Pat Gladish on the front page of the December 19th paper. She truly deserved it.

I met Pat over 40 years ago at St. Peter & Paul School

P.T.U. when our kids were students there. She and Norm were very active in church, school and scout activities.

She was just as kind and generous with her faith community as you knew her to be.

She and Norm attended Mass and received Communion daily. My favorite memory of Norm is of him kneeling in prayer, holding his rosary beads, while waiting for Saturday evening Mass to begin.

There are probably dozens of people who have wonderful stories of them living out their faith as Catholic Christians.

I miss seeing them in the neighborhood! May they both rest in peace.

Sincerely,  
Dodie Krese  
Garfield Heights

Arrangements were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home, where funeral services will be held. Interment in Crown Hill Cemetery.

**MARY ANN DORAZEWSKI** (nee Doles), 72, of Bedford, passed away on December 25th.

She was the beloved wife of Robert M.; loving mother of Anne Heugel (James), Christine Saley (Randy), and James Zeuli (Maria); dear grams of Katie (fiance Adam), Alyse, Kelly, Carrie, Randy, Ryan, Alex, Carmen, Domenic and Michael; sister of Robert (Margaret) and the late Joanne, William, and Kenneth; sister-in-law of Robin and Anna.

Arrangements were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home and a Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Monica Catholic Church. Interment in All Saints Cemetery.

**JADWIGA JENNIE WOJNIAK** (nee Pogroszewski), 93, passed away at home on December 23rd.

She was the beloved wife of the late Edward J. Wojniak, Sr.; loving mother of Dr. Ed J. (Jan), Barbara Jefferis (Alan, deceased), Michael A., and Elizabeth Luther (Jeff); devoted grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of nine.

Mrs. Wojniak received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Cleveland College (now Case Western Reserve University) and a Master's degree in Education from Cleveland State University and was a teacher in the Garfield Heights School District for 27 years, earning the Martha Holden Jennings award for excellence in teaching.

Upon retirement, Mrs. Wojniak continued her interest in education by attending Cleveland State University's "Project 60," auditing classes for 15 years and traveling extensively, visiting 22 U.S. states and 24 countries throughout the world.

Arrangements were handled by Nosek-McCreery Funeral, Cremation & Green Services. Funeral services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to The Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44105.

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## Death Notices

**LOUIS R. PESTELLO, JR.**, 74, of Maple Heights, passed away on December 28th.

He was the beloved husband of Donna Marie (nee Pietrocini); loving father of Anthony (Kelli) and Louis R. III; dear grandfather of Anthony, Mia, and Caitriona; brother of Beverly, Paul, and Hanisch (Hank); uncle to many; brother-in-law to the late Anthony Pietrocini (Mary).

Louis served in the United States Army Air Corps.

Arrangements were handled by Ferfolia Funeral Home of Sagamore Hills.

**PHYLLIS L. PFUNDSTEIN** (nee Wood), 87, of Garfield Heights, passed away on December 28th.

She was the beloved wife of the late George; loving mother of Sandra Hudak (Michal), Barbara Koenig (Steve) and Kathleen Ritchie (Steve); cherished grandmother of Valerie Kelley (Tim), Brian Howe (Rachel), Jennifer Deka (Sean), Heather Morris (William), Amanda Sapara (Joe) and Kari Kamphus; adored great-grandmother of seven; dear daughter of the late James Wood and Ethel Lukwinski; caring sister of the late Henry Lukwinski (Eva, living); dear aunt of many.

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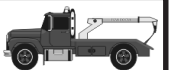
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By Amber Weisbarth

*(The following information was obtained from filed police reports and police dispatch logs.)*

## CLEVELAND

### Robbery

An 83-year-old woman told police she was walking on Fullerton Ave. after shopping at an area store on December 23rd, around 11:45 a.m., when her purse was pulled away from her, knocking her onto the ground. She told police she did not get a good look at the suspect, but that he was tall, skinny and wearing a tan jacket. Police searched the area for the woman's purse and the suspect with negative results.

## MAPLE HEIGHTS

### Attempted Car Jacking

On December 30th, around 8:50 p.m., police received a call about shots being fired in the area of Turney and Dunham roads. During the investigation, a victim was located in another area of the city. The victim, the driver of a vehicle and a passenger, told police two suspects approached the vehicle and pounded on the window. When they refused to give the vehicle to the suspects, the suspects opened fire and the driver was shot in the leg. He was taken to MetroHealth Medical Center where he was treated and released.

The matter is still under investigation and there are no suspects. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Maple Heights Detective Bureau, 216-587-9624 or email [Detectives@mhp-d-ohio.com](mailto:Detectives@mhp-d-ohio.com).

## GARFIELD HEIGHTS

### Aggravated Robbery

Three teens said they were walking in the 8100 block of Vista Ave. on December 23rd, around 8:45 p.m., when they noticed a tan sedan parked near Birchwood Rd. The teens said as they were walking, two males armed with handguns "ran up on them" and told them to "roll their pockets." One of the teens surrendered his cell phone and wallet and the suspects ran back to the sedan and fled the area. Police were unsuccessful in trying to track the cell phone.

### Breaking & Entering

Police were dispatched to the AT&T store on Vista Way near City View Shopping Center on December 23rd, around 9 a.m., after employees of nearby Steak & Shake reported broken windows at the store. Police arrived and found the front entrance door window and large front window were broken out. There was a smudged footprint on the door frame and a piece of brick on the ground in front of the door.

The store manager was called to the scene and later determined the only merchandise that had been stolen was a customer's phone that had been traded in. He told police two suspicious males wearing "puffy" coats had been in the store on December 22nd but were only there a short time and never spoke to anyone.

Officers were able to view security camera footage of the males described on December 22nd and also watched footage of the theft on December 23rd, which showed four males enter the store through the broken windows around 5 a.m. and remove several boxes from the inventory room. All of the males were wearing masks

and two of the males were wearing "puffy" coats. Detectives arrived and found several muddy tennis shoe and boot prints on the tile floor and rug.

### Burglary

A resident of the 4900 block of E. 109th St. told police someone broken into her home on December 24th between 5:15 p.m. and 11:20 p.m. and ransacked the place. Most drawers and cupboards were open and property was scattered throughout the home. Police found a back bedroom window open and a TV and sound bar laying on the grass just outside the open window. The resident said items stolen included four purses, a TV, an iPhone and her passport. Police tried to locate the phone through a tracking app with negative results.

A resident in the 4900 block of E. 108th St. said someone also attempted to break into her home on December 24th, around 9 p.m. She said she was sleeping when she heard a "loud bang." She got out of bed and saw the back door was open but said no one was in the home. She then nailed the door closed until morning and called her daughter, who then contacted police. There was damage to the dead bolt lock as well as the door frame but nothing was reported stolen from the woman's home as of the report filing.

### Criminal Damage/Theft From Auto

Residents in the following neighborhoods reported their cars were broken into and items were stolen between December 24th and December 29th: 12400 block Park Knoll Dr.; 12400 and 12800 blocks Reindeer Ave.; 10800 block Langton Ave.; 9500 block Granger Rd.; 9700 block Sladden Ave.; 4600 block E. 90th St.; 5100 block E. 128th St.; 5200 block E. 114th St.

### Theft

A man said he left his home on McCracken Rd. on December 23rd, around 9:15 p.m., and had forgotten

that he had put his handgun on the roof of his car. He said he went back to the intersection of Turney and McCracken roads but only found his empty holster. Dispatch was able to view city cameras at the intersection and saw a young man on a bike pick up the gun at about 9:20 p.m. and leave the area with two other males.

Around 1:15 a.m. December 24th, police saw a male riding a bike on Turney Rd. near Runnymede and the male's clothing matched that of the male seen in the camera footage. The officer stopped the male, who was riding the bike with no lights at night. Police asked the eighteen-year-old if he had any weapons on his person and he said he had a gun. It was identified as the gun that had been dropped at Turney and McCracken roads and it was loaded. The 18-year-old was arrested and police learned he had an active felony warrant with Maple Heights for strong arm and robbery. Theft of firearm and carrying a concealed weapon charges are pending.

## PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, January 14, 2019**, at 6:30 p.m., before the **Maple Heights Planning and Zoning Commission** at the Maple Heights City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio, to consider the following applications:

**2019-PZ-1** An application from Ian O'Bryant requesting approval of a Lot Consolidation of Permanent Parcel Numbers 782-01-009 and 782-01-008 located in a Residential Single Family - Medium Density (RSF-M) Zoning District at 18127 McCracken Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

**2019-PZ-2** An application from Jamie Powell of Jamie Powell Events, LLC requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit to operate a convention/conference/event center in a General Commercial (GC) Zoning District located at 5411 Warrensville Center Road, Maple Heights, Ohio.

All persons and/or their representatives desiring to be heard are invited to attend. The applications and all supporting materials may be viewed in the Maple Heights Building Department, 5353 Lee Road, Maple Heights, Ohio. Please call the Clerk's Office at least one week before the meeting at 216-587-9000 to arrange for handicap assistance to the second floor if necessary.

Leonette Cicirella  
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Strangers go the extra mile to help M.H. toddler

Independence Council increases fees for EMS

Two men saw a little girl outside in the cold last week while driving down a Maple Heights street and decided doing nothing wasn't an option. They stopped.

According to a Facebook post made by the Maple Heights Police Department, on December 23rd, around 5:30 p.m., two young men, Rayfield Hallman and Steven William Wood, were driving past the intersection of Cato and Raymond streets in Maple Heights, when Hallman saw a very small girl alone. Concerned about the child, he stopped to check and make sure everything was okay. He then discovered a woman was on the ground in the doorway of a nearby home, going in and out of consciousness.

Hallman and Wood called 911 to get the woman help and took the toddler to sit in their vehicle to get her out of the cold.

"They even grabbed the victim's small poodle which was outside with her," according to the Facebook post written by MHPD Officer George Allen. The men stood by until police arrived on scene. It was determined that the woman was suffering from some sort of seizure. The fire department soon arrived and took the woman to Marymount Hospital for treatment.

"Rayfield's and Steven's decision to show concern for another person probably saved not only the woman's life, but possibly saved the life of her daughter, who was outside in the night cold (36 degrees) and at the young age of three years old did not have the wherewithal to take action to care for herself," said Allen in the social media post.

"Rayfield and Steven decided to show a high level of character and compassion. The woman, her daughter and her dog should be fine," Allen continued.

Both Hallman and Wood were given Mr. Chicken gift cards, as well as a heartfelt "thank you" for going out of their way to help someone else.

Maple Heights Police Lt. Joseph Mocsiran said the Mr. Chicken in Maple Heights donated \$1000 worth of gift cards to the department for police to hand out to those seen doing good deeds such as this. He also said the woman was released from the hospital the day after Christmas and is doing well.

Independence Council, at its December 11th meeting, passed legislation to increase the current billing rates for EMS ambulance services within the city.

Fire Chief Steve Rega said these changes were recommended by the city's EMS billing company, Medicount Management, following a recent review. The new rates are consistent with what other EMS services are charging throughout the state, he said.

The adjustments for the three levels of service are as follows: Basic Life Support (BLS) service will remain the same at \$650.

Advanced Life Support (ALS) service will increase from \$750 to \$850.

Advanced Life Support II (ALS) service will increase from \$950 to \$1,000.

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"The last time we adjusted these rates was in March of 2016," Rega said. "Adjustments at that time were made for the same reason."

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