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City Council Meets to Discuss Renovation of the Center Mall

by Virginia Beauchamp

"The truth is," said Councilmember Thomas White, "that there are two Centers. The Center that the old-timers remember from 1937, and the Center of the last 30 years. It's become a good public place — a comfortable place to be."

White was describing the Roosevelt Center, as it is called today, the original shopping mall of old Greenbelt. He spoke at a work session the Greenbelt City Council held on January 28 with Celia Wilson, the city's Director of Planning, and Sharon Bradley-Papp, the landscape architect hired to draw up new plans for the Roosevelt Center's renovation.

In fact, this presentation would be the third effort by Bradley-Papp to come up with a design that would win citizen approval. She had in hand two sketches, both variants of a former Plan 2 that she had shown at an earlier council meeting. One of three plans offered at that time, Plan 2 had been the least elaborate, and closest to the 1937 design. On the current occasion she was seeking input from council before creating a more finished design scheme.

Mayor Antoinette Bram sympathized with her, however, for having to go back so often, literally, to the drawing board; but

Bradley-Papp demurred. She assured the mayor that she most wanted to find "what the people of Greenbelt feel comfortable with." It was important to her, she said, as well as to the citizens, to keep working with the project until they were satisfied.

As Wilson said in introducing the work session, its purpose was to move toward final design approval and to put the renovation effort into the capital projects list. Because of deterioration of the

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bomanite pavement in the mall and the poor condition of the Bradford pear trees, most of which have reached their maximum life expectancy, some renovation of the Center has become mandatory. In fact, two trees have already been cut down because they posed a danger to persons walking there.

Reaching for 1937 Design

Although everyone in the room agreed that the original mall design could never be wholly revisited, primarily because the presence of trees for shade in more recent times has

seemed its most attractive feature, Bradley-Papp had in other ways tried to reproduce the 1937 layout. At that time only low hedges and patches of green lawn had brought living plants into the area. Another irreversible difference between then and now has been the later construction of the Co-op store, on the one side, and the doctors' offices on the other.

Bradley-Papp's new design features a set of stairs leading to the rear parking lot, placing them in their original position directly behind the mother-child statue. This configuration will make the statue once again the central focal point, she pointed out. Thus the current steep stairway adjacent to the Co-op would be removed.

Six panels set in the floor of the mall would replicate in shape, if not in materials, of the original Center design. In one version two paved panels closest to the statue would be without trees or furniture, thus providing a clear view of the statue. In 1937 these panels were grass. But after consulting with city horticulturist Bill Phelan, Bradley-Papp decided that stretches of lawn in the much-used Center would be too expensive to maintain. She suggested instead a form of pavement.

The other two pairs of flooring panels were approximately the same in both new versions.

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Council Reviews CRAB Ideas To Promote Cultural Diversity

by Heather Elizabeth Peterson

Can tolerance in Greenbelt be better achieved through activities emphasizing unity or activities emphasizing diversity? This was the question which faced the Greenbelt City Council during its January 28 worksession on cultural diversity.

A short exchange at the end of the meeting revealed the difficulty of deciding such matters. Councilmember Judith Davis suggested that a good way to make ethnic Greenbelters feel more welcome in the city would be to hold foreign language classes so that other Greenbelters could become acquainted with their cultures. Mayor Antoinette Bram responded that she thought it would be better to hold classes in English, since knowing English would allow ethnic Greenbelters to get to know what community activities were taking place.

Throughout the evening, the councilmembers struggled to reach a consensus in this matter. The worksession took place in order to discuss a report on cultural diversity by the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB), and the board's goals encompassed both sides of the issue.

CRAB Proposes Goals

CRAB said that it wished to "increase understanding and encourage tolerance among Greenbelt residents; help Greenbelters appreciate cultural diversity and the strength it can provide to a community; encourage school-community unity; focus on commonalities rather than differences." At the suggestion of Councilmember Thomas White, the city will consider adopting these as its own goals.

CRAB also made nine recommendations that fell into the following categories: (1) Greenbelt Day should be broadened in its scope and location. (2) A community calendar should be regularly published to let people know what activities are occurring in the city. (3) Welcome kits should be given to new Greenbelters to acquaint them with the community. (4) The city should educate its citizens about Greenbelt's ethnic groups through films, lectures, and ethnic participation in the Labor Day Parade.

CRAB member Ted Mecum began the meeting by suggesting that Greenbelt Day should be made part of a "heritage week" celebrating the community's diversity. The Rev. Daniel Hamlin

of the Greenbelt Community Church, who is a member of CRAB, suggested that Greenbelt Day could become a day in which citizens "re-incorporate" themselves, in order to "stress the fact that we continue to be a community every year."

Councilmember Rodney Roberts worried, though, that if a heritage week was added to Greenbelt Day, it would "water down both of them." Roberts added, "Greenbelt Day is to me a day to celebrate the incorporation and planning of the town. . . . I think it would be better to have a [separate] Greenbelt Cultural Day."

Bram argued, though, that "to reinvent [Greenbelt Day] wouldn't hurt. It might bring more people to it." She asked City Manager Michael McLaughlin to look into the matter. McLaughlin also indicated that the city staff has been considering holding Greenbelt Day events outside of Old Greenbelt, as CRAB suggested in its report.

The idea of a community calendar received unanimous support from the councilmembers, who discussed how the calendar could be compiled and distributed.

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Come On In!

Our office is located in the Greenbelt Community Center. Use the entrance facing the Municipal Building, go up the inside steps to the first door on the left (Room 100).



The 1937 design of the Center Mall is partially illustrated in this early photo.

Goddard in Running For Quality Award

Congressman Steny Hoyer joined Maryland Senators Barbara Mikulski and Paul Sarbanes in congratulating the Goddard Space Flight Center for its recent nomination for the prestigious President's Quality Award. Goddard is among nine other finalists nominated for the award, which is given to the federal organization that exemplifies the highest standards in overall performance and efficiency.

Receiving a President's Quality Award is extremely difficult—in fact, in the last eight years only two organizations have rated high enough to rate in the top category. A nomination for the award is an achievement in itself, with over 80 federal organizations in the initial pool applying for the award. Goddard, which submitted its application last June, was rated on such criteria as customer satisfaction, strategic planning, business results and human resource development. The initial applicants were narrowed down to a group of 36, and another round of screening reduced the number to nine finalists.

In recognizing the achievement, Hoyer said, "Goddard's employees should be commended for this outstanding achievement. In this era of budget constraint and downsizing it is imperative that America's taxpayers see tangible evidence of the high quality of our federal workforce. Goddard's continuing commitment to excellence and focus on quality deserves the highest recognition."

"This announcement underscores what many of us have known for a long time — that the Goddard Space Flight Center is a top-quality facility with a top-quality work force," Sarbanes said. "I know of no other facility

more deserving of the President's Quality Award and am pleased that the Goddard Space Flight Center workforce has been nominated for this distinguished award."

"I am so proud of the employees of Goddard Space Flight Center for their nomination for this prestigious quality award," said Mikulski. "I fought hard to keep the Mission to Planet Earth at Goddard. The people who work at Goddard are some of the best scientists and technicians in the world. I'm always on the side of Goddard and the people who make it such a success."

The President's Quality Award was instituted to promote sharing of the best practices among all government agencies, to provide models for other organizations to assess their overall performance, and to provide a systematic, disciplined approach to deal with change throughout the diverse federal agency network.

Following site visits by the President's Quality Award panel to validate each of the nine finalists, a report will be submitted to the President in late February. An announcement of those receiving commendation is expected in March or April.

What Goes On

Mon., Feb. 10, 8 p.m.
City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Tues., Feb. 11, 8 p.m.
Council Worksession - Newspaper Vending Machines with Newspaper Reps., Municipal Building

Thurs., Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m.
GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

Letters

No Answer

Does anyone in the city government read the News Review? Following a spate of (mostly negative) coverage of the speed humps on Northway Road, on Jan. 9 I wrote a (definitely negative) letter to the editor asking why we're spending so much city money on one side street, purportedly for pedestrian safety — which makes no sense because Northway residents have steadfastly refused to have sidewalks installed. They've shown considerably more interest in protecting their cars than anyone's kids.

I asked for a response from the city — none. I left a second note with the city and asked for a response again — none.

Last week's News Review had a cryptic sentence in "City Notes" indicating that our tax dollars are marching right back to Northway to work on the speed humps again. (Apparently first love — cars — are getting scraped by those nasty things that you and I paid to install for them.)

Why are we spending this money? We have serious pedestrian safety issues in Old Greenbelt and don't need to waste more money on one side street that refuses to even install a sidewalk.

City: please answer me or the News Review. I thank you in advance — hoping that this time you'll be reading!

Connie Arnold

Crime Stoppers Tips

A reminder from the Greenbelt Crime Prevention Committee. Always be alert and aware of the surrounding area. Have keys ready while taking a quick look around before entering or leaving home.

Local programs sponsor anonymous reporting systems offering rewards for productive tips that help people solve crimes. Call the Greenbelt Police Dept. to report anything that could be helpful. Everyone needs to work together.

For questions or suggestions, contact Officer George Mathews at 301-474-7200 or Diane Ronchi, chairman, Greenbelt Crime Prevention Committee, at 301-441-1189.

Recreation Review

Homeschooler Open Gym

New for winter '97: Dedicated open gym time for homeschool children and their parents! The gymnasium at the Youth Center will be open for Homeschooler Open Gym drop-in, Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. This is an unstructured program for children 5 - 12 years of age. Parental supervision is required. A nominal drop-in fee will be charged to participants. Contact the Recreation Department for additional information, at 301-397-2200.

Greenbelt CARES

Judye Hering held the tutor's workshop on Saturday, January 25. Topics for discussion included: Personality Inventory, Table Talk - A Guide for Literacy, Helpful Hints Towards Organization, and Positive Peer Pressure. Four tutors attended the workshops.

Candidates Sought For County Positions

Sheila Jackson, chair of the Prince George's Democratic Central Committee, has announced that the Committee will hold a public hearing on the gubernatorial appointments to the Prince George's County Board of Elections Supervisors and the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners (Liquor Board). The hearing will take place on February 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the New Carrollton City Hall, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway.

Anyone interested in applying for an appointment to either of these two boards should immediately contact their State Senator and the Central Committee. Expressions of interest should be directed to the Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee, 4725 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746, along with a resume, for receipt no later than Monday, February 10. Applicants may invite other persons to attend the hearing and speak on their behalf. All members of the public are invited.



Alimany Sillah takes the oath of citizenship at a ceremony on January 24.

Alimany Sillah Sworn in as Citizen

Alimany Sillah, 43, a building maintenance worker at the Greenbelt police station, became a United States citizen on Jan. 24. Sillah, who came to America from Sierra Leone and has been a city employee for five years, was sworn in at the War Memorial Building in Baltimore in a ceremony attended by 400 participants. Sillah's son and friends were in the audience. Also present were representatives of the police department, who commented: "It was a very moving ceremony, as moving for friends as for participants."

BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, February 10, 1997
2:00pm - 8:00pm
At the Greenbelt Youth Center

To make an appointment
Call Janet at **397-2200**
or Betty at **474-4161**

PRELIMINARY AGENDA
GHI Board of Directors
Thursday, February 13, 1997
7:30 p.m.
GHI Board Room

GHI Key Agenda Items:

• 1997 Community Beautification Program	Discussion
• Common Area Maintenance Plan	Discussion
• City Refuse Pick-up	Discussion
• Request for Donations:	Action
a. Southern Maryland Auto Club	
b. City of Greenbelt	
• Scheduling of Board Photo	Action
• Resolution - Clark Financial	Action

Board meetings are open to members

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
CITY COUNCIL
GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
FEBRUARY 10, 1997, 7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING OF
CITY COUNCIL
GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
FEBRUARY 10, 1997 - 8:00P.M.**

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations *(The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks (*) placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)*
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations
7. Petitions and Requests *(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)*
8. Minutes of Meetings
9. Administrative Reports
- * 10. Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

11. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 17, "Solid Waste", Article II, "Litter", Section 17-23 Through 17-25 of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Clarifying Certain Provisions of the Code

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

12. Liquor License Transfer - Pee Kay Liquors (Beltway Plaza)
13. Liquor License Renewals - Citywide
14. Award of Bid - Front Cut Lawnmower
15. Recovering Homeowner Association Fees at Foreclosure (HB 813 & HB 832)
- * 16. Reappointments to Advisory Boards and Committees
- * 17. Appointments to 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 474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 474-8000 or 474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting.

David E. Moran
City Clerk

**City of Greenbelt
COMMUNITY MEDIATION BOARD**

The City of Greenbelt has established a Community Mediation Board under the auspices of the Prince George's County Human Relations Commission. This Board is comprised of city residents who have volunteered to receive mediation training and be available to mediate disputes between neighbors.

Mediation consists of a step by step problem solving process that results in the involved parties agreeing on a fair solution. Mediation serves as an alternative to litigation and brings both parties to the table on an equal basis. A mediator does not act as an advocate of either party. He/she reserves judgment and does not voice opinion.

Types of problems mediated may be noisy neighbors, barking dogs, trespassing children, blocked driveways, family feuds, littering, loitering, neighboring property neglect, small claims matters, etc.

Mediation services will be available at the Greenbelt Community Center on the **second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday** of each month. Any Greenbelt citizen who wishes to make use of this free service should call the Human Resources Officer, City of Greenbelt, 301-345-7203

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AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

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DEADLINES: Display Ads—10 p.m. Monday; Letters, articles and other ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center 15 Crescent Road during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$32/year.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., 8 - 10 p.m.; Tuesday 8-10 p.m.
Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

Learn about Animals In Greenbelt Park

Discover the exciting community of animals in Greenbelt Park on Sunday, February 9. Meet at the Rangers Station at 2 p.m. Please call 301-344-3944 for reservations.

Labor Day Festival Committee Meets

The first meeting of the 1997 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, at the Greenbelt Police Department meeting room. All committee members and anyone interested in participating in this year's festival should attend. The festival is an all-volunteer activity and more volunteers are needed. For information call Rick Ransom, 301-441-1597.

Gray Panthers Host Talk on Cancer

Dr. Diana Post will speak on Cancer in Maryland at an open public meeting of the Gray Panthers on February 15 at 2 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station. Everyone is invited to hear Dr. Post, who is the Executive Director of the Rachel Carson Council. The Council is a non-profit scientific group started by the friends of Rachel Carson after her death to carry on her work. Its purpose is to research and publicize information on how our environment is affected by toxins.

Dr. Post will bring the results of a recent Maryland professional conference on the possible causes of Maryland's having the next to highest cancer rate of any state in the United States.

Her talk will be preceded by a brief business meeting at 1:30 p.m. For information or rides call Esther Webb, 301-474-6890, or Janet Parker, 301-474-6668.

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The Golden Age Club will meet on Wednesday, February 12, at 11 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room at the Greenbelt Community Center. The speaker will be Honore' Francois, Branch Manager of the Greenbelt Library.

Golden Agers were entertained at the January 29 meeting with a variety of songs, dances and comedy routines by a group of performers from the "Seasoned Players" in a preview of their upcoming Revue scheduled at the Public Playhouse in Cheverly.

On Friday, February 28, the outing to the National Geographic Headquarters will feature a trip to the Holy Land via film. Lunch is included in the cost.

The Maryland Sampler trip to Cecil County is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, with lunch and dinner included. The travel committee is accepting reservations for both trips.

During the January 30 trip to the Holocaust Museum, it was noted that there were many Junior High and Senior High School students also viewing the exhibits. To see the intense reaction of this whole new generation makes an older person stop and think back to the immensity of this horror which should never be forgotten.

Be sure to check out the programs scheduled for "Explorations Unlimited" plus the monthly free movies for seniors. Enjoy!

Community Events

Greenbelt Greens To Meet Monday

The Greenbelt Greens will meet on Monday, February 10, at 7:30 p.m., in the Greenbelt Police Station at Crescent and Ridge. A discussion on Violence Avoidance will be led by Doug Love.

Refreshments will be served. For further information, call 301-474-1998.

NARFE Meeting

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, February 12, at the Greenbelt Library at noon.

The speaker will be Robert Livingstone, from the AAA Potomac, Fairfax, Virginia, who will speak on automotive safety.

All members and prospective members are invited to attend.

Explore Genetics

On Friday, February 14, Associate Professor Audrey J. Barnett of the University of Maryland will speak at Explorations Unlimited on human genetics and genealogy. Professor Barnett, who earned her undergraduate degree at Wilson College in Pennsylvania and her graduate degree in zoology at Indiana University, has taught at the university since January 1972. She has resided in Greenbelt since October 1972.

Professor Barnett will explain how family pedigree studies have provided new information to link up genetic techniques as a way of identifying problems. Once the cause is identified, researchers are able to work with possible remedies. A sample of DNA can now find out which gene is the cause of a disease like Huntington's and why a person gets the symptoms. Screening is possible to see if individuals are at risk themselves or at risk of transmitting the genetically-linked disease.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Fun at Goddard

Come out for a star-studded evening on Saturday, February 8 at 7 p.m. Take a tour of the winter sky with stops at the Orion Nebula, the Pleiades, Saturn, and many more. Bring a telescope and binoculars or use the Visitor Center telescope to view the stars. Films and presentations on astronomical topics will be shown. Experienced and first-time star gazers are welcome. Stargazing is held weather permitting.

Goddard Cinema

Celebrate Black History month by meeting America's first African-American military aviators through the film Blacks in Aviation. In interviews, the history-making pilots tell their stories, while historical footage shows these brave men in action. The film, 20 minutes in length and suitable for all ages, will be shown at 1 p.m. on Sunday, February 9.

For information, call 301-286-8981; 301-286-8103 (TDD).

Windsor Green Notes

The Architectural Control Committee of Windsor Green will hold its February meeting on Saturday, February 8, at 10 a.m., in the Windsor Green Community Center.

The Mobile Watch Committee will hold its February meeting on Monday, February 17, at 7 p.m., also in the Windsor Green Community Center. The committee members are planning for their second annual March Madness Mobile Watch Membership Drive, scheduled for Monday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), 7 to 9 p.m.

The February Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20, at 7:30 p.m., in the Windsor Green Community Center. All residents are welcome to attend.

The Recreation Committee has scheduled Windsor Green's Easter Egg Hunt for Saturday, March 29, at 11 a.m. The committee is encouraging all residents to donate their old prescription eye glasses to the Eye Bank. Eye glasses may be dropped off at the Windsor Green Community Center, 7474 Frankfort Drive.

GHI NOTES

The Marketing Committee will meet Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Nominations and Elections Committee will meet Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Board of Directors will meet Thursday, Feb. 13 in the Board Room.

The latest edition (Volume 47) of the GHI Newsletter has been delivered. Anyone who has not received a copy please call Members Services at (301) 474-4161 and a copy will be delivered to you.

Community Center Connection

by Stephen Keaney, Recreation Coordinator

Dancing anyone? Did you know that we have some programs not in the brochure? We have Scottish Country Dancing right here at the Community Center and if those holiday pounds are getting you depressed, let Weight Watchers come to the rescue. These are just a few of the classes not in the brochure. For more information about these and other classes, stop by the Community Center office.

The Community Center is hosting some open gym hours for adults (14+). Please stop by the Community Center office to pick up a flyer. Scheduled times are Feb. 8, 15 and 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program is free to residents. There is a fee for non-residents.

We want to know what you think of the job we are doing. We welcome your ideas, comments, and suggestions. Please submit in writing to Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 or stop by in person.

Anyone interested in playing volleyball for an hour once a week in the Community Center gym on a drop-in basis should call Michelle 301-507-6590.

At the Library

P.J. Storytime for ages four to six at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12.

Drop-In Storytime for ages three to five at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, February 13.

Also on Thursday, Tickly Toddle Storytime for two year olds accompanied by a parent or caregiver at 11:15 a.m.

For more information on these or other programs, call the library at 301-345-5800.

Winter Habitat Hunt

Join a Park Ranger on Saturday, February 8 to discover the habitat of Greenbelt Park's animals. Meet at the Rangers Station at 11 a.m.

Donation Drop-Off

The February Donation Drop-Off, co-sponsored by the City with the American Rescue Workers, will be held this Saturday, February 8, behind the Municipal Building, from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, bedding sheets, toys, puzzles and books. To arrange for a pickup of larger items, including furniture, mattresses, and automobiles, call the American Rescue Workers directly at 301-336-6200.

Donations are tax deductible and will be reused by someone else. This Donation Drop-Off is always held on the second Saturday of every month. Thanks to all who donate regularly. Some 90 - 100 people donate materials each month. For more information, call Jennifer Foley, City of Greenbelt Recycling Coordinator at 301-474-8308.

New Deal Cafe

Open Fri-Sat 6-11 pm Music 8:30 pm No cover

FRIDAY 7th: Greg & Doug Marsh (of the Koolrockin' Daddies)
SATURDAY 8th: Peter De Muth (original folk with British rock influences)

Bring this ad for \$1.00 off a cup of espresso, cappuccino or latte from our new espresso machine.

Greenbelt Community Center 474-5642

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE
474-9744

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7 ALL SEATS \$5.00

Fri: 101 Dalmatians (5:15 all seats \$3)
Michael 7:25, 9:40

Sat: 101 Dalmatians (3, 5:15 all seats \$3)
Michael 7:25, 9:40

Sun: 101 Dalmatians (3, 5:15, all seats \$3)
Michael 7:25

Mon: All Seats \$3
Michael - 7:30

Tues., Wed., Thurs.
Michael 7:30



Walt Disney Pictures presents
101 DALMATIANS

MICHAEL

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Greenbelt Arts Center presents

Arcadia
by: Tom Stoppard

Fri and Sat Feb 21st - Mar 15th at 8:00 pm **Tickets: \$8 Seniors & Students \$6** **Sundays Mar 2nd and 9th at 2:00 pm**

Directed by Ginny Zanner
Stoppard and his incisive wit, explores the nature of truth and time, in investigating a mysterious sequence of events in the years 1809 to 1812

Words Alive Readers Theatre
Stories From the Heart
Featuring Goddard Storytellers and Voices in the Glen
Feb 10 at 8:00 pm
Admission \$2.00 or pay what you can

Rosebud Musical Theatre Company
presents "I bring you a love song"
—music and dance to celebrate Valentine's Day
February 14th and 15th at 8:00pm
Tickets \$8/\$6 seniors and students

The Greenbelt Arts Center
123 Centerway Greenbelt (next to the Post Office)
For more information call (301) 441-8770

OBITUARIES

Doris A. Hall

Long-time resident Doris A. Hall of Research Road died on January 25. She was the former wife of Alvin Hall Sr., who ran the Greenbelt Garage for many years. Mrs. Hall retired from GSA in Washington. She is survived by sons Alvin Jr., John and Ronald and daughters Linda and Susan, 13 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She was 72 years old.

Lions Club Names Poster Winner

Jessica Nielsen of Laurel, a 7th grade student at Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School, was declared the Grand Champion of the Greenbelt Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. Her poster was selected from among 16 entries at the local level in the ninth annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest, which is open to students ages 11 - 13 in those schools sponsored in the competition by a local Lions Club.

Out of all the posters created by Eisenhower Middle School and Greenbelt Elementary School students, Nielsen's entry was judged the best at portraying the contest's theme, "Building a Peaceful World." Lions Clubs International sponsors the contest to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere. Nielsen's colorful poster depicted jigsaw puzzle pieces being fit together into a global picture of the Earth.

Greenbelt Lions Club President P. J. Siegel said she was pleased with all the work the students put into the project. "From looking at all the entries, it was obvious that each student spent a great deal of time in coming up with original ways to express his or her strong feelings about peace," Siegel said.

Nielsen's poster advanced to round-two district competition in Lions Club International District 22-C, which covers Washington, D.C., and Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, and St. Mary's counties in Maryland. Another entry was ultimately selected to represent District 22-C. This winner now faces three more rounds of international competition before an international grand prize winner will be declared.

Locally, the first, second and third place winners from each of the schools the Greenbelt Lions Club sponsored will receive cash awards or savings bonds. All students who entered the contest will receive a certificate and a participation reward. The other winners were: Greenbelt Elementary Schools — first, Jessica Brown; second, Antonella Durantine; third, Robert Burton, and Eisenhower Middle School — first (and local grand champion), Jessica Nielsen; second (tie), Tanginika Gorham and Kerry Weaver.

Fundraisers Wanted

Help raise money to help others. The Prince George's Department of Social Services is seeking team members with pizzazz for a Fundraising Committee. Help organize and plan different fundraising events and have fun while doing it. For more information, contact Mary Lou Klemm at 301-422-5152 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

PTA to Celebrate 100th Anniversary

Because the 100th Anniversary of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers (PTA), is February 17, the Greenbelt City Council will proclaim February National PTA Month in the city.

Present and former PTA presidents of Greenbelt schools are invited to accept the proclamation at the February 24 council meeting. Schools within Greenbelt's boundaries, as well as comprehensive schools which receive a number of Greenbelt children will be highlighted. These include Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Greenbelt Middle, Robert Goddard Middle, and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Various activities planned for February will highlight the importance of the PTA. On the February 17 anniversary, the Maryland state PTA legislative committee is sponsoring an evening in Annapolis to promote state education funding and safety issues. The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) is planning a small focus group with the local PTA presidents to learn about their concerns and gather suggestions of ways to work together for the benefit of Greenbelt's schools and Greenbelt's children.

ACE's mission is to foster excellence in Greenbelt's schools. In achieving this mission, ACE has many partners. One of the most valuable is the National PTA and, specifically, its local chapters in Greenbelt's area schools. Through involvement in advocacy, education and parenting, the PTAs seek to guarantee that all children will be given the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Past PTA presidents who plan to attend are asked to call Wendy Wexler at 301-345-6660.

U of M Orchestra To Perform Mozart

The University of Maryland symphony Orchestra will perform a concert "Happy Birthday Mozart" as part of the Artist Scholarship Benefit Series. On Saturday, February 15, the performance will be at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, February 16, at 3 p.m. in Ulrich Recital Hall, University of Maryland, College Park. There is a fee for the concerts, however the pre-concert lectures are free. Call 301-405-1150 for information on the lectures.



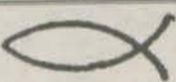
City crews have shaved down and re-stripped the speed humps on Northway. They now can be crossed over at about 15 mph.

- photo by Justin P. Steele

Open House Feb. 22 At Nursery School

The Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten, Inc. will hold an open house on Saturday, February 22, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., at its new location in the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Now offering expanded programs and increased enrollments, the school will begin accepting applications for the 1997/98 school year. Its cooperative education programs for children ages 2 - 6 are fully accredited. Morning and afternoon nursery school programs, an accredited half-day morning kindergarten, enrichment and lunch bunch programs are offered. The school also offers before-school care beginning at 7:30 a.m. and after-school care until 6 p.m.

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Nominations are being sought for the most outstanding volunteers in Prince George's County. Adults, youths, groups and corporate volunteers are eligible for nomination for their community service. The Prince George's County Volunteer Award program is coordinated annually by the Prince George's Voluntary Action Center. The nomination deadline is March 15. Awardees will be recognized by the County Executive and Members of the County Council at an awards ceremony which is held at the County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro.

For more information or to nominate volunteers, call the Voluntary Action Center at 301-699-2800.

Eating Disorders Support Group

Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park sponsors an Eating Disorders Support Group. This group is designed for persons with eating disorders and for their families and friends. The group meets on the first four Saturdays of each month, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. For more information call 1-800-542-5096.

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Following the Trash Trail

by Jennifer Foley,
Recycling Coordinator
301-474-8308

In the past four weeks, city refuse and recycling customers have diverted 59 tons from the landfill by setting out materials for recycling. This amount equals 33 percent of all the waste generated in Greenbelt that would have gone to the Sandy Hill Landfill. Instead, it has been recycled and made into new products.

Have you ever wondered where our recyclables go? Each recycling day, city collectors empty their trucks at Georgetown Paper in Bladensburg. Mixed paper, comprising magazines, newspapers, paperboard, junk mail, corrugated cardboard and phone books, is made into a variety of new products. Newspaper alone is sent to the best paying market available, where it is turned into fire retardant insulation. Greenbelt's other paper and cardboard are sent to Sunoco, Georgetown's parent company, where the paper is made into new cardboard boxes.

Aluminum cans are sent to Alcoa to be made into new cans, which can return to the grocer's shelf as new, filled cans in as little as 90 days after collection. Greenbelt's glass bottles are sent to Owens Brockway in Goldsboro, North Carolina, where they are used to make window panes or an additive for other glass products. Our #1 plastics, those PET bottles like 2-liter soda bottles, are sent to Wellman in New Jersey, where they are made into fibers for clothing. (Patagonia is one company, for example, that sells clothing made from plastic bottles.) Georgetown sells our #2 HDPE plastic bottles to the Ensley Corporation, which brokers baled bottles to several different mills. Some mills may make carpet fibers or plastic lumber out of the same plastic bottles you leave in your yellow recycling bin. HDPE#2 bottles are shampoo and detergent and one gallon milk jugs.

The city is paid \$5 per ton for mixed paper delivered to Georgetown. For the past four weeks, therefore, Georgetown Paper will pay the city \$216.20 for our 43.24 tons of paper. The city generates no revenue for the cans and bottles collected; however, we save \$49 per ton for all recyclables by avoiding dumping fees at the landfill.

Always remember to buy recycled content products when at the grocery store or office supplier. Also support companies that make toilet tissue or printer paper from the supply of recycled papers available. Mixed paper that you set out for recycling may be in the paperboard of the next Cheerios box you purchase. Requesting recycled content products from the managers of the stores you shop in will help improve the demand for the paper you set out for collection.

Remember also to donate all usable household items to charity to reduce the amount of waste set out for collection. To get rid of old couches, usable mattresses or furniture, call the American Rescue Workers (301-336-6200) or the Salvation Army (301-277-7878) to sched-

ule a collection at your home. Visit the city's Donation Drop-Off the second Saturday of every month behind City Hall to donate old clothes, toys and small household items. Collections take place between 9 a.m. and noon and all contributions are tax deductible. The next Donation Drop-Off is February 8. Every little bit that each resident contributes toward diverting solid waste from the landfill really counts.

The 179.5 tons of refuse that Greenbelt City residents sent to the landfill this past month have been buried forever, never to be used again. Fortunately, we recycle and can turn a lot of what we do not need any more into new products. The Public Works Department estimates that 80% of all residents participate in recycling and that 60% of residents set out materials on any given day. Thank you for a great participation rate! For more information on the city's recycling program or to request a yellow bin, call Jennifer Foley, Recycling Coordinator, at 301-474-8308. Remember to recycle and buy recycled!

Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn
301-474-5285

We are sorry to learn of the death of Doris A. Hall.

Sarah A. Youngblood has been named to the dean's list at The College of Wooster in Ohio, where she is a member of the class of 1999.

A warm welcome to Carolyn Sturtevant, who recently moved to Greenbelt on Crescent Road. She is president of the Prince George's Audubon Society.

Navy Seaman Recruit Philip R. Pugh, son of Shellie and Philip Pugh of Cherrywood Lane, recently completed U.S. Navy Basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. He is a 1996 graduate of DuVal High School of Lanham.

National Concert Band Plays Feb. 9

On Sunday, February 9, at 2:30 p.m., the National Concert Band of America will perform at Hallam Theatre at Prince George's Community College, 301 Largo Road, Largo. The concert is free. For more information call 301-229-2544.



The City of Greenbelt diverts 33% of its trash by recycling. Recycled materials are made into things like new cardboard boxes or even clothing.

-photoby Jennifer Foley

City Notes

A new handicapped parking space on Parkway was designated with an emblem, pole and sign. Four other signs were put up.

The paddle boats which were floating unattended in the lake were retrieved and stored behind the warehouse.

Public Works crews collected yard debris, white goods, trash, and recyclables and cleaned city storm drains.

Street work included marking lines on Cherrywood Lane, grinding sidewalk joints on Mandan Rd., and laying asphalt on Northway.

Dead trees and dead limbs were removed from various locations.

Twenty-five cars and trucks and several small tractors and movers were serviced.

The batting cage at the Little League field was repaired.

Installation of a new batting cage began at Braden Field #1.

Damage to the fence at the Dog Park caused by a hit-and-run accident was repaired.

Observe 16th Century Military Reenactment

Observe 16th-century Holy Roman Empire Landsknecht reenactors as they demonstrate winter camp life and military training of the period on Saturday, February 15 and Sunday, February 16 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the grounds of Marietta Mansion, 5626 Bell Station Road in Glenn Dale. The event is free. For further information, please call 301-464-5291 or TTY 301-779-5321.

Marietta Mansion is a facility of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Parks and Recreation Department, Natural and Historical Resources Division.

Orchestra Performs

The Prince George's Philharmonic will perform on Saturday, February 8, at 8 p.m. The concert will be at the Hallam Theatre at Prince George's Community College, 301 Largo Rd., Largo. For information call 301-454-1462. There is a fee.

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Contra-dancers of all ages link hands at the first Greenbelt New Year's Eve celebration at the Community Center.

- photo by Harriette Phelps

Count Down Begins For New Year's Eve

by Dorothy Sucher

New Year in February? Maybe not, but February isn't too soon to start planning Greenbelt's 1998 New Year celebration, according to Larry Hilliard, leader of the volunteer steering committee that recently sponsored Greenbelt's first community New Year's party. A planning meeting to which everyone is invited will be held on February 13 at 7 p.m. in the Senior Conference Room at the Community Center.

"We need a redefinition of what we are," said Hilliard, who noted that next year's celebration might take the form of a more extensive "First Night" event. "This time we'll have a 10-month planning period, instead of two months." Topics to be discussed at the meeting include the ways the celebration can benefit the arts and the community, the formation of search committees, and the possible involvement of local businesses in underwriting New Year's activities. Food, activities for children and teens, and the question of paid performers are also up for discussion, as well as new ideas brought by the attendees.

Last Year's Event

Greenbelt's first community New Year's celebration was a multi-generational party that took over the Community Center and was attended by some 700 people. A contra band played for dancing in the auditorium, there were musical acts at the New Deal cafe, and face painting and bingo for kids, an African dance troupe from the Thomas Pullen School, and a Double-Dutch exhibition and "clinic" spilled over into the halls and classrooms.

The idea for a Greenbelt New Year's celebration originated with Hilliard, an instrument manager at Goddard Space Flight Center who has lived in Greenbelt since 1985. The corps of volunteers he was able to gather together in a short time came to 50 or 60 — some of them organizers and others arts performers. In addition, the New Deal cafe and its volunteers were actively involved in the festivities.

"We brought Greenbelt together on New Year's Eve," said Hilliard. "We offered something for kids as well as adults, so families could celebrate together

instead of dropping the kids off at the babysitter. It was a very rewarding experience. But we didn't have enough for teenagers. We're hoping to do better this year, with 10 months to plan our events."

To volunteer, call Larry Hilliard at 301-474-7504, or come to the meeting on February 13.

Magnet School Applications Due

The deadline for magnet school applications is February 28 for the School System of Choice program. Brochures describing the programs available were mailed to all households in November 1996. Some programs have specific requirements, while others are part of the lottery system. For additional information or to receive another brochure, please call the county school system for further information.

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The Sound Scene

by Nick Myrda

There was a packed house Saturday night, Jan. 25, at the New Deal Cafe. Fifty plus people crowded into both sections of the coffee house to hear a group that billed itself as acoustic modern—Primitive Mind. Brother and sister duo of Kent Lopez and Savannah Lopez Strong make up the nucleus of the group with Daren Izumi, Mark Haust and Scotsman Gary Cecil of the "Swinging Richards" providing the rest of the musical talent.

They play a mixed bag of music from Van Morrison, Grateful Dead, to Radio Head, and at the end of the gig some reggae. Lead, rhythm and bass guitar along with mandolin and recorder with some gourd thrown in are the instruments of choice.

The program started at 9 p.m. about an hour late. They were using a more elaborate sound system than what is normally found in the cafe. According to the sound man, the room was too small for the system. Much of the first half was spent fine tuning the system to eliminate the feedback.

You also needed a program to tell who played what. The opening number "Part of Me" had Mark Haust playing rhythm guitar and Kent Lopez playing lead. After that Mark switched to lead and Kent to rhythm. Daren Izumi started out on the mando-

lin and like everyone else he took a turn at bass and rhythm guitar. "I'm Fooling" had him playing mandolin. It's a hard instrument to play well and I thought he was more comfortable when he was playing the other stringed instruments. The mandolin made for somewhat of an odd combination on some of the arrangements.

In all about two dozen songs were performed. Savannah singing along with her brother on most of the vocals sounded like Judy Collins with similar sound and even phrasing. You could tell that brother and sister had sung together before. As is, Primitive Mind has been together about six months. Songs like "Angel from Montgomery" and "Sarajevo" let Mark show off his enormous talent on the lead guitar. He sure knows how to work an instrument. "Later", a song Kent sang, was written by him for his wife. A theme for the Civil War Museum in Frederick, Maryland had Savannah playing the recorder. It is a piece they had created to backdrop the museum presentation. They wound down the evening with "Gold", a reggae number. Gary on the gourd, and everyone else doing a pulsating Caribbean beat.

This summer all or part of them will be off to Nashville to perform at the Bluebird Cafe for the singers and songwriters performances. They hope to get some of their original material published and performed.



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Greenbelt's Business

Liquor Store Is Open At Beltway Plaza Mall

by Mary Lou Williamson
The new liquor store at Beltway Plaza Mall, near the Giant Food store, opened in November. A small, no frills store selling spirits and wines, it is brightly lit, clean and uncluttered and is appropriately called Beltway Plaza Liquors. The owners hope to appeal particularly to women and the elderly who live in the area and come to the Plaza for groceries or to pick up bagels and videos or drop off items at the dry cleaners — all neighboring shops. "We want them to know they will feel safe here," said Prem Choda, who runs the store. Why the emphasis on safety? The two owners are women — Indu Choda, Prem's wife, and her friend, Sunita Bhagat.

Why Greenbelt? They saw an ad in the newspaper and got a call from Fred Wine, whose Beltway Plaza Mall offices are in Langley Park near Tony's Villa Pizza. The Villa is a local restaurant Prem Choda owned for the past five years, along with Tony's Ice Cream and Cafe. "Fred knew we have been thinking about opening a liquor store, so he called," Prem said. "Greenbelt is a very nice neighborhood," said Prem, who sold his Langley Park restaurant several months ago and opened Maurya, featuring Indian cuisine, in Beltsville.

Residents of Silver Spring, the Chodas aren't quite thinking about moving to the area yet. However, Indu's sister has moved to a home off Greenbelt Road.

A visit from the liquor inspector last week brought a smile to Prem Choda: "She said, 'This is the second nicest looking store in the County.'" Business has been slow for the new store, but is getting better, according to Prem. The store is open from 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday and till 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. They hope to start selling lottery tickets soon, the approval came this week. They already

E-Mail Tax Is Faster, Cheaper

Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein says his office is joining with the professional tax preparer community in campaigning to encourage taxpayers to "Just Ask" about electronic filing. About 50% of Maryland taxpayers use a professional tax preparer to complete their income tax returns.

"Electronic filing benefits everyone," Goldstein said. "Taxpayers get their refunds quicker, tax preparers receive acknowledgment that the return is received, and all taxpayers benefit because the system saves taxpayer dollars," Goldstein said.

The Comptroller noted that even taxpayers who owe additional taxes can benefit from electronic filing. "They can have their return submitted when it's ready, but pay later. We'll send them a bill that doesn't need to be paid until April 15," Goldstein said.

Studies show that, even during the heaviest days of the fil-

G & O Wins Army Contract

The Savannah District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has selected Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc. (G&O) for a \$1.5 million indefinite delivery contract for master planning, engineering, and Computer-Aided Design and Drafting/Geographic Information Systems consulting.

The firm also provides nationwide planning, engineering, and design services to the U.S. Army Special Operations Command under a separate contract with the Savannah District.

Three tasks have already been issued under the new contract. G&O will update the Real Property Master Plans of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, GA. In addition, G&O will prepare programming documents for two military construction projects at Pope Air Force Base, NC: a corrosion control facility and an electronic countermeasures pod maintenance facility. A third delivery order entails assisting the Headquarters Training and Doctrine Command in developing the Community Comprehensive Plan for Fort Benning, GA.

Says John Gallup, Senior Project Manager at G&O: "Because they are one of our most valued clients, we are glad to expand on the services we provide to the Savannah District."

Sherman Joins Doctors Hospital

Harold S. Sherman has been named vice-president, Strategic Planning and Business Development for Doctors Community Hospital. Sherman holds graduate degrees from George Washington University in Health Care and Regulated Health Care Development. Formerly with the St. Francis Medical Center, Trenton, N.J., he brings vast experience with a multi-hospital system and additional experience with a regional medical liability company.

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Crown Books Grant To PG Foundation

Crown Books Foundation has given the Prince George's Community Foundation a grant to support early childhood programs in that part of the county inside the Beltway.

The mission of the Prince George's Community Foundation, a charitable, nonprofit organization, is to enhance the quality of life in Prince George's County. To accomplish this mission, the Foundation awards grants in three major areas: human services, education, and children and youth. For information, call 301-464-6706.

G&O Awarded Marine Contracts

Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc., a Greenbelt-based planning and engineering firm, has been selected for contracts to construct military housing at three Marine Corps bases - at Quantico, Virginia and Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. The contract fees could be worth over \$50 million.

The two bases in North Carolina had both been damaged by Hurricane Fran. Under contract to FEMA, G&O's structural engineers had helped create design standards which would make buildings better able to withstand storms - an advantage to G&O in competing for the contract.

Changes in Maryland Tax Returns Listed

Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein has advised taxpayers that the 1996 Maryland Income tax booklet, mailed to all taxpayers, contains a number of changes which affect many of them.

This year there is a new label which includes the taxpayer's name, address, and social security number. This label is now on the inside front cover of the booklet. The label should be affixed to the completed state return, if the information is correct. Using the label speeds refund checks.

A second change to the tax booklet places the most frequently used forms in the front of the booklet, making them easier to find.

Another change is that Form 502PE for senior citizens was eliminated this year, which will eliminate more than 100,000 pieces of paper from 1996 Maryland tax returns, according to Goldstein. Taxpayers no longer need to file a separate form to claim the pension exclusion, which was increased to a maximum of

\$14,400 for 1996. They simply complete a worksheet in the instructions and enter the result on the Maryland long form.

Volunteer firefighters and other qualified rescue or emergency medical personnel, for the first time, may subtract \$3,000 from their taxable income on their 1996 Maryland return if they are certified by a Maryland fire, rescue, or emergency services organization. The certification must be attached to the income tax return.

Parents who adopted a child in 1996 through a public or non-profit adoption agency may deduct up to \$3,000 in expenses for adopting a child with special needs, or up to \$2,000 for adopting a child without special needs. Additionally, some businesses may qualify for a new tax credit for creating jobs. This credit applies to those business entities that have been certified by the Secretary of Business and Economic Development as having created 60 qualified positions or 30 high-paying qualified positions.

Tax Offices Open On Presidents Day

State tax offices in New Carrollton and Upper Marlboro will remain open to offer free state income tax help on Monday, February 17, when most other government offices will be closed in observance of Presidents Day. Assistance will be provided from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The hours and phone numbers of these offices are listed on the back of the tax booklet mailed to taxpayers.

Residents can get walk-in tax

assistance, state tax forms and even have state employees complete their state returns free of charge. To obtain this last service, residents should bring a completed copy of their federal return and all W-2 statements.

Taxpayers can also e-mail state tax questions to the Comptroller's Office (taxhelp@comp.state.md.us) or visit the state website (www.comp.state.md.us).

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Amish Macaroni lb.	\$1²⁹



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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

A woman was walking to her residence in the 6000 block of Cherrywood Court on Monday, January 27, around 7 p.m. when she was approached by a man who produced a knife and demanded her wallet. When the woman stated she didn't have a wallet, the man grabbed a carry-all bag and ran to a parked vehicle. The woman ran to the car and grabbed the driver's side mirror and the car's antenna, possibly damaging both. The man is described as black, 6'0", in his mid 20's, medium build, wearing a mustard colored coat, blue jeans, brown boots, and a black baseball cap.

An 18-year-old resident woman was arrested, charged with assault, in an incident reported on Sunday, January 26, around 11 p.m. in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road. The woman and her roommate were having an argument when the roommate pulled a knife and tried to cut the woman. A struggle ensued with the woman breaking free. She picked up a vacuum cleaner and threw it at the roommate, striking her in the head. The roommate was treated at Prince George's General Hospital for minor head injuries. The woman was held on \$15,000 bond after appearing before a District Court Commissioner.

A man and woman were involved in an argument in a residence in the 6000 block of Springhill Drive on Sunday afternoon, January 26. During the argument the man picked up the woman, threw her to the ground and kicked and punched her. The man, a 36 year old resident, was charged with assault and released pending trial after appearing before a District Court Commissioner.

A loss prevention associate at Sports Authority observed two men steal merchandise from the store on Sunday afternoon, January 26. When the employee attempted to detain the men, they punched him several times and fled on foot toward the 6000 block of Breezewood Drive. The store employee reported no injuries.

Hotline on Drugs

The Greenbelt Police Department needs the help of residents. Any citizen with information about possible drug activity in the city is encouraged to call the Greenbelt Narcotics Hot Line at 507-6524. Callers may remain anonymous.

A 16 year old resident youth was arrested on Tuesday, January 28 around noon. The youth was charged with possession of an electronic pager on school property, and released pending action by the Board of Education and the Juvenile Justice System.

Officers responded to a report of unattended children in a residence in the 9300 block of Edmonston Road on Thursday, January 30, around 2:30 p.m. Two children, ages six and eight, were taken into custody and the mother notified. The woman, a 33 year old resident, upon arrival at the station, was charged with leaving children unsupervised and released on citation pending trial.

Thefts and Burglaries

A warrant has been issued for a 37 year old New Carrollton man in connection with a robbery reported December 1 in the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive. The warrant, charging the man with burglary, was turned over to the Prince George's Sheriff's Department for service.

The manager of Jasper's restaurant, 7401 Greenbelt Road, reported a counterfeit \$100 bill had been used to pay for a meal by an unknown customer on Thursday, January 30.

Other thefts reported include: a jacket, gloves, house and vehicle keys from a residence in the 45 Court of Ridge Road on Friday morning, January 24; computers from two office suites in the 6400 block of Golden Triangle Drive, on Monday morning, January 27; money from a cash drawer at Denny's Restaurant, 7500 block of Greenbelt Road, on Tuesday afternoon, January 28; a VCR from the Greenbelt Nursing Home and Rehabilitation

Substation-East

The new Greenbelt Police substation phone number is 474-4992. This number is for non-emergency calls only. The substation may not be staffed 24 hours per day, but there is an answering machine. Emergency police calls should be directed to the regular emergency number, 474-5454.

Center, 7000 block of Greenbelt Road, on Wednesday afternoon, January 29; and two newspaper vending machines from Beltway Plaza on Friday morning, January 31.

Vehicle Thefts and Recoveries

An officer responded to a report of a vehicle tampering in the 6000 block of Springhill Drive on Thursday, January 30, shortly after midnight. The officer located a man nearby fitting the description and in possession of a metal object believed to have been used on the vehicle. The man, a 21 year old resident, was also in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to package a controlled dangerous substance. The man was charged with possession of CDS paraphernalia and released on citation pending trial. The man was not charged with tampering because the vehicle belonged to his father, who did not press charges.

Other vehicle thefts reported include: a 1989 Chevrolet van, MD tags 557224M, from the 9100 block of Edmonston Terrace on Saturday, January 25, around 9 a.m.; a blue 1988 Mercedes Benz 300E four-door from the 7600 block of Mandan Road on Saturday, January 25, around 11 p.m.; and a black 1982 Toyota Corolla two-door, VA tags ZGR7653, from the 9300 block of Edmonston Road on Monday, January 27, around 8 a.m.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6100 block of Breezewood Court, 9100 block of Edmonston Court, 9100 block of Edmonston Road, 6000 and 7500 blocks of Greenbelt Road, 6900 and 7300 blocks of Hanover

S.A.T. Preparation Classes Offered

Through the Adult Continuing Education program, the Prince George's County School system is offering preparation classes at local public high schools for the Scholastic Assessment Test (S.A.T.), to be given on May 3. Classes will meet two days a week, two hours each day, for five weeks. For the math portion of the S.A.T., a background of Algebra I and Plane Geometry is necessary.

S.A.T. preparation classes will be held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:25 - 6:25 p.m., starting March 18. The registration deadline is February 12.

Classes are open to all county residents grade 10 and above. Classes are a minimum size of 15 students. There is a fee. Public school students may register in their Guidance Office and make payment (by money order or certified check only) to their school. Non-public school students can mail their name, address, home and work phone number, name of the school where one wants to attend the S.A.T. preparation class and a money order or certified check, payable to PGCPSS, to Belair Annex - Adult Education, 3021 Belair Drive, Bowie, MD 20715.

S.A.T. preparation classes will be held on other days of the week, including Saturday, at different county high schools for those unable to attend the Tuesday/Thursday sessions at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. For questions or more information call the School Board's Adult Education Office at 301-805-2715.

Cancer Society Needs Volunteers

The American Cancer Society needs volunteers. The main objective is to provide information to the public about cancer. There are volunteer positions open for clerical help, drivers, speakers, board members and fundraisers. Please call Amy Goodwin for information at 301-833-8350.

Parkway, 8100 block of Mandan Road, 22 Court of Ridge Road, 9100 block of Springhill Court, 6100 block of Springhill Terrace.



Greenbelt Municipal Access TV Channel B-10 Schedule

Monday, February 10 at 8pm
City Council Meeting "live"

Tuesday and Thursday, February 9 & 11

6:00 pm "The Audrey Scott Show"

County council member Scott visits the P.G. County Office of Central Services.

6:30 pm "People and Places"

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CENTER MALL

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There would be low hedges on three sides of those closest to Centerway, with the open edge providing access to benches and tables. White felt that the opening should be on the outside, closest to the store fronts, so that users of the spaces would not be tempted to break through the hedge. All councilmembers seemed to concur that planned openings in strategic locations in the hedges would be desirable.

Council Responses

In responding to the two sketches Bradley-Papp presented, every member of council opted for the first, which White labeled "minimalist." Members of the community were "concerned and fearful of changes," Councilmember Edward Putens said.

The mayor agreed. People want to keep the feeling and look of the place the way it is, she said. "There's a certain fear that the look of the city would be changed." On the other hand, she urged that repair of the statue itself should be "the Number One concern." The second should be replacement of the bomanite and of the trees, as they die.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts was particularly adamant that the set of stairs to the lower level not be replaced. "Why spend money to replace them?" he asked. "I can't see a grand entrance (to the Center) that comes up to the statue from behind," he continued. "As it is, the entire area is trashed," he charged, by loiterers who hang around the Center at night."

Phasing in Renovation

Throughout the discussion, members of council had their eyes on the potential costs of redoing the Center. Each one in turn talked of "phasing in" the

renovation. Yet that concept raised its own problems.

"How can we replace it in pieces?" Councilmember Judith Davis asked. "How can we replace the pavement piecemeal?"

Bradley-Papp agreed. "From a construction standpoint, how could it be phased in? I would recommend pulling the band aid off quickly," she said.

Her image appealed to the councilmembers, and to GHI's president, Alan Turnbull, who attended the meeting on his own behalf and not as representing the housing cooperative. It would be better, he suggested, to face the upheaval all at once and finish with it than to drag it out over a long period of time.

Virginia Beauchamp suggested that council reconsider the idea of keeping the present steep staircase along the Co-op wall. "It is ugly," she pointed out, "and it is dangerous—especially with an aging population."

After Bradley-Papp prepares her finished design, she will be invited to present it at a full public hearing at a regular city council meeting.

Valentine Tea

Marietta Mansion will host a Valentine's Tea on Sunday afternoon, February 16. There is a small fee, which will include a tour of the mansion. Reservations are required. For information call 301-464-5291. Marietta Mansion is located at 5626 Bell Station Road in Glenn Dale.

Marietta Mansion is a facility of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Parks and Recreation Department, Natural and Historical Resources Division.

GHI Hears Proposals Re Home Sitters and Yards

by Mary Moien

The Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) met on January 23. Topics for the evening included plans for the House and Garden tour, a presentation by a homes-sitter service for homes for sale, and the setting of the schedule for the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting

After a discussion of the pros and cons of having the GHI annual meeting on a weeknight versus a weekend day, it was proposed that this year's meeting be held on Thursday night May 15. The manager's office will investigate the availability of the community center auditorium and the school auditorium for that date.

House and Garden Tour

Isaac Robinson of the Architecture and Environment Committee updated the board on plans for the 1997 House and Garden tour. It will be held on Sunday May 4 from noon to 5 p.m. Robinson was asked to provide the board with a list of costs associated with the tour.

Home-Sitters Service

Leslie Hutchinson of Home Sitters, Inc. made a presentation about the services her company provides. The company places military executives and other people transferring into an area in homes that are for sale, to serve as home sitters when owners have moved out, and to be available while a home is being actively marketed for sale. Hutchinson commented that real estate agents are becoming less likely to show empty houses to prospective buyers.

In addition, a furnished lived-in home often sells faster than an empty home. The board expressed some interest in this program and may contact Hutchinson with additional questions in the future.

Yard Lines

The GHI Woodlands Committee submitted a report regarding yard lines abutting common areas. The committee noted the existence of two types of violations: formal violations in the form of fences or sheds beyond the official property line, and informal violations in the form of dumping leaves, etc. in the common areas. The committee asked the board to enforce the guidelines regarding yard lines. Board member Betty Deitch recommended that side yards be included in inspections also. Board member Nat Shinderman proposed putting in permanent identification markers of yard lines. This report will be discussed in more detail at a future board meeting.

Donations

Two requests for donations were discussed and approved. The first involved a donation to help secure the purchase and conservation of the Seton Belt Woods., a 515-acre tract off of Central Avenue. Although not a Greenbelt-specific issue, it was noted that these woods contain some of the oldest trees on the east coast. Shinderman commented that he regrets every day the decades-old decision to sell hundreds of acres of the undeveloped Green Belt. He encouraged GHI and individual members to contribute to this cause if possible. The

board voted to donate \$250 to the cause.

Last year, GHI donated \$300 to the Academic Achievement Program -a program to motivate and reward students at Greenbelt schools who do well in school. Board member Bill Phelan, who has children in the local schools, indicated that he felt that the program had been successful. The board approved a motion to donate \$300 again this year.

ACE Sponsors Buy-A-Book Program

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) has begun a "Buy-A-Book Program." The purpose of this program is to give parents, grandparents, friends and civic groups in the community an opportunity to make a contribution to their schools' library collections in order to improve educational resources available to the children.

ACE has collected wish lists for books from the schools which have included desired book titles with the number of copies needed. ACE provided copies of these lists to the two local book stores, Crown Books at Greenway Center and Bookland at Beltway Plaza. Participants in this program can find these lists in the bookstores where they could purchase books to donate to their schools. Schools have been provided with bookplates for donors to honor a special student or use for memorials.

According to Librarian Monica Pittman, Greenbelt Elementary School has already received several books from this program and is hoping to receive more.

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Scottish Dance Group Holds Inaugural Ball

The St. Columba's Scottish country Dance Group held its second annual inaugural ball Tuesday night, January 21, at the dance studio in the Community Center. Lively music was provided by Jeff Steinberg, fiddle; Liz Donaldson, accordion; and Dave Weisler, piano.

People came dressed in their fancy clothes, including kilts. They all danced traditional Scottish dances, some fast, a few slow, all with grace and obvious enjoyment. Scottish country dancing is unique because it is both the folk and formal ballroom dancing of Scotland. There are four types of dances—three quick time-reels, jigs and hornpipes and one slow time-strathspeys.

The St. Columba's group teaches Scottish dancing on Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. in the Community Center dance studio. Their next gala will be a Valentine Dance Party on Tuesday, February 11 in the Community Center gym. There will be a jam session with many groups participating. So far, 25 musicians have signed up. There is a fee.



Scottish dancers do a rondel at the Inauguration Ball held at the Greenbelt Community Center. Sandy Menzies and Richard Hunter are the couple in the right foreground.

- photo by Keith Zevallos



Pam Stephens and Allistair Latamore dancing one of the figures found in many Scottish dances.

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Blaine Peet dances with baby son Connor at the Inauguration Ball.

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Jim Mielke and Lisa Hicks are dancing a small allemande. In the background are Blaine Peet and Moire Queen.

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Spotlight on the Arts Center Science Fiction Valentine at GAC

by Suzanne Zappasodi
Mark Twain and Jack Vance on a Valentine's Day program? Not many people would associate the old Mississippi River curmudgeon and a science fiction writer with stories of courtship and marriage. But Jim Lochner has promised an unusual and thought-provoking love fest as his troupe of storytellers play Cupid with "Stories from the Heart," the next program of the Words Alive! Readers Theater at Greenbelt Arts Center next Monday evening, February 10, at 8 p.m.

The international romance collection will also include folk tales and original anecdotes. Meet a woman who undergoes a dangerous ordeal, an evasive princess, some happy husbands, two guys who have trouble with their pants, and a rather perceptive owl.

Besides Lochner, Jan Brenner and Tim Livengood have been performing together (along with Lu Sifer) for the past year as the Goddard Storytellers at the New Deal Cafe, local bookstores, schools and festivals. Margaret and Ralph Cheatham, Mary Welch, Diane Temple, Tom Stamp, and Lochner are members of Voices in the Glen, a guild of 38 performing storytellers active in the Washington metro area, with monthly swaps and a fall festival.

Trouble in Arcadia

Director Ginny Zanner has lost her technical director for Arcadia, due to unavoidable circumstances. This is not really a problem for the ubiquitous Ms. G., however. There have been rumors that she

An Evening Planned For Love & the Arts

by Konrad Herling

So what are you doing Valentine's Day? Why not drop by the Greenbelt Arts Center and enjoy the music and dance of The Rosebud Musical Theater Company as it presents "I Bring You a Love Song," Friday, February 14 and Saturday, February 15. The two evening performances feature the 15-member troupe performing many of the popular tunes of the 1930s and '40s. This is but the latest in a long-running series of historical programs produced by Rosebud. Tunes from the Roaring '20s, the Civil War Period, and Ragtime have been featured throughout the organization's nearly twenty years; but this is the first time a program focused on romance has been done. Alice Mignery, director of the company, says "The challenge is making the history come alive, but it's also what makes it so much fun."

The Valentine's program will focus on the '30s and '40s, featuring a number of Irving Berlin's most popular tunes, including "Always," and "Embraceable You." Other tunes will include "Two Sleepy People," "Cuddle Up a Little Closer," "My Funny Valentine," "My Wild Rose," "Sing to Love," and "It Had to Be You."

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taught drama to the Almighty, so she certainly can design and execute lights and sound. But she needs volunteer technicians with some experience with electricity and theatrical sound and lights, and who are not afraid of ladders.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

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Welcome kits were also considered a good idea, and McLaughlin indicated that staff had been considering such kits for several years. The problem was finding the money, he said. CRAB suggested that businesses might be willing to sponsor the kits, and Davis added that individual Greenbelt communities might want to create their own kits with the help of the city.

Council also agreed to look into the question of foreign films and lectures, to encourage greater ethnic participation in the Labor Day festivities, and to consider holding city council meetings outside of Old Greenbelt.

Problem of Racism

Abby Crowley argued that CRAB's suggestions only dealt with surface issues. "No amount of tasting other people's food and no amount of listening to other people's songs will get to the problem, because the problem is racism," she said. Crowley stated that the city needs to sponsor "really intense discussions" on racism. Later in the meeting, Crowley also suggested that the city should actively search out people of color to serve on committees.

In response to Crowley's criticisms, Bram asked CRAB member Booker Hughes, who is black, whether he believed Greenbelt was a racist community. Hughes responded that he had encountered racism during his time in Greenbelt, but he had also encountered tolerance. He added that he has seen a change in Greenbelt during his 28 years

here which "tells me that Greenbelt is moving toward the kind of ideal that was projected by those who founded Greenbelt."

Hughes said that his "pet peeve" is not blatant racism. Crime in Greenbelt, he said, "tends toward one or two ethnic groups. This is very unfortunate. I think we should be working toward getting rid of crime."

The Rev. Whit Hutchison, pastor of the Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, also felt that the city was pursuing the wrong goals. Following the discussion of a community calendar, Hutchison said, "What really changes attitudes — and, in the long run, behavior — is not information." If ethnic activities are publicized in a calendar, he said, "those people who have already decided that diversity is a great thing will participate; those people who fear diversity won't come."

Instead, he suggested, the city should concentrate on sponsoring

activities that are not necessarily concerned with issues of cultural diversity, but that would bring together people from different backgrounds. Hutchison told the story of how his parents tried to encourage cultural awareness in the small town where they live. All of their attempts failed until the town become involved in a Habitat for Humanity project in which residents gathered together in order to build houses for the poor. "Some of the most outspoken, racist people came out and hammered nails," said Hutchison. The project forced such people to become acquainted with community members of other backgrounds.

"I think that we understand people when we do something together," Hutchison concluded. "Some smaller-scale projects in which people would in some way get together to do something, maybe not having anything directly to do with racism, can have the by-product of helping people know each other." Such projects, he said, might help Greenbelters "cross the lines in the sand."



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Pre-race weigh-in - a car is checked for excess weight at Pinewood Derby.

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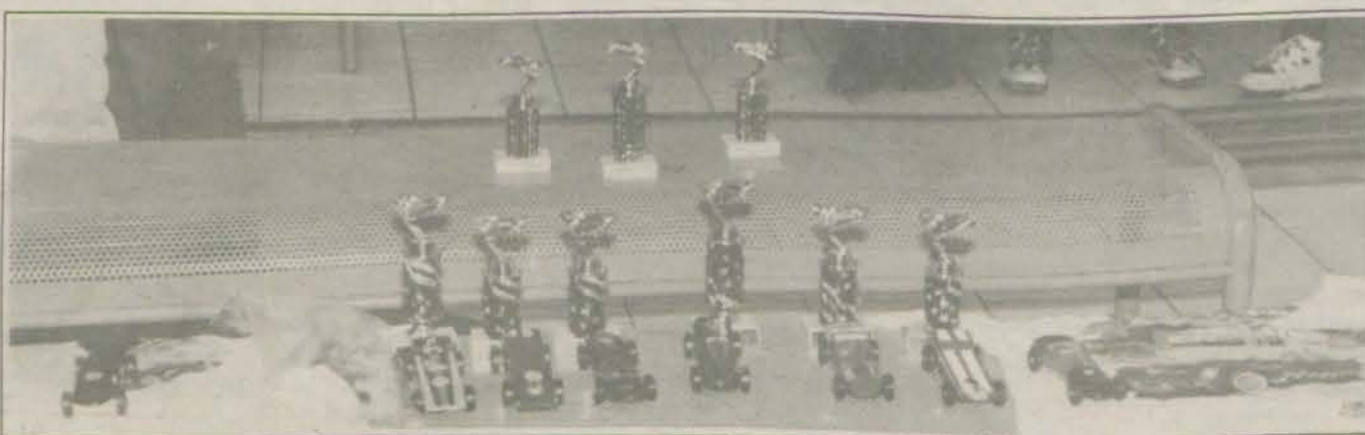
"And they're off..." The cars leave the starting line in one heat of the Pinewood Derby.

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Zach Yokel of Greenbelt and his car, the ORCA 3, took fourth place Webelos 1. Zach took first place in his pack.

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The Winners Circle at the Pinewood Derby at Beltway Plaza.

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