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Schrom Hills Pond History Dates Back to Colonial Era

by Alan Virta

The issue of wetlands preservation in Schrom Hills Park is the most recent chapter in the continuing saga of land use controversy in Greenbelt East. Community activists and city planners have tackled many such issues in recent years, including questions of development density, downzoning, and traffic control. The first public dispute over land use there took place 250 years ago in a case heard by the Prince Georges County Court in 1744.

In 1744, the area south of Greenbelt Road now known as the Hanover Parkway corridor was a tobacco plantation owned by the Pindell family. Thomas Pindell, Jr., was the first owner, receiving patents for 148 acres in 1713 and 1720. He was one of the first settlers in the Greenbelt vicinity. He named his plantation Pindell's Chance, reflecting the opportunities as well as the challenges of settling on the frontier. Thomas Pindell did not have children until relatively late in life. When he died in his mid-fifties in 1734, he left his widow, Jane, with five of them, the oldest just ten years old.

He Doth Destroy

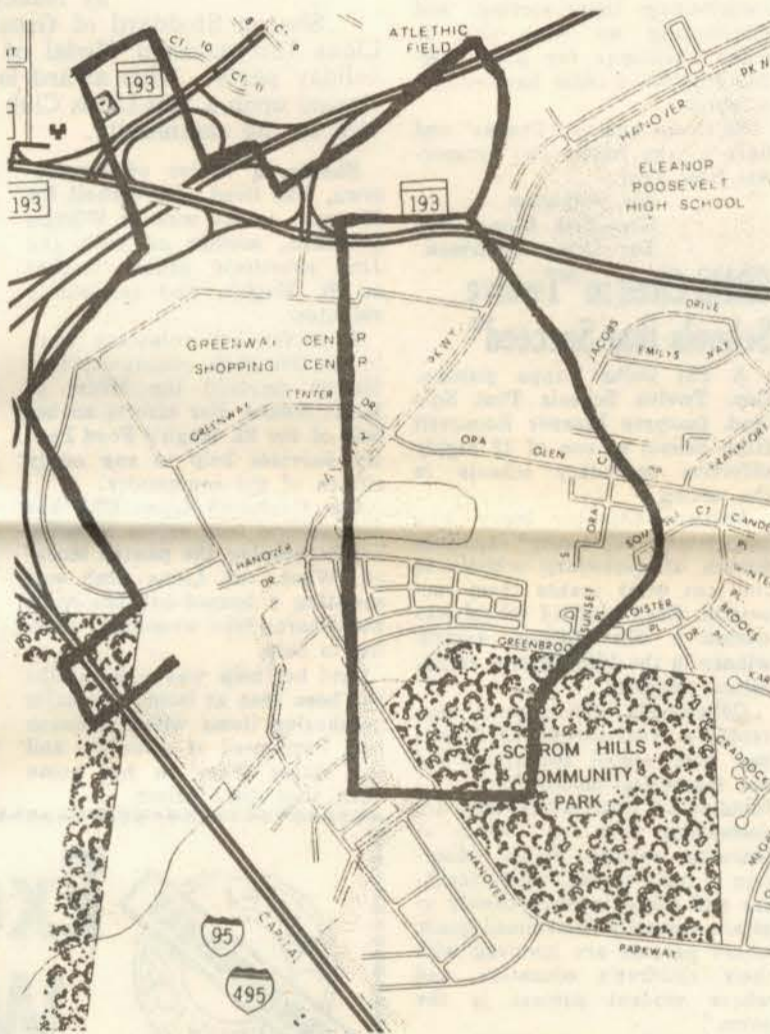
Jane Pindell remarried to a man named Benjamin Clancy. In 1744, when he was 20 years old, Jane's eldest son, Edward Pindell, petitioned the Prince Georges County Court to order his stepfather to alter his use of the land. "He doth . . . destroy and cut down the orphan's timber more than needful as is well known to neighbors," claimed Edward Pindell. In what was likely Greenbelt's first land use litigation, the county court rejected Edward's petition, ruling in Clancy's favor.

Clancy was not much longer in possession of the land, however. According to county court records in 1750, Clancy absconded from the area deeply in debt. The court awarded horses, hogs, a plow, and others of his possessions to his creditor. Edward Pindell gained control of Pindell's Chance and farmed it himself. He had a wife named Sarah, but the names of their children are not known.

Stream Valley

The Hanover Parkway corridor, the seat of the Pindells' plantation, was not then considered a "corridor"; that word reflects the modern automobile-based way of life. The Pindell's Chance plantation, which encompassed the Hanover Parkway neighborhood west of the Schrom Hills (including the Greenway Shopping Center), was—and is—a small stream valley. The valley is drained by two tributaries that join near the pool house of the Greenway Village Apartments. Parts of both tributaries are now piped underground.

The western tributary rises near the interchange of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Greenbelt Road and flows under the Greenway Shopping Center; the eastern tributary flows naturally through Greenbrook until it reaches Hanover Parkway,



The approximate outlines of the Colonial plantations Pindell's Chance (the enclosed area on the right) and Pindell's Addition (the partially enclosed area on the left) are shown on a current map of Greenbelt East. Following Marshy Branch upstream (it is that thin line on the left in Greenbelt Park), it travels under Greenway Village Apartments. The stream reappears above ground in northern Schrom Hills Park, where the pond will be. And east of the park, the branch flows south of Mathew Street.

where it goes underground. The western tributary has an even smaller sub-tributary that flows into it from the vicinity of the Holiday Inn. Preserving wetlands associated with what is left of these ancient streams is part of the present-day issue.

After the tributaries join, the combined waters pass under the Capital Beltway. The new stream then flows southwesterly toward Kenilworth Avenue and Calvert Road, where it joins the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River. On the Pindell patent of 1713 this stream was called Marshy Branch; current maps of Greenbelt National Park call it Still Creek.

Please Help

During wet or windy weather, residents can help their News Review carriers by placing some kind of box, plastic bag or brick by the doorstep to protect and secure the paper.

Boy Killed in Bus Accident

by Elaine Skolnik

The worst fears of a parent happened to Shailaja and Thejappar Golla on Thursday, January 13 at approximately 2:49 p.m. Their nine-year-old son Vikram, a fourth grade student at Oakcrest Elementary School in Landover, was struck and killed by the school bus he had just exited.

The tragedy occurred on Springhill Drive in front of the Springhill Lake Elementary School and across from the apartment building where the Golla family live. Vikram's brother Ujjwal, is 11 years old and his grandmother had come from India recently to see her grandsons.

According to a Prince Georges County Police Department press release, "The driver of the bus watched the victim exit and walk away from the bus. She then closed the door, checked her mirrors and prepared to go to her next stop. As she began to pull off, she felt something bump the bus. She immediately stopped and checked the bus when she found the victim lying behind the right rear tires. . . . The child was transported to Prince Georges Hospital Center, where he was pronounced dead a short time later."

A breath test for alcohol, which the bus driver voluntarily submitted to on the scene, was negative. A routine urine test for drugs or alcohol was later administered.

"Since no one saw the entire accident, we are continuing our investigation," county police spokesman Keith Evans told the News Review on Friday, January 14. To be determined, if possible, is whether Vikram stepped off the bus and crossed the street in front of the bus, then circled back behind the vehicle or, after exiting, remained on the sidewalk to the right of the bus. Police and school officials say they just don't know how the child ended back at the bus after getting off and clearing its path. There is speculation that he forgot something or perhaps dropped something.

No Charges

County police spokesman Alan Day said no charges have been

filed against the driver nor are any pending. However, he noted, routine procedure will be followed. The State's Attorney's Office will review the case and present it to the Grand Jury.

According to Prince Georges County school system spokeswoman Bonnie Jenkins, the driver had five and a half years of experience and a good record. She noted that driver skills are evaluated twice a year by supervisors who ride with drivers. School officials observe that all bus drivers undergo intensive driver education and training.

Vikram took the bus to Oakcrest rather than walking to the Springhill Lake Elementary School because he was enrolled in Oakcrest's gifted and talented program. (A portion of Springhill Lake Apartment students are assigned to Oakcrest Elementary School to comply with the court ordered desegregation busing plan.)

Tragedy

"It's a tragedy that all parents can relate to . . . their worst fears for a child. . . . My heart goes out to Vikram's grief-stricken family and to the bus driver," School Board member Suzanne Plogman observed. "Given the number of students transported by buses each day in our school system, the safety record of the bus drivers is to be commended." She spoke of the importance of parents talking to their children about bus safety and of the school's need to reinforce children's awareness of safety rules.

The school system's intervention team, composed of psychologists and counselors, have been sent to Oakcrest to help everyone cope with the loss and to console students and teachers in Vikram's classes and those children who were on the bus at the time of the accident.

Signs Go Up on January 18 Banning Parking on Ivy Lane

by Diane Oberg

At its January 10 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council gave unanimous approval, without debate, to a resolution banning parking on Ivy Lane in Capital Office Park and mandating the marking of bike lanes. City Manager Daniel Hobbs expected work crews to post the no parking signs on January 18, following a week-long posting of "No parking effective January 18, 1994" notices. Because the paint will not stick to cold pavement, the bike lanes will be marked whenever the city next experiences three days of temperature near 50 degrees.

Council also discussed cable rate regulation, the proposed guardrail at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, council's February

retreat and commendations for city employees.

Cable Rates

Council gave unanimous approval. See COUNCIL, page 9

See SCHROM HILLS, page 5

The Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

The really devoted gardener can probably find something to do in the garden 52 weeks a year. For the rest of us, coping with winter storms, planning next year's garden, and buying seeds are about all there are to do for the garden this time of year.

When ice covers the plants, there is not much that can be done. Either the ice will not come off the plants or trying to remove the ice will damage the plants. Let the ice melt naturally.

Heavy snow and ice-crusted snow can really weigh down plants and so should be gently removed. Light amounts of snow or loose snow can actually be a protective covering, keeping the branches warmer than the surrounding cold air.

If you put something on your sidewalk to clear it, take into consideration the effect it will have on your plants. Salt is harmful and can kill plants. Sand and cat litter will not affect plants but please use clean cat litter for your neighbors' sake. Calcium chloride or urea will be okay on your plants, if used as directed.

Another winter tip: keep your newly transplanted evergreens watered well. The brisk winter winds can dehydrate and kill them.

Planning

This is an excellent time of year to plan and buy seeds for next year's garden because you now have the time, access to the best selection of seeds, and access to a lot of books. Since this is a slow time of year for garden work outside, many gardeners like to take time gardening inside by planning.

This is when the garden catalogs come in the mail and devoted gardeners love to drool over this year's offerings. If you want to get catalogs, check garden Magazines and books for the addresses of companies. Of course, you do not need garden catalogs to buy seeds, because the local garden and hardware stores have now put out this year's seeds for sale.

In my experience more gardening books are on the shelves of the library in winter than at any other time of year. This makes planning your garden easy since so much information is available right at your finger tips. And keep in mind that librarians can get books for you from other libraries.

I strongly advise doing gardening planning now, before you buy and plant. No plant will do well in every place, so it is best to find out what does well in the space in the garden you want to fill. Say you have a very shady spot or a swale that is full of water every time it rains. Nice plants will grow in both of those places but not just any old plant will survive and thrive in these tricky spots.

Unfortunately, the catalogs and seed packets do not have enough room for a lot of information, so read books if you can. And you'd be surprised at the

Letters to the Editor

Kudos for Hoyer

I recently paid a visit to my Congressman because my small Greenbelt company was caught up in the federal bureaucracy and we needed advice and assistance. Our company is too small to have a Political Action Committee (PAC), we have no political clout or leverage, few people know who we are or the importance of what we do, but we had a problem. Even though our expectations were minimal, we were desperate and it was the only place left for us to go.

Let me tell you, Congressman Steny Hoyer responded beyond our wildest dreams. He listened carefully and patiently while we explained the problem. He asked the right questions to let us know that he understood what we were saying, and then he acted. He offered us his full support for continuation of our research and development project which is crucial to national security. He wrote letters to the committee chairman and called committee staff to brief them on the situation. He never let up. I have been witness to democracy in action and I like what I see.

We were his constituents, we provide jobs, we pay our taxes, and that's all he asked of us. He doesn't know to this day if we are Democrats or Republicans. He only knew we needed help and he was in a position to do something about it.

The U.S. Congress may appear to many to be ineffective and self-serving, but not our Congressman. The 5th District of Maryland and the United States of America are represented by a very capable and considerate man.

Charles J. Testa
President
Infosystems Technology, Inc.

Opera Masterclass

The Voice Opera Division of the Department of Music at the University of Maryland at College Park, in conjunction with the M.A. Healy Family Foundation of Chevy Chase, will sponsor Nico Castel in a masterclass through the aegis of the Richard Tucker Music Foundation. Castel, a principal artist and Staff Diction Coach at the Metropolitan Opera, has been involved in teaching diction, phonetics, language and style to singers. Classes will be held January 28 and 29 at Tawes Recital Hall. They are free and open to the public. For more specific scheduling information please call the concert office at (301) 405-5548.

number of old garden favorites that just can't take our hot, humid summers, such as sweet peas, foxglove, and calendula.

Another way to tell what does well in our area is to try to remember what grew well in your neighbor's yard or around the city. For example, if you have a very shady yard, you may have noticed that other people with shady yards grow a lot of hostas and impatiens.

Thanks

To the Editor:

The Greenbelt Lions Club wants to thank all individuals from Greenbelt and the surrounding area who contributed toys to the Third Annual Toys for Needy Children Drive. With your help 1993 was bigger and better than all previous years.

Special thanks must go to Judith Lee, Beltway Plaza Management, Beltway Plaza Merchants Association, Greenbelt American Legion, Calvin Reed and Jerome Contee of the Prince Georges Board of Education.

We would be greatly remiss if we did not thank Giant, Inc. of Beltway Plaza, Greenbelt Cop Supermarket, Greenbelt Department of Recreation, and the Greenway Safeway as they graciously allowed us collection points in their stores.

You all can be justly proud because, through your efforts by contributing toys, sorting, and distributing, we were able to make Christmas for about 150-200 families a little happier and brighter.

So to one and all "Thanks" and have a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Joe Wilkinson
Greenbelt Lions Club
Toy Drive Chairman

ERHS Cited in "Twelve Schools that Succeed"

A Phi Delta Kappa publication, Twelve Schools That Succeed, features Eleanor Roosevelt High School as one of 12 highly effective secondary schools in the nation.

Veteran educator Mary Ann Horenstein personally examines dozens of secondary schools to find out what makes them successful. Each profiled school was named a Blue Ribbon Award-winner in the 1991 federal recognition program.

Collectively, the schools represent a cross-section of American high school education, and not theoretical models, but "... functioning institutions that are succeeding now ... oases of learning—schools where education is truly valued, where teachers and students work closely to attain mutually determined goals, where parents are involved with their children's education, and where student success is the norm."

Eleanor Roosevelt High School houses a four-year comprehensive as well as a world-renown Science and Technology Program. The Science and Technology Program provides broad pre-college academic experiences with content and application focused on Science, Mathematics and Technology. The in-depth experiences assist in the intellectual growth and development of students who have career goals in scientific and engineering technologies, mathematics, and computer science.

By visiting each of the institutions, the author gained first-hand knowledge about the ways these Blue Ribbon Schools are meeting the challenges of today's changing society.



Sharon Stoddard receives Lions Medal of Merit from Barbara Jacobs. —photo courtesy Greenbelt Lions

Sharon Stoddard Honored With Lions Medal of Merit

by Nancy Ward

Sharon Stoddard of Greenbelt was awarded the 1993 Lions International Medal of Merit at the Lions' recent holiday party. This award is the highest recognition bestowed upon a non-Lions Club member for meritorious service to the community.

Sharon, a native of Hagerstown, who lived in Greenbelt for 22 years, is the wife of William Stoddard, mother of Beth and Jim, substitute school teacher at St. Hugh's, and community volunteer.

It is for her volunteer work in the Greenbelt community that Sharon received the Medal of Merit Award. Her efforts on behalf of the St. Hugh's Food Pantry provides help to any needy citizen of the community.

The Greenbelt Lions Club has held several food drives to assist her in keeping the pantry stocked. When the Lions Club was assisting a burned-out family, it was Sharon who would call offering to help.

And her help was endless. She has been seen at local yard sales purchasing items which someone may have need of someday, and she stores them in her home until that need arises.

She has been the liaison between St. Hugh's and the Greenbelt Lions Club since the first annual Community Pancake Breakfast with Santa, and deserves much of the credit for its success.

Her humanitarian efforts reach out to all persons and she asks nothing in return. She believes that being blessed means we are to use those blessings to bless others. Without being a lion, she exemplifies the Lions' motto: "We Serve."

Open House Set

The Magnet and Continuity Schools throughout Prince Georges County will be holding an open house on Thursday, January 27.

For information as to the times and schools involved, call the Magnet School Program office at (301) 952-6044.



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**Register at ERHS
For Adult Classes**

Registration for classes in Adult Basic Education (ABE), English as a Second Language (ESL) and Pre-GED/GED will be held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Monday, January 24 at 7 p.m. Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning Monday, January 31 and will run for 11 weeks.

Students will take a free placement test. Level one to four students will be in free classes. Levels five and six will be tuition classes.

Enrollment in ABE classes is limited to adults (16 and over) who are not enrolled in a regular day school program below the college level.

The GED is administered each month by the Maryland State Department of Education to adults (16 and over) who have been officially withdrawn from day school for at least three months. Upon successful completion of this exam, a high school diploma is awarded.

Students must register in person at the school. In case of snow registration will be held January 31. Students are asked to bring a pencil. Placement testing will be done at registration or in the first session. Tuition and/or book fees will be collected at the second or third class after students have been tested and have been placed in a class.

For information about other adult education evening and/or afternoon classes in county high schools call the Evening High School office 301-386-1512. Registration for these programs

Community Events

The Lion's Roar

by David Ward

With projects of the Greenbelt Lions Club such as coordinating the "Adopt-A-Family" program for the Illinois Flood Victims, toys for needy children, assisting fire victims and displaced persons locally, assisting visual and hearing impaired persons and many other like activities along with fund raising projects the Greenbelt Lions Club is in need of assistance.

An untapped but highly viable source of this help lies in our youth. Not only can the youth of our community assist the Lions Club per se but could and should develop their own programs of service and fund raising.

Under the sponsorship of the Greenbelt Lions Club a proposal to the youth of Greenbelt is made that a Leo Club be initiated.

Youth from the age of 12 years up are invited to contact Lion David Ward (301) 441-9082 to get particulars and arrange a date and time for an organizational meeting.

Lion Belles Meet

The Greenbelt Lion Belles will have a dessert meeting at the home of Louise Moore, 9-K Ridge Road on Tuesday, January 25, at 7:30 p.m.

must be completed by January 17.

At the Library

Children's Programs

Tuesday, January 25

P. J. Storytime. Ages 4-6. 7 pm
Thursday, January 27

Drop-In Storytime. Ages 3-5.
10:15 a.m.

Meeting on Environment

The Citizen's Campaign for the Environment will hold a public meeting on Thursday, January 27 summarizing legislation before the Maryland General Assembly. The meeting will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Stamp Student Union, Room 1143, University of Maryland.

Issues to be discussed include pesticides and children, toxic pollution, citizen's right to be heard, and wetlands. There will be a question and answer session. The event is free. For more information call (301) 314-8353.

Community Flea Market Slated

Get an application at the Recreation Center for the community flea market and children's craft show/flea market that will take place on Saturday, February 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. A nominal fee will be charged for community groups and individuals; free for children crafters/flea market. The deadline for entries is Friday, February 25.

Recreation Review

Volleyball—Competitive

Drop-In Recreational Competitive Volleyball is played in the Greenbelt Middle School Gymnasium on Monday evenings, 7-10 p.m. Drop-In is cancelled ONLY in the event of school closings due to snow, ice or holidays. Everyone, 16 years of age and over, is welcome. Memberships are available or participants may pay a nominal daily admission.

No Surplus Food During January

The Prince Georges County Surplus Food distribution scheduled for January 26 and 27 at the Municipal Building has been indefinitely postponed.

Book Signing

David Lerner, author of *Take Me for a Ride, Coming of Age in a Destructive Cult*, will be at Bookland in Beltway Plaza for a book signing on Saturday, January 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. The book describes the author's experiences with the cult including how he recruited new members and buried his own doubts about the validity of the leader.

Free Boating Safety Course Offered

Flotilla 24, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is again offering its basic boating safety course to the public. This course is offered for no charge, other than the cost of the materials, as a service to promote boating safety.

Classes will be held weekly beginning on Thursday, January 27 for a total of 11 weeks. The classes will run from 7 to 9 p.m. each Thursday evening at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

"Boating Skills and Seamanship" is essential for anyone new to boating while providing information on recent changes to the buoy system and navigation rules for the experienced boater. Topics to be presented include Rules of the Road, Legal Requirements, Boat Handling, Aids to Navigation, and Seamanship. The "Boating Skills and Seamanship" Course is an approved course for certification under the Maryland Boating Safety Education Law which requires persons born after July 1, 1972 to complete an approved boating safety education course prior to operation of a powerboat.

Anyone desiring further information may contact Bob Wilson at 301-345-4724.

Greenbelt CARES

Judye Hering held a workshop for tutors on Saturday morning, January 8. Eight tutors attended the workshop.

Auditions for Local Talent Evening Set

The Greenbelt Arts Center is sponsoring its 5th annual "Evening with Friends," Saturday, February 14, 8 p.m. at the new Arts Center Theater. Past programs have featured Tina Castaldi reciting dramatic readings, Jean Cook singing popular tunes, Al Herling creating new tunes on the piano at a moment's notice and Lori Moran whose sense of humor has made past programs hilarious. Last year's program featured Bilaal Yusuf and Janiece Johns, students at Eleanor Roosevelt High and Cleveland Flowe, a jazz pianist who has been working on a few new pieces he's composed.

Anyone interested in auditioning for this year's program, contact Konrad Herling at 345-9369.

Lecture and Tour Free at Goddard

"The Turbulent Solar Winds"

What are solar winds? Where do they come from? Where are they going? Find out the answers to these and other questions about this phenomena at the "Discover Goddard" presentation on January 23, at 1 p.m. Dr. Aaron Roberts, of Goddard's Laboratory for Extraterrestrial Physics, will present an overview of this solar phenomena utilizing computer simulations and modern visualization methods.

Hubble Space Telescope


Here is a chance to see the actual hardware retrieved from space during the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) First Servicing Mission and a full-size model of the telescope sitting upright in a mock-up of the shuttle's cargo bay. NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center is inviting the public to come view the HST hardware from January 25 to January 31 (daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special hours on Friday, January 28, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

On view will be the High Photometer, the Wide Field/Planetary Camera I, the Orbital Replacement Unit Carrier, the Solar Array Carrier, the Flight Support System, the servicing tools and crew aids, and the testing and simulation equipment. Special bus tours will take people from the Goddard Visitor Center to the buildings where the HST hardware and mock-up will be on display. Experts will be on hand to discuss the mission and answer questions.

December's HST Mission was the most difficult and challenging satellite servicing NASA has ever attempted. The 11-day flight included five spacewalks by the astronauts to install the delicate instruments and make repairs. Goddard manages the HST project for NASA and served as the nerve center during the mission with all commanding of the telescope originating from the Greenbelt center.

This event is free of charge and appropriate for all ages. For information call (301) 286-8955 (voice and TDD) during business hours.

The Goddard Visitor Center is located on Soil Conservation Road. Both events are free.




Greenbelt Arts Center

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Lou Yakstis and Ann Wixon
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Pitkin Addresses Panthers

by Alex Barnes

On Saturday, January 15, the Gray Panthers held a meeting in the Greenbelt police station meeting room. The guest speaker was Joan Pitkin, who represents the 23rd District in the state's House of Delegates. Delegate Pitkin is the 2nd vice-chair of the Prince Georges County House Delegation and sits on the Economic Matters Committee. Previously to this, she had served on the Environmental Matters Committee. Pitkin discussed recent and new legislation, especially that related to health care and the environment.

Pitkin stated that Maryland did not wait for Congress to pass health care reform laws. Maryland passed the Small Business Reform Act, which guarantees coverage for employees of companies with two to 50 people. In addition, the act eliminated a pre-existing condition clause that prevented people from getting coverage for the very problems that they needed the health coverage for. The act also established a system for collecting data on the costs of health care (in order to establish just rates for health services). Related to health care, Maryland passed a health insurance reform bill. This bill should prevent a health insurance failure similar to that of the savings and loan failure.

Another concern in Annapolis involves identifying and meeting the needs of older people in Maryland. Statistics show that the average age of Maryland citizens is rising, Pitkin said. Related to this is the inappropriate placement of people in nursing homes. Changes to laws need to be made in order to support better options to nursing homes, such as assisted living.

Drinking of alcoholic beverages

by those under 21 will be addressed in Annapolis. The keg bill makes it easier to determine where a keg came from, so as to establish accountability, said Pitkin. Also, there is a proposal to suspend a DUI (Driving Under the Influence) offender's driver's license until that person is 21. Stricter penalties are being proposed for those that buy alcohol for people under 21.

There is some legislation related to privacy being considered. Related to this is DNA testing, personal surveys, and non-discrimination.

With regard to smoking tobacco, Pitkin said we do not need any more studies and we should tell Congress the same. Thirty years and much money have already been spent on studies to determine effects of smoking tobacco on people's health. Pitkin supports the governor's 25c per pack tax increase on cigarettes.

Recycling

With regard to recycling, the state has a goal to recycle 50% of waste by the end of this decade. In order to support this, Pitkin said the state must create markets for recycled goods. An example of creating such a market would be to require that

roads be built using aggregate made of recycled glass. Pitkin went on to say that Americans don't understand the true cost of trash since that cost is hidden in taxes, rent, etc. She gave the example of China, where people recycle everything.

The next subject was water quality, especially the Chesapeake Bay. The agricultural industry had been asked to voluntarily institute nutrient management programs in order to reduce the nitrogen and phosphate run-off from their farms. The state had been paying 85% of the cost to farmers of instituting a nutrient management program. Unfortunately, only about 10% of Maryland farmers implemented such a program. Since run-off from farms account for approximately 70% of the pollution entering the Chesapeake Bay, the state will now mandate nutrient management programs on farms. Point sources, such as pipes from industrial plants, were already regulated by the state. In fact, a comparison showed that the water down stream from Bethlehem Steel was cleaner than the water down stream from a farm with no nutrient management program.

Air Quality

Air quality is another important issue in Maryland. Pitkin believes. Maryland has a severe ozone pollution problem, ranking it as one of the worst five states in terms of ozone pollution. One contributor to this is landfill emissions. Pitkin has introduced a bill that will regulate emissions from landfills. Of particular interest to Greenbelters might be the industrial complex north of Greenbelt Road and east of the CSXT railroad tracks.

Apparently, it is a significant source of air pollution, according to Pitkin.

She made several points related to pesticides and chemicals. The process of reporting the effects of being exposed to chemicals or pesticides, such as if a child were to have a reaction to the neighbors' lawn chemicals, would be formalized. This information could then be used to justify future regulation. As a warning to consumers, Pitkin mentioned that a chemical does not need to be safe in order to be registered. There is a bill to ban organo-phosphates, which are linked to neurological disorders, and a mandate that industries have safe alternatives to whatever dangerous chemical they sell. One final topic related to chemicals concerns multiple chemically sensitive people. Such people may be covered under the American Disabilities Act since their access to some facilities, services, and jobs may be denied by the chemical pollution within a building. Pitkin suggested that multiple chemically sensitive people may be Canaries of the mind, meaning that they indicate what the average person may suffer in the future when pollution increases.

The Standings Bill has been modified so that citizen associations may protest, for example, the building of a trash incinerator. Previous to this only those citizens whose property abutted the land where the change was to take place could protest the change. Pitkin said.

Wetlands

Legislation to protect Wetlands is being fought by private landowners, according to Pitkin. The state wants to take over the responsibility of managing wetlands from the Army Corps of Engineers; however, Pitkin doubts the state's ability to do as good a job as the Corps. Pitkin said the Chesapeake Bay Foundation has influence over what Annapolis does regarding wetlands. She also said that citizens may sue someone for not following a permit correctly.

For more information on the topics mentioned above, or other issues relevant to the Maryland legislature, Greenbelters may contact local delegates or senator at (301) 858-3000.

Estimated Tax Options

Self-employed taxpayers and others who are not subject to income tax withholding have two options—and extra days this year—to make their fourth quarter estimated tax payment to Maryland, according to State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein.

"Nearly 40,000 Maryland taxpayers who make quarterly estimated income tax payments have until Tuesday, January 18 to submit their fourth quarter declaration of estimated tax payment," Goldstein said.

The comptroller explained that the normal January 15 due date falls on Saturday this year, so the due date would automatically move to Monday, January 17. But since all U.S. post offices and other federal government offices will be closed on January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday, the comptroller moved the due date to Tuesday, January 18, as a convenience to taxpayers using mail service.

"The second option for estimated taxpayers is to wait and file a complete 1993 Maryland income tax return on or before Monday, January 31, 1994. Any

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of the lease in the Prince Georges County land records.

Mauling OK, No Waste

Most of the lease addressed land use issues. Fowler pledged to farm the plantation with the right to "maul and cut timber for keeping the tenements in repair, for keeping up the inclosure (fence); and for fire wood, committing no waste." He agreed to cultivate a meadow of 80 acres, drain it with sufficient ditches, and sow timothy grass; "to be careful in plowing the orchard that no tree be barked nor allow any creatures to run in it that will prejudice it." The annual rent was 100 pounds of tobacco to be delivered to the Bladensburg tobacco warehouse.

Dwelling House

Fowler was also to build a new dwelling house covered with clapboards on the gable ends, secured by twenty-penny nails. Nine years later, the records for the one-time federal property tax of 1798 find Fowler still living at Pindell's Chance. There were four principal structures on the property then: a "new" log dwelling house, 20 feet by 16 feet; a log kitchen, 12x10; a log corn house, also 12x10; and a framed tobacco house, 32x30. Fowler owned one slave at the time. Nothing is known about his family, nor how long he continued to live at Pindell's Chance.

Jasper Mauduit Jackson's heirs sold Pindell's Chance in the 1830s. For the next century-and-a-half it was farmed by several families and divided into a number of small rural homesteads. The Schrom family, who owned much of the old plantation for the first half of the 20th century, operated an airfield on the land for many years. Their unfulfilled plan to develop a large air freight depot there after World War II was just one more land use controversy involving the property.

Nevertheless, with the exception of the Greenway Village Apartments, which were built in the 1960s, the valley remained one of rural homes until the late 1970s and early 1980s, when commercial and residential development began in earnest. This development of the past two decades has engendered many land use controversies, but as court records prove, land use controversy in Greenbelt East has a history of 250 years.

(Note: Allen Virta, a former Greenbelt and noted county historian, is now an archivist at Boise State University, Idaho).

balance due must be paid in full when filing the regular return," Mr. Goldstein said.

Generally, taxpayers who earn income which is not subject to withholding should be filing quarterly declarations of estimated tax if their state and local tax is expected to be more than \$100.

In order to avoid interest charges, taxpayers must pay either 90% of their total 1993 Maryland income tax liability or 100% of their total liability or land income tax liability through employer withholding or estimated tax payments.

For more information about filing estimated taxes to Maryland, taxpayers can call Taxpayer Service in Annapolis at (410) 974-3981 or any of the Maryland taxpayer service offices listed in the back of the state tax booklet and in most local telephone directories. The statewide toll-free number for Maryland income tax assistance is 1-800-MD TAXES.



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City's Refinancing of Debt Trims Costs by \$817,000

by James Giese

In October, the City of Greenbelt successfully refinanced much of its existing tax-supported debt and borrowed the three million authorized for rehabilitating Center School as a community center. Another \$1.34 million was also borrowed for improvements to the original buildings and the parking lots at Roosevelt Center. The latter debt is to be repaid by the owners of the original buildings, George and Lisa Christacos.

The refinancing enabled the city to reduce interest expenses on \$6,395,000 of existing debt by more than \$817,000 over the next 18 years. Instead of paying slightly more than 7% interest, the refinanced debt has an effective interest cost of 4.1%.

Although more favorable current interest rates were the primary reason for the cost reduction, the city also reduced interest costs by agreeing to pay off its debt faster. However, the accelerated debt payment will mean that in 11 of the 18 years the city will be paying more for debt service than before the refinancing. Under the new terms, all debt will be repaid by the end of 2005 instead of the city's paying until 2011 as was previously the case.

City staff believes that the city also saved money by not going to the bond market, as it has done in the past. The public sale of bonds requires the preparation and printing of an extensive prospectus, advertisements, printing of the bonds, maintaining a register of bond holders and making semi-annual payments of interest to each bond holder. Instead, the city negotiated the refinancing with NationsBank, which offered a below market rate and did not require bonds to be printed. Alex Brown and Sons of Baltimore served as the city's financial advisor.

Another feature of the refinancing is that NationsBank agreed to gradually increasing amounts of debt payment over

the twelve-year period. These increases reflect city estimates of the growth of its assessable tax base. If the estimates prove correct, the city will be able to levy a constant tax rate of about 18 cents per hundred dollars valuation for each of the next twelve years to pay off the debt. For fiscal year 1994, the amount of levy required to pay for the debt service was 13.7 cents.

Unless the city council cuts city services or receives significantly greater revenues, a property tax rate increase can be expected. The amount of the increase, however, should be somewhat less than the five cent estimate made at the time the bond issue referendum for the community center was held.

For fiscal year 1995, total tax-supported debt service will be \$922,028. For the current fiscal year debt service was budgeted at \$706,200. However, according to Deputy City Treasurer Jeffrey Williams, the city's current year expenses will be about \$195,000 less as a result of the refinancing.

Tax-supported debt refers to that debt of the city for public facilities for which it must levy taxes annually to make repayment. Not involved in the refinancing were several small revenue-supported bond issues used to fund improvements in new subdivisions. Special assessments levied upon the benefiting properties generate the revenue to pay the annual debt costs on these projects.

Information Sought In Suitland Murders

by David Morse

Prince George County Crime Solvers is seeking information about the murders of a mother and daughter which took place in Suitland last April. Crime Solvers is offering up to a \$15,000 reward for information which leads to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for the murders, according to Prince Georges County Police spokesperson Corporal Diane Richardson.

Richardson said police were called to the scene on April 26, in a townhome in the 5300 block of Stoney Meadow Drive, where the victims, Verneeta ("Neeta") Loraine Allen, age 35, and Le-Creetia ("Cree") M. Barnwell, age 14, lived. The victims had been stabbed to death. There was no sign of forced entry, and nothing apparently had been taken, she said. She added that police believe that the mother was the target and that the daughter was slain because she witnessed the crime. The victims were discovered by Allen's surviving six-year-old daughter.

Allen was known to have frequented the Greenbelt area to visit friends, to shop, and for entertainment according to Tony Butler, who identified himself as her boyfriend. He added that she may have visited the Comedy Connection, a comedy club in Beltway Plaza. Moreover, he said, Barnwell was on the waiting list to attend magnet school Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Although police have no suspects, they are looking for two men for questioning. Richardson said that police believe one of the men (see sketch) asked for directions to the victim's residence from a 7-Eleven clerk two days before the murder. She described him as a black male, early 30s, 5'11" to 6' tall, 160-170 pounds, slim build, short hair, medium complexion,



Murder victim Verneeta L. Allen may have frequented Greenbelt area.



LeCreetia M. Barnwell was on waiting list for Eleanor Roosevelt High School, according to mother's boyfriend.



One of men sought by county police for questioning in connection with deaths of Verneeta L. Allen and daughter LeCreetia M. Barnwell.

smooth skin, pointy chin, short trimmed mustache, thin lips, and well-groomed. The photo of the second man was found in Allen's personal effects, said Richardson.

County police have few leads, said Richardson, and urges anyone who may have information to report it to Crime Solvers at 301-735-1111 or 1-800-673-2777. Calls are treated strictly confidentially.



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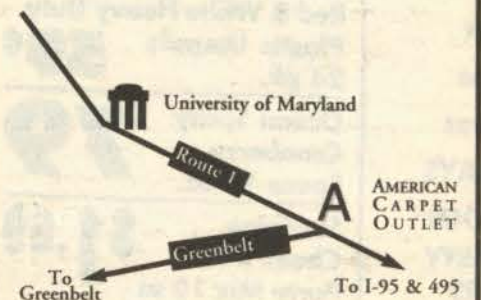
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winner of the Metro Conference Title.

Along with his staff, Coach Sullivan will demonstrate the proper techniques of teaching children the fundamentals of baseball, including hitting, fielding, pitching, and base running. During the evening, parents/coaches will be invited to participate in mini-workshops headed by Coach Sullivan's staff members, who will also answer questions and help them prepare for

the up-coming baseball season. Those interested in coaching a team or wanting to learn the finer points of the game, are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to learn from a proven team of winners. There is no admission and the clinic is open to all interested adults. For further information regarding the clinic, call Coach Lappin of the Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club at 982-0253.

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls

Club encourages all parents/guardians of its Club members, and especially those adults who wish to coach County-level baseball for the Greenbelt Club, to attend this informative seminar. If interested in coaching baseball for the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, contact Jeff Keir before the end of January at (H) 552-9234.

Volunteers Needed To Read with a Child

Active, patient volunteers are being sought to share their love of reading with one child in grade 1, 2 or 3 for one hour a week at Springhill Lake Elementary School. Prior to starting, nine to twelve hours of training are provided emphasizing the language experience method of learning. Ongoing support is also provided. No teaching experience is necessary.

Anyone who is interested and/or would like more information about the OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring Program, please call Betty Timer or Kathy James at 559-6575. The next training session will be held January 19-21 from 12-3 at Springhill Lake Elementary.

COUNCIL

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approval to resolutions giving the city authority to regulate basic cable rates. According to information provided by the city, basic cable consists of those programs provided on the "B" side of the MultiVision system and include the national channels, public access and public broadcasting channels. The Federal Communications Commission has the authority to regulate the unscrambled programming on the "A" side of the cable. The premium channels are unregulated.

Meeting with GEAC

Council and Hobbs briefly discussed council's January 5 meeting with the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee. Hobbs is beginning action on the items and will prepare a response to GEAC on their status.

One longstanding issue discussed at the GEAC meeting was the installation of a guardrail on the Eleanor Roosevelt High School property. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is willing to install the guardrail if the city or some other authority will assume liability. According to the SHA, the guardrail does not meet state guidelines for installing such devices; the engineers are concerned that they would be held personally liable if the guardrail were found to have contributed to some future accident or injury. At the January 10 meeting, council member Edward Putens asked Hobbs to investigate the possibility and cost of obtaining insurance should the city assume liability.

Employee Recognition

Hobbs presented an award to police Lt. John Lann for his work in organizing and conducting the Citizens Police Academy, the first class of which graduated on December 7. The next session began on January 11.

Snow Removal

In a conversation bound to be repeated at the next council meeting, Mayor Antoinette Bram thanked the employees of the Public Works Department for their work in removing the snow that fell during the week of December 26. Hobbs added that many employees were called back from vacation and that all came in.

Retreat

Council will hold a retreat February 4-6 on Solomon's Island. Topics to be considered include the city's fiscal outlook, council perspectives, review of council goals and priority ranking of capital projects.

Meetings

Council cancelled the January 24 regular meeting. Council first planned to hold a work session to hear representatives of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission report on their study of a shuttle to the Metro station. However, this work session was then rescheduled to January 31, following a 7:30 work session with the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. This was done when Putens said he could not attend on January 24 as he wanted to take his wife to dinner on her birthday.

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Pot holes in various streets caused by winter freeze-thaw conditions were repaired and storm drain inlets were cleaned for proper flow of snow and ice melt-water. Salt spreader trucks and snow plows were called out several nights and early mornings to salt and clear city streets. Ice melting material was spread on icy sidewalks for safe walking. The Cherrywood Lane bridge was salted on several occasions to eliminate icing.

The Recycling Drop-Off Center was cleaned and non-recyclables and trash disposed of and underpasses were inspected for graffiti.

Pick up of discarded natural Christmas trees at designated disposal locations has begun. Trees will be chipped and recycled into mulch material for use on city landscaping.

Salt spreader trucks were again called out several nights and early mornings to salt icy city streets. Ice melting material was spread on sidewalks for pedestrian safety.

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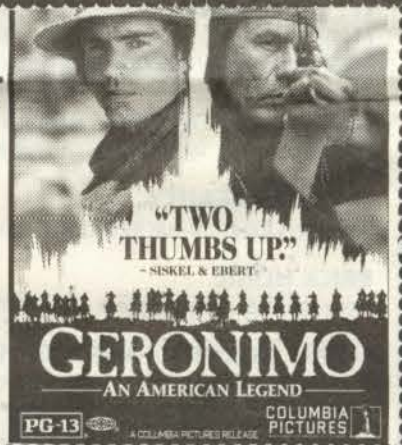
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Police Blotter

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

An attempted breaking and entering was reported in the 7700 block of Hanover Pkwy. on Monday, January 3. Entry had been attempted by prying at the front door.

A breaking and entering was reported at an office suite in the 6300 block of Ivy Lane on Tuesday, January 4. Computer equipment was stolen.

A resident reported a breaking and entering in the 9300 block of Edmonston Road on January 6. Entry was gained by breaking out a window. A television, VCR and stereo equipment was taken.

Responding to a burglar alarm at the Dress Barn (Greenway Center) around 6 a.m. on Tuesday, January 4, officers discovered a "smash and grab"; someone had thrown a cinder block through the front glass door and stolen business suits from the store.

Around 11 p.m. on Thursday, December 30, a nonresident male juvenile was arrested and charged with theft over \$300 after he was seen in Beltway Plaza wearing a coat that had been stolen from someone the day before in a mall in New Carrollton. He was released to a parent pending juvenile court action.

While patrolling the 6000 block of Greenbelt Rd. around 11:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11, an officer stopped a vehicle with an equipment violation. The officer saw open beer containers inside the vehicle, then searched the vehicle and found a Glock 9mm semi-automatic handgun and a pipe

such as is commonly used to smoke marijuana. Consequently, a 27-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with transporting a handgun and possession of drug paraphernalia. He appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was held on \$1,000 bond pending trial.

While patrolling the 7700 block of Hanover Pkwy., around 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 10, an officer observed two people smoking marijuana and went over to investigate. Upon the officer's approach, the two people ran away toward Eleanor Roosevelt High School. One of them, however, a 15-year-old resident youth, was apprehended in the school's parking lot and arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. He was released to a guardian pending trial. Investigation is continuing with regard to the other person.

Observing a group of people acting suspiciously inside TGI Fridays restaurant around 1:15 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 9, an officer investigated the situation and found that one of the people had rolling papers such as are commonly used to smoke marijuana. That person, a 19-year-old nonresident youth, was arrested and charged with possession of (drug) paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial.

A breaking and entering of a residence in the 6100 block of Springhill Terr. was reported on Friday, Jan. 7. Entry had been effected by forcing open a window. Electronic equipment was stolen.

A breaking and entering of a residence in the 6900 block of

Hanover Pkwy. was reported on Wednesday, Jan. 12. Entry had been gained by forcing open the living room window. Money was stolen.

Three houses under construction were broken into in the 8000 block of Greenbury Dr. on Thursday, Jan. 13. Plumbing materials were stolen.

A 1991 Chevrolet Van was reported stolen from the parking lot of the Marriott Courtyard (6300 block of Garden Triangle Drive) on December 30; it was later recovered.

On January 3, a tan, four-door, 1984 Toyota Camry, MD tags BAH323, was reported stolen from the 7900 block of Mandan Road and a brown, 1979 Cadillac Coupe de Ville, MD tags RYK-789, was reported stolen from the 7700 block of Hanover Pkwy.

Vandalisms to, theft from and attempted thefts of autos were reported in the following areas: the 6200 block of Breezewood Court, the 6200 block of Breezewood Drive, the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace, the 7500 block of Greenbelt Road, the 6400 block of Ivy Lane, 3 Court Research Road and 20 Court Parkway.

While patrolling the 7500 block of Hanover Pkwy. around 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11, an officer observed a vehicle bearing a temporary tag that looked like it had been altered. Following the vehicle, the officer did a computer check and found that the tag had been reported stolen. Consequently the officer stopped the vehicle, at 20 Court Southway, and arrested the driver, a 21-year-old nonresident woman, charging her with theft. The woman was then released on citation pending trial.

On Jan. 7, a blue, two-door

Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn, 474-5285

Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the tragedy that took the life of nine year old Vikram GoMa. Our deepest sympathy to his parents, Shailaja and Thejappa Golla, his brother Ujjwal and grandmother who has been visiting the family.

Our sympathy to Joyce Mangum and family on the death of her husband and their father, Leonard Mangum.

Sorry to hear of the recent death of long-time resident Lila Tucker.

Jonathan Schachter, Lakeside Drive, a junior at Millersville University of Pennsylvania, has received the James Hale Steinman Communications Scholarship for the Spring 1994 semester.

1984 Chevrolet Chevette was reported stolen from the 6000 block of Greenbelt Rd., and a blue 1988 Suzuki motorcycle, MD tags 78663D, was reported stolen from the 6200 block of Breezewood Dr.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of autos were reported in the following areas: the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terr., the 9100 block of Edmonston Terr., the 6000 and 6100 blocks of Greenbelt Rd., the 7200 block of Hanover Dr., the 6900 block of Hanover Pkwy., the 8000 block of Mandan Rd., and the 400 block of Ridge Rd.

Jonathan graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt in 1991 where he played soccer, basketball and lacrosse. He was Greenbelt Teen Club President from 1988-1990 and Greenbelt's Boys and Girls Club Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1985 and again in 1987. Jonathan is founding fath-

er and Vice-President of Psi Upsilon Fraternity at Millersville where he is also assistant sports editor of the University newspaper, a disc jockey on the school radio station, a member of the University Cable TV Club, Vice-President of the Journalism Club and a member of the Greek Council. Jonathan hopes to pursue a career in broadcast journalism.

Marsha Parker, formerly of Greenbelt, now a resident of San Francisco, is happy to announce the birth of her first grandchild, Sarah Ann Summer, born on January 10 in San Francisco. Great-grandmother, Janet Parker of Greenbelt, reports mother Lisa, father Scott, grandmother and great-grandmother, as well as Les Robinson, and aunts, uncles, and cousins are doing well, and are very pleased to welcome new member, Sarah Ann, to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stratchko of Greenhill Road are the proud grandparents of Nicholas Anthony. Son of Karen and Gary Stratchko of Bowie, Nicholas was born on December 17 weighing 8 lbs., 5 oz. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Sciacca of Bowie.

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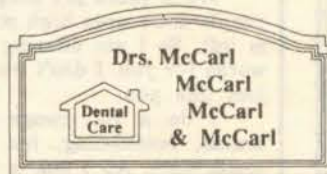
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