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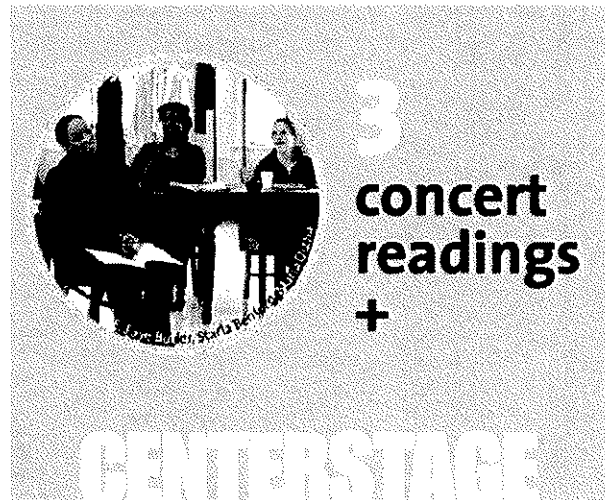
## Senior center gets reprieve after complaints

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The Harford Senior Center in Baltimore will remain open after a letter-writing campaign by its regulars led city and state officials to maintain funding for the building, officials from the center said.

The building was scheduled to close at the end of October because of financial cutbacks resulting from the economic downturn. But Russ Snyder, president of Volunteers of America Chesapeake Inc., one of the organizations responsible for working with the senior center, said the center received only slight cuts in its funding from the city after many of the seniors contacted City Council members and the mayor's office.



"It resulted in us sitting down at the table and working something out. They were passionate about keeping it open," Snyder said.

The senior center at 4920 Harford Road provides lunches, aerobics, computer training, bingo and other activities. The center's schedule has been adjusted, and it will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day except Wednesdays, when the center will stay open until 4 p.m.

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