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Just over a year ago, I announced a two Vice President organizational model for VCC, which I committed to review after a one year trial period. Mary Hoekstra's recent departure, coupled with my commitment to review the organization structure and an evaluation of the work ahead of us, has led to the reorganization recently announced.

At the January Board meeting, the Board endorsed the following organizational structure for the College:

Acting Vice President Academic and Developmental Education - Moira Macleod

Acting Vice President Applied Education - Joan McArthur-Blair

Acting Vice President Finance & Administration - Trish Pেকেles

Vice President Education Services - Linda Martin

In addition to the Academic and Developmental programs, Moira Macleod will continue to have responsibility for Library and Media Services and the Centre for Instructional Development. Joan McArthur-Blair, in addition to Applied programs, will take on the new responsibility of Continuing Education. Linda Martin will have responsibility for Student Services, Registrar's Office, Financial Aid, Fundraising, Ventures and International Enterprises, Human Rights and Marketing. The two Acting Vice Presidents Education positions were effective February 12, 2001 for a period of six to nine months. The two Dean positions vacated by Joan McArthur-Blair and Moira Macleod will not be replaced, at least in the interim, but I will be looking at the need for resources before confirming the new organizational structure. The position of Vice President Finance and Administration will be posted shortly.

This new structure will give VCC strong leadership in each area, enabling us to face the many challenges ahead. As many of you know, VCC will be embarking on a Board-initiated strategic planning process within the next few months. The VCC Feasibility Study is well under way, as is the Communications and Marketing Plan; program review was initiated recently and the Services Review Policy is in process. This increased activity is essential if we are to ensure VCC's reputation for delivery of quality programs and services that respond to the needs of the community.

I am sure that you will join me, first in thanking the two Vice Presidents who did such an outstanding job under the two Vice President model, Linda Martin and Mary Hoekstra, and secondly in wishing our new appointees a rewarding and successful career ahead.

Dale Dorn, President



## Introducing the BARISTA CAFÉ

On Monday **February 26, 2001**, join us at City Centre for the opening of the Barista Café.

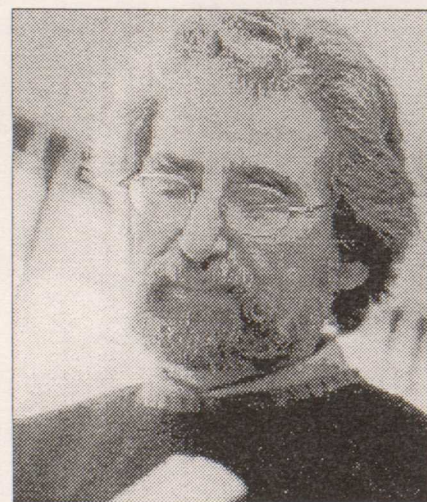
The new coffee bar will be located in the alcove just inside the Hamilton and Dunsmuir entrance. The energetic booth will feature some new taste sensations such as a Fruit Smoothies and Mocca Freezers. Juices will also be available. The Barista Café will have a great seating area for groups to meet, people watching, and studying in a relaxed tropical setting.

We will, of course, still have great cappuccino, lattes and hot chocolate, and as always super friendly staff. The Barista Café will feature baked goods from our own student production labs. The Food Service staff is looking forward to your visit.

Sandra MacSorley,  
Manager of Ancillary Services

## Poetry Reading Draws a Crowd

Complete with candles and refreshments, a KEC classroom was transformed into a coffeehouse on February 1.



Tom Wayman, poet and founder of the Kootenay School of Writing, read from several of his works. Mr. Wayman was a student at UBC when he began working at the Vancouver Sun as a journalist. He discovered that newspapers only report on a small part of people's lives, and he wanted to express himself more fully. He then turned to poetry and teaching.

Tom delighted the packed room with poems about work, relationships, his odd neighbours in the Selkirk Mountains and even, feet. He inspired all by saying that everyone has talent, "you just have to choose where to put your energies".

Special thanks to Don Davidson and Larry Parraf for their musical warm up!

## Canada Wins 5th Place: Bocuse D'Or

Canadian competitor **Christopher Mills** of Joey's Mediterranean Grill and apprentice Kevin Cherkas of the Metropolitan Hotel came in fifth place in this world famous culinary competition in which 22 countries participated.

Christopher who is **Pat Hartley** (Associate Dean, Health Sciences)'s son was cheered on by over 70 Canadian fans from the viewing stands.

Each competitor had five and a half hours to prepare two platters for 12 people using the specified ingredients, lamb and sea bass.

Congratulations Christopher!

## Elections Notice: College Board and Education Council

Call for Election posters have already by posted around the College.

**Nomination period:**

February 19 - March 2

**Campaigning period:**

March 5 - 9 with advanced voting  
Thursday March 8

**Voting will take place:**

Tuesday, March 13 and Wednesday  
March 14

**Results announced:**

Thursday 15.

## Have you considered running?

VCC's Education Council has 22 members - 16 of these are elected: four students (two from KEC, two from CC), two support staff ten faculty members.

The Education Council meets from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. It has a Curriculum Committee, a Policy Committee, and several ad hoc committees as needed; e.g. the Services Review Policy Committee.

Under the Colleges and Institutes Act, Education Council has the final word on:

Setting policies concerning exams and evaluation of student performance;

Setting policies concerning student withdrawal from courses and programs;

Setting criteria for academic standing, academic standards and grading;

Setting criteria for awards recognizing academic excellence;

Setting policies and procedures for appeals by students on academic matters;

Setting curriculum content for courses leading to certificates and diplomas.

The Education Council also has the duty and right to advise the College Board on most issues and policies including (among others):

Proposals about implementation of courses or programs leading to certificates or diplomas, including the length of those courses or programs;

Priorities for implementation of new programs and courses;  
Cancellation of programs or courses, or changes in the length of courses and programs;  
Policies on faculty member qualifications;  
Adjudication procedure for appealable matters of student discipline;  
Terms of affiliation with other post-secondary bodies;  
Qualifications - admission policies;  
Criteria for awarding certificates and diplomas.

Not only does Education Council have the right and duty to advise the Board but in the past four years the Board has always taken its advice!

The College is now starting a new Strategic Planning Process that will provide new directions and processes for moulding the future of VCC. Education Council is an integral part of that process. It has a say that the Board respects.

**Why not consider contributing your skills and knowledge as part of Education Council?** Nomination forms are available through the Office of the Registrar.

Frank Fornelli  
for: Education Council Executive

P.S. Want to see it in action? Attend the next Education Council meeting on Tuesday, March 6 at 3:30 p.m. in room 5025 (KEC).

## Totem Pole Fundraising Dinner Supporting First Nations Students

Please join First Nations Education in conjunction with the Culinary Arts department for a fundraising dinner:

**Date:** March 9, 2001

**Time:** 5:30pm - Silent Auction,

Craft Sale, Traditional Entertainment, Contemporary Entertainment  
6:30pm - Dinner with entertainment

**Cost:** \$30.00 per person

**Where:** VCC City Centre

Purchase dinner tickets at VCC bookstores at KEC and CC or from the First Nations Coordinator (tel# 871-7020) For further information, call the event organizer at 951-8801 or by email at [germaine@telus.net](mailto:germaine@telus.net).

## Thank you

I want to extend a huge thank you to VCC for a wonderful almost seven years. I have learned so much, made great friends and had a lot of fun.

The farewell reception (or roast?) was very touching. Thank you for the kind words and all the recognition.

I want to highlight the superb efforts of the executive office team, **Doreen Sharan, Sarah Lucas, Vivienne Garrott and Della Glendenning**. Over the years this professional group have ensured that the college executive operates smoothly. Doreen, what will I do without you! I will miss working with you all and thank you for your support.

I cannot list all my colleagues here, but I do thank my group for the ride and wish everyone the best!

See you around, Mary Hoekstra

## Name change!

The Program Development and Staff Training Department has a new name - The **Centre for Instructional Development**.

When the Department was created in 1978, our primary task was program and course development; in particular, assisting with the implementation and development of the VCC Program Content Guides.

Since the mid-1980's, when we began delivering the BC Provincial Instructor Diploma (ID) Program across BC, Alberta, and the Yukon, we have become more and more involved in instructional development activities. Our new name reflects this change.

Today, while our work primarily involves the ID Program, we remain very involved in supporting VCC's curriculum development and international development efforts.

David Tickner

Centre for Instructional Development

## Excellence in Education Award

On February 13, 2000, the Greater Vancouver Branch of the Canadian Food Services Executives Association held its annual leadership night where it recognizes outstanding achievement in the tourism and hospitality industry.

Previous VCC recipients have been Settimio Sicoli and Richard Floody (Excellence in Association and Community), Ulrich Falter, James Hutton, Harold Bonkowski, Dave Donaldson, Carmine Morelli, and Conrad Leung for Excellence in Education.

For the 4th year in a row, a VCC instructor was recognized. **Robert Oliver** of Hospitality Management was cited for his long-term dedication to teaching and the industry.





A 20-year veteran of both BCIT and VCC, Bob's high standards in education and extra effort were mentioned as well as his continued upgrade of his skills through work assignments and consulting in the industry. The founder of the Vancouver Executive Housekeepers Association, Bob is consistently consulted for his expertise in housekeeping and front office. A special example of this are the calls he receives from hotel properties when there are difficulties of special requirement to determine which of his graduates they have employed - they realize a Bob Oliver trained graduate is up to the task.

Joining Bob at the award dinner were: Sandra MacSorley, Dave Donaldson, Sally Gammon, Carmine Morelli, Settimio Sicoli, Richard Floody and Shirley Ripley.

## New Food Service Manager

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the new Food Services Manager, **Shirley Ripley**, who will be joining the dept on February 26.

Shirley has over 20 years of experience which includes the operation of a 225 seat cafeteria, regular and special catering functions and a background in Continuous Quality Improvement programmes. She worked on a Policy and Procedure Manual sponsored by the Vancouver Richmond Health Board for their food service facilities. In addition, Shirley is a Certified Food Executive as well as a graduate of Food Service Technician programme at Langara College.

Shirley holds her Supervisory / Personnel Management Certificate and Building Services Management Certificate from VCC. Her strengths include Leadership, Food Safe and Time Management. Shirley is a

member of the Canadian Food Service Executive Association and is the Past President of the Royal Canadian Legion - Burnaby Branch.

Shirley will be responsible for the operation of Food Services at City Centre working closely with the Hospitality Division, as well overseeing the numerous catering functions in which the college participates. Shirley's office will be on the 3rd Floor at City Centre and her phone number will be 443 - 8709. Please drop by to meet her and join me in welcoming her to VCC.

Sandra MacSorley



LIBRARY & MEDIA  
SERVICES  
**News**

### Did You Know? ...Library Media Update

#### CBC NEWS

KEC Library now has available CBC news tapes and transcripts for overnight loan from the circulation desk. Each Tuesday, we receive recordings of the Monday mid-day news. The tapes help our students learn English with a focus on the topical events that are in the news and that everyone is discussing. These are the same tapes that are held in the Learning Centre, but ours can be borrowed for home use. Please share this information with your students.

#### AWARD-WINNING VIDEOS

If you are interested in any of these excellent short films, just call the media desk at your campus to book for your class. CC - local 8341 KEC - local 7321

*When the Day Breaks* - Using anthropomorphic barnyard creatures like Ruby the pig and an exciting (chicken) stranger, *When the Day*

*Breaks* beautifully expresses a multitude of feelings and emotions and that subtle interconnection of links within a community. Critics have said that this simple animal allegory is a real lift and is a must-see.

*Village of Idiots* - This new production is based on a Jewish folktale adapted by Canadian writer, John Lazarus, and is also an award winning title (another one from our venerable NFB!). It is a wacky, but elegant animated short that finds our hero Shmendrik looking for knowledge in some far off land only to find it much closer to home.

*My Grandmother Ironed the King's Shirts* - With sharp humour, this short animated NFB film treats history as a fabric woven from personal family stories. The grandmother spins imaginative tales of her life and work combining those tales with the historical events in Norway during WWII.

## Smoke Free Policy a Success at VCC

Thanks to the cooperation of employees, students and visitors, the new smoke free areas around campus really are smoke free.

Specifically, I would like to thank **Bill Miller** and **Angelo Iapalucci** for implementing new smoke free signs and refuse containers, **Jeff Brown** for supervising the relocation of the air supply on Hamilton Street, our **trades people** for carrying out this work and **Zorro Mihajlovic** from Media Services for developing all marketing materials.

Operations Council and each campus Safety Committee need to be commended for their strong leadership and commitment to developing and approving the Smoke Free Plan.

As an employee of the College, everyone has a responsibility to en-

sure the Smoke Free Policy is followed. If people are smoking in a smoke free area, kindly direct them to the designated smoking areas. Small information cards are available to all departments to assist with this. Please call Heather at 8456 for copies or pick them up from either security office.

Steve Traviss,  
Safety, Security and Transportation Coordinator

## VCC Smoke-Free Policy

Effective Date: January 16, 2001  
Policy Category: Administration  
Number: B.3.8

### Purpose

To inform the College community of VCC's commitment to a smoke-free environment.

### Policy

To minimize smoke from entering College buildings, smoking on VCC property is restricted to designated areas only (refer to Appendix). Clear signage will be in place to identify smoke-free and designated smoking areas. VCC will provide programs to assist and encourage employees who wish to cease smoking.

### Applies to

All VCC employees, students and visitors.

### Procedures

1. Security will patrol smoke-free areas and ensure smokers are aware of the VCC Smoke-Free policy and the location of designated smoking areas.
2. All employees have a responsibility to report non-compliance of this policy to Security or the Building Services Manager.

### References

WCB Occupational Health and Safety Regulation  
City of Vancouver Smoke-Free By-Law  
Standards of Student Conduct Policy  
CUPE Collective Agreement  
VCCFA Collective Agreement

### Appendix - Designated Smoking Areas

#### King Edward Campus

\* Level 4 - along the railing overlooking the Campus and under the overhang behind second cup from the corner of the building to the bike racks

\* Level 2 - Cafeteria patio & balcony

\* Level 1 - All areas on the North side of the campus with the exception of the entire trades parking area, the centre walkway and a 30-meter buffer around the daycare, Receiving and back entrance.

#### City Centre Campus

\* All areas on the Cambie side of the building with the exception of a 30-meter buffer zone around each main Cambie Street exit

\* The area contained within the alcove behind the Learning Centre off Hamilton Street

## Former VCC students are taking their art to New York

**Joanne Hart** and **Andrea Mueller**, former Jewellery Art and Design students, have been accepted into the Accessorie Circuit Show in Manhattan.

After founding Luxe Design five years ago, they have been selling unique jewellery throughout Canada and in several U.S. locations, includ-

ing, Los Angeles. The prestigious Accessorie Circuit show will open up the New York market to these two creative talents.

For more information on their jewellery and an online catalog, please visit their website at [www.luxe-design.com](http://www.luxe-design.com).

Good luck to Joanne and Andrea!

## Changes in Catering

As of February 1, 2001, there has been a revision of the catering charges from Food Services at City Centre.

There will no longer be a charge for china of \$15.00 for each order and the service charge has been changed from a flat rate to a straight 15%. These two changes reflect more accurately the costs that are incurred to Food Services to provide the catering to the college community.

In addition, full pamphlets that detail the services that we offer are available by contacting Rosemarie Bernardo at 443 - 8480. She will gladly send the information to you. We also have a full package for outside caterings and a different price list to service those functions that require pick up or service.

Should you have any questions or an event that you are planning that you require assistance with, do not hesitate to call Sandra MacSorley at 443 - 8324.

### VCC Board Meeting Schedule

Thursday, March 22  
CC Room 240 5:30pm

Thursday, April 26  
KEC Room 5025 5:30pm



## ICS INFO CORNER

**Mar 13 (Tues) 12:00-1:00**  
Room 5043 KEC

**Mar 19 (Mon) 12:00-1:00**  
Room 200 CC

- \* Come and see what's happening
- \* Come and meet some of our staff...
- \* Come and talk to us about the computer needs in your area...
- \* Arrange your own meeting with the ICS team...
- \* Come in just to chat...

## VCC Dental Assisting Clinic: Accepting new patients

Our clinic provides the following treatment for patients aged 5 - 21:

- oral hygiene instruction
- minimal scaling
- rubber cup polishing
- fluoride application
- fissure sealants

A complimentary examination specific to the above procedures, will be performed by a dentist on April 18, 2001. Please call 443-8499 for an appointment. Appointments for dental procedures will be scheduled from May 8-25 (9:00-4:00p.m.) Each appointment is \$15.00.

## Notice of Public Meeting

The next public meeting of the Board Finance Committee will be held on Wednesday, **March 14, 2001** in Room 5025, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at King Edward Campus. Please call 871-7163 for information.

Doreen Sharan  
Confidential Assistant  
Finance & Admin Division

## Do you want to quit smoking?

If you're interested in quitting smoking but would like assistance, help is on the way.

There are a number of resources available, and we are more than willing to assist you in this effort provided we have enough interested participants.

Please contact Carol Sicoli, Human Resources Projects Coordinator at local 7011 to discuss the kind of help you would find most beneficial, and how we may be able to help.

## Live National Video Conference

"Making the Most of Teaching, Learning, and Technology in Higher Education: Connected Education, Collaborative Changes, and Compassionate Pioneers"

Brought to you by the Virginia Tidewater Consortium for Higher Education, this video conference will take place on **Friday, March 30, 2001** from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and will feature Steve Gilbert and Steve Ehrmann of the TLT Group and Randy Bass of Georgetown University.

This video conference will be held at Langara as they have the downlink capacity (more details to follow).

If you are interested in participating in this video conference, please contact Carol Sicoli, Human Resources Projects Coordinator at local 7011 **no later than Friday, March 23, 2001.**

## United Way Campaign 2000

We offer our sincere thanks to all who supported and helped to make the VCC United Way Campaign 2000 a success. The campaign has raised \$20,500.

### The Early Bird Draw (for pledge cards) winners:

Melinda Graham - Joico basket  
Homa Mina - VCC umbrella  
Anne Tollstam - bottle of wine  
Moir MacLeod, Les Steinke - VCC T-shirt  
Les Steinke - VCC T-shirt  
Katherine Campbell - Avon candle and 2000 Olympics pin  
Michelle McLeod, Phyllis Butler, Barb Ash, Saroj Kumar - VCC CD

### The Final Draw (for pledge cards) winners:

Evie Brown - camera  
Melinda Graham - coffeemaker  
Betty Nobel - Lounge Lizard Plus  
Stanley Foo - A.G. basket of hair products  
Lorna Brown - West Coast Beauty gift basket  
Jim Funk - bulletin board  
Jane Delost - Pepsi T-shirt, hat and water bottle  
Maeva Lighthead - golf balls  
Walter Behnke, Alison Norman - VCC CD  
Linda Maschak - coffee grinder and beans  
Nadine Johnson - sweatshirt

### Draw for the Seiko Watch:

Mesfin Tamenne (ESL student)

### Grey Cup pool - KEC

Lizz Lindsay, Dan Singh

### Grey Cup pool - CC

Rick Floody, Rosie Jong, Tom Jurimac, Alan Sacks

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the donors of the "draw" prizes:

S.K. Sanitary, Panel Products, A.G. Professional Haircare, Nathen Printers, IKON, Carol Sicoli, VCC Food Services Dept., VCC Bookstore, Royal Printers, Grand & Toy, Pepsi West Coast Beauty, Judith O'Keefe VCC Hairstyling Dept.

Roger Schofer & Malcom Cant  
Co-Chairs, Campaign 2000

## New Voluntary Life Insurance Premium Rates

The Employee Benefits Committee recently went to the marketplace with respect to underwriting the Voluntary Life Insurance plan. Sun Life of Canada, the current underwriter was found to have the best rates, and was selected to continue in this capacity. There are premium reductions for many of our employees and their spouse.

The new premium rates are based upon male/female - five year age band. The previous rates were based upon employee/spouse - ten year age band.

The insurance is available in multiples of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$300,000 if you are enrolled in the Basic Group Life Insurance Plan. The non-evidence medical maximum has been increased from \$40,000 to \$50,000 for individuals when they first become eligible to participate in the plan.

If you would like more information or wish to enrol in the plan, please contact Eugenie Wong (Human Resources Coordinator) at local 7136.

Karen Kelly  
Director of Human Resources

## Appointments

I am pleased to announce the following appointments:

**Randy May** has been selected as Department Head for the Building Service Worker Dept effective February 1, 2001.

**Maciek Walentowicz** has been re-appointed as Coordinator II of Jewellery Art and Design effective February 1, 2001.

**Lew Bloomingdale** has been re-appointed as Department Head of Automotive Collision effective January 27, 2001.

**Roseanne Ashworth** will be the new Acting Confidential Assistant to the Acting Vice President of Applied Education. Roseanne has been a secretary in various positions within VCC over the last 12 years.

Joanne McArthur-Blair

## Summary: College Board Meeting

**January 25, 2001**

In response to an invitation from the Board to constituency groups, a meeting with the Association of VCC Administrators preceded the formal Board meeting. This provided an opportunity for Board members to meet the Administrators and to discuss matters of interest between the two groups. The Board had a similar meeting with members of the VCCFA Executive, prior to the October Board meeting.

A vote of thanks was given to Mary Hoekstra, V.P. Finance & College Services, who will be leaving the College on February 9th.

Reports were provided by the Finance & Administration Committee on the interim structure for the Division subsequent to Mary Hoekstra's leaving the College, and the Quarterly Report. The President's Performance Assessment

Committee reported on their work so far. The method and process for the first year formal evaluation of the President was to be communicated to the constituency groups with an invitation for feedback.

As recommended by Education Council, the Board approved:

- \* Pre-requisite for Basic Ed Program
- \* New: Computer Keyboard 077.

The VCC Smoke Free Policy, approved by Operations Council on January 16, 2001, was presented to the Board for information.

The Board received a presentation on the Strategic Planning Process, provided by Dale Dorn and Deanna Rexe, Director of Institutional Research and Planning.

## Summary: Education Council Meeting

**Tuesday, February 6, 2001**

### 01. Report: Ed Council Chair

The Centre for Curriculum, Transfer and Technology (C2T2) conference, "Connections 2001", will be held in Whistler, BC from May 5 to 8. The theme is teaching, learning and technology.

### 02. Elections

Nominations will be open from February 9 until March 2, 2001. The advance poll is on March 8, and regular polling will take place on March 13 and 14.

### 03. Applied Business Technology Core Program

The proposed Applied Business Technology Core Program was approved by the Council.

### 04. Appeal to Education Council on Academic Matters Policy

Education Council approved the Appeal to Education Council on Academic Matters Policy.

### 05. Strategic Planning

An overview of the proposed strategic planning process was presented to the Council for information.



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### Who Am I?

I am spirit  
Yet, embodied,  
And though  
I am a maker of things,  
I am made also.  
I am a father  
Yet, a child.  
I am a teacher  
Yet, unwise,  
I lead  
But too, I am a follower.  
I am a healer  
Though wounded,  
I am full of love  
And wickedness.  
I am strong  
Even so, afraid.  
I am a close friend  
And a stranger.

I am with you  
Yet, alone.  
I am rich and I am poor,  
Overflowing, yet empty.  
I am nothing;  
Yet all these things, I am.  
And as this is so, by grace,  
I am a man - affected.

by Peter Marren  
Psychology 081/091  
CF Humanities

### For My Uncle

Searing nothingness pierces his soul  
With a vengeance great enough to devour  
His last remaining ounce of intuitive spirit.

Scarred are the dying walls of innocence  
Whose inscriptions imply little of its content  
But tell a tale of its  
Seductively unglamorous surroundings.

Where once stood a mecca of impeccable beauty  
Now lies a ruin of ash  
What would your mother say?  
Would she comfort you as you scream in the  
night?  
Or would she cry in pain as you search for an-  
other vein?  
by Raphael Silver  
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## FOR SALE



*classifieds*

Matching sofa&loveseat (Cream) \$450  
IKEA table & four chairs (Pine) \$200  
IKEA coffee table \$40  
IKEA TV stand \$100  
Call Roya @ 602-6785

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your upcoming events, department news  
and achievements. Keep me abreast of  
what is happening in your departments!

Thank you,  
Elizabeth Thomson

Please submit your articles via email to:  
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(Material may be edited for clarity and  
length.)