Remembering the Early Years — News Review Editors Reminisce

by Sandra Lange

Some volunteer organizations in the city may be as old as the Greenbelt News Review — 60 years this month. But there are few that operate on a weekly basis, 52 weeks each year. And none can boast as many members of its key staff who have been volunteers for 30 and even 40 years straight. That, surely, is a record.

These people are survivors. They survived the attacks of developers, one of whom called them “pipsqueak journalists” and another who sued them for libel. They survived another who sued them for libel and who had trouble paying its advertising to pay its bills. They survived the stress on the lives of Elaine Skolnik and her husband, Al, who was then president of the board of directors and personally named in the suit.

In a recent interview with Elaine Skolnik and other long-time News Review staff members, they revealed some of their experiences with the newspaper during the past 40 years.

Elaine Skolnik

Elaine joined the staff in 1954, 43 years ago. She started out writing the “Our Neighbors” column at home. She didn’t come down to the News Review office at first because she had small children. No shrinking violet now, back then Elaine was unsure of herself and of her skills as a writer. “I couldn’t finish a story without Al,” she says, crediting her late husband with every journalistic technique she has learned.

After Al died in 1977, Elaine succeeded him as president of the board. She also assumed the job of news editor, a position that she created. She still retains the latter title as well as that of “President Emeritus.”

Elaine remembers the 1950s as a time when the News Review was barely surviving financially. Delivered free to every home in Greenbelt, it depended then, as now, on advertising to pay its way. See EARLY YEARS page 12

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by Virginia Beauchamp

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The six points listed by Reed were as follows: 1) the pending entry of another major developer as part of the development team; 2) support for economic development on the site from the County Executive’s office; 3) improved market conditions; 4) the Smith family’s recent sale of its land in Maryland, which netted some $150 million; 5) the desire to save the site from development with a “big box” retail center, such as Home Depot or Target; and 6) contributions by WMATA of a joint proposal submitted by a development team including John Lally, Jim Herl and Mark Vogel (all known in the past for their strong political connections).

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Desegregation Case Briefing Nov. 24

Is court-ordered busing in the public schools coming to an end? The lawsuit under reconsideration (Case), will eventually hold the court-ordered busing in the educational experiment that has lasted since 1972. The Prince George's County Board of Education, the NAACP, and representatives of the Prince George's County will conduct a briefing for elected officials and the community. A major focus of the briefing, conducted by Dr. Alvin Thornton, will be the final report of the Prince George's County Board of Education (i.e., the Board Hearing Room at the Sasscer Administration Building, which is located at 1420 l School Lane, Upper Marlboro. All parties involved in the Desegregation Case (i.e., the Board of Education, the NAACP, and the NAACP Executive) are continuing to work toward ending court-ordered busing in the county. A major focus of the briefing will be review by Dr. Thornton of the final report of the court-appointed expert panel, the Community Schools Plan, the proposed Memorandum of Understanding. Specific questions concerning the Desegregation Case will be addressed during the briefing. For further information about the briefing, contact Mark Woodard at 301-952-6117. To attend the briefing, contact Cheryl Landis at 301-952-6117.

Maryland University Hosts Ballet Soloists

The World Culture and Sports Festival III presents the stars of the Kirov Academy of Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, November 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Townes Hall at the University of Maryland. Tickets may be purchased through Procta at 301-955-5566 or by calling 703-218-6500.

Letters

Thank You

Thank you to all my friends, and supporters who made my re-election to City Council possible. Also, a special thanks to everyone who answered their doors with a smile and a kind word. Your support makes all the difference.

Rodney M. Roberts

Information Please

I am in the fifth grade at Hart-Ransom School in Maryland. I have adopted your yard as a class project. I will be doing a report and making displays about it. In May, my class will be having a "States Faire." I will display and show everything I have learned about your state. It would be helpful to me if you could send postcards, maps, brochures, information about wildlife, industry, neat places to visit, statistics, sport teams and any other information and items your readers feel would be helpful. I hope your readers can help me. I'm looking forward to hearing from people in your state.

Thank you from California.

David

Hart-Ransom School
3930 Shoemaker Ave.
Modesto, CA 95358

Greenbelt

Community Pancake Breakfast

December 3, 1997
7 a.m. till 12 noon
at the
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department on Crescent Road

Featuring buttermilk pancakes, sausages, milk, juice, and coffee.

Santa will be there to share a special photo moment with the kids.

Giant Coloring Books and The Game of Greenbelt will be for sale.

Sponsoring the Greenbelt Lions Club in cooperation with the Greenbelt Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136

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**Community Events**

**New Deal Cafe News**

*By Jeff King*

This week's entertainment at the New Deal Cafe starts on Friday, November 21. Doug Wilson and Friends will be serving up rich, warm, full-bodied, tasty coffee. The latter is just thinking about the coffee, too. In any case, stop by and see what you won’t be disappointed.

Cliff Art — two fascinating guys who play music on bass guitar and Chapman "Stick" — will be joining us on Saturday, November 22. We said we said about coffee still applies. Same thing about desserts, several of which will be homemade.

We're open Thanksgiving weekend, too — Friday is Open Mike night and Saturday, November 29 will feature Mike Ball. Can't face those leftovers? Come see us!

**Our Neighbors**

The newest Family Clinic Volunteer is Reginald Clarke. Chad Matthews, is a proud second-time father. Caitlin Roxanne Brown was born in the wee morning hours of November 4, weighing in at 6 lbs., 14 oz.

On October 31, a first-born son joined the Stephen Catterton and Leigh Green-Catterton family of Charlestonville Village. Sean Michael Catterton weighed in at 6 lbs., 11 oz. Dad Steve, a Kiwanis member and financial analyst at Coleman Research Corp. in Fairfax, is a life-long resident of Greenbelt. New mom Leigh, a North East, MD native, is a drama teacher at High Point High School.

**Monitor Park Stream**

Join Greenbelt Park staff in monitoring the quality of water in the park's stream. A process of collecting macro-invertebrates and comparing them to the stream quality chart will be used. Wear rubber boots and old clothes. Meet at the Dogwood Nature Trail at 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 22. Please call for reservations in the a.m. at 301-344-9944 or 301-344-9948.

**Recreation Review**

Recreation Facility Hours - Thanksgiving Day.

Greenbelt recreation facilities will be open the following hours:

- **Thanksgiving Day**, Thursday, November 27:
  - **Greenbelt Community Center**:
    - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
  - **Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center**:
    - 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
  - **Greenbelt Youth Center**:
    - 12 p.m. - 10 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

*Greenbelt Municipal Building*

**Monday, November 24, 1997 - 8:00 P.M.**

I. ORGANIZATION
2. Call to Order
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations
   (The consent agenda consists of those items whose action will be deferred to the next meeting without further action.)
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS
6. Presentations
   - Check Presentation from The Gazette Newspapers to ACE Scholarship Fund
   - Senior Citizen Safety Conference - Booker Hughes
   - Jim Sterling - ABOCA Master Code Official
   - Officer Bob Musterman & Max - Iron Dog Competition - 5th Place

7. Petitions and Requests
   (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless special circumstances warrant special action.)
   - Minutes of Meetings
6. Administrative Reports
10. Committee Reports
   - Board of Elections Memorandum

III. LEGISLATION
4. OTHER BUSINESS
   11. Beaver Management Plan
   12. On Call Pay - Public Works Department
   13. MD 201 Road Improvements - 1-495 to Cherrywood Lane
   14. Approval of Purchases - Police Evidence Van & Voice Logging Recorder
   15. Approval of Special Holiday
   16. Appointment of Council Members to Board & Committees
   17. County Legislation
   18. 1998 Legislative Program
   19. Approval of 4-Cities Letter opposing the ICC
   20. Approval of Revised Job Description - Police Cadet
   21. Retirement Letter to Mayor Page
   22. Resignations from Advisory Boards and Committees

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-747-8970. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-747-8900 or 301-747-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

David E. Morano
City Clerk
In Memoriam

Four-year-old “Vinnie Daffan”

In Memoriam

Vinnie Daffan

November 25 marks the three year anniversary of the death of Vinnie Daffan.

Vinnie was four years old when he was diagnosed with cancer. Interment was at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring.

A mass of Christian burial was held at St. Hugh’s Catholic Church on Wednesday, November 12, with Father Crowley officiating. Intermont was at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring.

“A Sukkah” (booth used at harvest time) built and decorated by children of the Meshkan Torah Synagogue to celebrate the holiday “Sukkot”

-Krafts, and comedy by Rabbi Jack Molin. Admission to the festival is free.

The festival once again is the recipient of wide community support. A grant in the amount of $5,000 has been received from the United Jewish Endowment Fund of the United Jewish Appeal Federation. For the first time, Target Store is a grant-making sponsor, donating $1,000.

For further information or to volunteer, call Marilyn Glaser at 301-953-9554, or Sheila Bodner at 301-262-0631.

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SYNAGOGUE

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt - 301-474-4223
Reconstructionist / Conservative
Tues.-Fri. (9-1)
Nursery and religious schools (K-7) + Confirmation
A Full Range of Social and Religious Activities
Friday Evening and Saturday Services

Steps of Grace
For Holiday Blues

Sometimes people have problems getting through the holidays, because of expectations that may not always be realistic. On Saturday, November 22, Steps of Grace at the Greenbelt Baptist Church will focus on symptoms, root causes, and solutions for getting through the Holiday Blues.

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SMITH TRACK 
(Continued from page 1)
The group had been called to­gether to be briefed on a bill Reed planned to present the next day to the Prince George's County Council.

County Legislation 
In her memo, Craze said that she had characterized the bill as procedurally dishonest at the meeting. She based her interpretation on its providing "an open zoning door without the benefit of a planning pro­cess." The bill would permit "a METRO related mixed use complex by right in the I-2 zone" — the zoning designa­tion for the Smith property.

To deflect charges that the bill could be regarded as spe­cial interest legislation, Craze believes that it had been modified to include the I-1 zone as well, which would make it applicable to the Branch Avenue Metro station.

What particularly alarmed her was that the bill "did not even require site plan ap­proval." The consequence of this action, her memo states, is that "a development which they envision to exceed 3 mil­lion square feet could be ap­proved based on a building permit."

Because of her expressed opposition, Reed withdrew the bill. However, Craze believes that a similar bill will be in­troduced next year. She also believes that the present county council and the county executive view favorably the changing of zoning use cat­egories to expedite develop­ment.

She cites in particular the county council's approval last year of legislation to expand the use categories in the zoning ordinance to permit con­struction of the Redskins stadium and their amended zon­ing ordinance to permit mixed use waterfront development in Oxon Hill along the Potomac River. She quotes Reed as saying that adherence to the planning process "would kill the opportunity for 'quality' development."

This is her assessment as well of the views of those with political power: "We are seeing an indication from the County Executive and County Council that planning as a precursor to zoning will be abandoned when this pro­cess impedes economic devel­opment," her memo states.

Recommendations 
Craze recommends to the city council the following ac­tions:

1) To "take a firm and public stand which opposes any effort to circumvent the planning process for Greenbelt West/METRO and, if possible, to coordinate with Berwyn Heights and College Park.

2) To file requests under the Freedom of Information (FOI) act and, through pressure on elected officials, to gain access to the so-far-se­cret joint development pro­posal's WMATA has been pur­suing for the Greenbelt Metro station. (WMATA, in part supported by public funds, may be subject to FOI re­quirements.)

3) To require full disclo­sure from the State Highway Administration, which is a public agency, of discussions they have held with repre­senta­tives of the Smith property for off-ramps from the Beltway and other road im­provements to facilitate its development.

4) To consider proceeding with the city's own planning process by working with "well respected experts" on "transit villages," described as "low intensity, neighborhood scaled developments" that might be appropriate for the Metro area properties.

Leggett-Bodner
Robert Bodner and Tricia Leggett were married on October 18 at St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church in Beltsville. Bob is the son of Mary Jane Bodner and the late Raymond Bodner of Empire Place. Tricia is the daughter of Norman and Mary Ann Leggett of Dallas, TX. Dan Bodner, brother of the groom, was Best Man and Traci Branch, sister of the bride, was Matron of Honor. The brides­maids were Kalista Allison and Michelle Mears, friends of the bride from Dallas, TX. The groomsmen were Clinton Boshell, formerly of Greenbelt and now residing in Bowie, and Mark Kessel of Virginia Beach. The Rev. Robert Pipta, cousin of the groom, was celebrant along with The Rev. Michael Kerestes, pastor of St. Gregory's. Denise Bodner, sister of the groom, was the Reader. Eight nieces and nephews were flower children.

The reception was held at the Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City. Bob graduated from ERHS in 1979 and recently received his Master's degree in General Ad­ministration at UMUC. He is employed at Northrop Gruman, a defense contractor in Baltimore. Tricia received her BS from Texas Women's University and is a flight attendant with USAirways, based at BWI airport.

After a honeymoon to New­York City and then Jamaica, they returned to their home in Ellicott City.

Marilee and Johnnie Hart
Marilee Carroll and Johnnie Hart were united in marriage on October 13 at Greenbelt Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where she is a ventilator-dependent pa­tient with ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig Disease. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Jesse B. Williams of Mt. Hope Baptist Church. Carroll is the daughter of Ha­zel R. Carroll and Corbett Dent. Attendants were Fern Price, the maid of honor, Charmayne Carroll, flower girl, and Calvin Jackson, best man.

The couple plan to reside in Rison, MD after her discharge from the Center.

The Greenbelt Arts Center
presents
An Evening of Gospel & Jazz 
Saturday, December 6th, 8PM
featuring
ANGELA GRAY & COMPANY (GOSPEL) & FORMULA ONE (JAZZ)
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voice, flute & keyboard
Debra Ellis, Ted Greaves & Jamal Brown

And on Friday, December 12th and Saturday, December 13th
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**POLICE BLOTTER**

**Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department**

**Assaults**

- Nov. 6, 9200 block of Springfield Lane, an ex-boyfriend charged with assault on the resident's balcony and demanded entry. When entry was denied, the suspect proceeded to the rear of the residence, turned off the lights and began striking the victim with a sharp object. The suspect was arrested and charged with assault.

- Nov. 7, 6200 block of Greenbelt Road, an individual forcibly removed the victim from her home. The suspect was arrested and charged with burglary.

- Nov. 8, 6500 block of Ivy Lane, a 1995 Chrysler LeBaron reported stolen in Arlington County, Virginia, was recovered. The vehicle was unoccupied and an ignition key was found in it. The vehicle was not determined as stolen.

- Nov. 11, 7800 block of Manassas Road, a black 1995 Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle, Virginia tag 42450, was stolen.

- Nov. 13, 9100 block of Edmonston Rd., a white 1984 Pontiac Bonneville, Maryland tag S8N 016, was stolen.

- Nov. 13, 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace, a green 1995 Dodge Neon, New York tag 6GD684, was stolen.

- Burglary, Theft and Fraud
- Nov. 7, Maryland Federal Savings and Loan, 9200 Edmonston Rd., a reported burglary several desk drawers in an office had been pried open, and an attempt had been made to pry open a door joining two offices. No property was reported taken.
- Nov. 7, Beltway Plaza Mall, an employee's coat was taken from a coat rack.

- Narcotics
- Nov. 8, Beltsville Police Station, an individual paid for a magazine and left. The officer followed him to his vehicle to investigate further, discovering that the vehicle contained a quantity of suspected crack cocaine packaged in a manner indicating an intent to sell or distribute. He was arrested, charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute and held on $30,000 bond pending trial.

- Disorderly Conduct
- Nov. 9, 6200 block of Springfield Drive, a domestic disturbance was reported. Officers found the man outside the apartment building when they arrived. An officer asked for his version of events, but he refused to cooperate and became agitated. He was arrested, charged with possession of a deadly weapon on school property and released pending further action by the Juvenile Justice System, and his parents were notified.

- Nov. 13, Eleanor Roosevelt High School, the School Resource Officer arrested a 17-year-old male student on suspicion of possessing a pager on school property. He was arrested, charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute and held on $30,000 bond pending trial.

- Drugs and Contraband
- Nov. 9, Martin's Crosswinds, a student had a weapon. As soon as the Resource Officer was informed that a student had a weapon, the individual paid for a magazine and left. The officer followed him to his vehicle to investigate further, discovering that the vehicle contained a quantity of suspected crack cocaine packaged in a manner indicating an intent to sell or distribute. He was arrested, charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute and held on $30,000 bond pending trial.

- Larceny
- Nov. 9, 2:53 a.m., 7200 Hanover Dr., an off-duty officer was assaulted while breaking up a fight in the 9100 block of Hyatt Dr. The officer, who was working at the hotel, was struck on the side of the head and was wounded as he tried to break up a fight near the bar. The officer became agitated and insinuated that the officers involved when the male resident became agitated and insisted that the victim had left with the officer and had not required medical treatment.

- Nov. 9, Centerway Plaza Mall, 6400 block of Ivy Lane, an individual had a weapon. An officer entered the store, the individual paid for a magazine and left. The officer followed him to his vehicle to investigate further, discovering that the vehicle contained a quantity of suspected crack cocaine packaged in a manner indicating an intent to sell or distribute. He was arrested, charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute and held on $30,000 bond pending trial.

- Nov. 10, 9200 block of Springhill Terrace, a 14-year-old male student was arrested but released without charges pending further investigation by the Juvenile Justice System.

- Vandalism
- Nov. 6, 8100 block of Mandan Terrace, two juveniles attempted to place stolen tools and construction supplies were taken from a store under construction.

- Disorderly Conduct
- Nov. 8, 6100 block of Breezewood Terrace, 6000 and 7300 blocks of Greenbelt Road.

**Greenbelt Municipal Access TV**

**Greenbelt Road**

- A check was taken from a purse in an unlocked closet in a resident's room.
- Nov. 12, Rack Room Shoes on Greenbelt Road, a purse was taken when a mother put it down after being distracted by her toddler son.
- Nov. 12, Jeepers! at Beltway Plaza Mall, a wallet left on a table was stolen as the victim was playing a video game.
- Nov. 11, 170 block of Westway, a blue BMX bike was stolen from in front of a building.
- Nov. 13, Beltway Plaza Mall, two juveniles attempted to place a five foot tall gumball machine in a cart, in an attempt to steal it. When the attempt was reported, two officers responded, found the boys on foot and caught and arrested them. Two resident males, both 14, were arrested and charged with two counts of theft.

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**GHI Board Meeting Goes Nowhere on Pathway**

by Sue Krofchik

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) held Monday, November 17, lasted until 2:53 a.m., without going anywhere.

The meeting was held specifically to address the issue of an access path between 29-B and 31-A Ridge Road. Director Steve Harper, who resides at 31-A Ridge, recused himself and sat in the audience. Another director, Alan Turnbull, had to leave shortly after the meetings began.

The original motion of April 24, which was recommended by affected members and passed 9-0 by the board, remains intact by default, not chosen. It created an access lane on property, but there are no physical structures delineating the actual route, and no connection between the inner walkway and Ridge Road between 29-B and 31-A Ridge along the end garage adjacent to 31-A. It was to be added to GHI maps to ensure that access could never be blocked by a fence, as had been done between 29-A Ridge and 3 Gardenway.

The only motion to be voted upon on November 18 was first proposed at 12:30 a.m. by Betty Deitch and seconded by Susan Ready. It had a series of amendments added to it over the next two hours by members not following the formal procedures. The lane was to be approximately five feet wide, grassy and connect the inner walkway to Ridge Road between 29-B and 31 Ridge, run along an area owned by members adjacent to 31-A Ridge, with exact placement to be determined by the board of directors, maintained by GHI and provide unlimited access to all. The motion failed by a close vote to three vote. Against the motion were Keith Jahoda, Chuck Hess, John Taylor and Julia Elchiorst. Dorothy Lauber supported Deitch and Ready.

### Issues

The April motion placed the unapproved access way at the far edge of the yard to 29-B. This member, however, wants to allow access only if someone needs to move a wheelbarrow, lawnmower or similar heavy object. He feels other members do not respect that his yard belongs to him, and he wants privacy.

The members in 3 Gardenway and 31-A Ridge, who claim access problems, want safe, unobstructed and guaranteed access to the other side of their homes, without having to ask permission. They feel awkward and unwelcome using an unmarked path that is apparently still part of a member’s yard.

### Park Access

On the side away from the road, 29, 31, and 33 courts of Ridge Road and 3 Gardenway surround a small park. Neighbors of this park do not want a narrow or delineated access lane that would invite those not living in the area to come into the inner walkway, citing their need for privacy and security. This concern has been voiced at various times over the past two years and reconfirmed November 17 via a petition signed by 13 households, the petition having no connection between the inner walkway and Ridge Road. The map, drawn after April 24, which was recommended by the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes Inc. to address the issue of an access path between 29-B and 31-A Ridge, was said on more than one occasion that “neighborly accommodation has worked for 60 years,” and his client “wants it to work another 60.” A few hours later, when, though the member at 31-C Ridge suggested “no conspicuous lanes and no restrictions,” the member at 29-B said unlimited access was unacceptable.

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Other issues debated by the board included grass vs. tamped earth, the width of the path, location of path in light of existing bodies of water, fences, signs, and no restrictions on “routine, unattended occupation” of an area that is apparently still part of a member’s yard. This member at 29-B Ridge, said on more than one occasion that “neighborly accommodation has worked for 60 years,” and his client “wants it to work another 60." A few hours later, though the member at 31-C Ridge suggested “no conspicuous lanes and no restrictions,” the member at 29-B said unlimited access was unacceptable.

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### New Deal Performers Delight Audience

by Andrew Nitz

Playing music for others is a service job. It can make a musician a little lonely. On any given night, you might play to a huge crowd or a handful of people. Last Saturday at the New Deal Cafe, a few lucky people heard Fannie Z. and Brian McGuire sing tunes first heard at barn dances or the Grand Ole Opry. They started their show with the music of that great country music, Fats Waller. For the next 90 minutes or so, they played the music of Bob Wills, Patsy Montana, Patsy Cline, Hank Williams, and the Louvin Brothers, to name a few. Fannie Z. was on lead guitar, and Brian on fiddle and guitar. Like all great entertainers, they knew what they were doing, and they enjoyed doing it. They put on a wonderful show for a small audience. Still, like most great bands, they could play the New Deal Cafe, they didn’t play long enough.

The only sour note was a sound setup that kept Brian from singing and playing fiddle at the same time. Fannie Z. and Brian can be found every Thursday at Luciano Bistro in Adams Morgan. Call 202-667-5515 for more information.

**Ikebana Exhibit**

Members of the Washington Chapter of Ikebana International will have an exhibit on Nov. 22-23, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

On Nov. 23, 1-2 p.m., a member of Ikebana International will explain and demonstrate the art of Ikebana using seasonal flowers and traditional pots. The exhibit will be held at the International Pavilion and the demonstration will be held at the Yoshimura Center of the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum at the U.S. National Arboretum.

### Steps of Grace

Paltpouri Open Share (Thursdays 7PM)
Saturday, November 22
Getting through the Holidays when you don’t feel thankful

Meeting at Greenbelt Baptist Church
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DINNER
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change in name from the Coop­
operator to the News Review, so
that readers would not think the
paper was part of the retail store.
He served as editor four
more times, the last time over a
three-year period, in an era when
the average tenure of an editor
was less than one year. He fi­
nally moved away from
Greenbelt, he said, to get away
from his responsibilities with the
paper.
Cartoon Career
Parker recalled his two terms
as editor, beginning in June 1949
and April 1946.
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**Virginia Beauchamp** spoke of the important role of the paper as the chronicler of Greenbelt history, noting that it had become an im­portant resource to researchers do­
ing historical papers on the city. She recalled some of the many events that occurred during the six months she was editor in 1962. The sudden clearing of trees for streets in Boxwood Village by a developer, angered residents; the resignation of James Williams as Police Chief and Charles
Williamson, who now has served
in that capacity for 25 years, re­
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of the time during her tenure
about the issue that “almost wasn’t.” The paper then relies on a volunteer courier to take the copy to the print shop each
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that so few items were missed
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briefcase in the grass along the
road and returned it to the paper.

Virginia Beauchamp, Editor June 1962 - December 1962.

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**Mary Granofsky, Editor March 1967 - October 1972.**

Mary Granofsky declared that she had been “involved” into

speaking that night and had been “involved” into being editor of the newspaper as well. She re­
called how she had just moved into
town, knowing hardly any­
one, and read a mention of her
being a newcomer in the “Our
Neighbors” column written by
Elaine Skolnik. She felt she had
to meet that person, and the next
thing she knew she was herself
a volunteer on the paper, although
knowing nothing about the busi­
ness. She served as editor for
five years during the turbulent
time when the paper and its presi­dent, Al Skolnik, were sued for
libel, “A despicable thing
forced upon us.” It caused ev­
everyone to work very hard for
four years. She said the paper
had been a wonderful place for
her during an unsettled time in
her life. She got to know many
staffers, the city and its cama­
councillors. “It was an en­
larging experience for me,” she
said. Granofsky left the paper
when she moved out of the city.
At the banquet, she commented
on how Greenbelt had become
like a family to her and said,
“I’m wondering why in the
world I ever left Greenbelt.”

**Eleanor Ritchie, Editor July 1945 - April 1946.**

Over 100 persons attended the banquet held on Sunday, November 16 in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Greenbelt News Review. —photos by Prospera Zavalia

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"Probably the thing that we are
profoundly of in sixty years is
putting a paper every week,
and that we haven’t missed one,”
she said.

Sucher told the audience of
President Emerita Elaine
Skolnik’s recollections of the big­
gest and worst of times for her.
The worst had been when she had ex­
pressed sympathy in her “Our
Neighbors” column upon the de­
death of a resident who was still
very much alive. The best had been
when she got a personal
note from her during an unsettling
time in her life. She got to know
many that a small group put out
a paper each week, 95 names
were listed on the paper’s mast­
head, and many others contrib­
ted stories about the doings of the
organizations.

“Like a Fertility Pill” - Sucher said that she had been editor in the sixties. “That was when we all having our ba­bies. There was something very
dangerous about the editor’s chair in those days. It has been af­
laved to more than one of us
like a fertility pill.” She noted
that it was a time when women
still stayed home, and they were
an amazing wealth of time
and talent available to work on the
paper. Working on the paper was
very rewarding, a creative outlet
she really needed at that time,
she said.

In concluding the program,
Sucher called the paper’s chal­
lenge for the 21st century, “How
can our home-grown newspaper,
run essentially by volunteers, sur­
vive and thrive and do a good
job of covering the news?” The
answer, she said, didn’t really tie
with those present, but with the
community. "If the community
wants the paper to continue,
person will come forward, vol­unteer, and help out. Anyone who
does so will perform a public
service, learn a whole lot, get
your name in the paper, and make
some wonderful friends. I

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Old Photos
Besides the many remem­
brances and old photos ondisplay,
Dorothy Sucher helped re­
mind the attendees of the paper’s
history. Photos of the old offices
in the basement of a Parkway
apartment caused Mayoral Davis to
remark, how shocked she had been
at seeing the dingy quarters the
first time she had brought an
ad to the paper. Another collec­
tion of photos that occupied
many of the youth reminded everyone
that time has been marching on.

Many comments of praise were
heard about the long, Shirley
Temple-esque curls of young
Dorothy Sucher, the dazzling,
debutante beauty of the teen-age
Hernett McGee, the dazzling,
debutante beauty of the teen-age
Lucille Howell and the handsome
face of Al Geiger sporting a fall
head of hair! Maps displayed
the place of origin of staff mem­
bers emphasized the diverse
backgrounds that have been
brought to the paper. The most
distant birthplace was Judy
Goldstein’s - Vladivostok, Sibe­ria. The idea of the display, sug­
gested by Julie Kender, was pro­
duced by Julie and her mother,
Barbara Simon, with help from
Tom Simon.

Russell S. Greenbaum, Editor October 1954 - January 1955,

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Thursday, November 20, 1997

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Plans Still on for New Greenbelt and Glenn Dale Post Offices

by Barbara Havekost

On October 30 the Greenbelt/Greenbelt Postal Customer Advisory Committee sponsored an open forum to discuss the status of new postal facilities for the two communities. The meeting was held in the Greenbelt Municipal Building, was attended by more than 50 interested citizens of Greenbelt and Glenn Dale, Postal Service employees and elected officials.

Residents of both communities expressed concern about the delay in building larger, more "customer-friendly" facilities. Green Dale residents in particular expressed frustration that the facility originally planned for construction in Green Dale in 1996 has been delayed for a second time.

Mayor Tom Braun, Mayor Pro Tem Judith Davis and Councilmembers Edward Patern and Thomas White expressed concern that a retail facility should nevertheless remain in Roosevelt Center. While acknowledging the need for a larger postal handling facility, they emphasized the wish of Greenbelt residents to retain a full-service facility in the present location.

Grimes, manager of the Postal Service Administrative Support Section, explained the process for selecting post offices for renovation or relocation.

He said that while Glenn Dale had earlier been high on the list for a new facility, other areas had been selected as having greater needs. Grimes said that Greenbelt is scheduled for site selection of a new postal handling facility in Fiscal 1998 (1011.97 - 9306/98) and for construction in Fiscal 1999.

When pressed by city council members and residents about the retention of a postal facility in Roosevelt Center, the audience was assured by both Grimes and Postal Service Postmaster John Hyater that the Postal Service fully intends to keep a postal facility at the present location. Hyater explained that this site would provide full counter service to customers and allow for an increased number of lock boxes. He said the new facility is needed, however, because the present location is too small to safely and efficiently process its present volume of mail. Grimes stated that consideration is also being given to opening a full service facility inside Beltway Plaza in place of the existing outdoor postal kiosk.

Bram questioned the need for a new postal handling facility to serve Greenbelt and Greenbelt. She noted that use of post office services may currently be at a peak but that the volume could decrease in the next few years with the use of E-mail. Hyater responded that

Jazz Recital

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early years

For a short while, paid subscriptions were tried. That didn’t work out. The volunteer staff couldn’t keep up with the bookkeeping. Fund drives followed and newspaper struggled, but never missed a publication date.

In the 1960s and 1970s, Elaine honed her role as an investigative reporter. Prince George’s County was adopting a new Master Plan for Greenbelt calling for high density development throughout the city. (The city has no zoning authority, a power that resides with the county government.) The County Commissioners, as they were called, then were not friendly to Greenbelt. “They thought we were a bunch of kooks,” Elaine chuckles.

She recalls with relish how some people took off from work, and some women brought their infants, to attend the daytime meetings in Upper Marlboro. The citizens were activated. It was the News Review that galvanized their interest and support for the city. (The city has no zoning authority, a power that resides with the county government.) The County Commissioners, as they were called, then were not friendly to Greenbelt. “They thought we were a bunch of kooks,” Elaine chuckles.

She was especially reluctant to concede. Not only could they not afford the fee, if rent were once due, they were not any policy he articulated but not any policy he articulated but any policy he articulated but they would still not suffer from claustrophobia once the paper moved to its large sunny office in the Greenbelt Community Center which occurred in January 1996. She doesn’t miss the sound of flushing toilets from the apartments overhead, either.

Mary Lou Williamson

Mary Lou Williamson has the longevity record as editor. In its first 30 years, the News Review had 16 editors. Mary Lou has held the job for the last 25 years. She joined the News Review staff in 1962, 3 years after her neighbor Virginia Beauchamp after revealing to Virginia that she had been wrong. She was the winning entry. Harry Zubkoff

Harry Zubkoff hadn’t lived in Greenbelt since 1963. But when he moved into an apartment on Parkway in 1949, right across the street from the office of the News Review (it was known as the Co- operator then), he was drawn there like a magnet. On the night he chose to appear, only one person, the editor, Sally Meredith was in the office. Sally greeted him warmly and showed him around. Then, according to Harry, she said, “I have to go now.” He paused, then said, “And that was the only one there that night. When I got home at 3 a.m., my wife asked, ‘Where the hell have you been?’ ”

When he took the copy to the printer the next morning, he was further surprised when the printer stated flatly, “I guess you know you have a problem. Harry had not known. He gave the printer $200 of his own wallet, confident that it would reimburse him eventually. That was the beginning of his relationship with the News Review. Sally never returned. He became editor, proofreader, layout editor and business manager.

Harry was largely responsible for changing the paper’s name from the Cooperator to the News Review. He was having serious differences with the board and management of GCS, Greenbelt Consumer Services, the consumer’s co-operative that ran the Co-op food market. In particular, he opposed the co-op’s expansionist policies, which he believed would ultimately bring about its demise. He spoke on this and other issues both as an elected member of the GCS board and as the newspaper’s editor. GCS retaliated by refusing to advertise in the paper. Harry’s anger manifested itself in a desire to change the newspaper’s name so that it was clear there was no connection, real or imagined, between the cooperative business and the Cooperative Society, and the newspaper. The name change in the newspaper, and the Greenbelt News Review was the winning entry.

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times to become an "instant 
expert" on a subject and then write
about it. When she innocently or-
dered 30 nose bushes from a cata-
log, and they all arrived on the
same day, she, who had never
turned a spade in her life, was soon
telling her readers in an authorita-
tive manner how to plant rose-
bushes.

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tials on the staff of the News Review.

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council meetings, deplores stories
that are written like minutes of a
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thority on any issue regarding
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 Ging, and talented, Virginia
moved permanently to the News
Review's staff, 1966. She had
worked, for two years, before
that. On one job, they were a
team, before her babies were
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 This reporter, too, is an "old
timer," having joined the News
Review staff in 1966, right after
moving to Greenbelt. Along with
the other women on the staff, she
too used it for the intellectual
stimulation it provided while her
children were small. Women with
a college education, including
Elaine, Dorothy, Virginia, Barbara
and Mary Lou, all stayed home to
raise their children 30 years ago.
As Dorothy pointed out, the News
Review could not have existed in
those early days without the con-
tributions of women who were
staying home with their children,
but who also sought ways to be
creative and challenged through
their roles as journalists on the
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Continued Success in the 21st Century.
by Mary Lou Williamson

With this August 3 issue, the five-decade era of the Allen family as printers of the Greenbelt Co-operator and then the News Review will come to a close. The family has been associated with the paper longer than any member of the current staff.

Linotype machines with their noisy rhythms, racks of magazines, the large metal cases holding the little forms for each letter or character, drawers of different type faces for hand-set headlines and ads; the smell of printer's ink, and the job presses running in the other room — I will miss these sights and sounds of the print shop after 30 years of weekly Thursday morning page-proofing sessions. (Thursday morning is the editor’s last shot at getting everything right for each week.)

I have known four generations of the Herbert Allen family — professional printers working with dedication to help provide Greenbelt with an outstanding newspaper. They have been my teachers as I learned my job as it should be done. I have watched the children grow up, marry and have their own children. The young ones were brought to the print shop in playpens in the front office or later kept securely behind gates. I watched a caring family keep an increasingly can-}

ciently eye on their aging father and grandfather, so he could stay busy during the last years of his life in the print shop he loved.

For most of those Thursday mornings Mrs. Allen or her son Red (Herbert Jr.) would be sitting at the linotype, setting the previous night’s corrections — one line at a time, little mats falling from the magazine to fill the line, the hot lead pouring into the mold. These must cool before you can pick them up. Then each line is inserted into the stories on galleys. Occasionally the line is put in the wrong place or a new error is made. It’s up to the editor to fix those problems on Thursday morning and fill the space if an ad has been dismissed into the paper twice or rewrite the last lines of a story that is too long to fit in its space.

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The Woodlands & July 4th

Greenbelt has a long history of valuing and preserving open space. In 1984 citizens overwhelmingly approved borrowing the funds necessary to purchase over 100 acres of woodlands — land that city taxpayers continue to pay for, without complaining, in annual installments. It is easy to see why Greenbelters are so proud of the pockets of green hidden throughout our city. They provide play areas for children, homes for birds and animals, help clean the air and dampen noise. We rejoice in their beauty.

Despite the city’s continuing record or support for acquiring and protecting its open space, council now is seriously considering a proposal to establish some form of a “conservation easement” that would take control of the land away from future council and the citizens...

Free Speech Outweighs Running Candidates’ Gauntlet

Although the city attorney has advised that it would be difficult to defend the city’s requirement that campaigns and campaign workers stay 300 feet away from a polling place, three members of the city council wish to retain this requirement. Advocates for the restriction say that voters should not have to run a gauntlet of office seekers and their flacks. Opponents say that the requirement denies candidates and their supporters freedom of expression and a final chance to guide voters in formation. Also they believe it gives an advantage to incumbents.

In our view, the problem does not merit such an extreme solution, which has effectively eliminated campaigning at the polls. Although weaving through the throng of poll workers can be annoying, the current restriction does seem to us to bridge candidate’s rights to free speech.

The News Review has been to the U.S. Supreme Court on our constitutional right to freedom of the press and that court upheld our right. We can do no less than defend First Amendment rights for others, even though they may be politicians. The city council should take action quickly to rescind the 300-foot limit.

Those Signs Again

What would it be like to have a Greenbelt election without a sign controversy? This year, the eighth candidate, Council Nedd II, erected signs and the campaigns put up signs placed there for other candidates. Although we are not aware that his signs differed in any way from the other campaign signs put at these sites, the city removed them. The city said that Mr. Nedd had not followed the city policy on signs. He had not given the signs to the city to put up, but had done it himself, and had not paid the required 50 dollar fee.

We are troubled by the city government’s involvement with campaign signs. Freedom of speech is a fundamental constitutional right and the courts generally favor on unreasonable restrictions. In fairness to challengers and to avoid extensive litigation to defend restricting this basic freedom, we urge the new council to review the sign policy carefully.

An Apology

I would like to apologize for being a scofflaw these past few years. I’ve been driving. You see, I had fallen into the bad habit of using my cell phone while driving. For a while I wanted to get rid of it, but I never had a car key so I just didn’t do it. Well, I’ve been trying to get better and I’ve been working on it. I’ve been using my cell phone less and less and I’ve been trying to be more careful.

I want to apologize for not being more careful.

Cal and Otttiles

On the same day that Cal Ripken proved that he is the most enduring, reliable and consistent baseball player ever, Otttile Van Allen came to work as a volunteer for the Greenbelt News Review, something she has been doing for many years. She has shown her consistency and dedication in doing all sorts of good things for Greenbelt — longer than Ripken has played pro-baseball.

Cal could have found good reason to miss a ballgame here and there. And even though he achieved recognition of the baseball world by appearing in his 2,121st consecutive game, he was back at work for the next game. Like Cal, Otttile Van Allen could have rested on her well deserved laurels at 91. But she didn’t. She came to work at the News Review on Wednesday, as she always does. She just keeps going and going.

Cal and Otttile are steady workers and doers who have achieved recognition and honor within their lifetimes. We are delighted.

To all the Cals and Otttiles out there, we say thanks for everything you have done to make this world a little bit better.

The Editor at her desk. Although many staff members write editorials, Mary Lou Williamson has presided over the editorial process at the News Review for 25 years, almost as long as the paper’s 34 previous editors combined.

photo by Judy Nelson

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GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

Thursday, November 20, 1997

News Review Anniversary Issue

Most of the stories and letters in this special 60th Anniversary issue of the News Review have been shortened. In some cases only the first paragraph has been kept.

The intent has been to give the reader a panoramic overview of the paper’s last five decades and some of the flavor of Greenbelt during that period. In future editions of the book, stories and editorials we like and some letters we think you may want to read will be continued.

The following staff members worked on this special edition: Bonnie Beck O’Brien, Eileen Peterson, Carolyn Price, Jane Kissler, Dorothy Sucher, and Mary Lou Williamson.

SOMEBODY GOOJED

The birthday celebration for Delegate John Pitkin yesterday was incorrectly advertised in last week’s News Review. Since the purpose of the event was to raise campaign funds, it was not free. In preparing the ad we misread the amount written on the tickets and the phone number to call for information.

May 12, 1994

Thanks

On Saturday night, January 27, I parked my car on Ridge Road across from Appalachian. I had fallen into the bad habit of not getting out of the car, but instead just leaving the window open while I went back out to my car. I realized I didn’t have my car key. That tinkling noise was the sound of my car key hitting the street. I looked all over, including under the car, but couldn’t find it.

As I was about to give up looking, I noticed the car key lying on the windshield wiper on my car. Thank you! Thank you! Whoever picked up my car key, who made the windshield wiper on my car. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Whoever picked up my car key, who made the windshield wiper on my car.

February 15, 1996

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I would like to apologize for being a scofflaw. For a while I intended to turn or change lanes. I thought that, perhaps, other drivers didn’t know how to deal with that. So I became too busy or forgot or maybe their cars are new models that don’t have that feature. I’ve been warned by police cars and ambulances fail to use their turn signals (during non-emergency use). I have been advised that there must be a local law making it illegal to use a turn signal, and that traffic officers must report these law all these years! I apologize again for my ignorance, and some of the flavor of Greenbelt during that period.

(crotchety driver-in-training)

May 25, 1995

GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW
Oops!  

In the January 27 edition of the News Review, it was erroneously reported that I was re-elected as Secretary of GEAC. Please let me clarify that Dan Lowery from Greenbelt was re-elected as GEAC's Secretary last year. Dan did an excellent job for GEAC and we will miss his dedication and support.

February 10, 1994

False Assumptions

Thanks for a balanced article, duh! It is hard to imagine a more open and tolerant community than Greenbelt. I hail from The Big Apple where race relations were relatively better than in the Beltway and its residents. My favorite section of the newspaper is assessing the happenings in the area and seeing the results of the area's devoted efforts.

February 10, 1994

It takes a Village

Two weeks ago, my younger son ran out between two cars and missed playing in our yard on Woodland Way. My six-year-old son was not screaming that his brother had hit him by a car. It is amusing the amount of thought that can go through your mind in split seconds. So when the very kind policeman arrived and asked about my son, one call, I was holding a screaming child. My son seemed to be just a baby and bloody lip. But what he really needed was attention by talking about his own run-in with a baseball bat when he was about six years.

Cpl. Schinner kept his attention while I gathered my wallet, my shoes and my son, so we could go on our next ambulance ride.

It was a wonderful community. I grew up here and brought my boys here to live. There is still that same experience that I feel so grateful to have. But it is always important to have one's ideas - ideals - decisions - support. For it seems that every time I turn around the Department feels as I do that "it takes a village to raise a child."

Thank you.

P.S. Thanks also to the Rescue Squad.

June 6, 1996

Multidimensional

I have been enjoying your less serious approach to City Council, and the inclusion of posters and comments. I wonder if you could start being multidimensional in your editorials, it would be good for OHi.

December 29, 1994

Clear Winner

Dear Greenbelt Neighbors:  

As this is being written, no vote counts are available, but I believe that there is one clear winner: the Greenbelt News Review. Its coverage of OHi's meeting has been fair and thorough.

November 4, 1993

Newsworth

I received the Greenbelt News Review every week since acquiring the Springfield Lake property in 1979, so I consider myself an old time "Greenbelt resident." I have enjoyed reading your articles which are especially the 55th Anniversary issue.

January 18, 1996

New Blood Needed

For many years, the bulk of our newspaper has been done by a few stalwarts. But these veterans are expected to be heard forever. With the 60th Anniversary of the paper coming up, it seems like a good time to narrate our story. A younger generation steps forward to fill in, join the News Review staff (no experience necessary, just free Tuesday evenings) and help propel the paper into the 21st century!

June 30, 1994

The News Review Doesn't Get It

The News Review still doesn't get it.  

Nearly a year after the 1992 Special Meeting on monthly fees, we still castigate what we see as "87 disgruntled members" who had participated for the meeting. The News Review, as well as some GHI authorities, still prefer to blame members for their negative role in the cooperative. Where the paper sees disgruntled members, most of us see a large group who protected the community's and their own interest. This is why we have all the meetings and put our own reputations on the line. By shielding them from criticism we are taking away the only way of being held accountable.

We have not forgotten that the vote to freeze fees was overwhelmingly decisive. I thought that the impression na was much more evidence at the meeting. Even more, the recent elections forced the members' neighborhood in and the establishment of new neighborhood units in the public parking areas. The members are now on the right track.

It is time for the entire community to realize that the GHI has undergone a major transformation and that we will not return to its old way of cronyism, unaccountability, and blaming members. We need to keep the irreversible path toward fiscal responsibility, service, openness, and accountability.

The News Review can label us as disgruntled if it wishes; in fact, we represent the democratic majorities in the GHI.

September 8, 1994

Thanks, Carriers!

I just wanted to congratulate you on not only getting this week's edition finished, delivered, and printed, but also "DELIVERED!"

I was quite surprised to find the paper tucked in my storm door and a figure under five feet high, toting a big newspaper bag, trekking along. The small figure was covered from head to toe and I couldn't tell who it was, although it was the News Review carrier. The small figure turned and gave a wave and I waved back. I am an earl that I send a Christmas check to, because he/she deserved it.

I have delivered every day today, but I had the News Review delivered. Any kid who delivers a newspaper becomes a hero.

Newfoundland

January 18, 1996

Dear Madam Mayor:

Someone produced a video for the Festival and for the Festival. Did you notice that we also were looking for video games and a place to burn our consumerism? Did you see about having a "quad room" put in, Greenbelt House so we can listen to a marine's story? It is nice to think that the city is thinking ahead to our retirement needs. Now if you could only arrange for some "Peace" symbols to be sprayed on the walls that would be great! Also, how about a Friday night protest, you know us boomers love a good counterculture demonstration. Well, just thought I'd give you something else to think about. You can never plan too far ahead.

March 27, 1997

Northway Enclave

I concur with Louise Wilding, her letter concerning the condition of Northway appeared in the News Review, November 27.  

The residents of Northway have been "boiled on their own pot." They are the ones whose cars will have suspension problems. It is the price paid for having created their own enclave.

The street is a first class example of overkill. Beware, fellow Greenbelters! Slow down! Our city fathers could decide made to the Golden Age Club. You said something about boomers growing older (well, don't we all), and they aren't like today's seniors.

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Al Herling An Appreciation
by Dorothy Sucher

Old age shrinks most of us, but Al Herling only grew in stature with the passing years — not physically (he was a small man) but in the qualities of heart and mind that make us most fully human. In time he came to tower over Greenbelt, the community he’d loved and served for 43 years. Not that there was anything imposing about the man; he was accessible, funny, and warm. It was his values that were lofty. He spoke them loud and often, and he was a force in fiery oratory, for he was a passionate man who loved to talk. He also lived by them, which is rarer.

Al Herling died on May 31 at the age of 82, and I don’t know what we’re going to do without him. Until the very end, his wisdom, intellect, energy, and leadership inspired everyone who knew him, although he’d have hastened to deny this. Whenever a complimentary article about him appeared in the News Review, he would say, “That must be about somebody else — not me.”

Of course the staff of the News Review couldn’t be objective about Al, and didn’t try. After all, 30 years ago when a land developer slapped us with a two-million-dollar libel suit, Al had been our savior. Libel Suit

He was reminiscing about the libel suit a few weeks ago when I paid him a visit. “I went right over to the Skolnik’s when I heard about it,” he said. “Because I knew they’d be upset.” The late Alfred Skolnik, then the paper’s publisher, had been named personally in the suit. Al told me he’d immediately called one of the editors of the Washington Post to see if the great metropolitan daily would help in the News Review’s defense. Al knew the people at the Post for, he, too, was a journalist and edited a labor newspaper for 24 years. A call came back in an hour: the Post’s law firm would represent us “pro bono.” After that, Al started raising money for the costs of the suit.

Ben Rosenzweig — Pioneer, Community Activist — Dies
by Barbara Likowski

Greenbelt pioneer and activist Benjamin Rosenzweig died in his sleep on Monday, March 3. Ben had celebrated his 90th birthday on March 1.

Interest in Co-ops

Ben’s and his wife Ethel’s move into the 4 Court of Crescent Road in 1938, making them one of the pioneer families who were to be the sculptors of this new community. From the very beginning Ben was interested in and instrumental in forming cooperatives and he never lost that interest. In fact during the week before he entered the hospital, he had attended a meeting of the Committee for Senior Citizen Housing, one of the newer co-ops in Greenbelt.

Ben was one of the founders of the Greenbelt Consumer Services, who sat on the board until 1984 when the cooperative gave up its grocery store to the Greenbelt. The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, serving as president of the Credit Union board about 35 years; and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), the housing cooperative. He was an early staff member of the Cooperator (previous name for the News Review), and served as a member of the city’s Employee Relations Board for 28 years.

Religion was an important part of his life. Mr. Rosenzweig was founder and first president of the Greenbelt Hebrew Congregation. When Mishkan Torah Synagogue was built, “He laid the bricks,” his granddaughter Eileen said. When he was 83, he had his second Bar Mitzvah, spending a year in careful preparation for such a special event.

Ben and Ethel celebrated their 65th anniversary three years ago.

In 1991, Ben was named Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen. Presenting the award, Chairman Tom Reznahan said “Many have observed that his personal style is seldom quiet and never boring, and he is cantankerous by his own admission. As a true Greenbelt — he always speaks his mind and lets people know where he stands.”

March 6, 1997

Memorial Tree Brings Life Where Death Had Occurred
by James Giese

Approximately 60 family members and concerned citizens gathered at the corner of Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road on a beautiful autumn Saturday morning to dedicate a maple tree and plaque to the memory of Carlton F. (C.J.) Brown, II, the youth who was struck down in that area and died of a gunshot wound on May 13. Two other youths were charged with murder in that incident. C.J.’s mother noted that since her son’s death, the corner at which the tree was planted had meant, for her, death. “Now I’ll pass this corner and think of my son’s life,” she said.

November 10, 1994

Happy 60th Anniversary Greenbelt News Review from
Wisler Construction Company

The families of Paul and Frank of Remenick’s Improvements wish The News Review a Happy Birthday on their 60th and many, many more!

Paul Remenick
Frank Gomez
City Manager's Departure Catches City by Surprise
by Virginia Beaufchamp

"We're sorry to see him go," said Mayor Antoinette Bram, when questioned about the city's response to the unexpected news that City Manager Daniel Hobbs will be leaving Greenbelt for a new position in Farmington Hills, Michigan. "But we understand that this was an offer he could not refuse." Noting that Hobbs had come to Greenbelt from a larger city (Killeen, Texas), she continued, "We were fortunate to have him with us for five years."

July 4, 1996

Antoinette M. Bram is sworn in as Greenbelt's new mayor by

Antoinette Bram
Installed as Mayor
by David Morse

officials looked on. And a grateful council and city government bid farewell to Gil Weidenfeld, Greenbelt's mayor for the last 11 years and councilmember for 22 years.

November 11, 1993

"Red" Allen with some galleys of type ready for inking.

"Red" Allen

LATE FLASH

The position of Greenbelt City Manager has been offered to Michael P. McLaughlin, currently the interim city manager, by the Greenbelt City Council. The council met in executive session on Wednesday, September 11 at 8 p.m. to make their decision. McLaughlin received the news at 9:45 p.m. Council authorized Robert Manzi, city attorney, to draw up a contract by the next regular council meeting, October 7.

- September 12, 1996

Allen Printing Sold

Allen Printing Service, which for over 50 years published the Greenbelt News Review, was recently purchased by Hayes Printing and Graphix.

March 25, 1996

"Red" Allen with some galleys of type ready for inking.

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summer vacation, sweeping the floors and helping where he could. He was the first of five siblings to grow up in and then work in the print shop. Steve, the younger son, was the last to leave when he became a Prince George's County policeman two years ago. Red's wife, Nancy, ran the office and did the books for many years after their children were grown.

In recent years Dale and Bill have played important roles in getting the paper out, setting up pages and doing the final paste-up. During the past couple of months, Bill has been introducing the print shop to the computer age. He is now setting all the stories on the computer, though the ads are still being set on the Linotype or by hand.

August 3, 1995

Oops! Looking for Us?

If you tried to respond to our ad of last week to volunteer to help this paper, and found the basement of 15 Parkway inaccessible and dark, please, please try again. Only this time come on Tuesday evening to our new offices at the Greenbelt Community Center - the first door on the left, if you enter the Center from the east (Municipal Building) side.

We need volunteers to do a wide variety of jobs including editing and proofing. Maybe if you had volunteered earlier, you would have caught our mis-directions in last week's ad.

December 12, 1996

Dan Hobbs

The Greenbelt Community Association and Glen Oaks Apartments Congratulates

The Greenbelt News Review on Sixty Years of Outstanding Community Service

April 20, 1995


**On Trails Being Natural**

*by James Giese*

There has been a lot of advocacy in recent years for “natural pathways.” To me this is an oxymoron, because paths are for the most part not natural, but created by humans. Of course, a few of the more broad minded among us consider humans to be a part of nature, but at least for this discourse, let us assume that we are not.

In a pristine forest, the surface of the ground is thickly covered with a layer of decomposing humus or leaves or needles not yet decomposed. Growing from this layer and the soil below you will find, depending on forest conditions, mature and young trees and an understory of shrubs, ferns and other small vegetation. The extensive root system stabilizes the soil and humus on slopes.

*February 18, 1993*

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**Greenbelt Reacts with Anger As County Nixes Lake Plans**

*by Virginia Beauchamp*

An unscheduled item added to the agenda by City Manager Daniel Hobbs at the regular city council meeting on Monday, March 14, evoked disbelief, consternation, and anger from councilmembers, city staff and citizens. That very morning, the city had been notified that the permit to proceed with plans for the creation of Greenbrook Lake would be denied by the State of Maryland. The lake design proposed for Greenbrook East had been in the planning stages for almost a decade.

*March 27, 1994*

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**A Designated Green Belt**

*by Dorothy Sarcher*

When you think about it, it really is surprising that nothing was ever done while Greenbelt was being planned or for 55 years thereafter to designate this city’s green belt, even though it was that planning concept of Ebenezer Howard that gave this community its name.

In early days, when the idea of saving land was first put forward as a planning concept, it was clearly intended that eventually more homes would be built and that not all land would permanently remain as the green belt.

By the time the federal government sold Greenbelt in the early 1950s, little consideration was given to the long-range planning of development of the city. While the original homes were buffered with a green belt sold to the fledgling cooperative, this land was lost to development shortly thereafter because of the economic concerns of the homeowners.

Elsewhere in this issue is a column by former City Manager James K. Giese, now a News Review staffer, in which he proposes a process for formally designating remaining green space around our community as a green belt. Although the designation process and the specific land to be included are subjects for further discussion, we agree with the general concept of his proposal. We urge the City Council to take this proposal under consideration and institute a designation process.

The time to designate our green belt is long past due. Let’s do it now, before more of the remaining green space is developed.

*May 18, 1993*

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**More on Trails**

*Just as I, along with the world’s population, benefit by the existence of a rain forest in South America that I cannot visit at my leisure, expense or convenience, so all Greenbelters benefit from having an undisturbed woodland in Greenbelt. Please do not turn our little piece of wilderness into another landscaped sports area with ballfields and parking lots.*

*March 4, 1993*

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**Gathering at Wolfe Field**

**For Perseid Meteor Storm**

*by Doug Love*

The Perseid Meteor shower is always a high point of my summer. It is the best meteor shower of the year, offering up to 60 meteors per hour under normal conditions and, being in August, it is comfortable to stay out all night in a dark area and count “shooting stars.” The counts are scientifically valuable, and many of my friends across the country collect them to compare numbers with sky conditions. While watching for meteors, I listen to the shortwave time signals and recall my experiences with the ancient constellations.

*September 2, 1993*

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**Bradley-Papp Outlines Solutions**

**For Center Mall Problems**

*by Virginia Beauchamp*

In commenting on the proposed renovation of the Roosevelt Center in the heart of Old Greenbelt, the message of voters to the recent city questionnaire was (paraphrased) “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.” The city’s answer, as the principal architect Sharon Bradley-Papp, who was to find a dark spot such as Wolfe Field, and set up our lawn chairs, snacks, tape recorders and shortwave radios, and watch all night, keeping ourselves awake by swapping folktales, such as the story of Perseus.

There was a large group playing rock music on Mountain Lawn, and a number of families on the bleachers. Several other groups set up in the field, some with us and others in other places. Some of the kids played flashlight tag while waiting for the meteor to start falling.

*One Meteor*

I am really happy for the response to the one meteor we saw. It streaked south through the Big Dipper at 945, leaving a bluegray train 40 degrees long that lasted several seconds. The meteor itself was bluish white, and second magnitude (fairly bright). A few oohs and aahs were heard, and we eagerly waited for more. All we saw the rest of that night was a lot of planes.

*September 2, 1993*

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**Day Turned Tragic At Greenbelt Lake**

*by Kerena Todorov*

Questions abound as the search continues for the retrieval of the body of a 23-year-old man who presumably drowned Monday at around 1:30 p.m. in Greenbelt Lake. The missing man, Dwayne Williams, was a Guide Program, Inc. counselor at a group home for homeless teenagers in Riverdale. He was at the bow of the Jonboat, operating the owners of the private concession stand at Attle Court.

For reasons that are still unclear, the boat at full throttle started taking on water at the bow. The operator of the motorized boat apparently then tried to head back to shore when the boat stopped, causing the bow to drop suddenly, flip, throwing the occupants overboard.

*July 11, 1996*
Gunman Holds Two Hostages In Tense 6-Hour Standoff

Greenbelt was the scene this week of a tense standoff between police and an armoured fugitive hold­ ing two hostages, who had barric­ caded himself inside a GH house. Richard Lamar Gordon, 26, of Temple Hills, surrendered to po­lice on Monday, March 31, at 7:14 p.m., emerging from a house in 10 Hills, Branchville, and Berwyn Heights.

Police cordoned off the area to hold back the crowd that quickly gathered, including many children who had been on Braden Field, which the small plane had been circling for some time, close to the ground. Jo Hossick, who had been playing tennis, said, "He circled the courts, and we could see he was in trouble. The engine failed, and then it picked up again and he veered and the plane went sideways. I was afraid he was going to hit the courts and I said, 'Let's get out of here!'" Eight people were on the courts, and there was a lot of kids on the athletic field. I had the feeling he could have been trying to land on Braden Field, and decided not to because of the kids. Maybe he was kind of a hero."

Police and the community's Officer's Office, the officers were able to locate and return the missing computer components as part of a plea negotiations with the defendant. A child who has lost his mother forever will now be able to keep her memory alive. October 14, 1993

Police to Launch Bike Patrols on Labor Day by Bahita Kapoor Greenbelt Police Captain Jerry Tomlinson received a major boost this July when the city witnessed officer Mike Mosal with three other of­ ficers patrolling the streets on their bikes. Bike patrolling goes a step further in enhancing the partnership between the police and the community. August 31, 1995

Police have the advantage of going where cars cannot," said police officer Mike Mosal, who heads the new bike patrol. Bike patrolling goes a step further in enhancing the partnership between the police and the community. August 31, 1995

A Beaver’s Domain? by Virginia Beuschaum

Overnight a good-sized tree fell across the stream marking the lake peninsula on the south. Its wine-dark crest caught my attention, with its highest peak resting at the far end of the peninsula and its base nearly hiding it. The water, I couldn’t see what fell — the trunk or the broken branch, was a bridge over the stream was hidden in underbrush. But recognizing a cherry tree was a sweet gum, I knew of course that the va­ nela was a buckeye.

On the shoreline across the way was a pile of brush — perhaps the start of a dam intended at the site. There’s already a pond on the other side of the bridge — this one man­made as a trap for fish carried downstream from eroding land. A dam this side of the bridge would extend that pond.

Is it that the creature had in mind? It’s not for nothing that a nearby tributary is called Beaver Creek. And to be honest about it, the lake itself is merely a variation on the theme.

Shall we let the fellows, as a crea­ toture of nature, have his way? He’s only doing what instinct directs him to undertake in his life’s work. Yet a beautiful tree is lost. And after that another will go. He’s about the business of creating wetlands, do­ ing his share to conserve the Bay.

Fellows like him had the run of these territories before the tobacco farmers came in. The farmers are gone now, the metropolitan en­ croaches, and yet he works on from his perspective, putting things to rights. Who are we to say him say? October 24, 1996

Photo Instruction

Sharon Natoli is offering free photo instruction to anyone who would be willing to be a photographer for the News Review. Natoli, a profes­ional photographer for the Washington Times, occasionally submits photos to the News Review that she has taken in her home community. “I respect and really like and enjoy the Greenbelt News Review,” Natoli said.

Any interested in her offer should submit written request to the newspaper office. March 7, 1996

(Editors Note: As a result of this offer of photo instruction by award­ winning Greenbelt photographer Sharon Natoli, many would-be photog­ raphers came forward. Their efforts resulted in a significant change in the look of the News Review, as well as improved coverage of local events.)
Prince George's County Honors Its Outstanding Women of Achievement

by Virginia Beauchamp

Everyone in Greenbelt knows that to be named Outstanding Citizen of the Year is to receive the city's greatest accolade — its way of expressing appreciation for dedicated volunteer service to the community. Over the years, many recipients of this award have been women. Now each of these women who have made a difference in Greenbelt has also been recognized in a larger arena. All of them appear in the volume Women of Achievement in Prince George's County.

This book is an illustrated series of biographies of more than 250 women leaders who have resided and worked within the county. It is a handsome folio-size volume.

Three of these have long been active as members of the News Review staff — news editor Elaine Skotnik, who shared the honor in 1974 with her late husband, Al; Mary Lou Williamson, the paper's long-time editor, who was recognized with the award in 1985; and Sandra Lange. Lange, a reporter, was recognized primarily for her service in 1987 as chair of the city's yearly 50th anniversary celebration.

Another member of the staff, but honored for her role as an educator, is Virginia Beauchamp. She was inducted in 1991 into the Prince George's County Women's Hall of Fame. Since 1972 she has worked for the development of women's studies as an academic discipline at the University of Maryland and on the national level. She also chaired the University's Commission for Women.

Other Greenbelt Outstanding Women of Achievement were Clara Brandt, Joyce Chestnut, Florence Holly and Dorothy Pyles, who were also selected in Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizens for various years; former city mayors Elizabeth S. Harrington and Antoinette "Toni" Bram, former City Council members Rhea Cohen and Elizabeth Maffiy, and Board of Education member Suzanne Plogman.

Other former or present Greenbelt women of distinction are Irene Hensel, Deanne Lange, Sylvia Reisher, Beatrice Rodgers and Linda Shevitz.

September 1, 1994

Cutting the big, beautiful, green ribbon in the warm sunshine at the Community Center's grand opening: From left (front row) Cathy Salgado, building manager; Suzanne Plogman, Board of Education, with her daughter; Councillor Member J Davis; Mayor Antoinette Bram; and Councillor Members Rodney Roberts and Tom White. Rear section Richard Castaldi, County Councillor Audrey Scott; Dan Hobbs, city manager; Gil Weidenfeld, past mayor; Delegate Jim Hubbard; Councillor Member Ed Putens; Ted Mecum, Community Center Task Force; Senator Leo Green and Delegates Joan Pitkin and Mary Conroy (both partially hidden).

photo by Rita Wooddell/March 21, 1996

New Courthouse Dedicated

by Virginia Beauchamp

The first Monday of October, as Senator Barbara Mikulski reminded those gathered at the dedication ceremony for the new Federal Courthouse in Greenbelt, makes an auspicious occasion every year — the opening of the new session of the Supreme Court of the United States. As she noted, that landmark date for justice also appropriately signaled the official beginning for the building.

The new courthouse will serve Prince George's, Montgomery, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's counties. Its site in Greenbelt was chosen because of its easy access to both the Metro system and the Capital Beltway.

October 13, 1994

A Million Thank-Yous

by Heather Elizabeth Peterson

Last time, the Community Center's dedication was cancelled due to a snowstorm. This time, the only weather hazard was a sun so bright that City Manager Daniel Hobbs had to shade his eyes as he gazed into the crowd gathered outside the building.

The open house and dedication took place on the warm afternoon of March 16, snow covered the steps of the entrance where she stood and the temperature was ten degrees. As she reached out to touch the newly budding tree beside her, she said, "We are blessed today." The first part of the ceremony took place outside, beneath the "We the People" frieze at the south entrance.

March 21, 1996

Upstairs and Downstairs: Community Center Tour

by Heather Elizabeth Peterson

"We're back in 1936 now," explains Recreation Department employee Karen Hanley to the people accompanying her on a tour of the Community Center on March 16.

It's hard to tell what is new and what is old, one visitor comments.

Antiques and Computers

In the office of the Greenbelt News Review, antique manuscript typesetters sit at one end of the room, while computer equipment can be seen at the other end. A fax machine and copier are located on wooden cabinets, while an old adding machine, still in use, occupies a corner of a desk. One visitor, familiar with the News Review's old, dark, former quarters, looks around at the daylit-filled room and comments that the new location is "amazingly different."
Greenbelt Receives Legacy of Art
From Daughter of Lenore Thomas

Greenbelt is the recipient of an important and historic gift of art. The daughter of Lenore Thomas, sculptor of the Mother and Child statue that has long been Greenbelt's symbol, has presented the city with a statue and a group of prints made by her mother, Lenore Straus, the daughter of Lenore Thomas at work on the Mother and Child statue. The photograph was taken at her studio in Accokeek, MD.

Commenting on the gift, City Manager Dan Hobbs said, "I'm excited that in the nineties we can continue Lenore Thomas's artistic legacy to the city. It's a kind of poetic closure."

Lenore Thomas had indicated that she wishes to leave a group of smaller sculptures to the city in her will.

Le no re Thomas at work on the Mother and Child statue. The photograph was taken at her studio in Accokeek, MD.

Meed Grant Museum to Commission Play about Greenbelt

The Gilbert and Jaylee Mead Family Foundation, formerly of Greenbelt, recently announced a $5,000 award to the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) to commission an original script based on Greenbelt's history. When written, the play will be produced by the Greenbelt Arts Center.  

August 10, 1995

Jane Doe Electrifles Crowd at New Deal

Social consciousness and awareness of a planet in trouble underlie the music of Jane Doe, a four-woman group that electrified the New Deal Cafe on Saturday, October 25. "But we don't hit you over the head with it," said singer-guitarist Lisa Walker. "We'll use allegory sometimes." Not to mention high energy, a pounding beat, fine musicianship and catchy tunes: everything a group needs to give an outstanding performance, which is what they offered to an enthusiastic crowd on Saturday night.

October 23, 1997

Spotlight on the Arts

by Konrad Herling

It's three days and counting before Opening Night, and Neil Simon's play, "Come Blow Your Horn" is taking shape. I took in about half of the second act and you begin to realize it could be your life or your neighbor's being played out before your very eyes. Simon always seems to strike a chord common to our everyday existence. Director Ed Staff informed me that this was Simon's first play, his first effort at writing anything over 12 pages. It took him four years, from 1957 to 1961, to write it.

May 1, 1997

GAC's "Greenbelt Story" Shows and Makes History

by Virginia Beauchamp

"Maryland Special Project#: The Greenbelt Story" may contribute to the historical record of this city in more ways than one. Not only did the play presented in the last few weeks by the Greenbelt Arts Center offer the flavor of the changing history of Greenbelt, but the play itself was adding to that history. This circumstance was highlighted by the work's closing lines, in which the play's real-life producer steps on stage, reading from the current pages of that week's News Review. As she walks off-stage, she comments that "it was a good thing we did here."

In the first place, this was the most successful production ever by GAC. Following the dol-drum of the months of autumn when their last play bombed, "The Greenbelt Story" drew sell-out crowds. 

A special pleasure to playwright Daniel Ray Young and the producers and cast, was the favorable attention the work received from reviewers in both the Washington Post and Baltimore Sun.

February 13, 1997

New Deal Cafe Open House

by Bob Buzzanico and Don Comis

The New Deal Cafe is deeply embedded in the hearts of Greenbelters. That was made abundantly clear by the large turnout at the organizing meeting on Saturday, Oct. 22...

October 27, 1997

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Greenbelt Elementary Dedicated
As a School for the 21st Century

With one snip of the specially made scissors, Principal Carolyn Goff cut the red, white and blue ribbon that stretched across the stage and Greenbelt Elementary school was officially dedicated. The ceremony took place in the cafeteria/gym on Friday morning, November 19. The huge scissors had been specially made at Tall Oaks Vocational School ... November 26, 1993

Carolyn Goff Reflects on Career

by Sandra A. Lange

It's easy to see why everyone was sorry to see Carolyn Goff retire as principal from Greenbelt Elementary school at the end of the school year in June. Of course, she was known to be a very hard worker, often putting in 10 or 12 hour days. But, more than her conscientious performance, each child, each parent, each teacher will miss the personal bond they had formed with her.

Carolyn Goff is a woman who looks directly at you through clear blue eyes, smiles with genuine warmth and holds out her hand. Her whole persona radiates an aura that conveys the impression that here is someone who cares deeply about children. As she says herself, being an educator is a calling of her profession — it was her career and her life. Goff spent 23 years in the Prince George's County school system, seven at Greenbelt Elementary. She was vice principal for five years and principal for five years.

"If I could have done the job from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., I probably would have stayed on," she says wistfully. "I still had the enthusiasm. But that wasn't her style. She could never give less than 110 percent of her time and her energy. When her energy began to wane following two serious illnesses, she realized it was time to retire.

"Celebrate with Me"

On the next-to-last day of the school year, she wrote to each member of her staff about her school year, she wrote to each Principal of the Year plans. Her letter began "Cel­

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At Last...Metro Comes to Greenbelt

After years of waiting, Greenbelt citizens will be able to use the local Metro station at Roosevelt Center Mall for travel to all parts of the metropolitan area. The accelerated construction schedule was made possible because of full immediate funding by the federal government. President Bill Clinton has been invited to the opening ceremony next Saturday, April 3, at 10:30 a.m. The Greenbelt Band will perform, followed by brief welcoming remarks by Mayor Gil Weidenfeller. After the President cuts the ribbon, persons age 13 - 55 will be given free passes. Senior citizens and children under two will travel at half price. The News Review has informed that President Clinton may ride the first train back to Washington and share the details of his economic stimulus program with the citizens on board.

Green Line Metro — A Preview Tour

by James Giese

I rode Metro from Greenbelt to Fort Totten on the Green Line. I did it on a media preview tour sponsored by Metro. While I lasted about 40 other media representatives, some towing camera operators, gawked at the new stations, workers were bustling about getting everything ready for the grand opening on December 11. On that day, everyone will have a chance to ride the new green line for free — but never again. At the Greenbelt Station, I got another one-time-only chance. I ate doughnuts and drank coffee inside the station, an act that is forbidden to Metro riders. This will be the biggest opening to take place until 2001. December 2, 1993

Metro Comes to Commemorate

by James Giese

A 50 foot line of elected and appointed officials slashed a green ribbon into smithereens Saturday, December 11 to mark the conclusion of ceremonies opening the Metro Green Line between Fort Totten and Greenbelt. Centered among the ribbon cutters were County Executive Parris Glendening, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Frederico Pena and Senator Paul Sarbanes. Displaying his political acumen, some towing camera operators, the scene resembles a Preview Tour Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition last Saturday, however, in their tour through Greenbelt to the new Metro station opening to campaign for commuter bikeways. The Cyclists It's a sparkling but frigid day. Two dozen cyclists have gathered in the parking lot at St. Hugh's, most of them having just ridden from Schenectady Hills Park. With their helmets and their splendid, multi-colored outfits, the scene resembles a medieval joust. Bicyclists tend to dress on the flashy side. This is not, as in the animal kingdom, to attract mates. (Well, maybe sometimes it is.) It's so they won't get killed. They have to be seen. December 16, 1993

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**A Walk Through the Fourth of July**

by David Morse

A man with expanding middle and contracting hair, a fortysomething man, is grumbling. "How come I gotta carry everything?" His first grip is the loops of a weighty plastic grocery sack. A slender, bounding boy, a nine-or-so-year-old, responds authoritatively. "Cause you got the strongest arms." They are on the long trek down the thickly forested path that runs around Greenbelt Lake. This little colloquy explains much of what is to come. The Fourth of July is under the secret governance of children. Adults are brought along to do the heavy lifting.

The conspirators are skipping back and forth along the lake hosts of them. They are out waiting quietly for this time, as cockroaches and lights out in the kitchen. They are out in force, picking up rocks, chasing the ducks leaping down the embankment into the creek bed, tumbling off into the brush, ignoring the cries of consternation in their wake. Their voices squeal with anticipation. They stream forward exultantly like an army that has put the enemy to rout. Their parents groan under their burdens like oxcarts. Occasionally the oxen low softly on the steeper slopes. Beyond the smoke and the chilliness of the Fourth of July, from commercial flotsam to trash, the toys seem to have been transformed, like other objects under the influence of the Fourth of July, from commercial flotsam to powerful talismans. The surrounding darkness and pretentious light from the tubes induces a sense of disorientation. The crowd seems to proceed down a tunnel which spans the ages, formed by these small shafts of light, stretching out endlessly in time and space. They press closer together, stepping carefully.

At the fork in the path, they break ranks and scatter. The rest of the way seems more perilous, the amulets somehow having lost their charm. Families wander in the voice like planets released from solar gravity. People call out for their children, clutching at them nervously. Finally, they reach the end of the trail.

The rule of the elders is restored. The Lords of the Fourth, many of them, are slung across their bearers' backs, wheezing contentedly, perhaps dreaming the American Dream. Yet the bearers feel light on their feet, almost supernaturally dynamic. The air has cooled a bit. All the lost children, unlikely mixtures of chaos and grace, have been found.

A walk through the Fourth of July.

*July 8, 1993*

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**Spring's Sweet Assault**

First it crept up on us, deceptively timid, a crouca here, a precarious there, breathlessly awaited by Greenbelters weary of the long, harsh winter. A false alarm or two by the weatherman threatened to freeze the buds on the cherry trees, and foolishly gardeners who had planted their annuals too early rushed outside to cover them with towels.

But by now, throwing restraint to the wind, pollen-heavy winds, spring has sprung upon us with all the bluster of a blaring trumpet. Tan-ta-ra! A parade of hot gold-and-orange tulips marches down Southway, crashing brazenly with a battalion of lavender azaleas. Ta-ta! A Blizzard of petals sweeps through Roosevelt Center, mocking us with a reminder of winter.

Redbuds batter the air with tiny pink fists, daffodils mass to invade woodland paths, and parking lots pretend to be gardens.

A heavy warmth, more of summer than spring, forces from each crevice, cracks, and heads straight for the cubicles. The incessant world of time clocks and anticipated work becomes one giant amulet somehow having lost its charm.

April 20, 1996

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**Cranky Mother Nature**

by David Morse

Global warming, anyone? Mother Nature was in a cranky mood last week, pounding Greenbelters with a rich mix of snow, freezing rain, and days on end of sub-zero temperatures, which yielded frozen pipes, power failures, "Brown-outs," "rolling blackouts," treacherous sidewalks, undelivered mail, and stupendous heating bills.

Many people, taking advantage of liberal leave policies, stayed inside and prayerfully awaited spring. Some people, however, responded creatively.

*January 27, 1994*

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**Curry States All Libraries Will Remain Open In 1996**

by Dorothy Sucher

Prince George's County Executive Wayne Curry came to Greenbelt on Tuesday morning, May 16, bringing good news. At a news conference held in the Greenbelt library, Curry announced that all libraries in the county, including the Greenbelt branch, will remain open — at least through 1996. Six had been threatened with closure due to the county's budget crisis.

Stating that he had "travelled to Annapolis many times, and lobbied for additional funding from the state," Curry added, "I was impressed with the rallying cry you started in support of the library system. He noted that library supporters had collected over 30,000 signatures on petitions.

*May 18, 1995*