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Beat The Rush

Please give us your copy on Mondays or at least by noon on Tuesdays. We are trying not to get swamped Tuesday nights.

Council Vote on Center Contract Raises Questions on Ethics

by Diane Oberg

At its March 9 regular meeting the Greenbelt City Council granted a contract for design and coordination of the renovations to Roosevelt Center, discussed an apparent conflict between the city charter and state ethics law, and received a petition calling for lighting city ballfields.

Roosevelt Center

Bradley-Papp Landscape Architecture was awarded a \$16,000 contract to prepare design documents and provide project coordination during the renovation of Roosevelt Center. An addendum to the contract is planned which will involve work to coordinate repairs to the Mother and Child Statue. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that Bradley-Papp's responsibilities regarding the statue will be those of project manager, to identify and resolve issues involved in the renovation, "run down" possible grants, etc. Over the years, he noted, staff has attempted to perform these tasks, but they always got derailed by other priorities. At the suggestion of Councilmember Rodney Roberts, the addendum will in-

clude similar responsibilities regarding replacement of the theater marquee.

The contract was easily approved on a 4-0 vote after council struggled once again with the issue of under what conditions can a councilmember abstain from voting. The city's charter

Council discussed an apparent conflict between the city charter and state ethics law.

requires councilmembers to vote on all issues before them. Councilmember Alan Turnbull noted that Sharon Bradley-Papp was involved, in a significant manner, in his campaign for council. Thus, since the contract proposal would benefit her personally, he had consulted with City Solicitor Robert Manzi who agreed that Turnbull should recuse himself from voting on the contract award under the state ethics law.

This did not sit well with

some of Turnbull's colleagues. Councilmember Thomas White disagreed with Turnbull's action and cited the city charter. However, Manzi quickly disagreed. He pointed out that the city's charter predates the state ethics law, which, he said, requires all municipalities to comply and to pass laws that are the same as the state law. Greenbelt has never passed its own ethics law, Manzi found. While Manzi thought that the "catchall" clause in the state law was overly broad and that council may want to seek revision, that provision is currently the law. He did not see Turnbull's action as setting a precedent that would bar voting on actions involving simple campaign contributions, for example a contributor who appeared before council seeking support for a volunteer organization in which the contributor is active. Turnbull's situation involved personal financial gain for someone who was significantly involved in his campaign.

White clarified his position, saying that while he had "an ap-

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City and WMATA Discuss Buses, Bus Routes, Shelters and Stops

by Virginia Beauchamp

A free-wheeling discussion concerning buses, bus routes, bus shelters, and bus stops in Greenbelt involving the Greenbelt City Council and representatives of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) took place on Wednesday, March 11 at a council work session. By the time the exploration was over, all questions seemed to have been raised and a good many of them answered.

Representing WMATA were Kevin Bender, bus operations analyst; David Erion, bus operations specialist, Office of Planning; and Gene Counihan, Government Relations Officer for Maryland. All members of council were also present, as

were Leonie Penney and Pearl Siegel from the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee. Later Judy Goldstein, speaking as a bus rider, also joined the discussion.

Penney and Siegel raised what they considered a major safety issue—buses that speed through the city "not paying attention to the rules." They don't stop for flashing lights, especially at the

Councilman Thomas White decried the "shabbiest bus stop in the Metro area."

Crescent Rd.-Northway intersection, they charged. Celia Craze, director of Planning and Community Development, confirmed that radar checks showed buses regularly exceeding the speed limit.

Erion, who said drivers are supposed to follow regulations, agreed to ask the state supervisor "to focus resources on this problem." If citizens observe buses in violation, they can call the Customer Service Office, he said, at 202-637-1328. Providing the bus route number and time and place of the occurrence would facilitate proper disciplinary action, he observed.

Councilmember Alan Turnbull wondered if the route timetable is "realistic." He believed that buses leaving Greenbelt Center for the Metro

station are trying to recover time lost elsewhere enroute.

Bus Sizes

"Buses are the largest vehicles on our streets," commented Councilmember Thomas White. He wondered if many were not too large, especially during off-peak hours. But Erion claimed that checks of ridership numbers to see if service is adequate indicate that no changes are needed at present on the routes that serve Greenbelt. The system has a limited number of smaller buses, he said, although 50 more will be added soon for use where appropriate. He commented that bus sizes must meet the ridership needs at the route's point of maximum load.

Dangerous Bus Stop

Councilmember Ed Putens raised the issue of what all consider a dangerous bus stop—on a traffic island in Greenbelt Rd. which is part of the exit ramp from the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The stop is opposite the entrance to the Greenway Shopping Center, with no crosswalks and eight lanes of pavement to get across.

Once management of the shopping center no longer allowed buses to enter the area—primarily because pavement on the internal driveways would not support such heavy vehicles—customers waiting for buses were put at risk.

"It's an unsafe location,"

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2nd Greenbelt Teen Fair Draws Over 150 People

by Dennis Jelalian

On Saturday March 14, Janet Goldberg, recreation coordinator for the Greenbelt Recreation Department, hosted the second annual Greenbelt Teenage Fair. A couple of years ago, Goldberg read that some 3,000 students had not completed their required community service hours for high school graduation. Goldberg planned the first Teenage Fair to help students meet their community service requirements. Young people also need jobs and other services.

Goldberg also included the Greenbelt Moving Ahead (GMA) program, which she also sponsors, as part of the Teenage Fair. GMA offers academic counseling and tutoring, help with job and college applications, financial aid information, and guides for taking SAT exams.

This year's fair featured community service recruiters from the City of Greenbelt, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer Maryland, and Greenbelt Park.

Other community service organizations which were unable to attend, but left sign up sheets, included Greenbelt Adult Care Center, Goddard (NASA), Prince George's County American Red Cross, Greenbelt Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, National Civilian Community Center, Head Start and the Boy Scouts.

A number of firms offered jobs, including the City of Greenbelt, the City of Takoma Park, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), the U.S. Marines, and Dunkin Donuts.

Other firms offering jobs but unable to attend left sign up sheets, including Popeye's, Gold's Gym, AMC Theatres, Baskin Robbins, Boston Market, Private Industry Council, Einstein Bagels, CVS Pharmacy, Chevy Chase Bank, Checkers,

NationsBank, Wendy's, and Adventure World.

Refreshments for the Teenage Fair were donated by the Co-op, Giant, Safeway, Party City, Dunkin Donuts, 3 Brothers Pizza, Beltway Plaza, and 7-Eleven.

Speakers

Athletes Debbie Skelly and Ernie Graham were the guest speakers. Skelly spoke about her decision to quit school, get married and have children, and how hard it was to go back to school to finish her degree.

Graham spoke about being a poor student and his problems with substance abuse. He said it took him 20 years to stop substance abuse, straighten out his life and complete his degree. He is no longer ashamed of his past.

Both athletes encouraged the teens to stay in school as long as possible and get as much education as possible.

The Fair drew about 100 students from a fairly wide area. Darryl Baird of Bladensburg and Tamisha Hamlet of Riverdale both came to seek jobs. Baird would like to join the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and become a barber. He said he didn't have time to talk to the Bladensburg Fire Department.

Hamlet just wants a part time job for now. She filled out nine applications. Both said the fair was helpful, and gave them opportunities they would not otherwise have had.

Kimberly Jenkins and Danielle Brooks, seniors at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) were both looking for jobs. Jenkins wants to go to college full-time and work part-time. She said the Fair had too many volunteer opportunities and not enough job possibilities. Her career goal is to manage a health care facility.

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CFG Looks at Its Future

Citizens for Greenbelt will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, March 31 at 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. The featured topic will be the future of the organization. In the past CFG has worked with local, county, and state officials regarding numerous issues, such as blocking construction of the Inter-County Connector and opposing the proposed widening of Kenilworth Avenue. The meeting's agenda will explore what other issues the group should undertake, or whether the organization should dissolve.

CFG has helped citizens to better understand the events, legislation and planning proposals which affect the environment. This becomes especially critical in light of the financial, legal, marketing and planning resources

of the development community to produce well-coordinated, smooth presentations to city, county and state officials.

Although development and highway proposals, which derive from both private and public sectors, will not automatically adversely affect the lives of Greenbelters, CFG board members Jim Inzeo, Konrad Herling, Ruth Bond, Barry Schlesinger, and Helen Meleny believe the organization gives Greenbelters a chance to listen to all points of view and then make a balanced evaluation of such proposals.

All those who want CFG to continue should attend the annual meeting on March 31, where they can participate in deciding the future of Citizens for Greenbelt.

What Goes On

Mon., March 23 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Tues., March 24, 7 p.m. A.C.E. Meeting, Municipal Building.
Wed., March 25, 8 p.m. City Council Worksession with Springhill Lake apartment owners and management, Community Center
Thurs., March 26, 8 p.m. City Council Worksession with Beltway Plaza (tentative), Municipal Building

Letters to the Editor

Greenbelt Flag Finds New Home

The day our new service-side deck (with framework for vines and hanging plants) was finished by our contractor, Paul Remenick, we were surprised to receive a half-size Greenbelt flag in the mail from Washington state. Paul had already agreed to hang a flagpole on the new framework. And the Greenbelt flag had been designed by a friend of ours, Mary England (then Mary Clare Bonham), years ago when she was a Greenbelt teenager. So we were delighted with the gift — but still surprised.

The next day the explanation arrived in the mail from Rosemary Bridge, a friend and former Greenbelt neighbor, who now lives in Sequim, Washington. It seems that many years ago, another Greenbelt resident owned a sailboat, which he registered with Greenbelt as her home port (though we doubt the boat ever wet her bottom in Greenbelt Lake)! The owner asked Rosemary to produce the Greenbelt flag in half size to fly on his boat. She did so, and produced a spare at the same time. The spare traveled with Rosemary to Washington state when she moved there some years ago.

When Rosemary received our latest annual letter and read of our plans for house and garden improvements, she knew she'd found a home for her Greenbelt flag. While our garden won't be ready to join the show until next spring, we hope to have Rosemary Bridge's Greenbelt flag up and flying in 10 Court Southway by House and Garden Day — May 6, 1998!

Bruce Bowman and
Barbara Starbird

Thank You

I would like to thank the Golden Age Club, the Aquatic Exercise Group and all the people in this town (the wonderful town of Greenbelt) for all the sincere cards and good wishes for a recovery for my husband, Raymond! At this point my family and I are very hopeful.

Rose Haber

Thank You, Teens

The 2nd annual Greenbelt Teenage Fair was successfully held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Saturday, March 14. I wish to thank the Greenbelt News Review for their publicity and frequent coverage of the Fair. I also wish to thank the 97 teenagers and 60 parents and other related adults for attending the Fair. Many teenage participants were able to make contacts with the private sector organizations for summer and weekend jobs and community service organizations for community service jobs.

Many teenage participants expressed an interest in an internship program which we hope to have in place by Fall '98. Thanks to the teenagers who expressed interest in the Fall '98 Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program (GMA). I encourage teenagers to participate in the current ongoing GMA program every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Additional thanks are given to the Greenbelt Middle School and the area high schools for publicizing the Fair. Also special thanks are given to the businesses that donated gift certificates or merchandise so that plentiful food (including pizza) and soft drinks were provided to all participants.

The Recreation Department is looking forward to the 3rd annual Greenbelt Teenage Fair next year.

Janet Goldberg
Recreation Coordinator

What on Earth?

What on Earth is wrong with our city council? Are they completely ignorant of simple economics? They must be; otherwise, I can not understand their continued opposition to the Federal Government's bringing highly paid, professional jobs to facilities in and around Greenbelt. I guess that they think that this is still the sleepy little town they grew up in and that the city can thrive as merely a bedroom community — but of course without any of those nasty highways. Well, times have changed and so has Greenbelt.

Greenbelt is home to two of the leading Earth science and agricultural research organizations in the entire world. In case the prestige is not enough, consider that NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center and the USDA's Beltsville Agricultural Research Center have combined annual budgets of around \$3 billion. That's billion with a "b." The salaries paid to the over 10,000, mostly professional, people who are employed at these facilities are well over \$500 million annually. If each of these people spends just \$5 a day on lunch in our community, our local economy receives over \$10 million a year — providing jobs for many more of our neighbors. The additional 1,500 jobs created by USDA in nearby Beltsville and the 1,200 jobs expected at the new Earth Science Center near NASA will bring at least another \$200 million in salaries (and another couple of million in lunch money) to our area. And yet our city council is opposed. I guess they secretly welcomed the attempt in Congress a few years ago to move Goddard's mission to California.

The council's argument seems to be that our roads can not handle all these people, yet they oppose the construction of badly needed new highways and the improvement of existing ones. They fight the opening of new restaurants and the construction of new stores. They clearly do not understand that Greenbelt is no longer a bedroom suburb, but a growing edge city. To compete and thrive as such, our city needs the new jobs, especially the kind of jobs USDA, NASA, and NOAA are creating. And we need convenient transportation like the intercounty connector (ICC) and the widened Kenilworth Avenue to link us with other Maryland edge cities. But most of all we need a city council with a vision of the future, not just nostalgia for the past. The alternative is to watch Greenbelt be passed by and suffer the fate of other once thriving urban pockets around Washington such as Bladensburg and downtown Silver Spring. While no

one wants Greenbelt to turn into another Tyson's Corner, I doubt that many of us would object to its becoming another Bethesda.

In fairness to our city council, I must note that they mostly hear from the vocal minority of NIMBYs. So this is my raised voice for a growing and dynamic Greenbelt. I urge my neighbors who agree with me to make their voices heard. Remember that poll after poll showed that over 80% of the citizens of northern Prince George's and eastern Montgomery counties favored the ICC. Yet the vocal minority appear to have prevailed. Let's not let the same thing happen to Greenbelt's future.

Leo J. Cotnoir

Patuxent Refuge Education Programs

Patuxent Research Refuge's North Tract on Rt. 198 in Laurel offer the following programs for children and adults. All programs are free but require advance registration. Please call 410-674-3304 for information.

Children's Programs

Making Sense of Nature - March 22, 2 - 3 p.m., ages 5 - 12. Discover nature by using senses of smell, touch, sight and hearing on this guided walk.

Circle of Life - March 23, 10 - 11 a.m., ages 5 - 12. Discover the importance of things which are no longer living and how they help the living things survive by completing the circle of life.

Going Batty !!! - March 25, 2 - 3 p.m., ages 5 - 12. Discover the myths surrounding bats and the beneficial role they play in the environment.

Snags Alive!!! - March 27, 10 - 11 a.m., ages 5 - 12. Discover the role that snags, hollow trees and rotting logs play in the forest ecosystem, and the wildlife habitat they provide.

Spring has Sprung - March 29, 10 - 11 a.m., ages 5 - 12. Explore the changes that take place as winter changes to spring and how wildlife adjusts to these changes.

Hide-n-Seek - March 29, 2 - 3 p.m., ages 5 - 12. Discover animals that have camouflage for protection from predators.

Fly Away Home - March 30, 10 - 11 a.m., ages 5 - 12. Discover why birds migrate and the difficulties they face on their journey.

Adult Programs

Birdwalks - March 29, 7 - 10 a.m., ages 12 and older. Identify the spring birds of the refuge on these guided walks. Bring binoculars and field guides.

Hawk Walk - March 21, 9 - 11 a.m., ages 16 and older. Search the skies for these birds of prey on this guided walk. Bring binoculars and field guides.

Wild Edible Plant Walk - March 22, 9 - noon, ages 18 and older. Discover some of the potential uses of, and how to identify wild plants on this guided walk.

Volunteer at Home

Davis Memorial Goodwill Industries is seeking individuals who are interested in performing various volunteer jobs in their own homes. Opportunities are also available for people interested in volunteering at Goodwill office, retail and special-event locations. To find out more about these opportunities, call 202-636-4225, ext. 1257.

The Old Curmudgeon

by I. J. Parker

Whenever I shop at the Co-op food store in Greenbelt, the cashier asks me if I have a number. I reply, no I haven't. But I always am tempted to tell her why I don't belong to the Co-op, even though I am pro-cooperative.

Many years ago, when I worked for the News Review (then called the Cooperator), covering and reporting meetings was my beat. There were the City Council, the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation and the Greenbelt Co-op board and membership meetings.

At that time, the Co-op was the only business enterprise in town, except for the bank. It operated the food and grocery store, the pharmacy, a gas station, a movie theater, the barbershop and even the shoe repair shop! A Co-op credit union also was located in the Center.

(I think the Ben Franklin store operated by Harry Weiner came later.)

One evening I was attending a Co-op board meeting, held in its offices above where the 7-11 is now located. There was something serious going on, I had heard. But the Board and the Co-op manager asked me to leave the room because they were going into "executive session." I cooled my heels in the ante-room where the receptionist sat, and read Co-op literature, mostly about the Rochdale co-op movement, which originated in England.

I later learned that the Board had approved a deal with a big institu-

Faculty and Student Art Show at UMUC

University of Maryland University College (UMUC) is exhibiting "UMUC Art Faculty and Students" through April 3, at UMUC's Maryland Community Gallery, College Park.

The exhibit will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This exhibition of paintings and works on paper showcases UMUC's talented art faculty and students, including works by artists Patrick Craig and Jack Dillinger.

For further information contact UMUC's Arts Program curator, Dena Crosson, at 301-985-7822.

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

Garden Club Offers Flower Slide Show

In a presentation on Wednesday, March 25, entitled "The Joy of Photographing Flowers," long-time nature photographer John W. Boretos will show many slides of garden flowers and wild flowers that he has taken around the country. The slides will vary in scope from fields of blooms to highly magnified views of petals, stamens, anthers and pollen. He will also share some of his experiences and secrets learned in his 25 years as a photographer.

The presentation will be part of a meeting of the Beltsville Garden Club. The club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Duckworth School at 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville. Refreshments and door prizes will follow the meeting. Admission is free and the public is invited. For more information, call 301-384-2415.

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The Golden Age Club is truly coming alive this spring. Members who attended the March 11 meeting learned some helpful safety information from Officer Britt Cave of the Greenbelt Police Dept. to whom the club says thanks. The speaker scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, will be Peter Renzi whose subject will be "Recent Tax Changes."

The annual Senior Ice Cream Social was a big success thanks to Karen Haseley and her committee. Seniors enjoyed the Cantati Quartet, pianist Jeff Jefferson and three very talented singers, a soprano, tenor and bass, who gave beautiful renditions of popular tunes (including a few Irish ones) and selections from Broadway shows and operas. Plus the DJ led the seniors in a variety of line and contra dances. All this and ice cream sundaes too! Great fun!!

Interested members should be deciding which trees to order from a list of available varieties. The club retains a portion of each purchase price on all orders placed through the club. See Mary Gardner for more information.

Another thank you to the Travel Committee for a fun trip to Toby's Dinner Theater's pro-

Student Success Talk at NASA

A special presentation on education by Dr. Robert Rice, assistant superintendent, Maryland State Department of Education, will be held on Thursday, March 26, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), Building 26, Room 205. Dr. Rice will discuss state strategies and community involvement that improve student success. Everyone is welcome. Individuals needing access at the GSFC Main Gate should have security call Julie at 301-286-2772.

Greenbelt Post Office Increases Service

The Greenbelt Post Office has increased service hours. The new hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday.

The Post Office now opens one half hour earlier daily and closes one half hour later on Saturday.

duction of "Oliver." The play and the food are highly recommended. The next trip is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14. Come to the meetings to get more information and to sign up.

Cathy Holcomb and Shirley Dwyer are taking reservations for the annual Golden Age Luncheon on Wednesday, April 29. It will be held at E.J.'s Landing Restaurant in the College Park Best Western Motel.

This reporter missed the trip to the Military Women's Memorial, but sends congratulations to those members whose names are engraved there: President Irene Hensel, Historian Verna Maree, Pat Parker and Past President Ruthlee Kolbe. Ruthlee says she sent for and received a certificate which she will frame and treasure.

Don't forget to bring your Flea Market items to the Senior Lounge. Help will be needed later to sort and price everything.

Bicycle Classes

In conjunction with the Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition, the city's Recreation Department is offering bicycle-related classes beginning this month. Included are lecture and hands-on workshop courses in bicycle mechanics and repair.

The classes will be held in the Youth Center. Classes begin Monday, March 23; registration is now in progress. For exact course schedules and fees, see the Recreation Department's spring brochure or call the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200 or the Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition at 301-345-3062.

Study Circle on Race To Meet at ERHS

Sponsored by the Prince George's County Human Relations Commission, a series of dialogues, called study circles, will be held on the topic of race relations.

In Greenbelt, the study circle will meet at Eleanor Roosevelt High School Tuesday evenings March 24 and 31, and April 14, 21 and 28, all from 6 - 8 p.m.

Foreign Policy Topics Discussed by Group

A discussion group based on the 1998 Great Decisions book published by the Foreign Policy Association is currently in progress in Greenbelt and welcomes interested persons to join in the dialogue. The group is meeting at 7 p.m. each Monday evening through April 27 in Windsor Green as a function of the Maryland Area Committee of the United Nations Association - National Capital Area (UNA-NCA). Topics remaining in the series for this year are: 1) Human Rights - What Role in U.S. Policy?; 2) Cuba - Time to Rethink U.S. Strategy?; 3) Africa Today - Worst of Times, Best of Times; 4) Financing Development - Time for a New Look? 5) Turkey - Emerging Regional Power or State in Crisis? and 6) Religion's Role in World Affairs - Challenges for the U.S. Those who would like to take part in this exchange of ideas regarding contemporary issues may call 301-345-8325 for additional information.

Fitness Consultant To Address Lions

Nationally known fitness consultant Robert Selby is scheduled to speak to the Greenbelt Lions Club on Monday, March 23 at the E.J.'s Landing Restaurant in the Best Western Hotel, 8601 Baltimore Blvd., College Park.

Selby's program is entitled "Fit for Success." He will speak on the hottest topics for the '90s including professional burnout and how to beat it, avoiding the stress crisis, the myths about diet and exercise, decreasing low back pain in minutes a day, and the value of being physically fit.

The public is invited to attend at 7:15 p.m. For information and reservations call 301-474-5156.

At the Library

Tuesday, March 24, 7 p.m., babysitting workshop: basics for ages 12-19. Registration is required.

Wednesday, March 25, 7 p.m., P.J. Storytime, ages 4-6.

Thursday, March 26, 10:15 a.m., Drop-In Storytime, ages 3-5. 11:15 a.m., Tickly Toddle Storytime, age 2 and parent or caregiver.

Peace Caucus Helps Resolve Conflicts

Learn how to resolve conflicts and deal with everyday potentially violent situations at a forum to be held on Wednesday, March 31, from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Community Center Multipurpose Room. The program is sponsored by the Prince George's Peace and Justice Caucus and will feature skits, audience participation, discussion and handouts.

For more information call the Peace and Justice Caucus at 301-474-1353 or 301-345-7651.



REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL ROOM

MARCH 23, 1998 - 8:00 P.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
 - Community Center Windows Video
 - GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award FY 1997
 - City Manager's Proposed FY 1999 Budget

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

- * - 4-Cities Briefing, March 5, 1998
- * - Regular Meeting, March 9, 1998
- * - Work Session, March 11, 1998
- Executive Session, March 11, 1998
- Executive Session, March 16, 1998

9. Administrative Reports

- * 10. Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

11. Award of Bid - Chipper
12. City Comments on Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Development Process
13. Environmental Assessment for National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
14. State Legislation
 - * SB 515/HB 1041
 - * SB 618
 - * HB 903
 - * PG/MC 33 (HB 820)
 - * HB 1074

- * 15. Federal Grant to Protect National Historic Landmarks

- * 16. Reprioritization of Fire Department Renovation Projects

- * 17. Approval of Sexual Harassment Policy

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting.

Check out the Greenbelt CityLink website at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us

David E. Moran, City Clerk

GATE

Greenbelt Access Television



STUDIO TOUR, Tuesday, March 24, 1998, 7-9 p.m., Community Center

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MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$10.00 INCLUDES:

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- LOWER RATES FOR USE OF EQUIPMENT
- DISCOUNTED RATES ON REMOTE PRODUCTION PROJECTS
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NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE/ZIP _____ PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

MAIL WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO GATE TO:

GATE, GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER, 15 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MD 20770, OR DROP IT OFF AT THE STUDIO, ACROSS THE HALL FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTER MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

OBITUARIES

Joy Virginia Snyder

Joy Virginia Snyder, 68, of Green Ridge House, formerly of Ottawa, Ill., died on March 12 as a result of an automobile accident.

She is survived by children Eric Snyder and Sheryl Snyder; grandchildren Eric J. Snyder, Justin Snyder and Erin Snyder; mother Ruth V. Rexrode; sister Joan Welsh and brother Robert V. Rexrode.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 16 at College Park United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to College Park United Methodist Church, Hollywood and Rhode Island Ave., College Park, MD.

Methodists Hold Children's Party

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will hold a "Spring has Sprung" Party for the Sunday School children on March 21 from 1-3 p.m.

Pianist to Perform At Montpelier Center

The Montpelier Cultural Arts Center's spring recital series continues with a performance by pianist Thomas Pandolfi on Sunday, March 22, at 3 p.m. Pandolfi is one of ten recitalists chosen from nearly 200 competitors to be part of the 1998/99 series. The recital is free but seating is limited, so advance reservations are suggested by calling 301-953-1993 or 410-792-0664 or TTY 301-490-2329.

Evergreen Pruning Demonstration

Botanist Kevin Tunison demonstrates basic pruning techniques for evergreens during this free outdoor session at the U. S. National Arboretum on Sunday, March 22, 1-2 p.m. Register by calling 202-245-4521. Dress for the weather. Meet in the Administration Building lobby.

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"Faith Lift" Project Launched by Church

Members of Greenbelt Community Church voted unanimously on March 15 to launch a drive for major improvements to church facilities. Called "Faith Lift!", the project includes installation of an elevator, handicapped accessible restrooms, renovation of meeting space, expanded parking and more. The "Faith Lift!" project will make church buildings more inviting and usable to members and the wide variety of community groups which meet there each week.

The church began a drive last Sunday to raise \$180,000 in gifts and pledges to be paid over five years. Commented pastor Dan Hamlin, "We know the church serves important needs in the community. We're excited about making our buildings open and accessible to all. It reflects our commitment to the dignity and worth of every person. We hope the people of Greenbelt will help us reach that goal."

Greenbelt Community Church, located at the corner of Crescent and Hillside Roads, was founded with the settlement of Greenbelt in 1937. In addition to Sunday worship, weddings and memorial services, church buildings are used by Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, twelve step groups, community choirs and other organizations.

Orchid Auction At Arboretum

Bid on choice orchids at the annual auction co-sponsored by the National Capital Orchid Society and Friends of the National Arboretum at the U.S. National Arboretum on Sat., March 21, noon - 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Greenbelter Visits Cuba To Worship with Pope

by Lenore Algaze

I first learned of the pilgrimage to Cuba from a brief item in the Catholic Standard, advising people to apply early for travel documents. This was in late August or early September. I called several places around the Archdiocese and was referred to the Northeast Hispanic Catholic Center in New York City. This group did a terrific job in coordinating all the travel arrangements: they chartered a plane, applied for travel permits from both U.S. and Cuban authorities, and arranged for hotels, meals and ground transportation. Nobody here in Washington seemed the least bit interested in making the trip.

I took a shuttle flight to J. F. Kennedy Airport early on January 20. The chartered plane to Havana did not take off till 3 p.m., but the flight took only three hours. When we touched down at Jose Marti Airport in Havana at 6 p.m., someone called out "Viva Cuba" and everyone clapped and cheered.

First Day In Havana

On our first full day in Havana, we toured the Old City, the historic district. There are 500 years of history in Havana. We saw the church of Our Lady of Mercy, El Morro Castle, and Havana Harbor. Later in the day we waited in front of the Melia Cohiba Motel to see the Pope arrive from the airport. A large crowd waited on the street for him. I encountered a young Jewish man, wearing a Star of David pendant who told me that Cubans are not anti-Semitic. He also said that a number of Israeli businessmen live in Cuba, although Israel does not have

diplomatic relations with Cuba. During the Old City tour, I photographed a kosher butcher shop. We finally got one glimpse of the Pope in his Popemobile and motorcade.

The next day I attended the Papal Mass at Santa Clara. We left at 4 a.m. for a 3 1/2 hour bus ride. Buses transporting visitors and press were new and modern, those for Cubans were rattletraps. I mingled with lots of Cubans, but again never got close to the Pope. I was pleased that ordinary Cubans were not afraid to speak to foreigners.

On January 23, there was an evening Mass at St. John Lateran church. Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York spoke in Spanish. U.S. Cardinals, including Cardinal Hickey of Washington, arrived in Havana after attending the March for Life the day before.

The next day, Saturday, I visited the El Patronato Synagogue and Jewish Community Center. There was a youth group meeting, and reporters were interviewing young people. Unfortunately, the congregation does not have a rabbi.

The Sunday Papal Mass in Plaza de la Revolucion was the climactic event of the Papal

visit. Fidel Castro was present, but did not know what to do during the Mass since it has changed from the time he attended as a child.

On January 26, the final day, we attended a morning Mass and went from there directly to the airport. Columnist William F. Buckley was at the church and flew back to New York on our plane.

My impression of Cuba is that it is a beautiful country but the people are very poor. I saw many little foodstores. Food is rationed, and medicines are hard to get. Toilet facilities are abysmal. They have no seats and no soap or toilet paper.

We were taken to visit a local hospital, and were told that the U.S. embargo makes medicines hard to get and prohibitively expensive. Cubans believe that their lives would be much better if the embargo were lifted. The Cuban government wishes to encourage tourism, and amenities are provided for tourists, but native Cubans are suffering.

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The Arts Beat



by Konrad Herling

The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) bids adieu to Birdie and welcomes Celtic Gala this weekend.

Two final performances of Bye Bye Birdie before sellout crowds left director Norma Ozur, more than just a little pleased. "The kids have been great" said the veteran community theater director, producer and actress. As anyone who has helped run a "kids" production knows, or anyone who is a coach, recreation counselor or teacher knows, kids focused and working together can be difficult, particularly over a two month period. Ozur, along with producer Laura Adams, did just that and their work was rewarded with large and appreciative audiences.

Speaking of large and appreciative audiences, Celtic music makes its bi-annual return to the Greenbelt Arts Center this Friday and Saturday evening, March 20 and 21, at 8 p.m. "Skye Gathering," and the "Homespun Ceilidh Band" are featured groups both nights. Friday evening will also feature keyboard artist Francine Krasowska. Saturday's featured artists will be compatriot group

Wilson Players Give Benefit Concert

by Carolyn Price

This evening of music by The Wilson Chamber Players actually started with two friends renewing their acquaintance after many years — right here in Greenbelt. Muriel Balzer and Elizabeth Barber had performed together when each was working on a degree at Howard University — Balzer, a BA in piano and Barber, an MA in voice. The third member, clarinetist Albert Hunt, adds a further musical dimension to the group.

The Wilson Chamber Players, presented by the Greenbelt Arts Center, will give their concert at the Community Center Saturday, April 11 at 8 p.m. The program includes songs of the Spanish Renaissance, a Brahms sonata for piano and clarinet and several pieces of American folk music by Copland, Coleridge-Taylor and Still.

Balzer has a masters degree from the Peabody Institute in Baltimore and taught at the Peabody Preparatory Institute of Music. She has performed at the Barns of Wolftrap and as a soloist with the Baltimore Symphony, and for five years she has been the pianist for the Greenbelt Combined Choir.

Barber has a doctorate from the University of Maryland where she studied voice with George Shirley and Linda Mabb. For three years she taught voice at the University of Papua New Guinea. She moved to Greenbelt a year and a half ago and is currently soloist at the Christian Science Church in Mount Vernon, VA.

Hunt received a doctorate in clarinet from the Juilliard School of Music in New York and since then has taught at the University of West Florida, Oberlin and Mercyhurst College. Currently he teaches music in the Prince George's County schools.

The piano for the concert will be provided by Rick Jones Pianos of Beltsville.

There is a charge for tickets which are available either at the door or by calling the Greenbelt Arts Center at 301-441-8770.

Mac Talla and storyteller Jan Brenner (see last week's News Review article about Brenner). Key members of all three groups are Greenbelters John Ward and Trix Whitehall. John and Trix are founding members of the Arts Center and have been involved in some way, on stage or behind it, since 1979. As usual, it is recommended that patrons make their reservations as soon as possible.

The Arts Center holds its 18th annual meeting Sunday evening, 7 p.m. at the Arts Center facility. This marks an important transition in the organization's history as Marie Tousignant, head of the non-profit corporation since 1987, passes the presidential baton over to her successor. Mary Lou Fisher, a veteran of Arts Center productions as well as Goddard Space Flight Center's MAD productions, will be nominated to succeed Tousignant. Tousignant's leadership was most evident in the continually improving quality of GAC's productions and a slow, but steady increase in attendance.

Besides the group's elections,

O'Sullivan's "Mae!" Premieres March 13

On Friday, March 13, Carnegie Mellon University School of Drama premiered a workshop production of "Mae!," award-winning playwright Kathryn O'Sullivan's most recent work. "Mae!" chronicles the legendary vaudeville, stage and cinema queen's triumphs and tragedies. Not only did this Brooklyn-born mistress of the bon mot create droll stage and screen plays, but she authored a treatise on sex, health, and ESP!

O'Sullivan, psychologist and author, is winner of the Maryland State Arts Council's Award in playwriting and is a 1997-1998 American Association of University Women (AAUW) Fellow. The daughter of Judy and Jim O'Sullivan, she grew up in Greenbelt.

awards for the best theater and musical productions will be announced. As usual, refreshments will be served after the meeting.

The next big event will be a fund-raiser featuring Greenbelter Muriel Balzer (pianist), Albert Hunt (clarinetist) and Elizabeth Barber (vocalist). The event's aim will be to raise funds to defray the costs of repairing and rehabbing the lobby after flooding caused by a WSSC backup. For more information regarding the concert, see Carolyn Price's article.

A Review

SRO at New Deal For Jane Doe Band

by Dorothy Sucher

It was standing room only at the New Deal Cafe on January 16, as the all-woman band Jane Doe shook the walls with their kick-butt brand of rock-and-roll. The group is building quite a Greenbelt following, judging from the folding card tables that had been set up to accommodate the crowd (first time I've seen those at the cafe).

Musicians Lisa Walker, Valerie Mullin, Sue Jones, and Greenbelter Garuth Chalfont were not only singing and playing their original music, but wearing Hawaiian shirts and passing out leis and bad puns in a "Say No to Winter" night. A drawing for a pineapple was won by Dennis Jelalian.

Two of the group were on the downside of the flu, but they didn't let it cramp their style. When Lisa Walker sang "Peter's Song," which recommended avoiding romantic involvement with a married man whose divorce hasn't gone through yet, there were sympathetic groans from the audience.

Plenty of fans also seemed to

A Review

Artist Presents Fine Exhibit

by Dennis Jelalian

This month, the Gallery at the Library features the work of artist Katherine Holzer.

Talking to Holzer is quite an experience. The words tumble out of her mouth in an avalanche as she struggles to keep up with the torrent of ideas bubbling in her mind. (Pardon the mixed metaphor.) She claims to be dyslexic. You'd never know it. What she has to say is informed by her quick mind and wide experience. It makes perfect sense. Her art is like that too.

The exhibit features 26 of Holzer's works. There are a few watercolors and pastels, but most are mixed media collages; Holzer's favorite medium.

Some of her work might be described as traditional art, but there is always a twist, always something new. "Reaching Skyward" and "Red Eye Effect" are two cases in point ... uh, in point. They are both lovely

identify with "Smile," in which Mullin sang proudly: "I'm no one's beauty queen, no emaciated waif from a glossy magazine."

And this reviewer loved one song guaranteed by Walker to be "word for word real" — at least the beginning, with its spooky sounds and equally scary lyrics. They began brightly, "Thank you for calling the Mental Health Hotline. Press '1' if you want to hurt yourself. Press '2' if you want to hurt others. Press '3' if you have a gun..." Readers can fill in the rest.

The audience was obviously having a good time. Sue Jones said, "I like the pineapple idea," and her friend Judy Nelson commented, "I think the group is great. I really like the beat — I'd like to get up and dance."

How about it, New Deal?

abstract pastels. What makes them unique is that they are both tiny, they are both mounted obliquely in shadow boxes, floating slightly above a black background decorated with fine metallic ribbons. The boxes are covered with pierced white mats and glass, very attractive pieces.

Other works seem to tell stories; some painful and poignant, some ironic, some funny. Much of Holzer's work is filled with various kinds of symbols.

"Man Groping" pictures an overwhelming male figure, reduced to a dominating skull reminiscent of an ancient Greek warrior's helmet, brutal grasping arms, and a twisted torso. The other character in this work (which Holzer describes as a woman) is a child's doll-like face attached to a miniature woman's body. The child is in pain, obviously threatened by the man. A powerful and disturbing work.

"Variations on a French Theme, or Lady with a Parasol" provokes a double take. The lady might have stepped right out of Renoir's "Luncheon of the Boating Party" or Seurat's "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte." She wears a hilarious wide eyed startled expression, apparently at being yanked forcibly into the 20th century and translated into another medium. A funny and clever piece.

Like Holzer herself, her work is hard to classify. There are influences from every period of art and from many different cultures all over the globe. The point is not that she uses a variety of techniques and styles, but rather what she does with them. Her work is playful, moving, thought provoking and always inventive. The point is not to classify her work, but simply to enjoy it in all its diversity. Don't miss it.



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Students Explore Different Careers

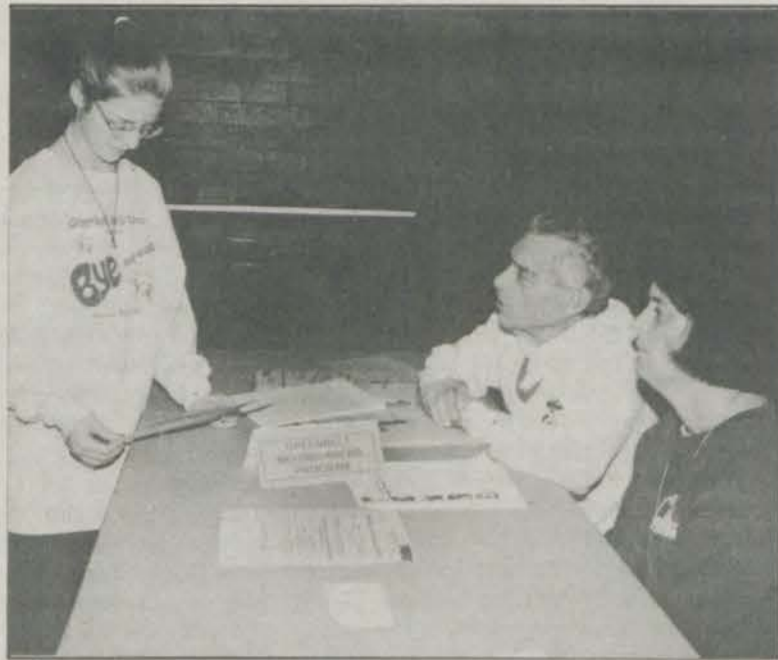
The annual Career Focus Day was celebrated at Greenbelt Elementary school on March 6. Students in grades three through six were introduced to careers by guest speakers, some of whom were parents of students or had other

ties to the school. Students had an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about new and different kinds of possible careers for themselves.

Speaking were: Charles Noxon, husband of Kelly

Noxon, second grade teacher, who spoke of his career as a nurse; Dr. Tristan Hubsch, a physicist at Howard University; Scott Vazquez, son of vocal music teacher Wilma Vazquez, who is at the National Driving Center; William Pinkney, associate of Dr. Hubsch, a glass blower; Jenny Allen, mother of student Khera Allen, an AT&T sales manager; Kathy Rich, mother of student Kelly Rich, director of Corporate Affairs, OAO Technology Consultants.

Also Stephanie Thompson, mother of Sierra Tribble, executive assistant to the president of radio station WPGC; Alex Szachnowicz, husband of resource teacher Erin Szachnowicz, an engineer; Greenbelt Elementary music teacher John Morrari who is also a landscaper and Donna Halpern, mother of students Mark and Anna, a child care provider.



At the Teenage Fair March 14 Jessica Mealey gets information about the Greenbelt Moving Ahead program from Janet Goldberg and her father Larry.

-photo by Prospero Zevallos



Students learn about radio station WPGC from Stephanie Thompson, executive secretary to the president of WPGC.

FAIR

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Brooks has a part-time job, wants to find a second part-time job, or a full-time job. She hopes to get a doctoral degree in law, and become the first black female Supreme Court Justice.

Any teens who missed the Fair can still apply, but they should apply soon. Call the MNCPPC Northern area office at 301-445-4500, TTY 301-445-4512. Spanish line 301-445-2335, or call Volunteer Maryland at 410-514-7270. For information on any of the above topics, call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 after 2:30 p.m. weekdays.

Goldberg says "Don't be discouraged, keep trying! You don't have to be the best. I'm not the best swimmer, but I've taught many people to swim well."

Celebrate Dr. Seuss

Preschoolers 3 - 5 years old and their parents are invited to celebrate the birthday of the beloved Dr. Seuss on Wednesday, March 25 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Glenn Dale Community Center. The community center is located at 11901 Glenn Dale Blvd., Glenn Dale.

The birthday celebration will include stories and arts and crafts. Reasonable accommodations for the handicapped will be provided for all programs and classes, except those of a drop-in nature. Advance notice for accommodations is requested.

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Career Day
photos
by Letty Bryce



Charles Noxon tells students about his career as a nurse.

Dr. Tristan Hubsch, a physicist at Howard University.



Anna Halpern shows her pride in mom, Donna, who describes her career as child care provider at Greenbelt Elementary school's Career Focus Day.

Boy Scout Breakfast Features Scouting

In support of services provided by the Boy Scouts of America to the youth of Prince George's County, Greater Mt. Nebo AME Church will host a "Together We Can Fix It" breakfast from 8 to 9:30 a.m. on March 23, at 401 Prince George Blvd in Upper Marlboro. Representatives of local churches, schools and other service institutions are invited to learn about how the Scouting program can make a difference in communities and how they can join other local organizations in sponsoring Scout units.

The "Together We Can Fix It" breakfast will be hosted by Rev. Jonathan Weaver, pastor of Greater Mt. Nebo AME Church. The keynote speaker will be longtime community service advocate, Dr. Kenneth Lyons. For the past two decades Dr. Lyons has provided counseling and chaplain services to inmates of the state penal system and currently serves on the board of Howard County Christian Jail Ministry.

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BUSES

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Mayor Judith Davis agreed. She commented that people sometimes sit on the curb. Councilmember Rodney Roberts wondered if a shelter or guard rails could be provided.

Erion agreed that the problem should be studied. He said that a joint field review with the appropriate jurisdiction—in this case the State Highway Administration—would be in order. As for a shelter, however, he said that WMATA had no funds for such facilities but that the county has money that can be used for that purpose. He recommended that the city "try them first."

Muddy Bus Stops

Judy Goldstein complained about the stop on Crescent Rd. near Centerway where buses sometimes stack up, since this is the end of the route. If one bus is already parked, access to the concrete pad where the shelter is located is blocked for passengers alighting from a second bus pulling up behind. City Manager Mike McLaughlin said the city would look at this problem and perhaps extend the pavement further toward the Centerway intersection.

Councilmember White was concerned about the stop on Cherrywood opposite the Giant Food Store. "It's the shabbiest bus stop in the Metro area," he said. "There are no accommodations for riders." He described "just mud and bare ground" on which the county-provided shelter sits.

Bender said that sometimes local organizations such as the Giant or a 4-H club can adopt a bus stop, providing landscaping and keeping the area attractive.

Shuttle Route

Councilmember Turnbull suggested that WMATA should look into developing short routes directly between the Metro line and such locations as the Goddard Space Flight Center. He knew of several persons who would use Metro if such a shuttle were provided but who preferred to drive if the alternative was to take a long, circuitous bus route. McLaughlin agreed. He noted that a couple of office parks were located along the direct Goddard route that might attract Metro riders.

Green Line

In general the Greenbelt Metro station is doing well, the WMATA officials reported. About 4100 riders a day now board there and 1600 to 1800 cars a day use the parking lot. The rush hour short-cut directly to the red line has increased ridership, which is a third higher than last year's.

Turnbull wondered about bicycle riders, however, and whether they could be accommodated during rush hours, which currently is prohibited. Counihan said that there were "significant safety issues" and that bicycles "take up too much room." However, some liberalization of restrictions for bike riders will be implemented, for the first time on Earth Day, April 22.

Turnbull, who said that the location of bike lockers was "so distant as to be a security problem," was given the name of an official to contact concerning this issue.

Summing up the session, Councilmember White said he had been encouraged by the tenure of Richard A. White, new manager of WMATA. He found the organization now "trying to be user-friendly."



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Joy Snyder of Green Ridge House.

News Review staff member Virginia Beauchamp was taken by surprise at the County's Women's History Award Luncheon on March 12 when, in a series of photographs for a slide show taken from the book "Women of Achievement in Prince George's County", her own picture appeared on the screen. This year's award, named in honor of the late Gladys Noon Spellman, was presented to Dorothy Bailey of the Prince George's County Council.

Welcome back to Frances Herling, who vacationed recently in Florida. While there she visited with former Greenbelters Sam and Freda Vernoff and also called on Rose Amberg.

T.J. Lubey, son of Lynn and

Tom Lubey of Greenbelt, has been named to the Dean's List at Towson University for the fall semester. He is also the recipient of a Towson University Provost Scholarship, where he is majoring in mass communications. To be eligible for the Dean's List at Towson, a student must be a full time degree candidate and achieve at least a 3.5 out of a possible 4.0 grade point average.

Best wishes to Nat Shinderman, who is recovering from quadruple by-pass surgery.

New volunteers with Pets on

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Laurel Overeaters Anonymous is having a one day retreat March 21, 1 - 5 p.m. at Greater Laurel Hospital, Conference Rooms A & B. Come find out about Overeaters Anonymous. Follow the steps to recovery. For information call Rosemary, 301-953-1582, or Lois, 301-937-2851. Rides from Greenbelt Metro will be available. Please phone ahead.

Wheels, Jodi Price and "Blinker," recently visited residents at the Greenbelt Nursing Home, and Elizabeth Barber and "King" cheered those in attendance at the Adult Care Center in Greenbelt. They brought laughter and smiles to many faces.

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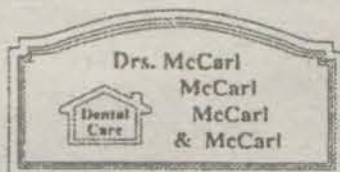
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Betsy Weick

Weick Brings Tragar Approach to Center

Betsy Weick has joined the staff of Pleasant Touch, located in Roosevelt Center in Old Greenbelt. She is a practitioner of the Tragar Approach, according to Gwen Vaccaro, owner and operator of the spa. Clients are already benefiting from this approach which brings them a deeper awareness of their body and a heightened sense of relaxation, Vaccaro said.

A native of this area, Weick has lived in Greenbelt for 12 years. She has been a Tragar practitioner for 20 years.

Job Corps Offers Career Training

Two Job Corps centers in Maryland have immediate openings for young men and women who want to learn skills leading to careers in business, carpentry, health occupations and other fields. Graduates compete for entry-level jobs in a number of industries, often earning hourly salaries of up to \$12.

Job Corps, a U.S. Department of Labor program, provides disadvantaged people ages 16-24 with the opportunity to receive basic education through GED and college-level classes. Students at a Job Corps Center learn trades including cement masonry, culinary arts and plastering. Students are provided with room, board and some spending money while they learn. Some centers provide day care and offer programs to people who live at home and train at the center.

Men and women interested in learning more about the program and the openings at the Maryland centers can call the offices located in Woodland 301-725-7900 or Woodstock 410-461-1100.

Greenbelt's Business

Executive's Club Inducts Jefferies

Coldwell Banker Stevens, Realtors, is proud to announce that Rachel L. Jefferies, Sales Associate with the Greenbelt Branch Office, has been inducted into the Executive's Club. Jefferies was also named the Top Producer in the Greenbelt office for 1997. In addition, Jefferies was named to the Circle of Honor for Sales and Listings and the Circle of Excellence. Jefferies is a full-time professional with over ten years experience as a realtor. She is a graduate of the Realtor's Institute and is licensed in Maryland and the District of Columbia. She is a relocation specialist and she specializes in sales to first time and move-up buyers. Jefferies is a multi-million dollar producer. She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree. She is married and is the mother of two children. Jefferies lives in Prince George's County and is active in church and community affairs.



Rachel L. Jefferies

Scholarships Offered

The 8118 Volunteer Association of Doctors Community Hospital offers scholarships to be awarded to individuals pursuing careers in health care.

Applicants must be at least high school seniors and they or a parent must reside or work in Prince George's County. For a list of criteria and an application, call 301-552-8108. The deadline for applying is April 15.

Career Program Targets Roosevelt

To kick off the Prince George's County School-to-Career initiative, the Career Connections office will award three county schools community funds to coordinate activities and programs that help students make the transition from school to careers.

Eleanor Roosevelt will be one of the pilot school communities in Prince George's County to focus classroom learning activities at the elementary, middle, and high school levels to see how they relate to the world of work.

This initial award to community school clusters is part of Prince George's Career Connections \$3.4 million grant. This "seed" money from the Maryland State Department of Education will enable the local Career Connections team to implement a self-sustaining, seamless kindergarten through post-secondary delivery system. The purpose of the fund is for school restructuring and building a partnership between educators, business, parents, and local government to provide students a transition from school to careers.

Muriel Yilmaz Book Helps Untangle Nots

Muriel J. Yilmaz, president of Mentor, Inc. of Greenbrook Drive, is the author of the fifth book in The Short Attention Span Library published by the Quick Study Press of Alexandria, Virginia. Her book, "Untangling Nots," helps people deal with the negatives in their lives, such as feeling that they are not good enough. The book offers positive thoughts to replace the negative ones. Small in size, the book provides one thought for each page.

Born in New York, Yilmaz grew up in California where she received her masters degree in applied psychology from the University of Santa Monica. She now resides in Greenbelt. For most of her professional career she has been a single parent to

County Offers Internships

Looking for an internship that contributes directly to the county's social welfare? This opportunity can be found at the Prince George's County Department of Social Services. Whether people major in social work, education, marketing, sociology, public relations or business, they can apply. These are unpaid positions. For more information contact Maria Carrasquillo at 301-422-5022.

three boys. Now adults, her children, who are products of her philosophy, are successful in their own right. She encourages them and others to move outside of their comfort zones and experience their lives fully, realizing their full potential. Her belief is that if you believe you can, then you can.

Yilmaz is an author, poet and motivational/inspirational speaker, coach, mentor and trainer. She is host of "The Success Hour" Friday afternoons on station WBZS (730 AM, 2-3 p.m.).

Join The Greenbelt Rotary Club

We Meet Every Thursday Morning at 7:30am-8:45am For Breakfast—Greenbelt Marriott on Ivy Lane

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City of Greenbelt BOARD OF APPEALS

Wednesday, March 25, 1998 7:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Review of Department Activities

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GHI Considers Election Change, Investment Policy

by Sue Krofchik

All votes were 9-0 at the Greenbelt Homes Incorporated (GHI) Board of Directors meeting on March 12, but not all proposed business was passed. Criteria used to evaluate people for membership into the cooperative were approved, as were four motions adopting and activating the investment policy approved by the membership at the May 1997 annual meeting.

A proposed bylaw change regarding resignations from the Nominations and Elections (N&E) Committee sparked strong opinions and was sent back to the committee for reconsideration. Proposed changes to policies for storage sheds and air conditioners were also discussed but no motions made. A first reading to authorize Grotheer & Company to conduct a heating options study was approved at a price not to exceed \$4,000.

Investment Policy

Four motions pertaining to the investment policy were passed. The board authorized the establishment of an Investment Committee which will consist of at least five GHI members, the majority of which will be board members. (Members will be selected at a later date.) This committee and GHI management will recommend firms to invest GHI funds not needed for current operations. Periodic reports will be made to the board.

An investment policy recommended by the Finance Committee was adopted. The goals are to preserve purchasing power, preserve capital, and achieve as high a rate of return as is prudent.

Membership Criteria

The board approved and adopted membership selection criteria first discussed in January and delegated its authority to staff to handle processing of applications for membership into the cooperative. This action formalizes procedures that have been followed for years but previously were not documented.

Proposed Bylaw Change

Charles Braun, chair of the N&E Committee, presented a proposed bylaw change that will make N&E committee members who resign prior to May board and audit committee elections be ineligible to run in the election following their resignation. This matter was presented to the board with the hope it would endorse the proposal and recommend that the membership support this bylaw change. A two-thirds vote is needed to change a bylaw.

Currently there are no formal

time restrictions, although each year the committee decides internally the point at which members must resign if they choose to run for the board or Audit Committee. N&E Committee members are elected each May during the annual meeting and serve for one year, until elections at the next annual meeting. Often the committee has trouble finding enough members to run for the board or Audit Committee and the committee members themselves decide to run for office. Some people charge this gives them an unfair advantage.

No board member spoke in favor of this proposal, although President Keith Jahoda and Director Chuck Hess both noted the committee can place any item they wish on the agenda for the annual meeting. Director John Taylor said this proposal would take the decision "out of the hands of future committees." Audit Committee member Andy Levin also spoke against the proposal, stating "no resignations have affected the outcome of elections."

Proposed Handbook Changes

Proposed changes to storage shed regulations and new regulations governing air conditioners were discussed and action deferred. Staff will rewrite the electrical requirements section for air conditioners. The shed regulations will be discussed at the next Historic District work session, to see how proposed changes fit in with historic district guidelines.

Miscellaneous

A letter is being sent to Congressman Steny Hoyer, asking him to co-sponsor H.R. 1151, the Credit Union Membership Access Act. This would restore a looser interpretation of who could become a member of a credit union. The Supreme Court recently overturned the National Credit Union Administration's 1982 policy that allowed credit unions to enroll workers outside their original core group of workers. If forced to return to the narrow 1934 definition of membership eligibility, 62 million Americans will be denied access to needed credit union membership.



High Number of Runners Enter Greenbelt Marathon

by Larry Noel

On February 15 Greenbelt was the site of the 37th running of the Washington's Birthday Marathon, one of the oldest marathons in the United States. A total of 174 runners completed this certified course of 26.2 miles. The unusual high number of entries was partly due to the perfect weather.

Two former Greenbelters completed the marathon: Bill Noel (42), Mt. Airy, MD, 47th in

relay had their runners out in front of the first marathoner. After a time they were quite mixed up with the relay runners wearing bright sashes over their shoulders to distinguish them from the marathoners. There have been marathons where the marathoner led throughout the race.

First 50 year old was Budd Bettler (54), Newark, DE, 3:05:57; 60-year-olds were led by Quang Nguyen (64), Washington,



DC; 70s by Charles Stalzer (70), Alexandria, VA, 4:43:01. First among the women was Joanna Tomazic (26), Arlington, VA, 3:18:31, an easy almost three-minute win over Lisa Bandiera-Stewart (29), Annandale, VA, 3:21:26. Veteran runner from Baltimore, Carole Rosasco (38) was third in 3:22:01. Christy St. Clair (49), Glen Arm, MD, won the 40-year division in 3:39:33. Mary Mlinarcik (50), Fairmont, WV, was first among the 50-year-olds, in 4:21:00.

A race this size requires the cooperation of many people, the Greenbelt Recreation Department for the use of its facilities, the City of Greenbelt for use of the roads, BARC for the use of its roads, communications supplied by the Laurel Mobile Volunteer Communications Group and a lot of volunteers. The runners praised the race as a great place to hold a marathon.



Bill Noel (42) 47th in Washington's Birthday Marathon in 3:28:53.

3:28:53 in his second marathon. Dick Good (68), Accident, MD, 117th in 4:31:33, a veteran marathoner (also runs 100 milers). This marathon draws runners from all over because it is a certified course and there are very few others in Maryland, Virginia and the District. The three loop course on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center is a great opportunity for runners to get in a long workout by running only one or two loops of the three loop course. Again there was a runner from a foreign country, Edward Ganley (53), Notts, England, finished in 130th place in 4:43:25.

Guy Gordon (40), Newton, NJ, was the easy winner by almost four minutes in 2:37:44 over Chris Bergland (32), New York, NY, in 2:41:37. It was a bit confusing for the writer in the car leading the runners around the course to show them the way but to also verify they ran the full course when a three person



Washington's Birthday Marathon Feb. 15 on BARC farms.

Native Plant Sale At Arboretum

The best area native plant nurseries come together at the U.S. National Arboretum to offer choice specimens just in time for spring blooming on Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the Administration Building Willow Terrace. Admission is free.

ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS



The Annual Community Beautification Program will begin on April 6th. Several flyers were distributed in the March issue of the Member Memo.

Members have sought clarification about exterior items which will be observed during the community beautification inspections. Members will not be issued citations for these exterior items e.g. window caulking defects, masonry cracks, trees that require trimming or removal and yard encroachment beyond the 75' limit.

Also, members with gardenside common areas that have debris in the woodlands will be asked to remove trash extending past their boundary line for overall community appeal. In the past, member driven court clean-up days helped to remedy this problem. If there are any questions, please call Phillip Rondeau at 301-474-0292.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI Board of Directors
Thursday, March 26, 1998
7:30 P.M. - GHI Board Room

Key Agenda Items:

- GDC
 - Fourth Quarter Operating Statement
- GHI (Immediately following GDC Meeting)
 - Request for Donation - Christmas in July
 - Finance Committee Recommendation of Use of 1997 Unallocated Funds

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

Assault

Mar. 11, a 17-year-old male resident was arrested and charged with assault after he struck an officer who was issuing him a traffic citation. The incident occurred on Research Road near Ridge Road. The youth was released to a parent after being charged pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Attempted Robbery

9300 block of Edmonston Road, Mar. 9, 8:20 p.m. an attempted strong-arm robbery was reported. The robber approached the victim from behind, shoved him and then demanded money. When the victim said that he didn't have any, the robber struck him, causing him to fall and then fled the area on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 22 years of age, 5'7", 175 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes and wearing a black jacket. The victim reports that three other males were in the area with the suspect, but none of them approached him.

5801 Cherrywood Lane, Mar. 12, 8:30 p.m., an attempted robbery was reported in the parking lot. The victim told officers that three men had followed him across the street from the food mart. As the victim entered the parking lot on the Breezewood Terrace side of 5801 Cherrywood Lane, one of them yelled at him to "come here." As the victim turned to look, the man who had spoken lifted the front of his coat to display the butt of a handgun. During this time the other two men were moving to surround the victim. The victim ran, managed to elude the robbers and call police.

Theft and Burglary

Martin's Crosswinds, Mar. 6, 7:26 a.m., audio visual equipment was stolen.

6700 block of Village Park Drive, Mar. 9, 1:51 p.m., a gas range was stolen from an unoccupied residence. Entry was gained by prying a window open.

6200 block of Breezewood Drive, Mar. 9, 10:03 p.m., a burglary was reported at a residence. The method of entry is unknown; a ring and an umbrella were taken.

6100 block of Breezewood Court, Mar. 11, 5:38 p.m., a residential burglary was reported. Entry was gained by cutting through the wall of the

victim's apartment from an unoccupied apartment. Electronic equipment was taken. The victim's phone line was disconnected by the burglar(s).

Beltway Plaza Mall, Mar. 11, 8:38 p.m., cash was taken in a commercial burglary.

Mar. 11, 12:32 p.m., two nonresident brothers, 14 and 17 years of age, were arrested after it was discovered that they had stolen property from lockers at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

8100 block of Lakecrest Drive, Mar. 12, 10:30 p.m., a theft was reported by a taxi driver. He dropped off a fare in front of the building; the fare told the driver he would be right back with the money but never returned. The suspect is described as a white male, 18 years of age, 5'6", 120 lbs., wearing a plaid jacket with a picture of a lizard on the back, a white shirt and blue jeans.

Miscellaneous

Mar. 6, 4:54 p.m., a 27-year-old male resident was arrested and charged with leaving a child alone in the family apartment while he went to the mall to play video games. The youth was taken into protective custody by the Greenbelt police after he was found by a citizen, lost and wandering outside. The child's father was gone approximately two and a half hours. After his arrest, the father was released on criminal citation pending trial.

Mar. 6, Greenway Center, a 38-year-old male resident was arrested after he was found trespassing by the officer who had banned him from the shopping center. He was released from the scene after signing a criminal citation.

Mar. 11, a woman was arrested after a child in her care was found wandering around outside, dressed only in a dress and sandals. The air temperature was 26° F. The woman was sleeping and did not realize the child was gone. The child was gone for over an hour before officers found out where she belonged. The woman was later released without charge pending the outcome of a formal investigation.

Vehicle Theft

7200 block of Hanover Drive, Mar. 6, a green and gray 1997 Ford truck with Ohio tags PAJ 7688 was stolen.

Mar. 6, a green 1997 Suzuki Sidekick that was reported stolen from the 6500 block of Capitol Drive on Dec. 16 was recovered on Interstate 295 at Pennsylvania Avenue by the Metropolitan Police. The vehicle was not drivable and the license plates were missing. A 35-year-old male nonresident was arrested. No further information was available.

Mar. 9, a 1991 Jeep Cherokee Laredo that was reported stolen from the 17 court of Ridge Road on Feb. 27 was recovered in the 4000 block of Capitol Street, S.E., Washington, D.C., by the Metropolitan Police. The vehicle was not drivable and was released to the owner.

Mar. 11, a 1997 Ford truck that was reported stolen from the 7200 block of Hanover Drive on Mar. 6, was recovered in the 4300 block of Americana Drive in Annandale, Va., by the Fairfax County Police. The vehicle was not drivable and the tags were not recovered. No arrests were made.

7400 block of Morrison Drive, Mar. 11, a red GMC Sonoma truck with Maryland tags 616242M was reported stolen.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6000 block of Greenbelt Road, 17 and 22 courts of Ridge Road and 500 block of Crescent Road.

A Detailed Look At Greenbelt Crime

by James Giese

The Greenbelt Police Department has released additional information concerning the number and kind of arrests made by the department during 1997. Because the arrest information previously reported is based upon officers' reports and the newly released information is based upon arrest records actually processed by the department, the total figures differ to some extent.

Of the 1,461 arrests accounted for in the report, 37 percent were of juveniles. Over 60 percent of the arrests involved violations other than class I crimes. Other non-class I crimes for which arrests were made were concealed dangerous weapon (44), driving while intoxicated (DWI) (51), drug abuse (109), and drug sale/manufacturing (38). While none of the DWI arrests were of juveniles, about 28 percent of those arrested for drug offenses were juveniles.

Among the class I crimes, over twice as many juveniles as adults were arrested for thefts other than auto. Juveniles accounted for

nearly half of those arrested for rape, robberies, and burglaries.

A comparison of the number of arrests made in 1997 with the number of crimes occurring indicates that nearly 50% of the number of arrests are for incidents involving murders, robberies and assaults. The categories of crime in which the fewest number of arrests were made in comparison to crimes occurring were auto thefts and burglaries.

Other Data

Two out of three persons arrested were not residents of Greenbelt. Of those, 47% lived in Prince George's County, 6% in other parts of Maryland, and 14% outside the state.



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To assist Prince George's County taxpayers, the Comptroller's Office will provide free assistance at Laurel Centre from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on two Saturdays, March 21 and April 11.

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Financial Counseling For County Residents

The Prince George's County Cooperative Extension Service provides free financial counseling by specially trained financial counselors to individuals and families living in Prince George's County. Services also include credit management, record keeping, insurance information, saving strategies and the development of sound consumer practices.

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The financial counseling program is confidential and free to residents of Prince George's County. To learn more about this program, call the Cooperative Extension Service at 301-868-9410. Participants will be asked a few questions about their finances in order to help in selecting a counselor. After the first counseling session, meetings will continue as long as the participant and the counselor feel they are needed.

The Maryland Cooperative Extension Service's programs are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, handicap, religion, age or national origin.

My Year On Death Row

by Trevor E. Siegel

In 1979, while I was a student at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School, I embarked on a roadtrip to Minneapolis with my classmate, David Murphy, to spend Christmas with his mother. She was a devout follower of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, a controversial guru who was known for owning 30 Rolls Royce automobiles. This was considered contrary to the impoverished state one would normally associate with a guru.

Shortly after dawn we pulled up in front of the meditation center, a Bostonian-style, two-story colonial, rather than the shrine or ashram I had anticipated. The guru's followers were dressed in red, and one of them greeted us by writing "hello" on a small chalkboard that dangled from his neck. He had taken a vow of silence, we were told.

Tarot Cards

We found David's mother, who introduced us to her friend, Penny, a reader of tarot cards. I had heard of such cards from my deadhead friends at Roosevelt, but was unfamiliar with what the cards meant. In truth, I thought they were used to scam money from people too gullible to decide their own fate, who relied on a "psychic" to proffer it to them for a fee.

Penny offered to give me a "reading" and I accepted. She sat down at a large oak table and handed me the cards, instructing me to "let my energy flow through them" while clearing my mind of everything else. But my world soon came crashing down as Penny told me my past with great accuracy. I suspected that David must have sneaked her a peek at my wallet during our lunch. How else could she know these personal details?

The worst part of the reading came when Penny began to predict my future, describing a long list of highs and lows that ended with my death at the age of 33. Penny called this the "Christ Syndrome," since that was how old Jesus Christ was when he died.

Penny had said that my girlfriend back at Eleanor Roosevelt would break up with me, no matter what I did to prevent it. The news sent me spinning, and I desperately wanted to get back to Greenbelt to "fix" whatever was wrong and undo this prediction. We left that night. But as a forewarning of bad tidings yet to come, one of Penny's predictions came true when we had car trouble. Was it really

the tarot cards or had Penny simply looked out the window, seen my 1966 Plymouth Barracuda, and surmised that it was in great need of maintenance?

Back to Greenbelt

Despite the delay, we made it back to Greenbelt. Sure enough, my girlfriend soon left me to go out with another guy. She said she was too young to be in an exclusive relationship, but all I could think about was the fact that Penny had predicted this would happen.

While I was at Eleanor Roosevelt, I believed in the notion of "live hard, die young." The thought of being 33 years old was so remote that it seemed beyond the here-and-now mentality that most of my high school friends shared with me. But Penny's words stayed in the back of my mind, especially since many of her predictions came true as the years went by. I traveled to Africa in 1988, fulfilling her prediction that I would go abroad. My father became very ill while I was in California, and Penny had predicted that too.

When I finally turned 33, my mother tried to persuade me that I had outlived Penny's prediction. She pointed out that birthdays mark the passage of a year of life that has ended, rather than marking the beginning of the new year of life. By her logic, I had survived to be 33 years old, and therefore the "curse" was lifted. But I opted for thinking that I was doomed to die in the next 365 days.

I began to share Penny's prediction with my friends, to ease the blow when the grim reaper finally came for me. I vowed to make peace with my enemies, to be a cautious

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driver to prolong the inevitable, and to eat whatever I wanted in my final year of life. I made an effort to enjoy all that life had to offer, in case the curtain was coming down on my life.

Free At Last

But on Sunday, November 16, 1997, a miracle happened. I turned 34 years old. I have joined a local spa to take off the weight I gained during a year of gluttony. Now if only I could find Penny's phone number, I would call her to tell her I am still alive and find out if this cancels her remaining prediction that I would become a millionaire.

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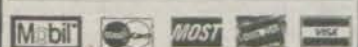
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sensitivity," council could find itself in a situation where none of the councilmembers could act. He was also concerned that citizens, such as Bradley-Papp, could be impeded from participating in council campaigns.

Protect the Public

Manzi suggested that that viewpoint was "a little backwards." Instead, anyone who has worked for a candidate cannot expect that person to vote on an action that would personally benefit them. The intent, he said, is to protect the public and avoid a situation where it appears that a councilmember did a favor to a supporter. When White pointed out that contributions are a matter of public record, Manzi again noted that his opinion was based, not upon a simple campaign contribution, but personal involvement in a campaign.

Councilmember Edward Putens urged that council hold a work session on Manzi's January memo, spurred by an earlier Turnbull recusal, on the conflict of interest laws. He also suggested that council candidates follow his practice — if anyone doing business with the city offers to help with his campaign, they should say "thank you but no thank you."

Mayor Judith Davis also urged prompt action to review the ethics requirements. "I need to know where the limits are," she said. She noted that the city has a large number of politically active citizens who are involved in volunteer organizations that come before the council. Manzi said that since these contacts do not involve personal financial gain for the campaign worker, they would not pose the type of conflict under consideration.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said he didn't "know what the big deal is." He supported Turnbull's action and noted that the motion would pass with or without Turnbull's vote. In addition, it is not right to expect a councilmember to vote to put dollars into the pocket of someone who had actively campaigned for the councilmember.

Ballfield Lights

Kelly Ivy presented council with a petition with 281 signatures asking the city to install lights on city ballfields. While the petition mentions all three major city facilities — Braden Field, the Northway Fields, and Schrom Hills Park, Ivy said that Braden Field would be the most effective choice. It contains fields for all the major sports played by the city's teams — baseball, softball, soccer and football. Youth participation in sports is increasing, he said, and the city does not have enough fields to accommodate the demand. By lighting the fields, the city could double their use. Ivy told council that "it is common" to find four or five teams sharing an area that is really needed for a single game. He also called for youth teams to be given priority over adult teams at one lighted field.

In response to council questions, Ivy noted that modern lights are designed to illuminate just the ballfield area. "You have to walk onto the fields before you can see them," he said. The lights are also flexible and can be adjusted to illuminate different areas (as sports seasons change) and even the intensity of the lights can be adjusted.

Mother and Child Statue

A request from Barbara Simon, director for Children's Programs for the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts, that council create a committee to work on renovation of the mother and child statue was referred to staff for comment.

Community Center Task Force

The Arts Advisory Committee sent a note to council supporting Simon's request that a Community Center Task Force be established to offer a forum for citizens and tenants to voice their concerns about the community center. The board recommended that task force be established on a one-year trial basis. Councilmember Alan Turnbull removed the report from the consent agenda to urge council to take action "in a timely manner — this is not new." Councilmember Edward Putens voiced his concern that any such task force not be "a mini-merchants committee." Instead, it should represent a range of tenants, center users and nonusers. At the suggestion of Councilmember Thomas White, council directed staff to evaluate the request and report back with options.

Northway Curbs

The Advisory Planning Board reviewed a request by residents of Northway between Ridge and Hillside for curbs and gutters. The residents were concerned that the lack of curbs and sidewalks presents an unsafe environment for both motorists and pedestrians. The APB noted that most roads in the historic core of town now have curb and gutter. The board found the request to be logical and recommended it be added to the city's capital projects list. Council accepted this report and directed that it be considered during the review this spring of the capital projects budget.

Green Ridge House Manager

Under the consent agenda, council approved the staff recommendation that the property manager for Green Ridge House not be required to live in the complex. Instead, Community Realty, which runs the facility, will be required to have an employee, who need not be the manager, reside onsite. The residency requirement had made it difficult to fill the manager's position, in staff's opinion.

Boards and Committees

Council made the following reappointments: Roberta McCarthy - APB; Jim O'Reilly - Employee Relations Board; Kevin Hammett, Hopi Auerbach and Mary Helen Spear - Community Relations Advisory Board; and Derek Thompson and Leta Mach - Advisory Committee on Education. Council also accepted the resignations of Betty Deitch from the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and Barbara Gremour from the Recycling Advisory Committee.

Top Dog

Council recognized city police PFC Jerry Potts and his canine partner Tony for winning "Top Dog" honors at the regional certification activities in May and December. There were two separate competitions, each with roughly 50 to 60 participants. Potts and Tony received the highest combined score for the two events.

Other Actions

A \$17,000 contract was awarded for repair of a storm drain near the police station. This pipe was closed during construction of the station, resulting in periodic flooding in the public works yard.

McLaughlin passed along a citizen's praise of Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze. I don't often get a four page commendation letter, he noted.

Council unanimously adopted a motion to thank Governor Parris Glendening for dropping his longtime support for the Inter-County Connector.

Council approved the purchase of a natural gas cargo van for the public works department. A state grant will cover roughly \$16,000 of the cost, leaving the city's share at \$3,242.



M-NCPPC Seeks Artists' Videos

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County, Arts and Cultural Heritage Division is seeking short video productions by local artists that are experimental, evocative, expressive or surreal for Crash Test Videos: A Screening of Artist's Videos.

This program is open to artists in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, and the deadline for submissions is Wednesday, April 1. Each submission must be in the VHS format and no more than 15 minutes in length. All works will be prescreened by program staff to design the most varied and dynamic program for presentation. The screening will be held on Wednesday, April 23; all entrants will receive invitations to the event and those selected will give a short introduction to their work. For further information, call 301-454-1450; TTY 301-454-1472; <http://www.smart.net/parksrec>.

UMCP Band Seeks Adult Musicians

The University of Maryland's community band is looking for adult musicians. The band offers musicians who are no longer in school a place to toot their horns and bang their drums. Members range in age from the early twenties to the eighties. Players have varied backgrounds — some have recently dusted off their instruments; some are avid, amateur musicians; some are music teachers. All are brought together by a serious interest in making music.

The band is conducted by John E. Wakefield, director of bands at the University of Maryland, and Dr. L. Richmond Sparks, associate director of bands. The group meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the band room in Tawes Fine Arts Building on the University of Maryland campus in College Park.

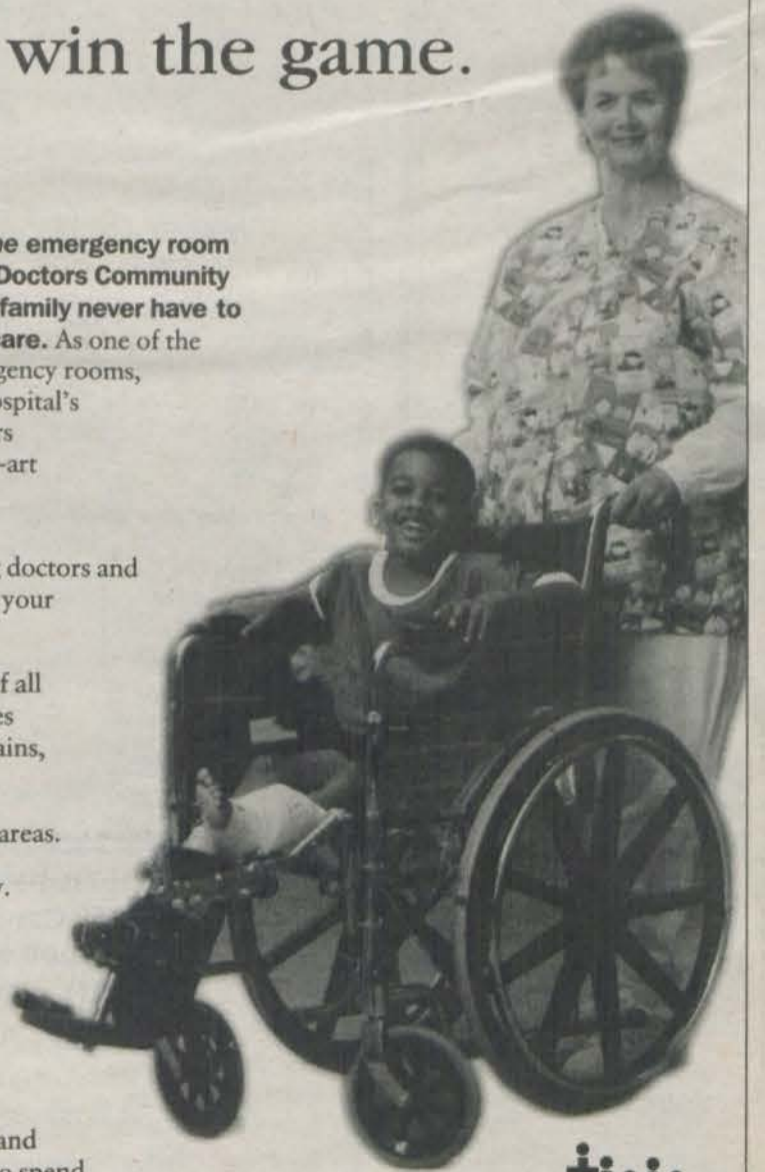
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