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Citizens Explore Options to Solve Traffic Problem in Greenbelt East

by Pat Scully

City Council and staff members met with nearly 30 citizens in a work session on Feb. 12 to discuss traffic problems in Greenbelt East. The session was part of a continuing series of efforts to resolve safety concerns at several intersections. While the intersection of Frankfort Drive with Greenbelt Road (MD 193) was the item on the official agenda, concerns were also raised about Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road, the speed and lane configuration on Greenbelt Road, the timing of the light at Greenbelt Road and Mandan Road and the needed stop light at Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive.

Frankfort Drive

Because Greenbelt Road is a state, rather than a municipal roadway, the State Highway Administration (SHA) makes decisions regarding speed limits, signage and stop lights at its intersections. A meeting on August 20, 1990 between citizens, city and SHA about the dangers of the Frankfort Drive intersection had yielded some results: the placing of flashing yellow lights at the intersection, as well as the assignment of crossing guards for school arrival and departure hours and special events.

SHA maintains that the intersection does not warrant a stop light and that the speed limit on Greenbelt Road is appropriate. Their recommended solution is to make Frankfort Drive one-way inbound, with access only via a right-turn from eastbound Greenbelt Road.

Citizens had rejected that solution by a 2-1 margin in a city survey in October-November. The work session was an opportunity to explore some of the options that citizens recommended instead, including lowering the speed limit, enforcing the speed limit, installing a traffic light and building a pedestrian/biker overpass.

The Stop Light

The difficulties involved in convincing SHA that a traffic light is needed were thoroughly explored. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld noted that it took years of pressure by the city and residents to get the light at Mandan Road installed, with SHA turning down the request "a half a dozen times." Council member Joseph Isaacs urged "everybody and everybody" to deluge SHA with demands. Council member Edward Putens said that it had taken about 18 accidents within two months to convince SHA the Mandan light was warranted.

City Planning and Development Coordinator Celia Wilson

explained that there are 13 conditions under which an intersection may warrant a stop light. At least one "warrant" must be met; however, it is still up to the discretion of SHA whether to install a light. The intersection of Lakecrest Drive at 193 meets two of the warrants, she noted, but SHA has rejected city requests for a light there. The Hanover Parkway/Ora Glen intersection also meets two warrants. Since those are city roads, it is at the city's discretion that the light will be installed.

Ora Glen Light

"When?" asked Barbara Adams of Windsor Green. "When will the Ora Glen light be operational? The intersection is not safe."

Wilson said that the design of the light has been completed and that staff are awaiting the go-ahead from council to put it out for bid. Paying for the light is now the issue, said Weidenfeld. The city is exploring whether traffic conditions are such that the developer of Commerce Center 2 will be required to fund the light. If traffic impacts are greater than anticipated when the Center is 90 percent occupied, the developer will have to fund the light.

Council member Antoinette Bram, as well as several citizens, urged that the city not wait until the test is applied. Let the city pay for the light up-front and recover from the developer later, if possible. Weidenfeld said that if the city were to fund it, the money would have to come from somewhere else in the budget. Council is in the process of reviewing the budget, with a work session scheduled in the middle of March and the budget to be adopted at the end of May. However, noting the strong interest from the community, Weidenfeld said that perhaps staff could present some

options for funding sources and council could reach a decision on the light at a future budget meeting before the final budget is approved.

Pressed for a definitive timetable, Wilson said that after staff received the go-ahead decision from council, it would take about four weeks to obtain bids and issue the notice to proceed; work would commence about two weeks after notice and take about six weeks to install the light. The Ora Glen light will be on the agenda for the next council meeting for decision, Weidenfeld said.

(At its February 25 meeting, council voted unanimously to proceed with the light.)

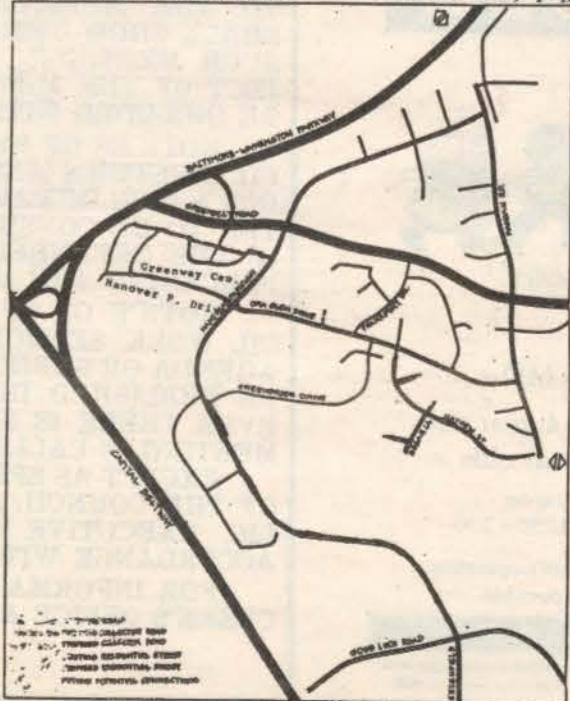
The Overpass

James Foy, Chair of the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC), presented GEAC's recommendation that a pedestrian/biker overpass be constructed over Greenbelt Road near the Frankfort Road intersection. Dorothy Pyles of Greenbriar presented several arguments for the overpass, which would not only provide safe passage for ERHS students but would tie into the city's hiker/biker trail system. Walkers and riders from the old part of town could use the B-W Parkway overpass, come through Greenbriar and over the proposed overpass and on into Schrom Hills Park.

Roy Dahl presented both Greenwood Village's official support of the overpass and his personal conviction that the city should aggressively pursue it. In addition to lobbying the state, the city could proceed with the design study and present SHA with plans and a budget.

Bram offered enthusiastic support for the overpass, saying the city should begin the engineering study and save up funds in the budget over several years.

Other members of city council. See TRAFFIC, page 8



NCPC Begins Discussing Proposed Courthouse Site

The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) on February 7 informally discussed the preliminary draft Environmental Assessment for the new federal courthouse. The commission requested that the General Services Administration (GSA) provide documentation used in evaluating and selecting a site for the facility. Initially seven sites were studied.

GSA's preferred-site for the facility is located just outside the city limits on the fringe of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. The 9.3-acre tract is located north of Cherrywood Lane near Edmonston Road (Kenilworth Avenue).

"We believe that our decision will stand," GSA Planning Staff Director Linda Eastman said, adding, "It is thoroughly the best site for our purposes."

The NCPC staff had recommended that the final Environmental Assessment include a detailed analysis of the Hyattsville site alternate (off Route 1 near East-West Highway) so that they could "equally evaluate the merits" of the Hyattsville site and the GSA-preferred site at Cherrywood Lane and Edmonston Road.

At a future NCPC meeting, a refined Environmental Assessment draft will be presented along with several concept plans of the courthouse building, officially named the U.S. District Courthouse, Southern Maryland

District. The facility will serve Prince Georges, Montgomery, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties.

Recommendations of NCPC, the agency charged with reviewing structures built on federal property, are advisory when the land involved is outside the District of Columbia.

Construction of the proposed \$35 million, 165,000 square foot building is expected to begin this summer with completion slated for 1993. It will house seven courtrooms (District, Bankruptcy and Magistrate courts) and space for U.S. attorneys, trustees, marshals, GSA concessions and a satellite office for the incumbent Congressman.

Pedestrian Fatality At Crescent/Hillside

Long-time resident John McGee of 7 Court Hillside Road died early Saturday morning of multiple injuries suffered Friday evening when he was struck by a car traveling on Crescent Road at about the juncture with Hillside.

The driver of the car stopped immediately, and a local fire department ambulance took the injured man to Prince Georges General Hospital, where he died in the early hours of Saturday.

A preliminary investigation reveals that the pedestrian was at fault, according to Greenbelt Police records. No charges are expected to be placed against the driver.

GATE Annual Meeting To Be Held March 27

by Konrad Herling

Greenbelt Access Television Corporation (GATE) will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station. Among items to be decided are: the election of board members and whether or not to purchase equipment to increase production flexibility. GATE also hopes to present some of the programs it has produced during the past year.

Since March of 1990 GATE has produced: the Albert Herling concert, Greenbelt Earth Day, Bill Mayhew and "The Storytelling Hour" (co-produced with the City's municipal cable channel), and the Roast of Gil Weidenfeld, which will air next Monday and Tuesday evening at 9 p.m. In the near future, Jo Scheibel's art exhibit opening and the Greenbelt Arts Center's concert, The Fantasia Trio, will also be cablecast. All programs are seen on Channel B-10.

GATE is also putting together a community collage, which will feature community organizations and the services they offer Greenbelt. Its most ambitious goal is to produce a weekly news/features program about Greenbelt activities and its citizens.

All interested in helping to produce GATE programs are encouraged to attend.

Watch Group Meets

All residents are invited to attend the Wednesday, March 6 orientation of the Springhill Lake Good Neighbor Watch Group at the Fountain Lodge at 7 p.m. Greenbelt police will tell how thieves target their victims and how to stop them.

Persons attending the orientation will receive "Certificates of Training" from the Greenbelt Police Department at the 10th anniversary observance on Wednesday, April 3 at the Fountain Lodge. Call 474-3260.

Tour the Green Belt

Tours of the 'green belt', sponsored by the Committee to Save the Green Belt, will be held each Saturday at noon. Meet at the playground at the end of Gardenway. Refreshments will be provided. For information, call 474-4863.

Genealogical Society Meets

The Prince Georges County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library. The meeting is open to the public and visitors are always welcome.

John Butler, division chief of the Suitland Reference Branch of the National Archives, will discuss the Genealogical Records in the Suitland facility.

What Goes On

Tues., March 5, 9 p.m. Council Worksession, with Chief of Police, Police Station (see ad)

Wed., March 6, 8 p.m. Advisory Planning Board, Police Station

News Review

Office Hours

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8-10 p.m. copy, ads
Tuesday 8-10 p.m. copy, ads
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474-4131

This Week at Goddard

On Sunday, March 3, 1 p.m., the Goddard Visitor Center will host a model rocket launch.

Bring a model rocket and line up on the firing line, or just watch the fun. All launches are monitored for safety.

A video presentation, "Apollo 15: In the Mountains of the Moon," will be shown Saturday, March 9 at 1 p.m.

This video tells the story of the highly successful fourth lunar landing mission expedition carried out on the lunar surface with the Lunar Roving Vehicle, which underwent a series of magnetic property tests at Goddard's Magnetic Test Facility in early September 1971. The video also explains the eight experiments carried aboard the Apollo 15 Service Module.

Saturday, March 9, 7 to 9 p.m., March Star Watch.

The Visitor Center opens its doors on the second Saturday evening of each month for a guided tour of the night skies, weather permitting. Bring telescope or binoculars, or use one of the telescopes provided by the Goddard Astronomy Club to view Jupiter, which dominates the March sky. Jupiter's four moons will be visible and will appear in different positions nightly as they rotate around the planet.

Also, the Visitor Center will be open for everyone to enjoy the exhibits.

GEAC Hears Plans For Schrom Park

by Pat Scully

The February 7 meeting of the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC) featured a presentation by city planner Celia Wilson of the construction plans for Schrom Hills Park, as well as a presentation by the Sunrise Development partnership. (See News Review, February 14, 1991).

GEAC's next meeting will be held Thursday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the community center at Hunting Ridge.

Wilson showed the plans for the buildings and grounds of Schrom Hills Park that are part of the city's bid package. GEAC members were particularly interested in the trail system and how pedestrians from the various communities will have access to the park's facilities.

Other informational items on the agenda included notice of then upcoming, now past, meetings. James Foy, GEAC chair, alerted the members to a meet-

ing the next evening with the executive recruitment firm the city has hired to search for a new city manager. The firm was meeting on the 7th with city advisory boards and on the 8th with representatives of the city's homeowners associations.

Dorothy Pyles said that the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center has openings on its board and would like to see better representation from the eastern part of the city. The current "East" members are all from Greenbriar. Pyles asked that the GEAC representatives pass along information about the openings to interested members of their communities.

Finally, attendance was urged at the February 12 work session with city council at Windsor Green to discuss traffic problems. Foy said that he was looking for a large turnout of "street people" to show their concern about the traffic and safety issues to be discussed.

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Clarification

In the article on the Lake Park Planning session in last week's issue, the reporter inadvertently attributed some statements incorrectly to Hugh Jascourt.

CORRECTION

The correct numbers for the Tax Assistance Program for seniors are 248-6604 or 248-6605.

Recycling Delayed

To the Editor:

The February 21 edition of the News Review erroneously reported that Lakeside North Apartments has been recycling metal, glass, plastics, and newspapers since February 1. As a member of the Lakeside North recycling committee, I wish this were true, but unfortunately it is not.

Although Southern Management Corporation has hired Prince George Trash Removal Co. to collect the recyclables and concrete has been poured for the platforms where the recycling containers will be, there are not yet any containers on the platforms.

Meanwhile, Bonita Queen, the Southern Management property manager quoted in last week's News Review, has been promoted to another position and is no longer overseeing Lakeside North's recycling program. Queen has told the recycling committee that another Southern Management employee is now responsible for administering the program.

Since Heinz Weverink, vice president of PG Trash Removal, promised the recycling committee that bins would be in place and that recycling would begin in February, and both he and Queen encouraged us to publicize the recycling program to the Lakeside North community, we are understandably disappointed and confused. Currently no one on the recycling committee knows why recycling has been delayed. Letters have been sent to Queen and her replacement asking for an explanation.

The other recycling committee members and I wish to assure our fellow Lakeside North residents that we are taking steps to rectify this recent setback and that we are as committed as ever to recycling in our community.

Josh Lubell

Recreation Review

Facility Entrance Card

All participants, 16 years and over, entering the Recreation Center are required to possess a Recreation Facility Card. They may be purchased by residents only at either Recreation Center.

Where's Boomer?

To the Editor:

On February 15 when Ruth Wigley died, Greenbelters lost a neighbor and friend. To many, she was "the white-haired lady" who walked her dog "Boomer" daily. Many have inquired about Boomer. Let us convey the following to them and to the many school children who encountered Ruth and Boomer regularly. Boomer has a new home on Gardenway. He has the company of two other West Highland terriers, and like the rest of us, he's adjusting to the loss of a loved one.

The Timers



Notice of Council Work Session

Council will meet in work session in the Police Facility, Ridge and Crescent Roads, at 9 P.M., Tuesday, March 5, 1991 to discuss the following items of business:

- Police Procedures
- Cul-de-Sac Parking
- Speed Enforcement on Greenbelt Road

The meeting is open to the public. For information, please call 474-3870.

Gudrun H. Mills, CMC
 City Clerk

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GUDRUN H. MILLS, CMC
 City Clerk

"Steel Magnolias" Opens At P.G. Little Theatre

The Prince Georges Little Theatre (PGLT) continues its 31st season with the popular drama, "Steel Magnolias", opening March 8.

Directed by PGLT charter member Roney Shawe, "Steel Magnolias" is based on real events in the life of author Robert Harling. The play revolves around six women, the "ladies of Chiquapin" who regularly visit Truvy's House of Beauty on Saturday mornings.

"Steel Magnolias" begins Friday, March 8, 1991, at the Prince Georges Publick Playhouse for the Performing Arts, and runs for three weekends, including matinees on March 10 and 17. There is a fee. Group rates are available.

The Publick Playhouse is located in Cheverly at the intersection of Landover and Annapolis Roads (Rts. 202 and 450). Call the Playhouse box office at 277-1710 for reservations, and for information about upcoming productions.

NARFE Meetings

The local NARFE Chapter 1122 meets the second Wednesday of every month in the Greenbelt Library's lower level at noon except in March. Membership chairman Joe Sullivan can be reached at 937-7374.

Weidenfeld Roast Will Be Shown on March 4 and 5

Greenbelt Access Television Corporation (GATE) will have its television production of the Roast of Gil Weidenfeld broadcast next Monday and Tuesday evenings (March 4 and 5) at 9 p.m. on Channel B-10. The roast, which was sponsored by the Greenbelt Arts Center, features a number of local celebrities, including County Executive Parris Glendening, County Council Chairman Richard Castaldi, Judge Gerard Devlin, and Mayor Weidenfeld. The program will be shown in two parts (Part 1 on Monday, Part 2 on Tuesday).

GATE and the Arts Center wish to remind viewers that most of the content was offered as a source of comedy, not for serious, somber analysis.

Learn About the Wetlands In Greenbelt National Park

Join a National Park Service Ranger at Greenbelt Park for a two-mile hike to view two distinct wetland areas. Learn about the vital ecological roles that wetlands serve while discovering the plant and animal communities in a grassy marsh and a forested swamp. Meet at the entrance to the campground.

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Boating Safety Classes Offered at ERHS

Flotilla 24, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, is again offering its basic boating safety course to the public. Classes will be held weekly beginning on Monday, March 11, for a total of nine weeks. The classes will run from 7 to 9 each Monday evening at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. There is no charge, other than the cost of the materials.

"Boating Skills and Seamanship" is essential for anyone new to boating while providing information on recent changes to the buoy system and navigation rules for the experienced boater.

The course is an approved course for certification under the new Maryland Boating Safety Education Law which requires persons born after July 1, 1972 to complete an approved boating safety education course prior to operation of a boat.

For further information contact Tom Ricciuti at 464-5871.

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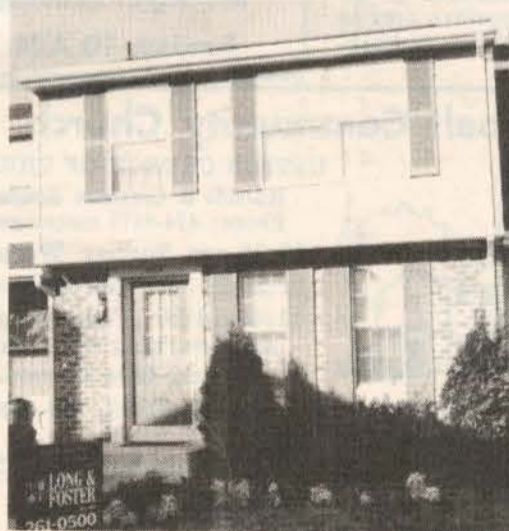
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John McGee

John Raphael McGee, who died suddenly February 23 (see accident story elsewhere), lived in Greenbelt almost 49 years, the last 35 in the 7 Court of Hillside Road.

Born in Ringwood Manor, N.J. in 1916, McGee joined the Merchant Marine Corp. at 14 and served for almost 10 years. During World War II, he was in the U.S. Army. Through most of his life, McGee was a printer in the Washington area. For 12 years, he taught printing at Oxon Hill Senior High School. Retiring in 1978, he still served as a substitute teacher at DuVal Senior High School. In 1969, he began printing greeting cards designed by his two daughters, both professional artists, and he continued this work until two years ago.

An avid stamp collector, McGee combined his printing skills with his pastime by publishing various specialized philatelic publications, one of which won an award overseas. He ran his own stamp exchange by mail (the Potomac Stamp Exchange).

McGee and his wife Dorothy (whom he married in June, 1941) were inspired to move to Greenbelt after seeing the film "The City" at the 1939 New York World's Fair. He held strong convictions and supported causes and organizations he believed in. In the last few years, he often volunteered at fund-raising activities of Friends of the Greenbelt Library, especially helping in the Greenbelt Library bookstore.

His mother, Gloria Palacin, was a school teacher in her native Spain, and McGee developed special interests over the years in Spanish and South American literature and politics. He left school at 14 but read widely and was self-taught. He spoke Spanish fluently and traveled widely in Europe on his own; in later years he and Dorothy explored Europe, especially Spain.

Life for John McGee centered on his family, especially his granddaughters Julia and Nora. Table games with them were frequent, though he ventured out to the FOGL-sponsored Scrabble games a few times; he loved words. He had a disarming sense of humor, recalls his friend Bruce Bowman, and always had a funny story to tell, begun with a serious face but soon revealed with subtlety and a slowly-spreading smile. He enjoyed stocking the many bird feeders in his back yard, and he liked to walk through the city.

Besides his wife, he leaves daughters Barbara J. Simon of Greenbelt and Kathleen M. Treat of New York City; his granddaughters; sisters Anita Fisher (New York City), Margaret Duran (Berryville, Ark.), and Mary Williams of St. Petersburg, Fla., and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is planned for Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m. at the edge of Greenbelt Lake in "Buddy" Attick Park. In case of rain, it will be held in the City Council Chambers. Expressions of sympathy may be shown through donations to Children's Hospital.

Learn About Osteoporosis
The Midlife and Menopause (WMM) Support Group will meet Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at 5 Pinecrest Court. Dr. Mark Tanen, endocrinologist, will discuss osteoporosis. For further information and directions call De Lange, 301-441-2951.

FOURTH LENTEN SERVICE AT MOWATT METHODIST

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Rd., will conduct the fourth in a series of seven Lenten services on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m.

The lay speaker will be Louise M. Craig, director of music at the church. Craig, a graduate of Catholic University, the University of Maryland, and George Washington University, taught in the Prince Georges public school system for 31 years. Her family, active in many Greenbelt activities, has lived in Greenbelt 28 years.

Craig's topic will be "Woman, behold your son", Christ's fourth word from the cross. The community is invited.

Students with Part Time Jobs May Owe Taxes

Students with summer or part-time employment anytime during the year should be aware of an important tax law that may affect them. Anyone who can be claimed as a dependent on their parents' or guardians' tax return cannot claim their own personal exemption.

Under provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, a dependent's exemption can only be claimed on their parents' or guardians' tax return. Therefore, the amount of federal tax withheld from paychecks should be reviewed. Without being able to claim their own \$2,050 personal exemption for 1990, the summertime or part-time employee may owe taxes if his or her earned income is more than \$500 and they also received interest, dividends or other unearned income in addition to wages during the year.

Generally, students should claim one allowance on their Form W-4 if they are not exempt from withholding and have only one job. If they wish to have more taxes withheld, they should claim zero. Students who've had summertime jobs and/or have part-time jobs throughout the year should be sure to review their Form W-4 so the proper amount of tax will be withheld from their paychecks by their employer.

Further information about federal withholding tax and Form W-4 can be obtained by calling the IRS at (301) 962-2590 in Baltimore, (202) 488-3100 in the Washington metropolitan area or 1-800-424-1040 elsewhere in Maryland.

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Crescent & Greenhill Roads

Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn, 474-5285

We were saddened to hear of the tragic death of John McGee of Hillside Rd. Our sympathy to his wife Dorothy and daughter Barbara Simon and family.

A couple of Greenbelters have made the dean's list at their colleges. Mary Spalding, Mandan Rd., was named at Frostburg State University for the fall semester.

Mary C. Simpson, Lastner Lane, made the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Maryland. Younger sister Kelly will join Mary and Tricia at the university next fall. Congratulations to all.

So glad to see Mrs. Burch back in her classroom at Center School after her auto accident. We hope she continues to do well.

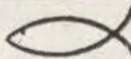
In the field of sports, Zach Lloyd, who is a senior at Catholic University of America, competed as a fullback and served as captain for the school's record-setting soccer team. He contributed heavily to the team's success.

Charles Burgess is on the basketball team at Emory & Henry College, VA. So far the team remains undefeated after having played 11 games.

SSgt. Ervin T. Riddle III, a 1978 graduate of ERHS, has been serving in the Air Force for the past 11 years. He is now stationed at Little Rock, AFB in England where he is a turbo prop propulsion mechanic.

In 1984 SSgt. Ervin wrote an essay entitled "What being an American Means to Me," and received a letter of congratulations from his commander. He is the son of Janet Curtis and the stepson of David Curtis, Research Rd.

Congratulations to William Leon Fielder who made the dean's list at Shenandoah University where he is majoring in fine arts


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"Miss Greenbelt America" Contest at Legion Sunday

"Miss Greenbelt America - 1990," Deedra Williams, will share the stage on Sunday, March 3, with "Miss Maryland," Kimberley Grimm when she gives up her crown at the 9th annual pageant.

The "Miss Greenbelt America" pageant, which is sponsored by Greenbelt Unit 136, American Legion Auxiliary, will be held at the Legion Hall at 3 p.m. The pageant, a preliminary to "Miss America" is open to the public. There is a fee. For information call 577-3025.

Williams, an honor student majoring in Journalism at the University of the District of Columbia, was the first contestant to carry the Greenbelt banner into the top five at the state competition. Subsequently, she was named to the "Miss Maryland Show Troupe" and also appeared at the Greenbelt Youth Center last October. Grimm, a computer science major at Frostburg State College, also performed in the Youth Center show and will be making her second visit to the city.

The entertainment will also feature several "Queen of Hearts" children's pageant winners. Included is two-year-old "Tiny Miss Sweetheart" winner, Deanna Delmater of Greenbelt.

Greenbelt CARES

Judye Hering spoke to students attending the University of Maryland recently about the CARES' tutoring program. The students were interested in getting fellow students involved in becoming tutors.

Paul Fischetti chaired a meeting of the Human Services Coalition Children's Committee. The topic was on youth suicide prevention in the county.

Vegetable gardeners and flower gardeners are invited to join the Greenbelt Garden Club and use one of the 50 foot by 50 foot plots this year. Come to the annual meeting on Thursday, March 7 in the Greenbelt library at 7 p.m. and be assigned a plot. There is a small fee to cover the cost of plowing. All are welcome! For more information call Betsy at 474-8483 in the evenings.

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cil, while supportive of the concept, noted that the responsibility for the overpass, like all other decisions affecting Greenbelt Road, lies with SHA. Council member Thomas X. White said that SHA was unlikely to accept any engineering study or plans it had not commissioned itself and urged caution in committing any city funds.

Council discussed the idea at a meeting with its state and county representatives before the beginning of the legislative session, Weidenfeld said. Because of the state's financial hard times, the legislators did not offer much hope but said they would explore the possibilities for state funding or a bond issue.

Putens noted the cost difference between a traffic light and an overpass and urged the citizens to decide which option they wished to pursue. The overpass would cost at least \$500,000 to \$600,000, he said; a light, about \$80,000. If you ask SHA for both and they agree to either, it will be the less expensive option, he predicted.

The Speed Limit

The overpass would not slow down traffic on Greenbelt Road, it was noted. Weidenfeld said that SHA follows the national practice in setting speed limits by taking an average of the actual speed on the section of road. What 85 percent of drivers feel "comfortable" with is the basis for the posted speed limit. SHA says that 45 miles per hour (MPH) is an appropriate speed limit for MD 193.

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urged citizens and civic bodies to support state legislation that would give municipalities more say in setting speed limits. In the area from the shopping center at least past Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), 35 MPH would be more reasonable, they felt.

Pyles said that the speed limit is lower on some parts of MD 193. In Adelphi, the limit is 35 and in front of Beltway Plaza it's 40. She urged the council and city staff to get a feel for the problem. "When you leave here tonight," she said, "go try to make a left-turn from Frankfort onto Greenbelt Road." Weidenfeld declined, saying "Micki will divorce me if I ever do anything that dangerous again."

Bram, and many of those present, felt that lowering the speed limit would not be effective in actually reducing drivers' speed. One member of the audience said that for drivers heading eastbound, after the frustration of getting through the series of traffic lights and congestion from the Parkway ramps to Hanover Parkway, the visual impact of three wide-open lanes was an incentive to speed.

Enforcement

Both physical and political constraints hinder traffic enforcement efforts. There is no shoulder along Greenbelt Road in the area of greatest concern, making it dangerous for police to stop cars, Weidenfeld said. In addition, when tickets are issued, police officers must often appear in court to enforce them, either costing the city for the officers' overtime or reducing the available work force while they're in court. And Greenbelt

does not receive the money from the fines levied; it goes to the state.

Something needs to be done to enforce the speed limit, said many attendees. A visible radar trap or just stationing a police officer in the median at the top of the hill, even without issuing tickets, could be a deterrent, it was suggested. Police Chief James Craze said Greenbelt does not have the work force available for an officer just to sit in a car but agreed that the limit must be enforced.

School Board

Suzanne Plogman, school board representative, said the board was willing to do whatever it could to increase safety for the students. Responding to a request from those in attendance, she said that the hours for the crossing guards could probably be extended. The guards now serve from about 20 minutes before until 10 minutes after the opening of school at 9:30. It was suggested that since many stu-

dents meet with teachers and have extracurricular activities before school, the guards could begin work at 9 a.m.

Plogman also said that while the school system couldn't pay the bill for the overpass, the board was willing to explore the possibility and help pull together funding from the city, county and state.

Other Issues

The possibility of making the eastbound right lane of Greenbelt Road a right-turn only lane between Hanover Parkway and Frankfort Drive was raised by Joe Spivach. This would create a need for the three through lanes to merge into two, Weidenfeld pointed out. SHA would not approve of such a merge, he felt, after having just completed the work to make three through lanes.

The difficulties and dangers faced by pedestrians trying to cross Greenbelt Road at Hanover Parkway were also discussed, as they had been at the August 20

meeting with SHA. SHA's study of the timing of the light showed that the pedestrian signal was properly timed. However, many people noted that it takes at least two light cycles to cross the road, especially for the less agile and those encumbered with strollers or groceries, and pedestrians are forced to stand in the median strip, which is frequently a deep mud hole. More pressure on SHA was urged.

The striping of Hanover Parkway, which is hard to see at night, was also a concern. Foy also noted that more prominent marking needs to be done where the road narrows from two lanes to one before the entrance to Hunting Ridge. People drive on the wide shoulder, making right turns dangerous from the real lane.

Assistant City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that road striping is an ongoing city maintenance effort and that he will see that Hanover Parkway striping is included in the list.

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ECZEMA

(Atopic Dermatitis)

WHAT IS ECZEMA? WHO GETS IT?

Eczema is an itchy skin disorder occurring in patients who have a familial tendency to develop allergies such as hay fever, asthma, and sinus trouble. The rash will appear and disappear unpredictably throughout life. Sometimes, a lucky child will "outgrow" it and it will never come back. Most commonly the first episode appears during infancy, mostly on the face, and in the creases of the elbow and knees.

HOW IS ATOPIC SKIN DIFFERENT?

Atopic skin is more sensitive, drier, and more easily irritated than normal skin. It is always itchy. Thus the most important thing to remember is that eczema is an itch, not a rash!

TREATMENT

The first and most important aim of treatment is the reduction of itching, therefore the elimination of dryness. The home environment must be not too hot and not too dry. Bathing must be infrequent and brief. The bath water should be lukewarm. Mild soap (NutraGena, Dove) should be used. Moisturizing agents (Moisturel, Cetaphil) should be applied after every bath. (If bath oils are used, beware of slippery tubs.) Never use bubble baths. After a bath, the child should be "blotted" not rubbed with a towel. Soft clothing should be worn; starch-free cotton next to the skin; no wool. Atopic children should be under-dressed to avoid sweating. Reduction of activities that produce sweating is a necessity. Fuzzy toys and animals should be eliminated.

An important rule in the treatment of skin diseases is that the more severe the lesion, the milder the treatment — and vice versa. Weeping and crusty lesions must be treated with compresses (a.g. Burow's solution), and thick, dry lesions require creams, gels, or ointments. The compresses should be at room temperature. All these medications should be applied three or four times a day.

Dietary restrictions are often useless, and should be avoided, unless there is clear indication that the eczema is aggravated by certain foods.

Drug therapy for eczema is applied SPARINGLY to the skin. The most common drug is some form of corticosteroid, which comes in different strengths, and in different vehicles. Other useful drugs are coal tar derivatives, and urea. The only other drug group prescribed regularly to be taken by mouth is antihistamines for itching. My favorite is hydroxyzine (Atarax, Vistaril), but diphenhydramine (Benadryl) is probably the most popular. This should be used liberally, because itching will make the rash worse. These antihistamines are very safe, and not habit-forming. They can be used practically forever.

SPECIAL ADVICE

Keep in continual contact with your doctor. Report any worrisome changes in your child's condition.

Do NOT apply any medication your doctor does not know about.

A child with eczema must be kept away from people with cold sores and fever blisters. A life-threatening rash may result.

Other than what we have discussed above, your child should lead a normal life.

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